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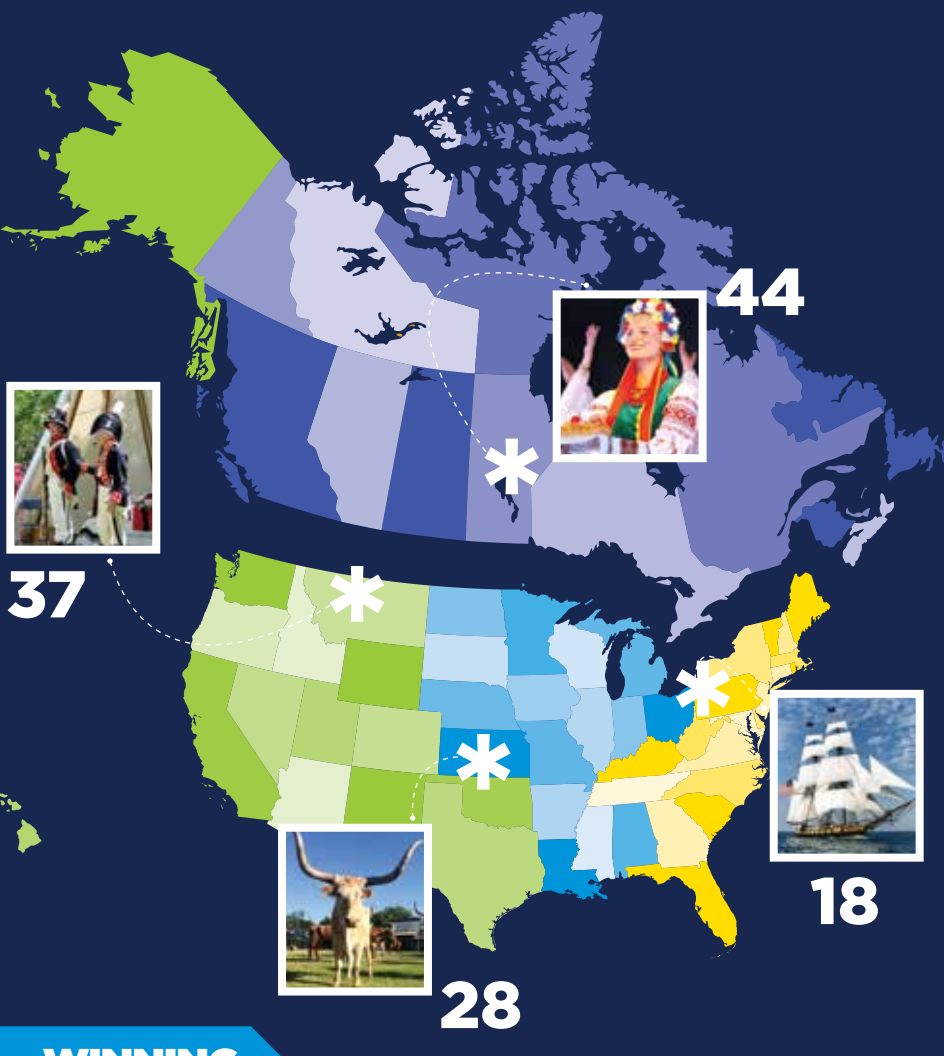
- Thanksgiving Parade
- Waterfront Activities
- Hannaford's Food Festival
- Portal to the Past
- Wampanoag Educational Pavilion
- Drum & Bugle Corps Concert

**SUNDAY NOV. 20**

- Waterfront Activities
- Makepeace Harvest Market
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## General Information About the Top 100 Program

**A**BA's Top 100 Events in North America is an annual compendium of the best events for group travel in the United States and Canada. Each spring, a committee of ABA member motorcoach and tour operators selects the Top 100 Events for the subsequent year. Winners are chosen from hundreds of celebrations, festivals, fairs, commemorative events, and more that have been nominated by ABA members. From among the winners, ABA names the Number One Event for both the United States and Canada. All current ABA members of all membership categories may submit nominations for the Top 100 Events in North America. Nominations are solicited via email from those eligible to nominate. The nomination process begins in February and ends in May. All ABA members may submit 10 nominations as part of their membership benefits. Non-ABA members may submit one nomination for a nominal fee.



## Annual Events

**These events receive separate recognition** because they have been consistently selected as a Top 100 Event in North America and they continually attract group and motorcoach business. These are the best of the best group events and offer broad appeal, including international audiences. The committee reviews and votes annually to elevate events to this prestigious status or to remove events that no longer meet this level of distinction. Once an event has acquired this status, it no longer has to be nominated with other annual Top 100 Event nominations. However, if the Top 100 Selection Committee decides to remove an event's AE status, that event will be reconsidered in the pool of all Top 100 Event nominations for that year. This status allows us to publish these annually recognized events while also offering 100 other events for creating itineraries.

## Events to Watch

**E**vents to Watch were added in 2013 as a new part of the Top 100 Events in North America for Group Travel publication. A panel of ABA member bus and tour operators created this section in the publication to highlight events and festivals that were not selected as a Top 100 Event but were great examples of new motorcoach-friendly events or events that have recently become group-friendly and show great potential to become future Top 100 Events.

## Information on How to Plan Itineraries for Top 100 Events on GroupConnect

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- Offers Group Incentives
- Designated Motorcoach Parking
- Food
- Group Performance Venue Available



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**TOP EVENT**  
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➔ **Norfolk, Va.**  
**April 21-24, 2016**

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:**

- Norfolk NATO Festival
- Virginia Garden Week
- Harbor Cruises, including *Spirit of Norfolk*, *American Rover*, and *Victory Rover*
- Virginia Beach Oceanfront
- Historic Williamsburg
- Jamestown
- Yorktown
- Outer Banks of North Carolina

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**Québec City, Québec**  
**Dec. 8, 2015–Nov. 20, 2016**

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:**

- Plains of Abraham
- City Walls
- Old Québec City

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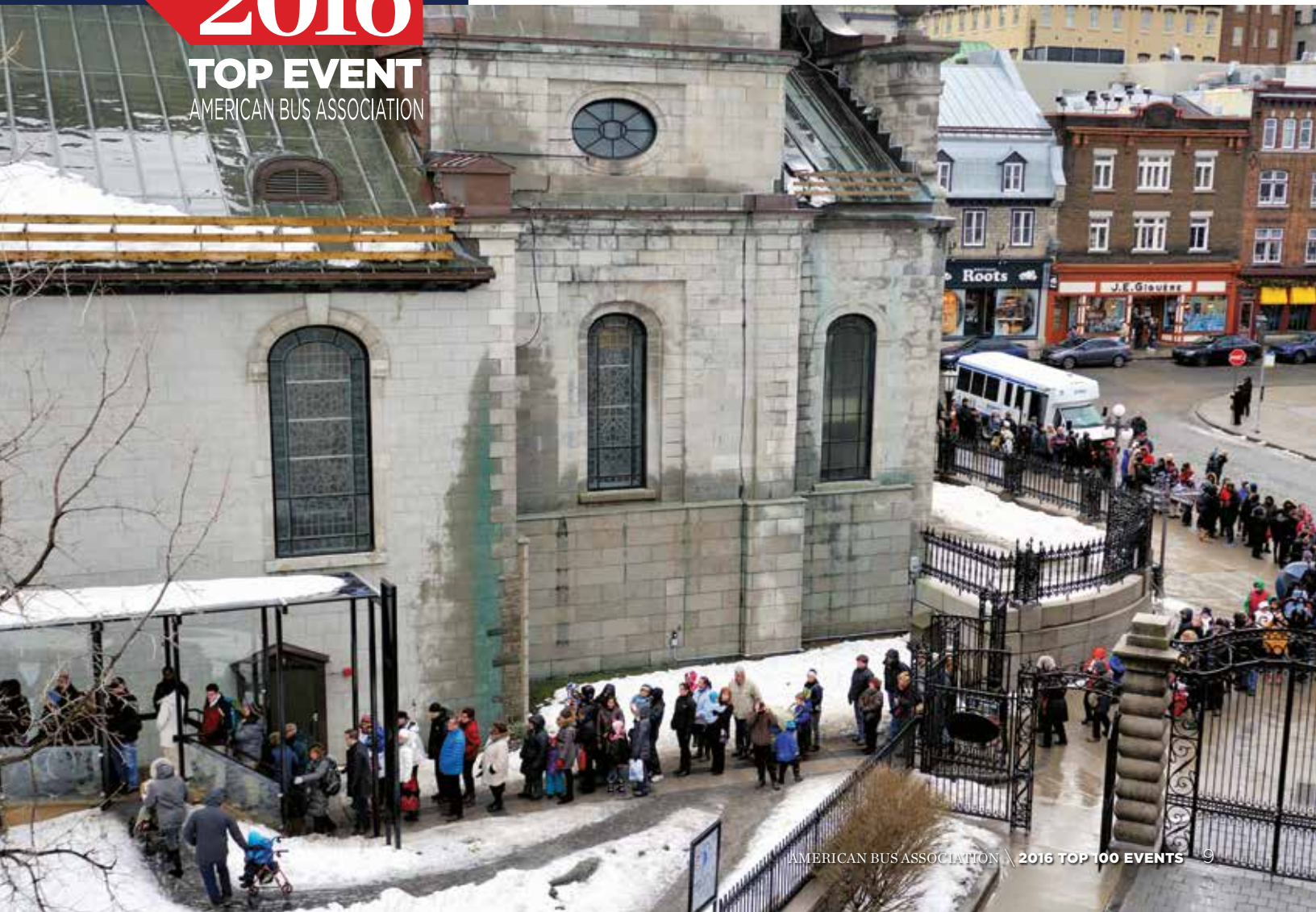


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# Basilique-Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Québec Holy Door

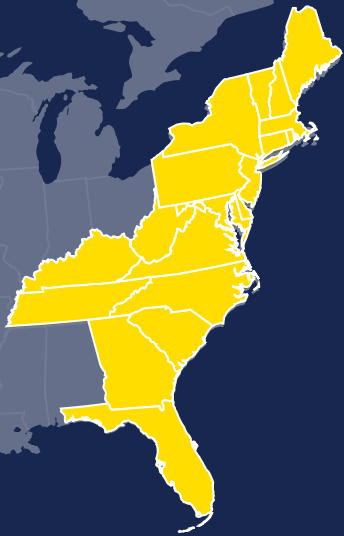
Crossing a spiritual threshold

**T**he parish of Notre-Dame de Québec was founded in 1664, the oldest Catholic parish in North America north of the former Spanish colonies. It was erected with courage and passion. To underline the 350th anniversary, the Holy See granted the parish the seventh Holy Door in the world, the only one in America. The six others are located in Europe, four of them in Rome. Crossing the Holy Door is a spiritual undertaking, which can be lived by any person of goodwill. The Holy Door opens on Jubilee Years. The next one, proclaimed by Pope Francis, is 2016. 🚗 🚫 🚰



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From Maine to Florida, the East Coast's most spectacular group-friendly events feature bright lights and mouthwatering delights.



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- Offers Group Incentives**
- Designated Motorcoach Parking**
- Food**
- Group Performance Venue Available**

## The Big E

**West Springfield, Mass.**

**Sept. 16–Oct. 2, 2016**

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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Yankee Candle Flagship, Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Norman Rockwell Museum

## NEW ENGLAND

### 9th Annual Garlic Festival in Olde Mistick Village

**Mystic, Conn.**

**Sept. 17–18, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Jim Holley  
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jholley56@att.net  
www.oldemistickvillage.com/festivals.aspx

Visit beautiful Mystic, Conn., for the ninth annual Garlic Festival, Sept. 17 and 18, 2016. The grounds of Olde Mistick Village become exhibit space for more than 75 restaurants, farmers, artists, and craftspeople. Attendance of more than 20,000 makes this one of Connecticut's largest events. Like all Olde Mistick Village events, it is *free* to the public; parking is also *free*, abundant, and easily accessible for buses.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, Mashantucket Pequot Museum

### America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration

**Plymouth, Mass.**

**Nov. 18–20, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Sharon Liddell  
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www.usathanksgiving.com

Almost 400 years in the making, this celebration is a link to our nation's heritage. Enjoy walks along the waterfront and an evening illumination ceremony, free Veterans Memorial Concert, and Historic Parade featuring a walk through the history of our nation via floats, equestrian groups, fife and drum, and renowned drum corps. A food festival, crafters village, live entertainment, outdoor living history village, and farmers market make this event something for everyone.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Plimoth Plantation/Plymouth Rock, Pilgrim Hall Museum, Mayflower Society Hour

### Annual Pops by the Sea

**Hyannis, Mass.**

**Aug. 14, 2016**

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www.artsfoundation.org/pops-by-the-sea

The Citizens Bank Pops by the Sea concert is Cape Cod's single largest cultural event. For each of the past 30 years we have welcomed one of the nation's finest and best-loved musical ensembles—the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra—to the Hyannis Village Green. Conducted by Keith Lockhart, this concert regularly sells out to a live audience of more than 12,000. Bus groups are offered group rates on festival seating to enjoy this magical event, which benefits art and culture on Cape Cod all year long.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Hyline Cruises, JFK Museum, Cape Cod Central Railroad

### Celebration of Peonies at Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home

**Manchester, Vt.**

**May 22–June 22, 2016**

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www.hildene.org

*American Gardener* magazine says, "One of the most notable features is the formal garden, and its 'Celebration of Peonies' when thousands of blooms fill the garden with color." Tour the Georgian Revival home and formal gardens with 20+ varieties of heirloom peonies. Discover more than 1,000 blooms. Learn about this vibrant working landscape, home to three generations of Abraham Lincoln descendants. Experience the Hildene Farm and cheese-making facility and the Pullman car, Sunbeam, exhibit.

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### SALEM HAUNTED HAPPENINGS

81 Washington Street, Suite 204  
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Don't miss this ABA Top 100 Event! Salem celebrates Halloween and fall in New England for the entire month of October with ghost tours, theatrical presentations, haunted stories, and historical fun. Contact Kate Fox for Group Tour info, [kfox@salem.org](mailto:kfox@salem.org).

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**Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular**

**Providence, R.I.**

**Oct. 3–Nov. 6, 2016**

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The acclaimed Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular, presented by Citizens Bank, will return to Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, R.I., with shows running nightly. This annual event, created by the artists and craftspeople of Passion for Pumpkins, features a breathtaking display of 5,000 illuminated jack-o'-lanterns; more than 125 of them are artistically carved and displayed in scenes to play out the annual theme. Situated on the zoo's picturesque Wetlands Trail, the event has won praise for its appeal as a unique and family-friendly autumn destination. 🗺️ 🚫

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Culinary Museum, Ghost Tour, TEN 31 Studio Tour

**League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair**

**Newbury, N.H.**

**Aug. 6–14, 2016**

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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** The Fells Historic Site, Sunapee Harbor, New London Historical Society

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**Rockland, Maine**

**Aug. 3–7, 2016**

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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Downtown Rockland, Maine Lighthouse Museum, Farnsworth Art Museum, Winery Tours and Tastings, Owls Head Transportation Museum

**New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival**

**Lincoln, N.H.**

**Sept. 16–18, 2016**

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Newport, R.I.

June 24-26, 2016

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“Gilded: Artful Living” is the theme for the 21st annual Newport Flower Show, held at one of Newport, R.I.’s Gilded Age mansions, Rosecliff, from June 24 to 26, 2016. During the Gilded Age, nearly every aspect of life was elevated to an art form. Gardens became stages for nature’s most brilliant performances, women’s fashions were created for stylish parades, and houses became museums for a lifetime of treasures. Join us as we celebrate all that is Gilded! 📍 🍷

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Green Animals Topiary Garden, The Elms, The Breakers

**Salem Haunted Happenings**

Salem, Mass.

Oct. 1-31, 2016

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www.hauntedhappenings.org

Salem Haunted Happenings is an annual celebration of Halloween and fall in New England. Groups will love exploring Salem, Mass., during its most bewitching season, featuring haunted harbor cruises, walking tours, historic museums, and haunted culture of all types! 📍 🍷

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Salem Witch Museum, House of the Seven Gables, Witch Dungeon Museum

**Scallop Fest**

East Falmouth, Mass.

Sept. 23-25, 2016

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www.scallopfest.org

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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Heritage Museum & Gardens, Hyline Cruises, Coonamessett Farm

**Windjammer Days Boothbay Festival**

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

June 19-25, 2016

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The Windjammer Days Festival offers visitors the opportunity to view Windjammers of the late 19th and 20th centuries. In addition to the Parade of Sail, enjoy concerts in Whale Park, a codfish race, a lobster-eating contest, a craft show, Maine State Aquarium and U.S. Coast Guard tours, a one-design boat race, a golf tournament, a spectacular fireworks display, a tug-of-war across the harbor, a Lighted Boat Parade, and the Rocky Coast Road Race. The Windjammer Days Festival is a free, fun family event. 📍 🍷

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NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Frank Lloyd Wright Homes, Flight 93 National Memorial, Idlewild and SoakZone

**Lucille Ball Comedy Festival**

Jamestown, N.Y.

Aug. 4-7, 2016

CONTACT: Dallas Thurn  
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groupsales@lucy-desi.com  
www.lucycomedyfest.com

The Lucille Ball Comedy Festival takes place in Lucille Ball's hometown of Jamestown, N.Y. The annual festival, which features more than 60 events and 25 comedians, has showcased past performers that include Jerry Seinfeld, Jay Leno, Ellen DeGeneres, Ray Romano, Lewis Black, and Joan Rivers. Lucy Comedy Fest attracts attendees from 37 states and four countries. Events include dinner shows with *I Love Lucy* impersonators, grape stomping, chocolate wrapping, and the best in contemporary comedy. 🚗 🚫 📶

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Niagara Falls, Chautauqua Institution, Lucy Desi Museum

MID-ATLANTIC

**40 Years a Saint—40th Anniversary of Elizabeth Seton's Canonization**

Emmitsburg, Md.

Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2016

CONTACT: Scott Dugan  
(301) 447-6606

scott.dugan@setonheritage.org  
www.setonheritage.org/40years/

"40 Years a Saint" is a special exhibit on display at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md. The centerpiece of the exhibit is the large canonization banner, which features an image of Elizabeth Ann Seton that hung in Saint Peter's Square, the center of the worldwide celebration of Mother Seton's canonization in 1975. 🚗 🚫 📶

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Carriage House Inn, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Historic District of Downtown Frederick

**Apple-Scrapple Festival**

Bridgeville, Del.

Oct. 14-15, 2016

CONTACT: Karen Johnson  
(302) 245-2038

kjohnsonasf@yahoo.com  
www.applescrapple.com

A fun event held the second full weekend in October, the Apple-Scrapple Festival is an annual celebration of Delaware's agricultural community that features live entertainment, carnival rides and games, scrapple chunkin' and carving, an iron skillet toss, trade and craft shows, a car show, Little Miss Apple Scrapple, the 5K Hogg Jogg, and plenty of apples, scrapple, and other tempting treats! More than 25,000 visitors flock to Bridgeville each year; free admission and parking. 🚗 🚫 📶

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Harrington Raceway & Casino, Rehoboth Tanger Outlet Centers, Dogfish Head Craft Brewery

**GlassFest 2016**

Corning, N.Y.

May 26-29, 2016

CONTACT: Coleen Fabrizi  
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coleen@gafferdistrict.com  
www.glassfest.org

GlassFest is a four-day celebration of glass and the fire arts in "America's Crystal City," Corning, N.Y. The event features outdoor glassmaking demonstrations; world-class museums and galleries; music from a number of nationally known entertainers; an outdoor art show featuring glass, pottery, ceramics, metal, and a variety of fine arts from across the country; and a breathtaking fireworks display. Visitors can soak up the charm of beautiful Historic Market Street and indulge in special shopping and dining promotions. Admission is free! 🚗 🚫 📶

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Corning Museum of Glass, Rockwell Museum, Finger Lakes Region

**New York Renaissance Faire**

Tuxedo Park, N.Y.

Aug. 6-Sept. 25, 2016

CONTACT: Barbara Freely  
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www.renfair.com/ny

The faire is a rollicking romp through Elizabethan England complete with 16th century games, rides, arts, crafts, food, music, and dance—set within the majestic groves of Tuxedo Park, N.Y. 🚗 🚫 📶

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**Aug. 1-Oct. 1, 2016**  
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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Hersheypark, The Amish Experience, Sight & Sound Theatre

**Tall Ships Erie 2016**

**Erie, Pa.**  
**Sept. 8-11, 2016**  
**CONTACT:** Shawn Waskiewicz (814) 452-2744, ext. 202  
 shawnw@flagshipniagara.org  
 www.flagshipniagara.org

Tall Ships Erie will take place on Erie's historic Bayfront Sept. 8-11, 2016. Come tour tall ships from all over the world, listen to live music, partake in historical lectures, shop in the vendor fair, and eat local food. Tickets start as low as \$5. Call (814) 452-2744 or visit [www.flagshipniagara.org](http://www.flagshipniagara.org) for more details. 🗺️ 📞 📺

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Lake Erie Wine Country, Presque Isle Downs Casino, Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle State Park

**World War II Weekend**

**Reading, Pa.**  
**June 3-5, 2016**  
**CONTACT:** Brenda Saylor (610) 372-7333  
 maam@maam.org  
 www.maam.org/maamwwii

World War II Weekend in June is a "don't miss" event for the entire family and includes 80 aircraft, 200 vehicles, and 1,700 reenactors spread over 10 acres. Also included in the weekend are plane rides by various types of vintage aircraft, including WWII bombers and fighters. 🗺️ 📞 📺

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** VF Outlets, GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles

**Christmas at the Galt House Hotel**

**Louisville, Ky.**  
**Nov. 17-Dec. 27, 2016**  
**CONTACT:** Kelly Gream (502) 589-5200  
 elf@galthouse.com  
 www.christmasatthegalthouse.com

Christmas at the Galt House Hotel is an event where guests can create holiday memories of magic and wonder. Take in the sights and sounds of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* as the story comes alive through larger-than-life handcrafted silk luminaries. Interactive with Santa's elves, personally selected by Santa himself to perform at the Holly Jolly Holiday Revue. Take a stroll through the Christmas Village. Guests will be able to take Santa's sleigh for a spin over Louisville. 🗺️ 📞 📺

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Derby Dinner Playhouse, Kentucky Derby Museum, Louisville Bat Factory & Museum

EAST CENTRAL

**2016 NAS Oceana Air Show**

**Virginia Beach, Va.**  
**Sept. 17-18, 2016**  
**CONTACT:** Jim Coggin (757) 385-6642, (800) 700-7702  
 jcoggin@visitvirginiabeach.com  
 www.oceanaairshow.com

The men and women of Naval Air Station Oceana are busily planning the 2016 NAS Oceana Air Show and are very excited to once again open their base to the public. The NAS Oceana Air Show is pleased to present the United States Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration team along with a host of thrilling military and civilian performances. NAS Oceana is the master jet base for the US Navy. 🗺️ 📞 📺

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Military Aviation Museum, Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center, Cape Henry Lighthouse





## Christmas Illuminations at Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon, Va.

Dec. 1-31, 2016

**CONTACT:** Groups Dept.  
groups@mountvernon.org  
www.mountvernon.org

Step back in time and experience a festive holiday evening at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Watch as colonial artisans demonstrate the 18th-century process of creating chocolate. Visit a winter encampment and meet reenactors from the First Virginia Regiment. Enjoy cider, cookies, and a bonfire while listening to the harmonious sounds of musicians performing 18th-century tunes. Finally, sip hot chocolate while watching a fireworks show choreographed to holiday music over the Potomac River.   

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** National Christmas Tree, Gaylord National's Resort ICE, "Christmas at Mount Vernon"

## Christmas in Williamsburg

Williamsburg, Va.

Nov. 25-Dec. 31, 2016

**CONTACT:** Vivian Bunting  
(757) 229-6511, (800) 368-6511  
bunting@visitwilliamsburg.com  
www.christmasinwilliamsburg.com

Christmas in Williamsburg begins just after Thanksgiving and extends through First Night. The entire community comes together with holiday décor, special programs, and events. Many events are free and suitable for all audiences. Attractions, museums, and theme parks offer group rates and have complimentary policies, which vary by venue. Parking is complimentary in most locations. For more information visit [www.ChristmasInWilliamsburg.com](http://www.ChristmasInWilliamsburg.com).   




**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Busch Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown-Yorktown

## Gatlinburg 4th of July Celebration

Gatlinburg, Tenn.

July 3-4, 2016

**CONTACT:** Dian Stanfill  
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Since 1974, Gatlinburg, Tenn., has saluted the valiant men and women in our military services during the "First July Fourth Parade in the Nation!" Nearly 100,000 people line the parkway for the parade that steps off at the stroke of midnight on July Fourth. More than 100 floats, balloons, and marching bands pay tribute to our country during this mile-long parade. Festivities continue all day long, with free concerts on Ripley's Aquarium Plaza and a fireworks show after dark.   

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Ripley's Aquarium, Ober Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg Sky Lift

## Harborfest®

Norfolk, Va.

June 3-5, 2016

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**Clarksville, Tenn.**

**Sept. 13-16, 2016**

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Heroes, Hometowns and Legends/Welcome Home Vietnam is a package designed with groups in mind. The itinerary is full of variety, including stops like Beachaven Winery, Ft. Defiance Civil War Site, the Customs House Museum, and Ft. Campbell Army Installation. Highlights of the package include the Welcome Home Vietnam Parade, Big Band USO Show with Bob Hope tribute artist, and concert with country music legend Lee Greenwood.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Historic Collinsville, Ft. Campbell, Ft. Defiance

**Kentucky Bourbon Festival Inc.**

**Bardstown, Ky.**

**Sept. 13-18, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Jill Hawkins (502) 348-3623, (800) 638-4877 jill.hawkins@kybourbonfestival.com www.kybourbonfestival.com

The Kentucky Bourbon Festival is a six-day festival, Sept. 13-18, 2016, dedicated to the legendary spirit of Kentucky. There will be fun and activities for all ages. Distillers from across the state of Kentucky will share their bourbons in a variety of events. The 2016 festival will be the 25th annual Kentucky Bourbon Festival in historic Bardstown, Ky., the Bourbon Capital of the World. 🍷🍷🍷

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Getz Whiskey Museum, Kentucky Bourbon Trail, My Old Kentucky Home

**National Cornbread Festival**

**South Pittsburg, Tenn.**

**April 23-24, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Carolyn Kellermann Millhiser (423) 837-8327 ncfmarketing@bellsouth.net www.nationalcornbread.com

The last full weekend each April, South Pittsburg is an open-air mall where streets are filled with live entertainment, juried arts and crafts, and food. This Southern cuisine festival honors cornbread with the national cornbread cook-off—sponsored by Martha White, Brown Stove, and Lodge Cast Iron. Tour the Lodge Foundry to see how Lodge cast iron is made. Visit the residential historic district, and participate in the 5K walk-run.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Lodge Cast Iron Foundry, South Pittsburg Heritage Museum, Russell Cave National Monument

**Patriotic Festival: A Celebration of Our Military**

**Virginia Beach, Va.**

**June 3-5, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Jim Coggin (757) 385-6642, (800) 700-7702 jcoggin@visitvirginiabeach.com www.patrioticfestival.com

Coastal Virginia is home to the largest military bases in the USA. Virginia Beach, the largest resort city on the East Coast, is hosting the Patriotic Festival—A Military Celebration to honor our armed forces personnel and their families. The Patriotic Festival celebrates the military at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront for three days of national touring artist concerts, military expos, and displays.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Museum, Military Aviation Museum, Cape Henry Lighthouse

**Hinton Railroad Days**

**Hinton, W.Va.**

**Oct. 15-23, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Dorothy Jean Boley (304) 466-6100 hintonrailroadmuseum@frontier.com

www.hintonwva.com/railroaddays

Hinton Railroad Days is held annually for two weekends in October. The streets are filled with craft and food vendors. Vendors are selling unusual crafts and the food is delicious. The festival coincides with the New River Train Excursions. The New River Train arrives each afternoon of the festival. Each year is different. Come on out and see what this year will bring! 🍷🍷🍷

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** New River Train Excursions, Sandstone Falls, Pipestem State Park

**Museum of Appalachia's Tennessee Fall Homecoming**

**Norris, Tenn.**

**Oct. 7-9, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Elaine Meyer (865) 494-7680 museum@museumofappalachia.org www.museumofappalachia.org

The 37th anniversary of the Museum of Appalachia's Tennessee Fall Homecoming will feature local, regional, and nationally acclaimed musicians performing on five scenic stages. Enjoy traditional Appalachian artisans and demonstrators at work, spinning, weaving, blacksmithing, tating, quilting, and much more. Taste Dutch oven cooking, homemade ice cream, and some of the finest Southern fare found anywhere. 🍷🍷🍷

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** American Museum of Science & Energy; Great Smoky Mountains National Park; Knoxville, Tennessee Historic Tour





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**Pigeon Forge Winterfest**

**Pigeon Forge, Tenn.**  
**Nov. 8, 2016–Feb. 28, 2017**

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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Dollywood, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Titanic Museum, and Many Theaters and Dinner Shows

**Rocket Boys Festival**

**Beckley, W.Va.**  
**Oct. 6–8, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Scott Hill  
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 williamscothill@rocketmail.com  
 www.rocketboysfestival.com

The Rocket Boys Festival in Beckley, W.Va., celebrates the story of *October Sky* by Homer Hickam. The festival features the Rocket Boys and other special guests. Festival-goers have the chance to meet the Rocket Boys, enjoy music by area performers, and shop the craft and food vendors. The festival includes crafts, specialty vendors, a live concert series, and a rocket launch. You will be able to meet Homer Hickam and the Rocket Boys at the Festival as well as meet and greet other West Virginia authors on “Writer’s Row.”

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Tamarack, New River Gorge Bridge, Exhibition Coal Mine/Youth Museum

**Christmas at the Library**

**Charlotte, N.C.**  
**Dec. 1–23, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Sonya Johnson  
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 ssjohnson@bgea.org  
 www.billygrahamlibrary.org

Christmas at the Library offers an excellent half-day, or all-day, option for groups. Guests can enjoy the self-guided Journey of Faith tour, holiday shopping at Ruth’s Attic, carriage rides through sparkling light displays, melodious caroler performances, and a live Nativity. While at the library, guests are invited to enjoy dinner and holiday goodies at the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar and a walk through the Graham Family Homeplace. Parking and admission are always free.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Christmas at the Speedway, Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, NarroWay Productions

**Daytona 500**

**Daytona Beach, Fla.**  
**Feb. 21, 2016**

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 blittle@daytonainternational.com  
 www.daytonainternational.com

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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Disney, Universal Studios, Museum of Arts and Science

**Rivers & Spires Festival**

**Clarksville, Tenn.**  
**April 14–16, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Frances Manzitto  
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 www.riversandspires.com

The Rivers & Spires Festival transforms Historic Downtown Clarksville into a three-day entertainment paradise, with live music, art, and interactive displays. More than 40,000 people per year are treated to 10 city blocks packed to the brim with free entertainment. Whatever your interest—arts, sports, cars, military, music, gaming, or family activities—it’s all here at Rivers & Spires. The best part is that the event is entirely *free!* No admission, gate fees, or concert tickets are required.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Beachaven Winery, Ft. Defiance, Customs House Museum

**SOUTHEAST**

**Brookgreen Gardens Nights of a Thousand Candles**

**Murrells Inlet, S.C.**  
**Dec. 1–17, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Molly Mercer  
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 mmercer@brookgreen.org  
 www.brookgreen.org/nights  
 ofathousandcandles

Nights of a Thousand Candles is held for nine evenings each December when Brookgreen Gardens comes to life amid the soft glow of more than 5,500 hand-lit candles and hundreds of thousands of sparkling lights as musicians play and carolers sing. Brookgreen’s remarkable gardens are also the site of America’s first public sculpture garden, displaying more than 1,700 works of art on 50 landscaped acres.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Alabama Theatre, Carolina Opry, Ripley’s Aquarium





## Edison Ford Holiday Nights

Ft. Myers, Fla.

Nov. 25-Dec. 31, 2016

**CONTACT:** Janet Wilson  
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info@edisonfordwinterestates.org  
www.edisonfordwinterestates.org/events/annual-events

Visitors to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Ft. Myers will enjoy 20 acres of historical buildings, historic gardens, the Edison Botanic Research Lab, and the Edison Ford Museum. The 1929 historic landscape is throughout the property, including the award-winning Moonlight Garden. The Edison Ford Museum has hundreds of inventions, artifacts, and special exhibits. ♿ ⓧ 📶

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Pure Ft. Myers River Cruises, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

## Holiday FantaSea

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Nov. 8-15, 2016

**CONTACT:** Sandy Haines  
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sandyhaines@visitmyrtlebeach.com  
www.coastalnetworkcooperative.com/holiday-fantasea.html

The annual Myrtle Beach Holiday FantaSea serves as a thank-you to our groups for booking at least one night in the Myrtle Beach area. It has become a wonderful value-added attraction for tour operators. The event is held on two days (9:30-11:30 a.m.) over two weeks during the favorable holiday season. It showcases award-winning entertainment, spectacular giveaways, a grand-prize shopping spree, and a ton of Southern hospitality—all at no cost. ♿ ⓧ 📶

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** The Carolina Opry, Dickens Christmas Festival, Alabama Theatre



## Hinton Railroad Days

October 17-18 & 24-25 • [hintonwva.com/railroaddays](http://hintonwva.com/railroaddays)



## Rocket Boys Festival

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**Boston, Mass.**

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www.bostonharborfest.com

The 35th Annual Boston Harborfest is a five-day Fourth of July festival that showcases the colonial and maritime heritage of the cradle of the American Revolution: the historic city of Boston. The award-winning festival strives to honor and remember the past, celebrate the present, and educate the future with reenactments, concerts, and historical tours. Each day is packed with events that will be fun for the whole family.



## 61st Kentucky Derby Festival & 142nd Kentucky Derby

**Louisville, Ky.**

April 23-May 7, 2016

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www.gotolouisville.com

The Kentucky Derby Festival is a whirlwind of 70 events starting with Thunder Over Louisville, the opening ceremonies of the two-week festival. With an estimated average attendance of half a million people, it is the largest annual event in the region, the largest annual pyrotechnics display in North America, and one of the top five air shows in the country. Other highlights include a half and full marathon and live bed racing! The event that started it all, the Pegasus Parade, marches down Broadway the Thursday before the Derby.

## 153rd Annual Gettysburg Reenactment

**Gettysburg, Pa.**

July 1-3, 2016

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www.gettysburgreenactment.com

We re-create the Battle of Gettysburg on a 300-acre field as historically accurately as possible. Experience camp life as you stroll through both Union and Confederate camps, where life is as it was in 1863. Visitors will also enjoy shopping in the 1860s "sutler" village. There is a variety of food and activities all day.



## Colonial Williamsburg Grand Illumination

**Williamsburg, Va.**

Dec. 4, 2016

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smarsh@cwf.org

www.colonialwilliamsburg.com

Colonial Williamsburg's Christmas season officially begins with Grand Illumination, a spectacular evening where candles twinkle in the windows of historic area homes and buildings, fatwood crackles in street-side cressets, and the heavens explode with fireworks. Enjoy music, holiday events, hot chocolate and apple cider, and the many more festive activities on the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. Grand Illumination is sure to inspire many holiday traditions to come.

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Nashville, Tenn.

Nov. 20, 2016–Jan. 3, 2017

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There’s no better place for the holidays than Nashville’s iconic Gaylord Opryland Resort with its two million twinkling lights, acres of stunning decorations, and exceptional entertainment. There are more than a dozen shows and attractions, including larger-than-life Nativity displays, Christmas dinner shows, and ICE!—astounding colorful sculptures hand-carved from two million pounds of ice. The resort’s nine acres of indoor gardens and waterfalls are transformed into a fanciful world of towering Christmas trees, oversized wreaths, and ornate details that provide breathtaking views.

## Hampton Beach Seafood Festival

Hampton, N.H.

Sept. 9–11, 2016

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www.hamptonbeachseafoodfestival.com

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## National Cherry Blossom Festival

Washington, D.C.

March 20–April 17, 2016

**CONTACT:** Diana Mayhew  
(202) 661-7596  
diana@downtowndc.org  
www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is the nation’s greatest springtime celebration. The festival includes spectacular weekends and daily events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Each year, the festival commemorates the anniversary of the gift of the cherry blossom trees and the enduring friendship between the United States and Japan. Events are primarily free and open to the public, and more than 1.5 million people each year take part in this annual rite of spring.

## PHS Philadelphia Flower Show

Philadelphia, Pa.

March 5–13, 2016

**CONTACT:** Michelle Ullman, CTIS, CTP  
(215) 988-8871  
mullman@pennhort.org  
www.theflowershow.com

From Steamy to Petrified, Hot Springs to Arctic and Redwood to Yellowstone, the largest flower show in the USA will present “American Beauty, 100 years of the National Park Service” March 5–13, 2016. The 2016 Flower Show will honor our treasured parks with acres of themed landscape and floral displays, breathtaking imagery, and heart-pounding adventure experiences to expose the vast beauty of our national parks to audiences from around the world.

## Finger Lakes Wine Festival 2016

Watkins Glen, N.Y.

July 8–10, 2016

**CONTACT:** Jeff Nelson  
(607) 535-3354  
jnelson@theglen.com  
www.flwinefest.com

The Finger Lakes Wine Festival presented by Yancey’s Fancy New York’s Artisan Cheese offers the largest showcase of wines produced in New York State, with more than 90 wineries paired with regional artisans, live music, cooking demonstrations, and wine seminars, all in one beautiful location. The festival kicks off on Friday with the Launch of the Lakes Toga Party. Stop for the day or camp for the weekend. Don’t miss the summer’s biggest party.

## Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade

New York, N.Y.

Nov. 24, 2016

**CONTACT:** Kristin Esposito  
(646) 429-7432  
kristin.esposito@macys.com  
www.nycgo.com

This annual tradition signals the beginning of the Christmas holiday season. The Tom Turkey float leads the parade of more than 200 different elements, with Santa Claus in his sleigh as the grand finale. In between are giant balloons, marching bands, and floats. Performers and marchers include celebrities, clowns, and costumed characters. On Thanksgiving Eve, visitors can watch the parade’s signature giant character and novelty balloons come to life as they are inflated with helium.

## Oglebay’s Winter Festival of Lights

Wheeling, W.Va.

Nov. 11, 2016–Jan. 8, 2017

**CONTACT:** David E. Flatley  
(304)243-4000, (800) 624-6988  
dflatley@oglebay-resort.com  
www.oglebay-resort.com

Seeing is truly believing when you visit Oglebay’s Winter Festival of Lights in beautiful Wheeling, W.Va. Drive your car or ride a bus through six miles of winter wonderland as you take in the sights of more than 300 acres of festive lights. This is truly a wild, wonderful time in West Virginia.



## Sea Witch Halloween & Fiddler’s Festival

Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Oct. 28–30, 2016

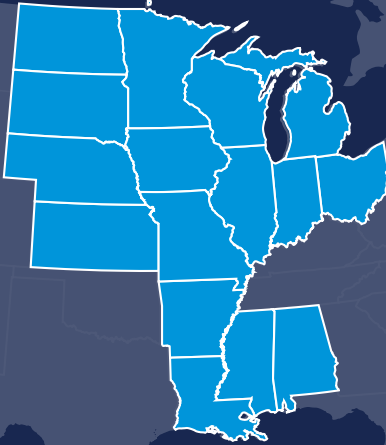
**CONTACT:** Carol Everhart  
(302) 227-2233  
rehoboth@beach-fun.com  
www.beach-fun.com

Enjoy the 27th annual Sea Witch Halloween & Fiddler’s Festival Oct. 28–30, 2016! The fun begins on Friday with the Tyke Bike Race on the Boardwalk, a movie in Grove Park, and a Dewey Beach bonfire. Watch thousands of costumed participants, bands, and decorated cars at Saturday’s parade. Take part in dozens of activities, such as the Sea Witch Hunt, artisan shopping, a Mummers performance, and horse shows on the beach! Don’t miss live entertainment, including top acts: Neon Swing X-perience, Jimi Smooth & HitTime, and the Funsters! Top off this spooktacular event with a 5K race/walk or costumed pet parade!



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Baraboo's Big Top Parade & Circus Celebration

## GREAT LAKES

### 100th Running of the Indianapolis 500

Indianapolis, Ind.

May 29, 2016

**CONTACT:** Lisa Wallace  
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lwallace@visitindy.com  
www.indianapolismotor  
speedway.com

The racing capital of the world will welcome more than 250,000 attendees from around the globe to the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway to witness the 100th running of the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing." Race week features two concerts, celebrity appearances, parades, pressure-packed days of qualifying, and a chance for one driver to stand among legends.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Hall of Fame Museum at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis Museum of Art/100 Acres Art and Nature Park, Dallara IndyCar Factory

### Alpenfest

Gaylord, Mich.

June 12-16, 2016

**CONTACT:** Kelly Combs  
(989) 732-6333  
kelly@gaylordmichigan.net  
www.gaylordalpenfest.com

Come home to Alpenfest in Gaylord, home of the "World's Largest Coffee Break" and where our beautiful Alpine Village Main Street magically transforms into the Alpenstrasse. Artists from all over the country display their crafts, and area vendors offer up tasty ethnic treats. The carnival lights up the night sky and fills the air with the sounds of laughter.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Golf, Beach, Mackinaw City

### Amish Acres 54th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival

Nappanee, Ind.

Aug. 4-7, 2016

**CONTACT:** Janis Logsdon  
(574) 773-4188, (800) 800-4942  
janislogsdon@amishacres.com  
www.amishacres.com/arts  
\_crafts\_festival

Wagon rides, marionettes and magic shows, famous family-style Threshers Dinner in the century-old barn restaurant, and guided house and farm tours intertwine the festival's and farm's attractions. Continuous free entertainment on four stages is planned, along with festive food concoctions, including kettle corn, pulled-pork sandwiches, steak tips and mushrooms, and breaded Hoosier tenderloins.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** The Round Barn Theatre, Amish Acres Historic Farm & Heritage Resort, Quilt Gardens Tour

### Baraboo's Big Top Parade & Circus Celebration

Baraboo, Wis.

July 23, 2016

**CONTACT:** Debra Bauer  
(608) 356-8333  
visitus@baraboo.com  
www.bigtopparade.com

Clowning around will not only be tolerated, it'll be encouraged in Baraboo, Wis.—the historic home of the Ringling Bros. Circus—on Saturday, July 23, 2016, when the city commemorates its stupendous circus heritage during the 4th annual Baraboo's Big Top Parade & Circus Celebration. The festivities' centerpiece, the Big Top Parade, will feature more than 75 circus and community entries, including antique circus wagons, animals, clowns, and bands.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Circus World Museum, Mid-Continent Railway Museum, International Crane Foundation



## Christmas In The Country Event

Walnut Creek, Ohio  
Nov. 19–Dec. 17, 2016

**CONTACT:** Jeff Conn  
(888) 988-7469  
info@amishcountrytheater.com  
www.amishcountrytheater.com/christmas

There's something special about celebrating the holiday season in the gorgeous setting of Ohio's Amish Country. One of the highlights is Christmas In The Country, an elegant, two-hour special event at the Amish Country Theater featuring the music of Nashville recording artist John Schmid. Hosted by the hilarious cast of the Amish Country Theater, Christmas In The Country is a must-see for the whole family.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Flea Markets, Downtown Shopping, Antique Malls, The Farm at Walnut Creek, Amish Bakeries and Restaurants, Museums

## Deck the Hall

Akron, Ohio  
Nov. 28, 2016–Jan. 3, 2017

**CONTACT:** Pamela Courrier  
(330) 836-5533, (888) 836-5533  
pcourrier@stanhywet.org  
www.stanhywet.org

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens hosts its annual evening holiday celebration, Deck the Hall, select dates through Jan. 3. The 65-room Tudor Revival Manor House, completed in 1915, is decorated to create a warm and inviting holiday setting. Unique musical performances are held nightly in the Music Room. Festivities on the 72 acres of artistically landscaped grounds include a tree lighting ceremony with Santa, a winter wonderland of more than half a million twinkling holiday lights, hands-on activities, and tasty holiday treats in Molly's Café.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Castle Noel, A Christmas Story House and Museum

## International Carillon Festival

Springfield, Ill.  
June 1–5, 2016

**CONTACT:** Patrick Knox  
(217) 546-3853  
pknox@springfieldparks.org  
www.carillon-rees.org/events/carillon-festival

The International Carillon Festival, set in historic Washington Park, features evening concerts by some of the world's finest carillonners. The event is free, and guests can arrive a little early to stroll through the nearby botanical and rose gardens. Bring your lawn chairs or a picnic dinner and relax near the bell tower while listening to the beautiful bells.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Lincoln's Tomb

## Mackinac Island Lilac Festival

Mackinac Island, Mich.  
June 3–12, 2016

**CONTACT:** Alison Abraham  
(906) 847-3783  
info@mackinacisland.org  
www.mackinacisland.org/mackinacislandlilacfestival

The 10-day celebration is the first and largest summer event on the island, attracting thousands of visitors each day. A celebration that blends the island's historic varieties of lilacs—many of which were brought here during the colonial era—distinctive equestrian culture, and fine food, drink, and accommodations, plus a range of other activities, the festival is one of the island's biggest attractions.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Ft. Mackinac, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island Carriage Tours

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**Shipshewana Quilt Festival**

Shipshewana, Ind.  
June 22-25, 2016

**CONTACT:** JoDee Hooley  
(260) 768-4008, (866) 243-9434  
groups@shipshewanaquiltfest.com  
www.shipshewanaquiltfest.com

The Shipshewana Quilt Festival, held annually in the heart of Indiana’s Amish Country, is the region’s largest event of its kind, featuring a Quilt & Vendor Show, workshops and lectures by internationally known quilters, an educational schoolhouse, and more! Each year, a different special quilt exhibit is displayed in the adjoining Hostetler’s Hudson Auto Museum. Groups attending also have the opportunity to experience an old-fashioned quilting bee/meal in an Amish home and to view the beautiful Barn Quilt Trail. ♿ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Blue Gate Theater, Shipshewana Flea Market, Menno-Hof

**Warrens Cranberry Festival**

Warrens, Wis.  
Sept. 23-24, 2016

**CONTACT:** Kim Schroeder  
(608) 378-4200  
cranfest@cranfest.com  
www.cranfest.com

Warrens Cranberry Festival is the world’s largest cranberry festival. There is something for everyone, including shopping, contests, marsh tours, and a parade. The festival will mark its 44th year in 2016. Since the first festival in 1973, attendance has grown from 3,500 to more than 120,000 each year. The Warrens Cranberry Festival boasts 850 arts & crafts booths, 350 flea market & antique booths, and 100 farm market vendors. If you get hungry during all that shopping, head over to one of the 100 food vendors for a tasty treat. ♿ ♻️

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Chippewa Valley Museum, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, The Rose Chapel

**THE HEARTLAND**

**Dodge City Days**

Dodge City, Kan.  
July 29-Aug. 7, 2016

**CONTACT:** John Bogner  
(620) 227-3119  
dcdays@dodgechamber.com  
www.dodgecitydays.com

Feel Dodge City’s history come to life during the annual Dodge City Days! This 10-day celebration hosts more than 50 events, including the award-winning PRCA Hall of Fame Dodge City Rodeo. They call it the “Greatest Show On Dirt,” and it’s hard to argue. Other highlights include a classic car show, a carnival, a longhorn cattle drive, an arts & crafts show, a professional BBQ contest, a Western parade, and the crowning of Miss Rodeo Kansas. The festival kicks off on July 29, 2016, with the Boot Hill Bull Fry and Bash. ♿ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Boot Hill Museum, Santa Fe Depot & Depot Theater Company, Boot Hill Casino

**Garden Glow**

St. Louis, Mo.  
Nov. 19, 2016-Jan. 1, 2017

**CONTACT:** Gene Peimann  
(314) 577-0275, (800) 332-1286  
gene.peimann@mobot.org  
www.mobot.org

The Missouri Botanical Garden – Garden Glow features more than 20 installations made of more than a half million lights and surrounds visitors with a spectacle of unique installations amid some of the garden’s most iconic locations, including the Climatron®, the Kaeser Memorial Maze, and historic Tower Grove House. Walkways are transformed into sensory light tunnels providing an explosion of visual magic, while more traditional candlelight displays delight crowds of all ages.

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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, Missouri History Museum, The Fabulous Fox Theatre

**Medora Musical**

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Medora, N.D.  
June 3-Sept. 10, 2016

**CONTACT:** Joslyn Reichert  
(701) 623-4444, (800) 633-6721  
joslynr@medora.com  
www.medora.com

At the Medora Musical, every night ends on a high note. With all the singing and dancing and carrying on, it’s so big, it can only happen outdoors! Enjoy the show under the Badlands sky in the 2,900-seat Burning Hill Amphitheatre. You’ll be treated to songs by the Burning Hills Singers, as well as nationally known comedy and variety acts. Dedicated to President Theodore Roosevelt’s time in the Badlands, each year’s Medora Musical is a brand-new production that celebrates the spirit of the West. Family fun with a little bit of gunpowder! ♿ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Pitchfork Steak Fondue, TR Salute to Medora, Theodore Roosevelt National Park





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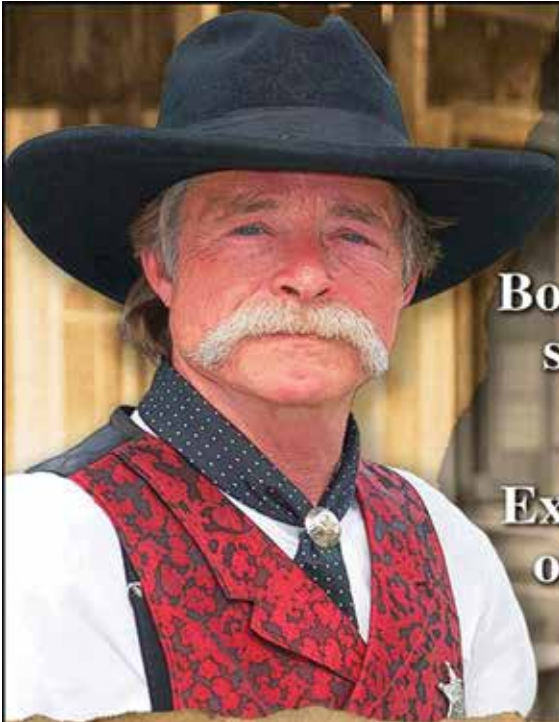
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Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau





Tulip Time in Topeka

**Norsk Høstfest**

Minot, N.D.

Sept. 27–Oct. 1, 2016

**CONTACT:** Pamela Davy (701) 852-2368  
pamdavy@minot.com  
www.hostfest.com

Norsk Høstfest has grown into North America’s premier Scandinavian festival, attracting international and North American groups. This festival celebrates the Scandinavian culture and cuisine of five Nordic countries. Delicate handmade linens, clothing, jewelry, hats, and gloves showcase each vendor’s specialty. Come for one day or take in all four days to enjoy eight free stages of rotating entertainment and nine amazing performances in the Great Hall of Vikings and well over 100 vendors.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Pointe of View Winery and Vineyard, Dakota Territory Air Museum, Scandinavian Heritage Park

**Route 66: Main Street Through St. Louis**

St. Louis, Mo.

June 25, 2016–Feb. 12, 2017

**CONTACT:** Tami Goldman (314) 361-9017, (800) 916-8212  
tgold@mohistory.org  
www.mohistory.org/route66

The Missouri History Museum commemorates 150 years with an engaging look at the Mother Road on its 90th anniversary. Route 66: Main Street Through St. Louis explores the local history of this world-famous highway. Come get your kicks by learning stories about the motels, custard stands, and tourist traps that could be found along the road as it passed through St. Louis. Visitors will see a number of artifacts ranging from gas pumps to roadside signs and will even get a chance to drive the road themselves.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Museum of Transportation, Chain of Rocks Bridge, Ted Drewes Frozen Custard

**See the World in Branson Music Fest: American Music & Vintage Arts Fest**

Branson, Mo.

April 27–28, 2016

**CONTACT:** Toyea Youngblood (417) 348-1434, (800) 339-2216  
bransongrouptours@yahoo.com  
www.bransontravelplanning.com

Celebrate Branson’s largest springtime event! Sample entertainment from more than 20 top Branson entertainers during two days of matinee performances. Located on festival grounds is the Savor the Flavor stage, featuring cooking demonstrations and celebrity chef cook-offs; character storytelling and entertainer autograph and photo opportunities; and a Vintage Marketplace. Guests have the opportunity to win prizes throughout the event.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Million Dollar Quartet, *Showboat Branson Belle*, Branson Shows

**Tulip Time in Topeka**

Topeka, Kan.

April 4–24, 2016

**CONTACT:** Dave Bartels (785) 251-2617  
dave.bartels@snco.us  
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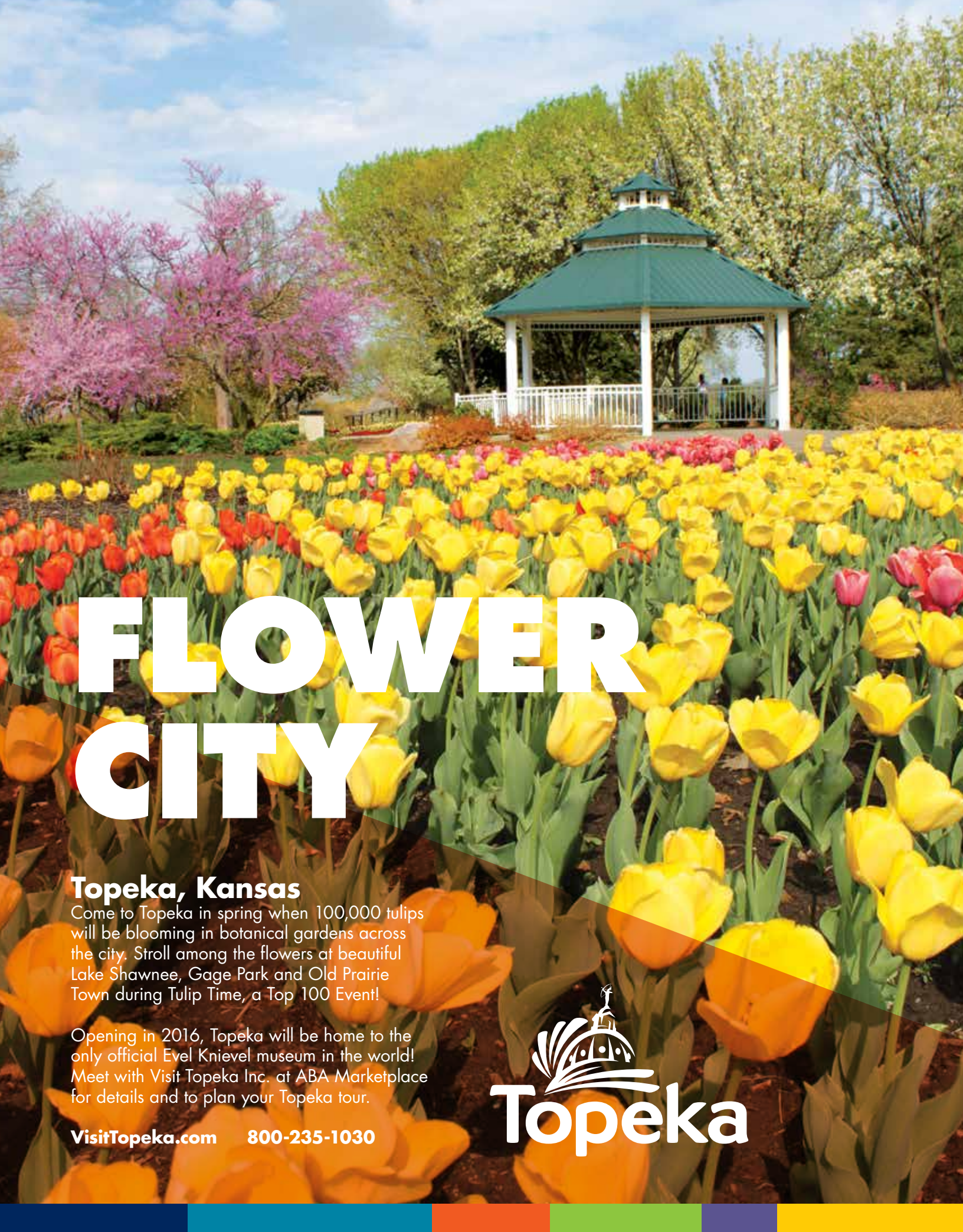
Every spring, more than 100,000 tulips and daffodils bloom around the capital city in Kansas. This two-week event gives visitors an opportunity to tour three picturesque locations: Doran Rock Garden, the Ted Ensley Gardens at Lake Shawnee, and the Botanical Gardens at Old Prairie Town in Ward Meade Historical Park.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Capitol, Brown v. Board of Education, Great Overland Train Station







# FLOWER CITY

## Topeka, Kansas

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**United Tribes International Powwow**

**Bismarck, N.D.**

**Sept. 8-11, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Charisse Fandrich (701) 255-3285 cfandrich@uttc.edu www.unitedtribespowwow.com

The 47th annual United Tribes International Powwow attracts more than 1,800 dancers and representatives from more than 70 tribes, making this one of the largest gatherings in the North Central States. The incredible collection of dancers, singers, and drummers captivates the audiences as they dance and proudly display their intricate artwork throughout their ceremonial regalia.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:**

State Museum of North Dakota Heritage Center, *Lewis and Clark* Riverboat, On-A-Slant Mandan Indian Village

**THE SOUTH**

**2016 Magic Christmas in Lights**

**Mobile, Ala.**

**Nov. 27, 2016–Jan. 2, 2017**

**CONTACT:** Rosemary Judkins (334) 242-4493, (800) alabama rosemary.judkins@tourism.alabama.gov www.alabama.travel

Bellingrath Gardens and Home's Magic Christmas in Lights display features three million lights and 1,000 set pieces in 15 scenes throughout 65 acres. The family-friendly event has become a holiday tradition in the region, and thousands of guests attend each year. In 2014, Magic Christmas in Lights was included in *USA Today's* list of the "10 Best Public Light Displays in America."



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:**

USS *Alabama* Battleship, GulfQuest National Maritime Museum, Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center

**Cajun & Creole Mardi Gras**

**Lafayette, La.**

**Feb. 5-9, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Eugenie Mitchell (337) 232-3737, (800) 346-1958 eugenie@lafayettetravel.com www.lafayettetravel.com/mardigras

Cajun & Creole Mardi Gras promises big-city fun in a family-friendly atmosphere. Parades begin Friday, Feb. 5, and continue through Mardi Gras Day—Tuesday, Feb. 9, rolling from downtown Lafayette to Cajun Field. Le Festival de Mardi Gras à Lafayette offers games, carnival rides, Cajun food, and live music by some of Acadiana's best talent. A historical African American event featuring a costume contest, live music, dancing, and food occurs at Clark Field Stadium in Upper Lafayette.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Jean Lafitte Acadian Cultural Center, Vermilionville, Bayou Teche Brewing

**Carnival on the Coast—Mardi Gras Season**

**Coastwide**

**Jan. 6–Feb. 9, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Nancy Rogers (228) 432-8806 gccamg@aol.com www.gulfcoastcarnivalassociation.com

Carnival on the Coast is an exciting season. Decorated floats crowded with Krewe members throw beads, stuffed animals, doubloons, and other treasures to eager bystanders. On the Mississippi Gulf Coast, there are 23+ parades; from state line to state line, every town celebrates for several weeks before Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras Day. The Mardi Gras Season attracts more than 450,000 people annually and continues to grow in popularity.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:**

Mardi Gras Museums in Biloxi and Bay St. Louis, Downtown Ocean Springs Shopping, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art



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Mardi Gras

### The Galaxy of Lights

Huntsville, Ala.

Nov. 24–Dec. 31, 2016

**CONTACT:** Rosemary Judkins  
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.alabama.gov  
www.alabama.travel

The Galaxy of Lights is the largest holiday light display in the state of Alabama. More than 170 scenes make up the galaxy displays.

Galaxy is a mile-and-a-half-long drive-through tour that features larger-than-life displays, including scenes from the holidays, beautiful botanicals, and animals.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Huntsville Space Center, Constitution Village, Burritt on the Mountain



### Louisiana Seafood Festival

New Orleans, La.

Sept. 2–4, 2016

**CONTACT:** Jennifer Kelley  
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jen@louisianahospitality.org  
www.louisianaseafoodfestival.com

From our waters to your plate, the Louisiana Seafood Festival is a celebration of all the fresh and flavorful seafood that makes our state great. New Orleans is world renowned for the taste and quality of its seafood, much of which comes from the nearby Gulf of Mexico. The festival features live entertainment, celebrity chef cooking demonstrations, local arts and crafts, and world-famous cuisine from top New Orleans restaurants and caterers.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** French Market, National WWII Museum, Audubon Zoo

### Mardi Gras

New Orleans, La.

Feb. 9, 2016

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ttran@neworleanscvb.com  
www.neworleanscvb.com

In a city noted for jazz, Cajun and Creole cooking, and the French Quarter, Mardi Gras eclipses all as New Orleans' most famous centerpiece. It has, arguably, the greatest economic and cultural impact of any event in the city. Fat Tuesday this year will be Feb. 9, but the festivities begin weeks in advance. A time of revelry, fraternity, festivity, and unabashed indulgence, Mardi Gras reflects New Orleans' rich heritage, unleashes the joyous soul of the city, and invites everyone to join in the fun.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Audubon Aquarium & Insectarium, Harrah's Casino, French Market

### National Shrimp Festival

Gulf Shores, Ala.

Oct. 8–11, 2016

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The National Shrimp Festival is one of the nation's premier outdoor festivals, featuring live entertainment, more than 300 vendors that offer fine art, arts and crafts, and a retail marketplace and wonderful fresh-from-the-Gulf Coast seafood, especially shrimp.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Annual Mullet Toss, Hangout Music Festival, Annual Balloon Festival





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## Holland Tulip Time Festival

**Holland, Mich.**  
**May 7-14, 2016**

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[hannah@tuliptime.com](mailto:hannah@tuliptime.com)  
[www.tuliptime.com](http://www.tuliptime.com)

The Tulip Time Festival in Holland, Mich., began in 1929 to beautify the city with tulips and celebrate Holland's Dutch heritage. Enjoy the performances of more than 1,000 Dutch dancers dressed in authentic costumes and wooden shoes, high-kicking their way through traditional dances. You won't want to miss our premier parades, including the Volksparade, Kinderparade, and Muziekparade. In addition, enjoy a wide selection of superb local and world-class national entertainment. Stroll through our Dutch marketplace, or shop our award-winning Downtown Holland. All this while enjoying the stars of the show: our millions of tulips.

## Ozark Mountain Christmas

**Branson, Mo.**  
**Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Lynn Berry  
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[www.explorebranson.com](http://www.explorebranson.com)

Just like the ending of a fantastic show, this nationally acclaimed holiday destination, with its broad mix of world-class entertainment and Christmas spirit, creates a grand finale for the year. See the decorations, lights, and lots of Christmas shows! Silver Dollar City, the award-winning 1880s theme park, has its Old Time Christmas featuring Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. The legacy continues with the Andy Williams Christmas Show, featuring the Osmonds and the Lennon Sisters. With excitement for everyone during Ozark Mountain Christmas, it's all smiles in Branson!

## St. Paul Winter Carnival

**St. Paul, Minn.**  
**Jan. 28-Feb. 7, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Allison Ryan  
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[aryan@visitsaintpaul.com](mailto:aryan@visitsaintpaul.com)  
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The Saint Paul Winter Carnival is an 11-day winter festival that fosters a sense of community, pride, belonging, and connectedness by celebrating Saint Paul's unique history and emerging heritage through fun and educational experiences. The carnival welcomes more than 400,000 people to Saint Paul and creates \$3.5 million to \$5 million in economic activity. The Saint Paul Festival & Heritage Foundation maintains an ongoing administration. This year-round management provides the volunteer support, programming continuity, and fiscal administration necessary to assure the continued growth and success of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival.



# THE WEST

With events ranging from folk and food festivals to rodeos, there's something for everyone in the West.



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Montana Folk Festival

## THE ROCKIES

### Donkey Derby Days

**Cripple Creek, Colo.**

**June 25-26, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Pat Martin  
(719) 689-3461  
pmartin@cripple-creek.co.us  
www.visitcripplecreek.com

In its 85th year, Donkey Derby Days tops the list of crowd-pleasing Cripple Creek events. People from all over the world descend on our mountain town, drawn by a chance to watch a race inspired by the town's free-roaming donkey herd. They're thought to be descendants of the original donkeys from the town's 1900s gold rush. Families can watch or participate in the donkey races. This free, two-day event includes heritage competitions, live entertainment, children's activities, vendors, and much more.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Garden of Gods, Air Force Academy, Pikes Peak Cog Railroad

### Eastern Shoshone Indian Days

**Ft. Washakie, Wyo.**

**June 24-26, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Wayland Large  
(307) 349-7290  
www.easternshoshonetribe.org/calendar

Eastern Shoshone Indian Days is a traditional Indian powwow located near Ft. Washakie on Wyoming's Wind River Indian Reservation. Enjoy three days of drum group music and dancing, traditional Indian games, feasts, and a powwow parade. Surrounding the powwow is an all-Indian rodeo, as well as softball, basketball, horseshoe, and volleyball tournaments and a fun run.

Interesting tourist attractions are close by in Lander, Riverton, and Dubois, Wyo.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Wind River Casino and Northern Arapaho Experience, Oregon/Mormon/Gold Rush Trails, Sinks Canyon State Park

### Lewis & Clark Festival

**Great Falls, Mont.**

**June 17-19, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Jay Russell  
(406) 452-5661  
jrussell@lewisandclarkfoundation.org  
www.lewisandclarkfoundation.org

Experience an incredible journey through the pages of the daily journals kept by Lewis and Clark, shared through demonstrations, exhibits, and other events as the history of this 200-year-old adventure unfolds. Observe reenactors in historic dress, taste foods the expedition ate, smell burning campfires, and understand the adventure in beautiful Gibson Park, near the Missouri River. Featured are a Native lodge encampment, games and activities for children, crafts, Native dancers and drummers, and live music. Free admission.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Giant Springs State Park

### Longmire Days

**Buffalo, Wyo.**

**July 15-17, 2016**

**CONTACT:** Angela Fox  
(307) 684-5544  
angela@buffalowyo.com  
www.buffalowyo.com

A three-day festival entertaining thousands of people worldwide who come to celebrate Longmire, a book series written by Craig Johnson now turned into a television series. Celebrities attend in true Longmire fashion, giving fans multiple opportunities to mix and mingle. Longmire Days are packed with events, celebrity meet and greets, games, dances, and more. Plan your trip around Longmire Days in Beautiful Buffalo, Wyo.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Devils Tower, Outlaw Caves, Hole In The Wall Country, Ft. Phil Kearney, Occidental Hotel

**Montana Folk Festival**  
Butte, Mont.

July 8–10, 2016

**CONTACT:** George Everett  
(406) 497-6464  
geverett@montanafolkfestival.com  
www.montanafolkfestival.com

The Montana Folk Festival is one of the Northwest's largest free outdoor music festivals. It features performances and demonstrations by more than 250 of the nation's finest musicians, dancers, and craftspeople. All this is presented in the spectacular setting of Butte, Mont., surrounded by iconic headframes that evoke Butte's underground copper mining heritage, tall buildings from the late 19th century and early 20th century, and spectacular views of the Northern Rockies in every direction. 🚗 📶 📶

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** World Museum of Mining, Berkeley Pit Viewing Area, Granite Mountain Overlook

**San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo**  
San Antonio, Texas

Feb. 11–28, 2016

**CONTACT:** Patti Martin  
(210) 225-5851  
patti@sarodeo.com  
www.sarodeo.com

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, held Feb. 11–28, is an 18-day extravaganza that features a top-notch PRCA Rodeo with world-famous entertainment. The history, tradition, and family-friendly atmosphere are other reasons the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is a must-see. It hosts one of the world's largest junior livestock shows and a prestigious horse show. The event is attended by more than 1.6 million people and features shopping, Western art, a carnival, food, live music, agricultural learning centers, and more. 📶 📶 📶 📶

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** The Alamo, San Antonio Riverwalk, Spanish Colonial Missions

**THE WEST**

**The Lights of Christmas Festival**  
Stanwood, Wash.

Dec. 1–29, 2016

**CONTACT:** Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center  
(360) 652-7575, (800) 228-6724  
registration@warmbeach.com  
www.warmbeachlights.com

The Lights of Christmas is the largest holiday festival in the Pacific Northwest, a spectacle spread over 15 acres at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood, Wash. It combines one million lights in dazzling displays, live entertainment, children's activities, food, and more. Attendees can sip lattes around a warming fire; visit Bruce the Spruce, the talking Christmas tree; or shop for gifts made by local artists. 📶 📶 📶 📶

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Tulalip Resort Casino, Boeing Tour at Future of Flight, Seattle Premium Outlets

**Mendocino County Mushroom, Wine & Beer Festival**  
Mendocino County, Calif.

Nov. 1–30, 2016

**CONTACT:** Richard Strom  
(707) 964-9010  
richard@visitmendocino.com  
www.visitmendocino.com  
/mushroom-wine-and-beer-festival

Join us in November for our annual Mushroom, Wine & Beer Festival, a celebration of the mushroom, our county's favorite fungi. Mushrooms flourish in Mendocino County, which is home to more than 3,000 types. It's the perfect place to sample some of the 500 types of delicious edible mushrooms, such as chanterelles, porcinis, morels, hedgehogs, and even the extremely rare candy cap mushroom, which grows only along the northern coast of California. 🚗 📶 📶

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Skunk Train, Stornetta National Monument, Glass Beach

**THE SOUTHWEST**

**Christmas Capital of Texas**  
Grapevine, Texas

Nov. 19, 2016–Jan. 3, 2017

**CONTACT:** Heather Boehm  
(817) 410-3185, (800) 457-6338  
hboehm@grapevintexasusa.com  
www.grapevintexasusa.com

See Grapevine as the city becomes blanketed with millions of lights, enormous decorations, animated characters, and more! Festivities include ICE! at the Gaylord Texan Resort; Christmas on Main; North Pole Express®; and the largest lighted Christmas parade in North Texas. Entertainment includes musical performances, Main Street Live, family movies, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, and Lone Star Christmas at the Gaylord Texan. 📶 📶 📶 📶

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** ICE! at the Gaylord Texan Resort, Live Christmas Musicals and Entertainment, Parade of Lights







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World Eskimo-Indian Olympics

### Midnight Sun Festival

Fairbanks, Alaska

June 19, 2016

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jschrock@downtownfairbanks

.com

www.downtownfairbanks.com



Celebrate the summer solstice in downtown Fairbanks, Alaska—basking in 24-hour daylight just 200 miles from the Arctic Circle. The Midnight Sun Festival is Alaska's largest single-day event, with a 35-year history of celebrating sunshine in the Golden Heart City. The 12-hour street fair is marked by 30,000 attendees perusing hundreds of vendors and 33 live performances, and is host to gold panning, break dancing, and a climbing wall. Musical guests, tasty treats, and a family-friendly atmosphere make this a "don't miss." 🎪 🎭 🎨 🎵

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: The Midnight Sun Baseball Game, Riverboat Discovery, Gold Dredge 8

### Vintage Aircraft Weekend

Mukilteo, Wash.

Sept. 2-4, 2016

CONTACT: Vanessa Dunn

(425) 348-3200

airborne@historicflight.org

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NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Boeing Tour at Future of Flight, Flying Heritage Collection, Museum of Flight Restoration Center

### Spokane Lilac Festival & Armed Forces Torchlight Parade

Spokane, Wash.

May 21, 2016

CONTACT: Lon Gibby

(509) 535-4554

lon@gibbymedia.com

www.spokanelilacfestival.org



Since 1938 the Spokane Lilac Festival has been celebrating the Spokane community as ambassadors to the Northwest and the world. With its Cruzin' the Falls Car Show benefiting the SLF Youth Scholarship Program, Toys for Tots drive, Royal Tea Party, Queens Luncheon, several scholarship opportunities through the Spokane Lilac Royalty Program, and our main event, the annual Armed Forces Torchlight Parade, the Spokane Lilac Festival offers fun for all ages. 🎪 🎭 🎨 🎵

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Manito Park and Duncan Gardens, Riverfront Park, Hells Canyon River of No Return Jet Boating

### World Eskimo-Indian Olympics

Fairbanks, Alaska

July 20-23, 2016

CONTACT: Nicole Johnston

(907) 452-6646

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www.weio.org



From time immemorial, Native peoples of the Far North have gathered to participate in games of strength, endurance, balance, and agility, along with dancing and storytelling. Learn about Alaska Native culture and witness the incredible athleticism of Alaska's Native people; feel the beat of the drums and be carried away by the timeless song and motion of traditional dance; and appreciate the skills of carving, beading, weaving, and sewing handed down for generations. 🎪 🎭 🎨 🎵

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center, University of Alaska Museum of the North, Riverboat Discovery











# CANADA

From cultural celebrations to great music, Canada's top events bring out the beauty and the arts of a vast nation.



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## 2016 Western Canadian Agribition

Regina, Saskatchewan

Nov. 21-26, 2016

**CONTACT:** Sarah Novak  
(306) 565-0565  
cwaquestions@agribition.com  
www.agribition.com

Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) is the best beef show on the continent and the largest livestock show in Canada. It is anchored by beef cattle and features horses, bison, sheep, goats, and an extensive agribusiness trade show. CWA is a blend of agriculture, First Nations, and festive entertainment. The show also hosts five nights of action-packed rodeo entertainment. The event is an international hub of agriculture excellence, hosting more than 800 guests from more than 70 countries.

### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

Saskatchewan Science Centre, Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Mackenzie Art Gallery

## The 2016 Charlottetown Festival

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

June 1-Oct. 1, 2016

**CONTACT:** Ashley Peck  
(902) 566-1267, (800) 565-0278  
info@confederationcentre.com  
www.confederationcentre.com

The Charlottetown Festival features the finest performers, designers, playwrights, composers, choreographers, and directors in a professional showcase of musical theatre, comedy, and drama. The most popular and successful of the festival's musicals remains *Anne of Green Gables—The Musical*<sup>TM</sup>, now in its 51st year. The Charlottetown Festival continues to be one of Canada's premier live theatre festivals, featuring shows in five different performance venues.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Red Shores Racetrack & Casino, PEI Brewing Company, Peake's Wharf Historic Waterfront

## 2016 Craven Country Jamboree

Craven, Saskatchewan

July 7-10, 2016

**CONTACT:** Kim Blevins  
(306) 757-0007, (800) 388-0007  
info@cravencountryjamboree.com  
www.cravencountryjamboree.com

The Craven Country Jamboree is the longest-running multiday music festival in Canada. Set in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley, only 25 minutes from the capital city of Regina, the Craven Country Jamboree hosts the biggest and the best country music artists. Past artists include Keith Urban, George Strait, Luke Bryan, Kenny Chesney, and Reba McEntire. In addition to the incredible music, the festival offers scenic camping, a large beer garden, and activities like a bull riding demonstration, hypnotist shows, and a daily songwriters' circle.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Long Lake, Deer Valley Golf Course, RCMP Museum



Craven Country Jamboree

## CANADA

### 38th Annual Spring Celebration Pow-Wow

Regina, Saskatchewan

April 2-3, 2016

**CONTACT:** Racelle Kooy  
(306) 790-5950  
2016powwow@firstnationsuniversity.ca  
www.fnuniv.ca/powwow

The First Nations University of Canada will welcome 700+ dancers, 20 drum groups, and 7,000 spectators to Regina for its 38th annual Spring Celebration Pow-Wow, one of the largest indoor pow-wows in Western Canada. A family-friendly come-and-go event with food and artisan booths, there is plenty to see, taste, and browse through. The tiny tots steal the show each year as more than 100 little ones dance in adorable mini-me versions of their parents' regalia. 🗺️ 🚫 📞

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** RCMP Heritage Centre, Government House, Royal Saskatchewan Museum

### The Canadian Badlands Passion Play

Drumheller, Alberta

July 8-24, 2016

**CONTACT:** Vance Neudorf  
(888) 823-2001  
info@canadianpassionplay.com  
www.canadianpassionplay.com

Since its first performance in 1994, the Canadian Badlands Passion Play has gained a provincial, national, and international reputation as one of North America's top must-see cultural and tourism events. Located in Drumheller, approximately 90 miles northeast of Calgary, the annual Theatre in the Badlands attraction provides a dramatic retelling of the life of Jesus Christ. The play of 200+ performers supported by 400 volunteers is presented in a 30-acre natural badlands canyon bowl. 🗺️ 🚫 📞

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology, World's Largest Dinosaur, Atlas Coal Mine

### Canada's National Ukrainian Festival

Dauphin, Manitoba

July 29-31, 2016

**CONTACT:** Livia Johnson  
(204) 622-4600, (877) 474-2683  
cnuf@mymts.net  
www.cnuf.ca

In this celebration of Ukraine's vibrant history, experience the flavor of old traditions and culture through song, dance, costume, and delectable Ukrainian cuisine. Paint a Ukrainian Easter egg, tour the Selo Ukraina Heritage, learn how to weave wheat, and discover the art of braiding bread. 🗺️ 🚫 📞

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Riding Mountain National Park, Ft. Dauphin Museum, Watson Art Centre



### GlobalFest

Calgary, Alberta

Aug. 18-27, 2016

**CONTACT:** Ken Goosen  
(403) 569-9679  
contactus@globalfest.ca  
www.globalfest.ca

Be a part of "Alberta's Most Explosive Festival"! A friends and family-oriented multi-cultural affair, GlobalFest at Elliston Park runs Aug. 18-27. Cultural pavilions, ethnic food, performance stages, a night market, an international bar, children's activities, a Tipi Village, and so much more—there's something for everyone! To end each evening, a beautifully choreographed 22-minute pyromusical (fireworks display specially choreographed to music) will mesmerize patrons. Don't miss out! 🗺️ 🚫 📞

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Calgary Zoo, Heritage Park, Royal Tyrrell Museum



### Ice Magic Festival

Lake Louise, Alberta

Jan. 15-24, 2016

**CONTACT:** Elizabeth Armstrong  
(403) 763-2043  
earmstrong@banfflakelouise.com  
www.banfflakelouise.com/icemagic

The Ice Magic Festival is a world-class event where each year becomes more outstanding than the last. This internationally renowned festival showcases an extremely high calibre of ice carvers creating ice masterpieces for all to enjoy. The setting in beautiful Lake Louise is perfect for creating lasting memories in the heart of the scenic Rocky Mountains. During the festival weekend, visitors can watch in amazement as the ice carvers balance precision artistry with grueling physical labour in a 34-hour Ice Carving Competition. 🗺️ 🚫 📞

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Lake Louise Ski Resort, Banff Gondola, Ice Skating

### Icelandic Festival of Manitoba

Gimli, Manitoba

July 29-Aug. 1, 2016

**CONTACT:** Cameron Arnason  
(204) 642-7417  
icefest@mts.net  
www.icelandicfestival.com

Visit the heart of New Iceland in Gimli, Manitoba, to celebrate family, friends, and Icelandic heritage and culture at North America's second-longest-running cultural festival, Islendingadagurinn, or the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba. See Viking warfare tactics in action at the Viking Village or sign up for the Fris-Nok Tournament. This homegrown sport combines a Frisbee, a post, and an empty beer bottle. Enjoy traditional treats at Amma's Kitchen and visit the cultural pavilion to take home a piece of New Icelandic art. 🗺️ 🚫 📞

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** New Iceland Heritage Museum, Lake Winnipeg Visitor Centre, H.P. Tergesen & Sons Store



## Le Festif! de Baie-Saint-Paul

Baie-St-Paul, Québec  
July 21-24, 2016

**CONTACT:** Clément Turgeon  
Thériault  
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president.coordonateur@lefestif.ca  
www.lefestif.ca

Le Festif! de Baie-St-Paul is a music and circus festival held in the picturesque downtown of Baie-Saint-Paul, the birthplace of Cirque du Soleil. With 55 acts performing in 65 shows at 17 sites, Le Festif! will keep you moving. Come and delight your senses with 100 percent local food and beer from la MicroBrasserie Charlevoix. Witness the magic where the mountains meet the Saint Lawrence River at Le Festif!, the biggest of small festivals!



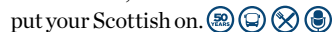
**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Kayak Tours, Contemporary Art Museum of Baie-St-Paul, Mountain Trekking

## Manitoba Highland Gathering

East Selkirk, Manitoba  
June 25, 2016

**CONTACT:** Joyce Neyedly  
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joyce@manitobahighlandgathering.org  
www.manitobahighlandgathering.org

The Manitoba Highland Gathering celebrates Scottish heritage with dance, pipe and drum competitions, heavy games of brawn, canoe and kayak races, clan booths, a Scottish market, a Red Lion Scottish food booth, the Wee Willies Pub, a Wee Folks area, regional historical and tartan displays, the MB Genealogical Society, and much more. The gathering happens every June in East Selkirk, Manitoba. Come and put your Scottish on.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Manitoba Marine Museum, Lower Ft. Garry/Oak Hammock Marsh, Grand Beach

## New Brunswick Highland Games Festival

Fredericton, New Brunswick  
July 22-24, 2016

**CONTACT:** Chris Gallant  
(506) 452-9244, (888) 368-4444  
highlandgames@nb.aibn.com  
www.highlandgames.ca

The New Brunswick Highland Games Festival is a Celtic infusion of music, bagpipes, dance, traditional Scottish athletics, Scottish foods, whiskies, crafts, and more. One of the largest events of its kind in Atlantic Canada, it is a pageant of music, colour, and Scottish culture and has two aspects: the Highland Games and the Scottish Festival. The festival takes place on the grounds of Government House, a national historic site overlooking the Saint John River.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Kings Landing Historical Settlement, Fredericton Region Museum, Government House

## Niagara Icewine Festival

Across Niagara Region, Ontario  
Jan. 15-31, 2016

**CONTACT:** Kimberly Hundertmark  
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kimberlyh@niagarawinefestival.com  
www.niagarawinefestival.com

Niagara is pleased to invite everyone to raise a glass of one of Canada's most cherished products, Ontario Icewine. People from far and wide will make the Niagara Region their winter getaway this year to participate in a number of amazing wine and culinary events. This festival is a uniquely Canadian winter experience for all. From gala evening toasts to chestnut roasts, ornate ice bars, and winery tours, the festival offers plenty for every taste.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Winery Tours and Tastings, Niagara Falls, Theatres

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### PEI Fall Flavours Festival

Prince Edward Island  
Sept. 2-26, 2016

**CONTACT:** Jan Holmes  
(866) 960-9912  
www.fallflavours.ca

The Fall Flavours Festival, a month-long culinary celebration highlighting authentic Island tastes and traditions, takes place during September in communities across Prince Edward Island. The festival features a variety of acclaimed guest chefs hosting a wide range of unique culinary experiences. Our signature events feature the very best PEI has to offer and have been created exclusively for Fall Flavours. Some are small and intimate; others will draw a crowd ... all will delight.



**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:**

Confederation Centre of the Arts, Canadian Potato Museum, Roma at Three Rivers National Historic Site

### RCMP Sunset Retreat Ceremonies 2016

Regina, Saskatchewan  
July 1-Aug. 9, 2016

**CONTACT:** Depot Division  
Communications and Events  
(306) 780-5900  
depot\_communications  
@rcmp-grc.gc.ca  
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visitors-visiteurs/sunset-  
crepuscule-eng

The RCMP Academy, "Depot" Division, is pleased to present the Sunset Retreat Ceremony. The colourful event lasts approximately 45 minutes and includes a troop drill display performed by cadets dressed in the famous scarlet tunic, military music, the lowering of the Canadian flag, and the March Past. Guests are also invited to meet our mounted riders, horses, and Safety Bear following the ceremony.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** RCMP Heritage Centre, Government House, Wascana Centre Attractions

### Special Exhibition— Air War, 1914-1918

Ottawa, Ontario  
May 20, 2016-Jan. 29, 2017

**CONTACT:** Stephanie Fortin  
(819) 776-8600, (800) 555-5621  
information@warmuseum.ca  
www.warmuseum.ca

Explore the human experience of First World War aviation in Air War, 1914-1918. This exhibition follows the stories of 12 people, from both sides, as they trained, gathered intelligence, fought battles in the sky, dropped bombs, and grappled with the stresses of this brand-new form of warfare.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Parliament Hill, Canadian Museum of History, Rideau Canal

### Special Exhibition— We Call Them Vikings

Gatineau, Québec  
Dec. 3, 2015-April 17, 2016

**CONTACT:** Stephanie Fortin  
(819) 776-7000, (800) 555-5621  
information@historymuseum.ca  
www.historymuseum.ca

We Call Them Vikings is a highly interactive exhibition that draws on recent archaeological discoveries to explain who the Vikings really were, where they came from, and how they lived during what has become a mythical period in Scandinavia. It features almost 500 original artifacts from the Swedish History Museum that have until now rarely been shown outside of Scandinavia. An exhibition produced by the Swedish History Museum (Statens historiska museum), Sweden, and MuseumsPartner, Austria.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Canadian War Museum, Rideau Canal, Parliament

RCMP Sunset  
Retreat  
Ceremonies



### Stratford Festival

Stratford, Ontario  
April 1-Oct. 31, 2016

**CONTACT:** Heather Martin  
(800) 567-1600  
groups@stratfordfestival.ca  
www.stratfordfestival.ca

With William Shakespeare as its foundation, the Stratford Festival is North America's destination of choice for classical and contemporary theatre. With four venues housing plays and musicals for every taste, it presents a dozen or more productions—as many as seven performances a day!—in a season that runs from late April until mid-October. Visitors can also enjoy tours of the backstage, costume warehouse, archives, and gardens, and watch set changeovers between shows. Meanwhile, the "Forum" series expands the Stratford experience with more than 200 events.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** The Village of St. Jacobs, St. Jacobs Farmers' Market





# CANADA ANNUAL EVENTS

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## Calgary Stampede

Calgary, Alberta

July 8-17, 2016

**CONTACT:** Lindsay Jardine  
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ljardine@calgarystampede.com  
www.calgarystampede.com

The Calgary Stampede is called “The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth” for good reason. For 10 days every July we welcome the world to a spectacular celebration of Western hospitality. Stampede Park, located in downtown Calgary, is the world’s greatest gathering of cowboy culture. Each year, more than 1.2 million visitors from across North America and around the world come to Calgary to experience the heart-stopping action of the world’s roughest and richest rodeo, featuring bull riding, barrel racing, and more. The GMC Rangeland Derby is the world’s top Chuckwagon Races. Every night is capped off with the Grandstand Show and fireworks finale that lights up the sky.

## Canadian Tulip Festival

Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario

May 13-23, 2016

**CONTACT:** The Canadian Tulip Festival Inc.  
(613) 567-5757, (800) 668-8547  
info@tulipfestival.ca  
www.tulipfestival.ca

In 1945, Princess Juliana of the Netherlands presented Ottawa with 100,000 tulip bulbs in appreciation of Canada’s role in aiding her country during World War II. Since 1953, this symbol of international friendship and the beauty of spring are celebrated annually. Each May, Ottawa and Canada’s Capital Region are ablaze with more than one million tulips. The nine-mile Tulip Route winds throughout Ottawa and Gatineau, highlighting major tulip beds and attractions, including three spectacular nights of fireworks, live music, and attractions for all ages. This festival is the largest tulip festival in the world.

## Festival du Voyageur

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Feb. 12-21, 2016

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The Festival du Voyageur is held in Saint-Boniface, Winnipeg’s French Quarter, in the month of February and was once a three-day event. The largest winter festival in Western Canada has evolved into a 10-day province-wide celebration of sights, sounds, snow, culture, history, and spirit. It is a celebration of the fur traders who established the Red River Colony and the joie de vivre of the ever-growing French Canadian community in Western Canada. The spirit and culture of the Voyageur are present in the vibrant community that comes together to celebrate with numerous historical, educational, and entertaining activities.

## Festival International de Jazz de Montréal

Montréal, Québec

June 30-July 9, 2016

**CONTACT:** Normand Paquette  
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spectra.ca  
www.montrealjazzfest.com

The gigantic summer music celebration features 11 days of nonstop entertainment, from noon to midnight, right in the heart of downtown Montréal. Several city blocks are closed to traffic, creating a festive and secure spot with cafés and bistros, an art gallery, street performers, and a musical park for children. It’s the summer celebration par excellence for people of all ages and origins, a cultural breath of fresh air, and a place for incredible musical discoveries, with influences such as jazz, blues, Latin-jazz, Brazilian, Cuban, African, reggae, contemporary, and electronica.



**Folklorama—The Largest Multicultural Festival of Its Kind in the World**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba**  
July 31–Aug. 13, 2016

**CONTACT:** Hart Jacob  
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jacobh@folklorama.ca  
www.folklorama.ca

The Folklorama festival is an annual 14-day celebration of more than 40 global cultures. Partnering with several diverse cultural communities that host pavilions throughout Winnipeg, Folklorama attracts more than 400,000 visitors every year, who experience firsthand a wide variety of rich and vibrant cultures through authentic song, dance, food, drink, and cultural displays. Group tours can experience Folklorama in style with air-conditioned transportation, reserved seating, and a progressive cultural meal through a variety of VIP group tour options.

**Québec Winter Carnival**

**Québec City, Québec**  
Jan. 29–Feb. 14, 2016

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www.carnaval.qc.ca;  
www.quebecregion.com

For its 62nd edition, the Québec Winter Carnival will provide amazing new activities and reinvented classics that will dazzle everyone! Visitors from around the world will not soon forget this memorable experience. The city will vibrate with family activities, nightlife fun, and extreme sports competitions. Canada’s premier winter event promises a festive atmosphere with bustling commercial streets and a ton of new activities. This is a time of real celebration for families, young adults, and winter lovers, who will be thrilled with the urban, sports, and outdoor experiences made available to them.

**Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo**

**Halifax, Nova Scotia**  
July 1–8, 2016

**CONTACT:** Ann Montague  
(902) 420-4624  
amontague@nstatattoo.ca  
www.nstatattoo.ca

Only Halifax could hold the world’s largest annual indoor show! It is two and a half hours of pure entertainment and features more than 2,000 performers from all over the world. It takes place in an air-conditioned arena located within walking distance of major hotels and restaurants. The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo will stir your heart with traditional pipes and drums, while breathtaking feats by gymnasts will have you on the edge of your seat. Also featuring military and civilian bands, dancing, comedy, drama, and so much more—there really is something for everyone!



Folklorama



Québec Winter Carnival

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# EVENTS TO WATCH

Keep an eye on these new motorcoach-friendly events that show great potential to be included in future Top 100 listings.



- Anniversary Year
- Offers Group Incentives
- Designated Motorcoach Parking
- Food
- Group Performance Venue Available

New England Brewfest

## Gatlinburg Beans & Cornbread Festival

Gatlinburg, Tenn.

May 12, 2016

CONTACT: Dian Stanfill

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Immerse yourself and your group in the beauty of the Turtle Mountains and listen to the traditional music of the Métis and Native American culture at KeplinFest. The fun and fast-dancing “jiggers” step dancers will have you clapping your hands to keep the beat. The fiddlers and bands will keep the upbeat entertainment going throughout the two-day festival. Enjoy the hospitality and traditional foods while listening to these talented performers. You may want to even ... get up and dance.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Ober Gatlinburg, Sweet Fanny Adams Theater

## KeplinFest

Belcourt, N.D.

Aug. 6-7, 2016

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www.keplinfest.com

The New England Brewfest Ultimate Craft Beer Weekend is a unique blend of beer-infused social and educational workshops and signature tasting events. Friday starts with a White Mountains Brewery Bus Tour and concludes with dinner aboard the Cafe Lafayette Dinner Train or a farm-to-table beer dinner at the Woodstock Inn Station & Brewery. Saturday is filled with craft beer education sessions. At Saturday Night: ON TAP, attendees sample from over 30 different breweries, enjoy live entertainment, and peruse dozens of beer-related vendors.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** International Peace Garden, Skydancer Hotel and Casino, Turtle Mountain Scenic Byway

## New England Brewfest

Lincoln, N.H.

June 24-26, 2016

CONTACT: Mark LaClair

(603) 745-6621

mark@lincolnwoodstock.com

www.nebrewfest.com

The Prairie Rose Western Days Chuckwagon Supper, will present its seventh Western Days festival. Activities include the mountain man encampment, Native American dancers, reenactors, and everything cowboy. There will be demonstrations on rope making, chuckwagon cooking, bee-keeping, and “sodbusting” (horse-drawn plowing). Visitors can shoot a black-powder rifle or throw a tomahawk. Other activities include wagon and pony rides, music, and crafts.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Loon Mountain Resort, Clark’s Trading Post, Lost River Gorge

## Prairie Rose Western Days

Benton, Kan.

May 7-8, 2016

CONTACT: Orin Friesen

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orin@prairierosechuckwagon.com

www.prwesterndays.com

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Karg Art Glass in Kechi, Old Cowtown Museum and Museum of World Treasures in Wichita

## EVENTS TO WATCH

### Waterfowl Festival

Easton, Md.

Nov. 11-13, 2016

**CONTACT:** Cassandra Vanhooser  
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www.waterfowlfestival.org

Waterfowl Festival Inc. has a multifaceted mission in that it is dedicated to the promotion of wildlife art, wildlife conservation, and the celebration of life on Maryland's Eastern Shore. This key annual fund-raising event is the longest-running event of its kind in the nation, offering adults and children an exploration into nature, folk, and traditional artworks that exemplify the cultural heritage of the Chesapeake region. 🌿

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Biking, Boating and Fishing, Antiquing

### Working Waterfront Festival

New Bedford, Mass.

Sept. 24-25, 2016

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www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org

The Working Waterfront Festival is an award-winning, family-friendly event celebrating the history and culture of New England's commercial fishing industry. The *free* festival takes place on the working piers of New Bedford's historic waterfront and presents all that goes into bringing seafood from the ocean to the table in a way that is hands-on, educational, and fun, featuring fishermen's contests, music, cooking demonstrations, vessel and harbor tours, children's activities, and more. 🚢 🍷 🐟

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Ft. Tabor/Ft. Rodman Military Museum

### Yuma Lettuce Days

Yuma, Ariz.

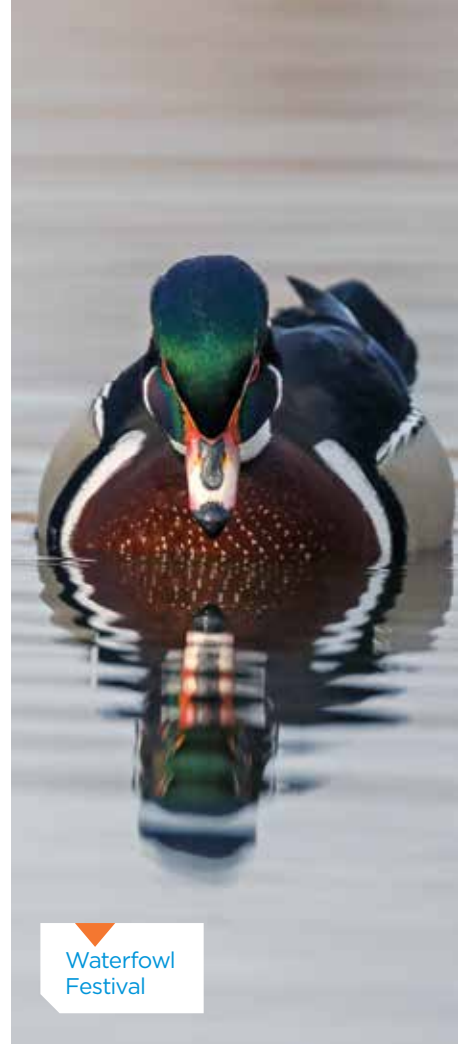
Feb. 27-28, 2016

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www.yumallettucedays.com

Lettuce Days at home "down on the farm." Our "festival," Yuma Lettuce Days, has taken root in its new home. For 2016, the annual "festival" that celebrates the area's agricultural abundance will take place at the University of Arizona's Yuma Agricultural Center, a working research farm in the Yuma Valley just west of town, on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27 and 28, 2016. The Lettuce Days location is part of an expanded partnership between Yuma Visitors Bureau and the University of Arizona.

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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Field to Feast Tour, History Museums, Military Tour



Waterfowl Festival



Working Waterfront Festival



## 2016 Top 100 Events, Annual Events, Events to Watch

★ No. 1 Event in the United States   ★ No. 1 Event in Canada   ★ Top 100 Event   ★ Annual Event   ★ Event to Watch

- ★ **Special Exhibition—  
We Call Them Vikings**  
Gatineau, Québec  
12/3/2015–4/17/2016
- ★ **San Antonio Stock Show  
& Rodeo**  
San Antonio, Texas  
2/11/2016–2/28/2016
- ★ **Virginia International  
Tattoo & Arts Festival**  
Norfolk, Va.  
4/21/2016–4/24/2016
- ★ **Celebration of Peonies  
at Hildene, The Lincoln  
Family Home**  
Manchester, Vt.  
5/22/2016–6/22/2016
- ★ **Basilique-Cathédrale  
Notre-Dame de Québec  
Holy Door**  
Québec City, Québec  
12/8/2015–11/20/2016
- ★ **Festival du Voyageur**  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
2/12/2016–2/21/2016
- ★ **National Cornbread  
Festival**  
South Pittsburg, Tenn.  
4/23/2016–4/24/2016
- ★ **GlassFest 2016**  
Corning, N.Y.  
5/26/2016–5/29/2016
- ★ **Pasadena Tournament  
of Roses**  
Pasadena, Calif.  
1/1/2016
- ★ **Daytona 500**  
Daytona Beach, Fla.  
2/21/2016
- ★ **61st Kentucky  
Derby Festival &  
142nd Kentucky Derby**  
Louisville, Ky.  
4/23/2016–5/7/2016
- ★ **Portland Rose Festival**  
Portland, Ore.  
5/27/2016–6/12/2016
- ★ **40 Years a Saint—40th  
Anniversary of Elizabeth  
Seton's Canonization**  
Emmitsburg, Md.  
1/1/2016–12/31/2016
- ★ **Yuma Lettuce Days**  
Yuma, Ariz.  
2/27/2016–2/28/2016
- ★ **100th Running of the  
Indianapolis 500**  
Indianapolis, Ind.  
5/29/2016
- ★ **International Carillon  
Festival**  
Springfield, Ill.  
6/1/2016–6/5/2016
- ★ **Carnival on the Coast—  
Mardi Gras Season**  
Coastwide  
1/6/2016–2/9/2016
- ★ **Iditarod Trail Sled Dog  
Race**  
Anchorage and Willow, Alaska  
3/5/2016
- ★ **The 2016 Charlottetown  
Festival**  
Charlottetown, Prince Edward  
Island  
6/1/2016–10/1/2016
- ★ **Ice Magic Festival**  
Lake Louise, Alberta  
1/15/2016–1/24/2016
- ★ **PHS Philadelphia  
Flower Show**  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
3/5/2016–3/13/2016
- ★ **Harborfest®**  
Norfolk, Va.  
6/3/2016–6/5/2016
- ★ **Niagara Icewine Festival**  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario  
1/15/2016–1/31/2016
- ★ **National Cherry Blossom  
Festival**  
Washington, D.C.  
3/20/2016–4/17/2016
- ★ **Patriotic Festival:  
A Celebration of Our  
Military**  
Virginia Beach, Va.  
6/3/2016–6/5/2016
- ★ **St. Paul Winter Carnival**  
St. Paul, Minn.  
1/28/2016–2/7/2016
- ★ **Stratford Festival**  
Stratford, Ontario  
4/1/2016–10/31/2016
- ★ **World War II Weekend**  
Reading, Pa.  
6/3/2016–6/5/2016
- ★ **Québec Winter Carnival**  
Québec City, Québec  
1/29/2016–2/14/2016
- ★ **38th Annual Spring  
Celebration Pow-Wow**  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
4/2/2016–4/3/2016
- ★ **Mackinac Island Lilac  
Festival**  
Mackinac Island, Mich.  
6/3/2016–6/12/2016
- ★ **Cajun & Creole Mardi Gras**  
Lafayette, La.  
2/5/2016–2/9/2016
- ★ **Tulip Time in Topeka**  
Topeka, Kan.  
4/4/2016–4/24/2016
- ★ **Medora Musical**  
Medora, N.D.  
6/3/2016–9/10/2016
- ★ **Mardi Gras**  
New Orleans, La.  
2/9/2016
- ★ **Rivers & Spires Festival**  
Clarksville, Tenn.  
4/14/2016–4/16/2016
- ★ **125th Annual Fiesta  
San Antonio**  
San Antonio, Texas  
4/14/2016–4/24/2016
- ★ **Gatlinburg Beans &  
Cornbread Festival**  
Gatlinburg, Tenn.  
5/12/2016
- ★ **Canadian Tulip Festival**  
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario  
5/13/2016–5/23/2016
- ★ **Special Exhibition—  
Air War, 1914–1918**  
Ottawa, Ontario  
5/20/2016–1/29/2017
- ★ **Spokane Lilac Festival &  
Armed Forces Torchlight  
Parade**  
Spokane, Wash.  
5/21/2016

- ✦ **Alpenfest**  
Gaylord, Mich.  
6/12/2016–6/16/2016
- ✦ **Lewis & Clark Festival**  
Great Falls, Mont.  
6/17/2016–6/19/2016
- ✦ **Midnight Sun Festival**  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
6/19/2016
- ✦ **Windjammer Days Boothbay Festival**  
Boothbay Harbor, Maine  
6/19/2016–6/25/2016
- ✦ **Shipshewana Quilt Festival**  
Shipshewana, Ind.  
6/22/2016–6/25/2016
- ✦ **Eastern Shoshone Indian Days**  
Ft. Washakie, Wyo.  
6/24/2016–6/26/2016
- ✦ **New England Brewfest**  
Lincoln, N.H.  
6/24/2016–6/26/2016
- ✦ **Newport Flower Show**  
Newport, R.I.  
6/24/2016–6/26/2016
- ✦ **Manitoba Highland Gathering**  
East Selkirk, Manitoba  
6/25/2016
- ✦ **Donkey Derby Days**  
Cripple Creek, Colo.  
6/25/2016–6/26/2016
- ✦ **Route 66: Main Street Through St. Louis**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
6/25/2016–2/12/2017
- ✦ **Festival International de Jazz de Montréal**  
Montréal, Québec  
6/30/2016–7/9/2016
- ✦ **Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo**  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
7/1/2016–7/8/2016
- ✦ **RCMP Sunset Retreat Ceremonies 2016**  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
7/1/2016–8/9/2016
- ✦ **Gatlinburg 4th of July Celebration**  
Gatlinburg, Tenn.  
7/3/2016–7/4/2016
- ✦ **153rd Annual Gettysburg Reenactment**  
Gettysburg, Pa.  
7/3/2016–7/5/2016
- ✦ **2016 Craven Country Jamboree**  
Craven, Saskatchewan  
7/7/2016–7/10/2016
- ✦ **Finger Lakes Wine Festival 2016**  
Watkins Glen, N.Y.  
7/8/2016–7/10/2016
- ✦ **Montana Folk Festival**  
Butte, Mont.  
7/8/2016–7/10/2016
- ✦ **Calgary Stampede**  
Calgary, Alberta  
7/8/2016–7/17/2016
- ✦ **The Canadian Badlands Passion Play**  
Drumheller, Alberta  
7/8/2016–7/24/2016
- ✦ **Longmire Days**  
Buffalo, Wyo.  
7/15/2016–7/17/2016
- ✦ **World Eskimo-Indian Olympics**  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
7/20/2016–7/23/2016
- ✦ **Le Festif! de Baie-Saint-Paul**  
Baie-St-Paul, Québec  
7/21/2016–7/24/2016
- ✦ **New Brunswick Highland Games Festival**  
Fredericton, New Brunswick  
7/22/2016–7/24/2016
- ✦ **Cheyenne Frontier Days**  
Cheyenne, Wyo.  
7/22/2016–7/31/2016
- ✦ **Baraboo's Big Top Parade & Circus Celebration**  
Baraboo, Wis.  
7/23/2016
- ✦ **Canada's National Ukrainian Festival**  
Dauphin, Manitoba  
7/29/2016–7/31/2016
- ✦ **Icelandic Festival of Manitoba**  
Gimli, Manitoba  
7/29/2016–8/1/2016
- ✦ **Dodge City Days**  
Dodge City, Kan.  
7/29/2016–8/7/2016
- ✦ **Folklorama**  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
7/31/2016–8/13/2016
- ✦ **Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire**  
Manheim, Pa.  
8/1/2016–10/1/2016
- ✦ **Maine Lobster Festival**  
Rockland, Maine  
8/3/2016–8/7/2016
- ✦ **Amish Acres 54th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival**  
Nappanee, Ind.  
8/4/2016–8/7/2016
- ✦ **Lucille Ball Comedy Festival**  
Jamestown, N.Y.  
8/4/2016–8/7/2016
- ✦ **KeplinFest**  
Belcourt, N.D.  
8/6/2016–8/7/2016
- ✦ **League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair**  
Newbury, N.H.  
8/6/2016–8/14/2016
- ✦ **New York Renaissance Faire**  
Tuxedo Park, N.Y.  
8/6/2016–9/25/2016
- ✦ **Annual Pops by the Sea**  
Hyannis, Mass.  
8/14/2016
- ✦ **GlobalFest**  
Calgary, Alberta  
8/18/2016–8/27/2016
- ✦ **Louisiana Seafood Festival**  
New Orleans, La.  
9/2/2016–9/4/2016
- ✦ **Vintage Aircraft Weekend**  
Mukilteo, Wash.  
9/2/2016–9/4/2016
- ✦ **PEI Fall Flavours Festival**  
Prince Edward Island  
9/2/2016–9/26/2016
- ✦ **Tall Ships Erie 2016**  
Erie, Pa.  
9/8/2016–9/11/2016
- ✦ **United Tribes International Powwow**  
Bismarck, N.D.  
9/8/2016–9/11/2016
- ✦ **Hampton Beach Seafood Festival**  
Hampton, N.H.  
9/9/2015–9/11/2016
- ✦ **Heroes, Hometowns & Legends/Welcome Home Vietnam**  
Clarksville, Tenn.  
9/13/2016–9/16/2016
- ✦ **Kentucky Bourbon Festival Inc.**  
Bardstown, Ky.  
9/13/2016–9/18/2016



- ✦ **GrapeFest**  
Grapevine, Texas  
9/15/2016–9/18/2016
- ✦ **New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival**  
Lincoln, N.H.  
9/16/2016–9/18/2016
- ✦ **The Big E**  
West Springfield, Mass.  
9/16/2016–10/2/2016
- ✦ **2016 NAS Oceana Air Show**  
Virginia Beach, Va.  
9/17/2016–9/18/2016
- ✦ **9th Annual Garlic Festival in Olde Mistick Village**  
Mystic, Conn.  
9/17/2016–9/18/2016
- ✦ **Warren's Cranberry Festival**  
Warrens, Wis.  
9/23/2016–9/24/2016
- ✦ **Scallop Festival**  
East Falmouth, Mass.  
9/23/2016–9/25/2016
- ✦ **Working Waterfront Festival**  
New Bedford, Mass.  
9/24/2016–9/25/2016
- ✦ **Norsk Høstfest**  
Minot, N.D.  
9/27/2016–10/1/2016
- ✦ **Annual Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival**  
Custer, S.D.  
9/29/2016–10/1/2016
- ✦ **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**  
Albuquerque, N.M.  
10/1/2016–10/9/2016
- ✦ **Salem Haunted Happenings**  
Salem, Mass.  
10/1/2016–10/31/2016
- ✦ **Cruisin' The Coast\***  
Coastwide: Pascagoula, Biloxi, Gulfport, Long Beach, Bay St. Louis, D'Iberville  
10/2/2016–10/9/2016
- ✦ **Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular**  
Providence, R.I.  
10/3/2016–11/6/2016
- ✦ **Rocket Boys Festival**  
Beckley, W.Va.  
10/6/2016–10/8/2016
- ✦ **Museum of Appalachia's Tennessee Fall Homecoming**  
Norris, Tenn.  
10/7/2016–10/9/2016
- ✦ **National Shrimp Festival**  
Gulf Shores, Ala.  
10/8/2016–10/11/2016
- ✦ **Apple-Scrapple Festival**  
Bridgeville, Del.  
10/14/2016–10/15/2016
- ✦ **Ft. Ligonier Days**  
Ligonier, Pa.  
10/14/2016–10/16/2016
- ✦ **Hinton Railroad Days**  
Hinton, W.Va.  
10/15/2016–10/23/2016
- ✦ **Sea Witch Halloween & Fiddler's Festival**  
Rehoboth Beach, Del.  
10/28/2016–10/30/2016
- ✦ **Mendocino County Mushroom, Wine & Beer Festival**  
Mendocino County, Calif.  
11/1/2016–11/30/2016
- ✦ **Ozark Mountain Christmas**  
Branson, Mo.  
11/1/2016–12/31/2016
- ✦ **Christmas at Biltmore\***  
Asheville, N.C.  
11/4/2016–1/8/2017
- ✦ **Holiday FantaSea**  
Myrtle Beach, S.C.  
11/8/2016–11/15/2016
- ✦ **Pigeon Forge Winterfest**  
Pigeon Forge, Tenn.  
11/8/2016–2/28/2017
- ✦ **Waterfowl Festival**  
Easton, Md.  
11/11/2016–11/13/2016
- ✦ **Oglebay's Winter Festival of Lights**  
Wheeling, W.Va.  
11/11/2016–1/8/2017
- ✦ **Christmas at the Galt House**  
Louisville, Ky.  
11/17/2016–12/27/2016
- ✦ **America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration**  
Plymouth, Mass.  
11/18/2016–11/20/2016
- ✦ **Christmas In The Country Event**  
Walnut Creek, Ohio  
11/19/2016–12/17/2016
- ✦ **Garden Glow**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
11/19/2016–1/1/2017
- ✦ **Christmas Capital of Texas**  
Grapevine, Texas  
11/19/2016–1/3/2017
- ✦ **"A Country Christmas" at Gaylord Opryland Resort**  
Nashville, Tenn.  
11/20/2016–1/3/2017
- ✦ **2016 Western Canadian Agribition**  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
11/21/2016–11/26/2016
- ✦ **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade**  
New York, N.Y.  
11/24/2016
- ✦ **The Galaxy of Lights**  
Huntsville, Ala.  
11/24/2016–12/31/2016
- ✦ **Christmas in Williamsburg**  
Williamsburg, Va.  
11/25/2016–12/31/2016
- ✦ **Edison Ford Holiday Nights**  
Ft. Myers, Fla.  
11/25/2016–12/31/2016
- ✦ **2016 Magic Christmas In Lights**  
Mobile, Ala.  
11/27/2016–1/2/2017
- ✦ **Deck the Hall**  
Akron, Ohio  
11/28/2016–1/3/2017
- ✦ **Brookgreen Gardens Nights of a Thousand Candles**  
Murrells Inlet, S.C.  
12/1/2016–12/17/2016
- ✦ **Christmas at the Library**  
Charlotte, N.C.  
12/1/2016–12/23/2016
- ✦ **The Lights of Christmas Festival**  
Stanwood, Wash.  
12/1/2016–12/29/2016
- ✦ **Christmas Illuminations at Mount Vernon**  
Mount Vernon, Va.  
12/1/2016–12/31/2016
- ✦ **Colonial Williamsburg Grand Illumination**  
Williamsburg, Va.  
12/4/2016
- ✦ **35th Annual Boston Harborfest 2016**  
Boston, Mass.  
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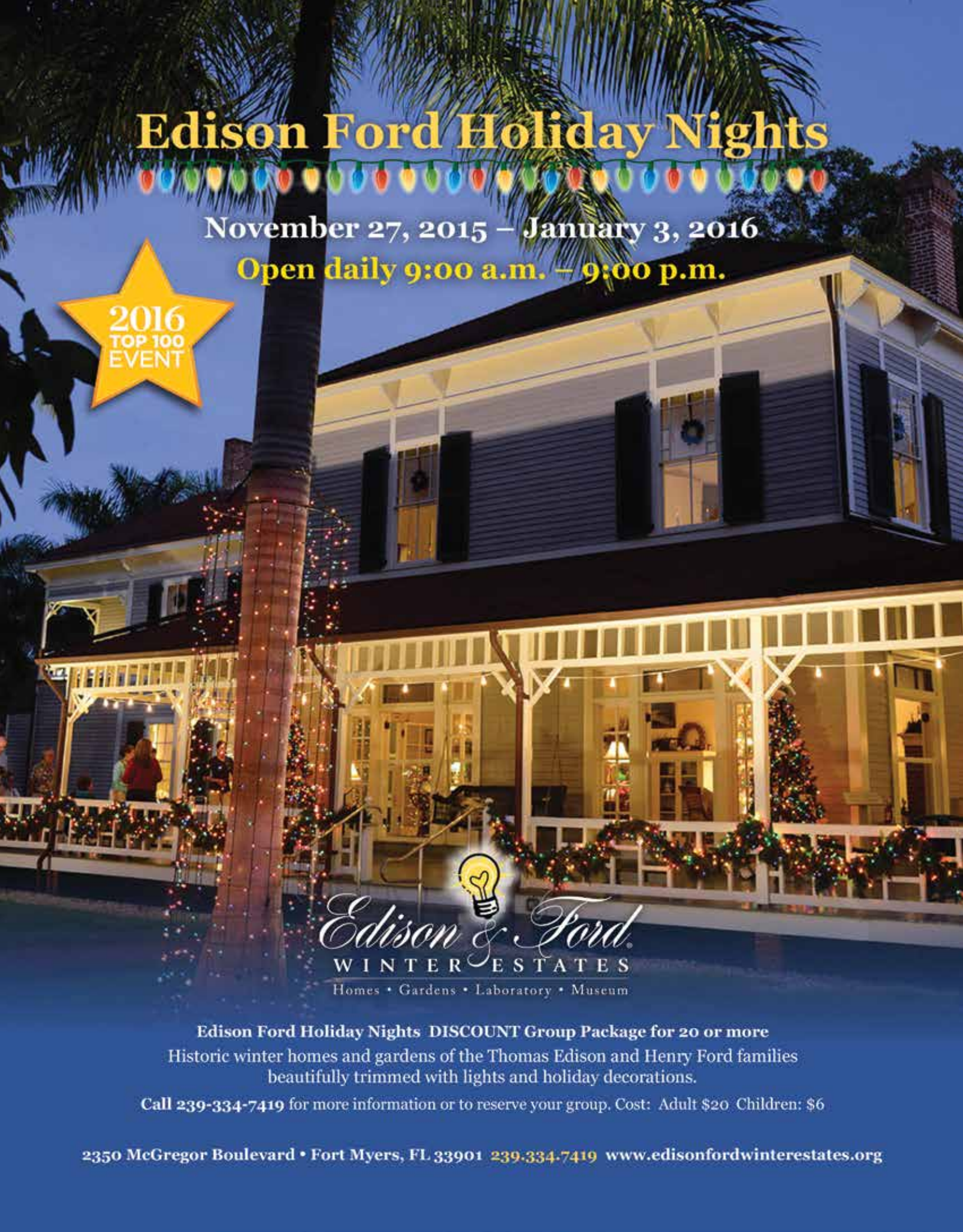


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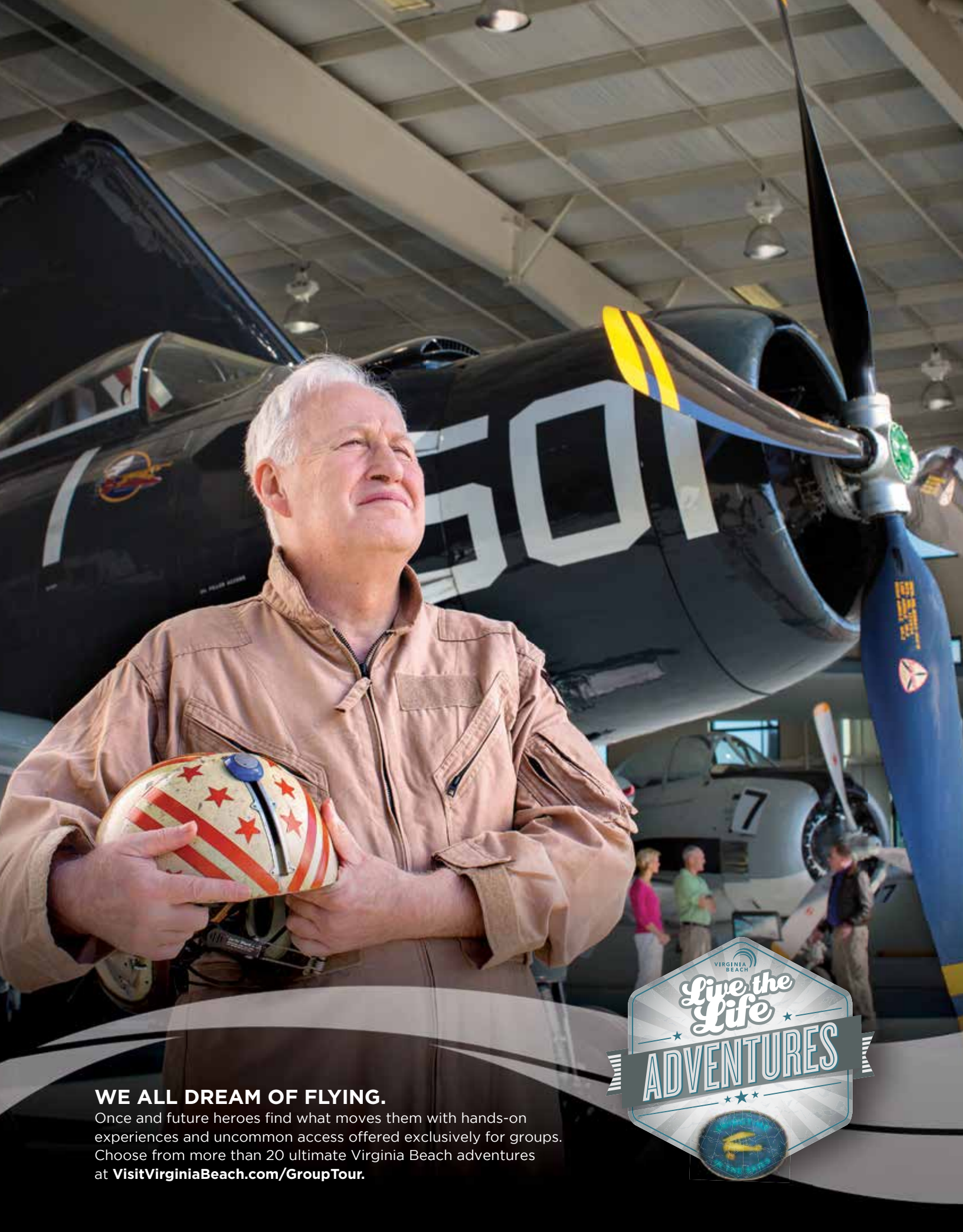
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