



Flyin' To The Hoop Basketball Tournament



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March Madness



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# Festivals and Events!

Festival Fun and Special Events are perfect reasons to schedule motor coach tours, and you'll find no shortage of options in Dayton! The Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau's professional and knowledgeable staff is eager to customize a special tour for your group around any of these events!

## JANUARY

**Flyin' To The Hoop Basketball Tournament** – CBS Sports names this event as one of the nation's top two high school basketball showcases. This four day event, held over Martin Luther King weekend each year, features top talent as well as scouts and coaches from Division I, II and III universities. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for group discounts and schedules - 937-226-8292, James S. Trent Arena, 937-704-9670*

## FEBRUARY

**Broadway Shows at the Schuster Performing Arts Center** – Each year Dayton and the Schuster Performing Arts Center host popular touring Broadway Shows that occur at varying times throughout the year. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for group discounts and detailed schedules - 937-226-8292, 937-228-3630*

## MARCH

**NCAA® Men's Division I Basketball, First Four® Tournament**—March Madness® and the Road to the Final Four® start in Dayton with two nights of games featuring eight Division I basketball teams. Come watch this thrilling start of "the big dance!" *University of Dayton Arena, 877-NCAA-TIX.*

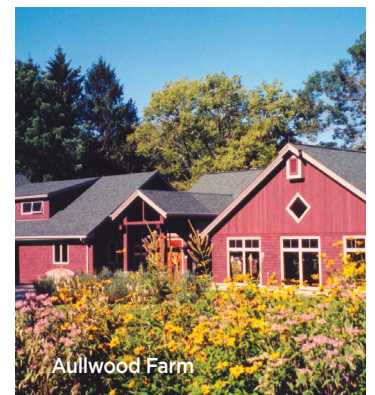
## MAY

**Dayton Hamvention** Attend the world's largest amateur radio convention. Find deals on electronics and learn how "ham" radio operators are the crucial

first responders to assist in any natural disaster. This 20,000+ person convention has been hosted in Greater Dayton for over 60 years. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with group discounts and customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, hamvention.org*

## Aullwood's Farm Babies Fest

Enjoy a full day of baby animals, farm adventures, great food and old fashioned fun at the annual Aullwood's Farm Babies Fest. Delight in a wealth of things to see and do, and animals to encounter. Meet adorable baby farm animals. Take in live demonstrations of beekeeping, dog training, butter making and duck herding. Purchase great herbs and flowers to brighten up your backyard. Visit the century-old bank barn and see live shows throughout the day. Savor delicious foods and home-baked goodies. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with group discounts and customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, Aullwood Farm, 9101 Frederick Pike.*



Aullwood Farm





Vetren Dayton Air Show



Dayton Celtic Festival



Montgomery County Fair



Germanfest Picnic



Giant RC Model Aircraft Show

## JUNE

**Vetren Dayton Air Show** Dayton, the Birthplace of Aviation and So Much More, and home to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, boasts one of the nation's premiere air shows (typically the third weekend in June). Static displays of commercial and military aircraft, a midway, aerobatic acts, and typically performances such as WWII Tora! Tora! Tora! Reenactments, US Army Golden Knight parachutists, and often a jet team such as the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds or the U.S. Navy Blue Angels are among many thrilling exhibitions. General admission, special Pavilion, and air-conditioned Chalet tickets are available. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with group discounts and customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, [daytonairshow.com](http://daytonairshow.com)*

## JULY

**Montgomery County Fair** Nothing says summer like a county fair! Share in the excitement of farm demonstrations, livestock competitions, tasty eats, rides, entertainment and games at the Montgomery County Fair. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with group discounts and customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, [Montcofair.com](http://Montcofair.com)*

**Dayton Celtic Festival** Get your Irish on and celebrate all things Celtic at this free, annual, three day festival held in downtown Dayton. Multiple stages featuring Irish musicians and dance, authentic food, beer and vendor booths and a fun children's area entertain kids of all ages! *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, [Daytoncelticfestival.com](http://Daytoncelticfestival.com)*



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## AUGUST

**Annual Germanfest Picnic** Get out the lederhosen! This free, annual two day festival held in downtown Dayton along the Great Miami River brings the community together with music, a biergarten, Weingarten, schnitzel dinners and a Bavarian fashion show. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, [Germanfestdayton.com](http://Germanfestdayton.com)*

**Giant Scale RC Model Aircraft Show at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force** This free event is offered every other year (on the odd years) and showcases daring aerobatics performed by large model jets, helicopters and warbirds during a three-day show of giant scale radio-controlled aircraft on the runway behind the museum from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, [Nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://Nationalmuseum.af.mil)*



Giant RC Model Aircraft Show

## SEPTEMBER

**WWI Dawn Patrol Rendezvous at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force** This free two-day flying event of authentic and replica World War I aircraft is offered every other year (on the even years) by the museum and the Great War Aeroplanes Association. The event includes WWI living history re-enactors in a war encampment area, radio-controlled model aircraft, period vehicles, music and a collector's show of WWI era items. The event includes guest speakers on WWI topics as well as many family hands-on and educational activities. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, [Nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://Nationalmuseum.af.mil)*





WWI Dawn Patrol Rendezvous



Dayton Greek Festival



Concours d' Elegance



Dayton Art Institute Oktoberfest



Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience

## SEPTEMBER

**Dayton Greek Festival** Celebrate Greek traditions at this annual cultural event held on the grounds of the beautiful Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church overlooking the Great Miami River and downtown Dayton. Three days of festivities include exhilarating dances and music, delicious authentic fare like gyros and moussaka, and import boutiques where attendees can purchase lovely traditional Greek goods. Guided tours of the European-style Greek Orthodox Church are available as well. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, Daytongreekfestival.com*

## Dayton Concours d' Elegance

This invitational event brings 200 of the finest historic cars and motorcycles together inside the grounds of the 65-acre Carillon Historical Park. See cars from the early 1900s displayed alongside the classics of the '50s and '60s. While you're at the park, visit the museum's permanent display on Daytonian Charles Kettering's invention of the electric car starter, or explore the nearly 30 historic buildings and enjoy live demonstrations. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, Daytonconcours.com*

## Dayton Art Institute Oktoberfest

Set on the grounds of the majestic Italian-renaissance styled Dayton Art Institute, overlooking the Great Miami River and downtown Dayton; the annual Dayton Oktoberfest is a must-do event. Enormous tents are filled with

unique ethnic foods, craft and international beers, entertainment activities, authentic goods and juried artisans crafts. Multiple popular bands and live polka music add to the festive celebration. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with group discounts and customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, Daytonartinstitute.org*

## OCTOBER

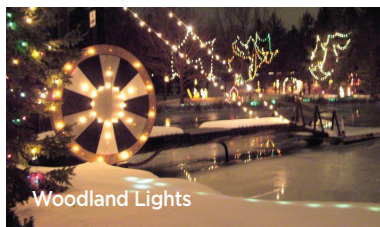
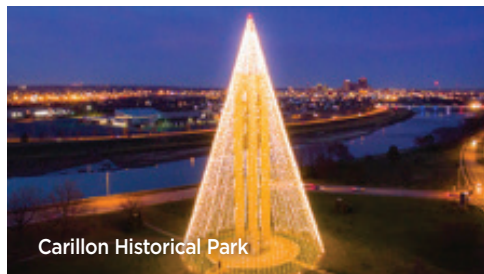
**Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience** Dayton is known as the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest. Dayton's nationally recognized Five Rivers MetroParks organization hosts this free annual premiere outdoor adventure festival at Eastwood MetroPark. Held the first weekend of October this event provides attendees with the opportunity to try outdoor activities such as slack lining, rope climbing, kayaking, canoeing, cycling, fishing, camping and more. Races, dock-jumping dog competitions, music, exhibitions and entertainment round out this weekend of outdoor activities. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, Outdoorx.org*

## NOVEMBER

**Veteran's Day** We like to say that every day is Veteran's Day in Dayton! Home to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and many defense-related industries, Daytonians have a special respect for the military and veterans. Explore the 19 acres of enclosed exhibits featuring over 340+ aerospace vehicles at the free National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum. Reflect in the museum's Memorial Park. Watch a movie on the giant screen in the 3-D theater, dine in the cafeteria or stop in the museum store for a souvenir. Veterans will also appreciate Dayton's Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, and the Dayton V.A. Center, one of the country's three oldest veteran's affairs facilities dating back to the mid 1800s. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with customized itineraries - 937-226-8292.*







## DECEMBER

**A Carillon Christmas** Experience the magical wonder of A Carillon Christmas at Carillon Historical Park throughout December. Experience holiday magic as you gaze at Ohio's tallest tree of light (over 151 feet!) consisting of over 20,000 light bulbs on nearly 100 separate strands. Listen to Carillon Bell Tower Christmas concerts and be enchanted by 15 miles of Christmas lights throughout the Park's 65-acre campus which has been transformed into a winter wonderland of sparkle, magic, and holiday cheer. Available festive holiday activities include, but are not limited to, photos with Santa, historic hearth cooking demonstrations, puppet shows, Victorian carolers, print shop demonstrations, letters to Santa and a model train display. Experience The Midnight Express Train Ride, Carousel of Dayton Innovation Ride, or Main Street Wagon Ride. Grab some hot chocolate in Culp's Christmas Café or a special gift in the museum store. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, Daytonhistory.org*

**Dayton Ballet Nutcracker** Dayton Ballet's beloved The Nutcracker at the stunning Schuster Performing Arts Center is a holiday tradition you'll treasure. The dancers perform to music played live by the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. The Schuster Center Wintergarden is bustling with excitement. Find the perfect holiday gift at the Dayton Ballet Boutique, peer into the famous whimsical, historic Rike's department store window displays, or treat yourself with candy and ice cream at the Graeter's Sweet Shoppe. Ten different performances are offered throughout December. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with group discounts and customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, Daytonperformingarts.org*

**Dayton Philharmonic New Year's Eve Celebration** The Dayton Performing Arts Alliance's annual New Year's Eve celebration features dancers from the Dayton Ballet, vocalists from the Dayton Opera, and the instrumentalists of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra.

Prior to the concert in the stunning Schuster Performing Arts Center, guests can purchase delicious appetizers and sweets. During intermission the audience can toast one another with flutes of champagne. The festivities begin at 8 p.m. with a balloon drop at 10 p.m. By ending at 10 p.m., you'll still have time to get to your hotel party in time to watch the ball drop. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with group discounts and customized itineraries - 937-226-8292, Daytonperformingarts.org*

**Numerous New Year's Eve Hotel Packages** Each year Greater Dayton's area hotels offer a variety of New Year's Eve packages including live entertainment, champagne and festive parties to ring in the New Year. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with celebratory options and group discounts. 937-226-8292.*

**Sparkling Woodland Lights Display** Experience the beauty of lights sparkling along a half-mile wooded path and reflecting against a woodland pond at the Woodland Lights display. View whimsical characters and illuminated critters preparing for the holidays or visit Santa Claus in his cozy historic log cabin. Amusement rides, live animals, carriage rides, colorful costumed characters, bonfires and concessions round out the holiday fun. Washington Township Woodland Park. *Contact the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance with group discounts and customized itineraries - 937-226-8292.*

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