

EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

This month the Dubai shopping festival continues until the end of February

22 until May
Futuristic fashion on show at The Design Museum, London

25 - 31
Chinese New Year

26
Australia Day

27
Up-Helly-AA fire festivals, Shetland Islands (Scotland)

28
Neil Young concert, Melbourne

29 - 1
World Rally Championships, Ireland

30
One-day international cricket, Perth

30 - February 15
Carnaval De Quebec, Canada

31
Kiruna snow festival, Sweden

FEBRUARY

This month Pakistan celebrates the onset of spring

1
Superbowl, Florida + Festival of Niger, Mali

2 - 15
Alpine World Ski Championships, France

2
Groundhog Day, USA

3
Setsuban (end of winter), Japan

6
NZI Sevens, Wellington + Waitangi Day

6 - March 8
Hong Kong Arts Festival

6 - 8
Auckland Lantern Festival

7
Jaisalmer Dester Festival, India

8
Thaipusam Festival, Singapore

12
200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, USA

13 - 24
Venice Carnival, Italy

14
Grape Grazing, Yarra Valley + Marlborough Wine Festival + Valentines Day

15
Nascar Sprint Cup Series, Daytona Beach (US)

18 - 27
Dubai Jazz Festival

18
Jorvik Viking Festival, York (England)

20 - 24
Carnival, Rio De Janeiro

21
Saidai-Ji Eyo (naked festival), Japan

22
Academy Award, Los Angeles + Abu Simbel festival, Egypt

24
New Orleans Mardi Gras

25
Ash Wednesday and start of Lent

27
Superbike World Championship, Melbourne

28
Auckland Cup Week

MARCH

This month Bali celebrates the New Year and cherry blossom season starts in Japan

1
Cross Country Ski Race, Sweden + Yap Day, Micronesia

5 - 7
Rugby World Cup, Dubai

6
Noche De Brujas (night of the witches), Mexico

7
Melbourne Food and Wine festival begins + Sydney Mardi Gras parade

12
Las Fellas fireworks festival, Valencia (Spain)

13 - 29
Interdominion Gold Coast Getaway (horseracing)

14
Wild Food Festival, Hokitika

15 - 22
Melbourne Fashion Week

17
St Patricks Day

18 - 22
South by Southwest music festival, Austin (USA)

19
Gulf Bike Expo, Dubai

21
Iranian New Year

23
Youth Day, Fiji

26 - 30
Australian Grand Prix, Melbourne

27
Hong Kong Sevens

29
FIA F1 World Championship, Melbourne

APRIL

This month Naghol (land diving) takes place in Vanuatu every Saturday until the end of May.

4
Tomb sweeping day, China

5
Paro Festival (monks perform), Bhutan

10
Good Friday crucifixion enactment, San Fernando (Philippines)

11
French Quarter Jazz Festival, New Orleans

12
Easter Sunday

13 - 15
Songkran water festival, Thailand

14
Sri Lankan New Year

16
New York Yankees open their new stadium

17 - 21
One World Unity Festival (music), South Africa

17 - 19
Coachella music festival, California

23
Shakespeare's birthday and start of 2009 season at Globe Theatre, London

25
ANZAC Day

27
Caribou Festival, Yellowknife (Canada)

30
Witches Night, Germany

MAY

This month the Pilgrimage of El Rocio takes place in Spain

1
May Day

2
Presidential election, Indonesia + Festival of the Holy Cross, Spain

5
Cinco de Mayo city-wide celebration, Mexico

8
The Argyle Diamond Ord Valley Muster, Western Australia

9
Brighton Festival, England + Nationale Molendag (windmills open to public), Netherlands

10
Mothers Day + Oil wrestling, Turkey

12
Buddha's birthday

13
Cannes Film Festival, France

16
Dive fiesta, Fiji

17
Tosho Gu Grand Festival (horseback riding and re-enactments), Japan

21
Firewalking in Greece + Monaco Grand Prix

25
Indianapolis 500

28
Memorial Day, US + Dragon Boat Festival, China

29
Gotik Treffen (gothic rock festival), Leipzig

30
Re-dedication of the Lincoln Memorial, US

31
Whit Sunday

JUNE

This month The Dreaming indigenous festivals kicks off in Queensland

1
Queen's Birthday

6
World Air Games, Italy + World of Beer festival, Montreal

12
Feast of St Anthony, Portugal

13
Isle of Wight Festival

14
FIFA Confederations Cup, South Africa

16
Bloomsday, Dublin

17
Edinburgh Film Festival starts and US Pride Week starts

19
Celebration of the end of slavery, US

21
Dragon boating festival, China + Summer Solstice, Stonehenge

23
Festival of John the Baptist, Quebec

24 - 28
Glastonbury, England + Festival of the Sun, Peru

29
Battala Dos Vinos (battle of the wives), La Rioja (Spain)

JULY

This month there is a whole lot of bull in Calgary and Pamplona

3 - 12
Calgary Stampede

4 - 15
Running with the Bulls, Pamplona (Spain)

6
Dalai Lama Birthday, Tibet

9 - 16
Naddam Festival, Mongolia

12 - 15
Exit Festival (music), Serbia

13 - 19
World Body Painting Festival, Seeboden (Austria)

14
Bastille Day and Camel Cup, Alice Springs

17
Gion Matsuri (float parade) Kyoto

18
All Blacks vs Wallabies in Auckland

25 - 26
The Gathering, Scotland

29
Festival of near death experiences, Galicia (Spain)

AUGUST

This month Ramadan commences on the 21st and finishes September 19

1
National Day, Switzerland

6
Raksha Bandham Hindu Festival

7 - 30
Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Scotland

8 - 9
International Mini Meet, Birmingham

9
Pig Festival, Hautes-Pyrenees (France)

14
Janmashtami, India

23
Noumea International Marathon

23 - 30
World Rowing Championship, Poland

26
Tomatina, Valencia

29 - 31
Nottingham Carnival, UK

31 - September 7
Burning man festival, Nevada.

SEPTEMBER

This month 9/11 is remembered in New York

1
Historic regatta, Venice

5
Birdsville Races, Queensland

6
Fathers Day

15 - 23
Shaikh Farid Aagman Purb (Sikh Festival) Punjab, India

16
Independence Day, Mexico

19
All Blacks vs Wallabies, Wellington + Crab Fair, Cumbria (England)

19 - October 4
Oktoberfest

24 - 27
Galway International Oyster Festival, Ireland

25 - 27
F1 Grand Prix, Singapore

26
Atlantic Antic Street Party, Brooklyn (New York)

27
Meskel, Ethiopia

29
Fiesta De Jan Miguel, Bolivia

OCTOBER

This month celebrate the Melbourne Arts Festival and the Rivers Festival across South East Asia

1 - 7
Cow fights, Switzerland

2
Gandhi's birthday, India

3
Harvest Moon Festival, Korea + Chinese mid-Autumn festival

4
NRL Grand Final, Sydney

5
Balloon Festival, US

8 - 11
Bathurst

10
Cirio De Nazare, Amazon River (Brazil)

12
Fiji Day

17
Diwali, India

18
Hindu New Year

22 - 25
Nikon Indy 500

26
Labour Day

30 - November 2
Pushkar Camel Fair, Rajasthan

31
Halloween

NOVEMBER

This month Singapore will host APEC

1 - 2
Day of the Dead, Mexico

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Fete Gede, Dance with the dead, Haiti

3
Melbourne Cup

5
Guy Fawkes

11
Veteran's Day, US

15
Shichi-Go-San (Kimono giving) Japan

26
Thanksgiving

27
Eid Al-Adha (festival of the sacrifice), Muslim

28
Homecoming Scotland finale week

DECEMBER

This month don't miss the Christmas markets in Germany

2
UAE day

2-3
Float Festival, Chichibu (Japan)

5 - 13
East Asian Games, Hong Kong + King's Birthday, Bangkok

7
Burning of the Devil, Guatemala

10 - 17
Mautana (Whirling devils festival), Turkey

11
Chocolate Festival, Geneva (Switzerland)

14
Gishi-Sai (samurai festival), Tokyo

16
Procession of St Lazarus, Cuba

19
Giant Lantern Festival, San Fernando, Philippines

21
Chinese Thanksgiving

23 - 27
Festival of Sahara, Tunisia

24
Emperor's Birthday, Japan

31
Hogmanay, Scotland