

2012

UBC Cities Events Calendar





Dear UBC Friends,

The new edition of the UBC Cities Events Calendar for 2012 is now in your hands.

As usual, it presents the variety of events which make our cities vibrant. Why don't you join and feel their outstanding atmosphere?

The calendar will help you to choose from a wide range of options and to plan the travels. It will guide you through the business, cultural, sporting, recreational activities and exhibitions organized in our cities.

This publication presents the highlights of the events held around the Baltic Sea and does not make a claim to be complete. You are welcome to contact the municipalities and tourist information centres for further information.

Let's meet in the UBC cities!

With the Baltic Sea greetings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "P. Bødker Andersen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Per Bødker Andersen
President of UBC

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www.visitaalborg.com

31 March –
 9 April

European Youth Championship 2012 Bowling

Young bowling athletes from Europe will compete in the tournament which is hosted by the Danish Bowling Federation, Lovvang Bowling Centre and the city

CONTACT: www.aalborgevents.dk

26 – 27 May

Scandinavian Championships for Pipe Bands 2012

The championship will feature a traditional Scottish "Highland Games" including activities such as caber toss, stone put, Scottish hammer throw and several other traditional disciplines. There will be stalls and displays, all Celtic inspired.

CONTACT: www.aalborgpipebands.dk

26 May

Aalborg Carnival

The largest carnival in the Northern Europe - a time when the whole city bubbles with high spirits. The main event - the carnival parade - is without a doubt the most visited event in Aalborg throughout the year.

CONTACT: www.karnevaliaalborg.dk

14 – 16 June

Aalborg Harbour Fest

Aalborg Harbour front is home to open spaces, city parks, sports facilities, local landmarks and cultural institutions. During 2 days they host exciting events and concerts for the all.

CONTACT: www.aalborgevents.dk

4 – 7 July

Nibe Festival

It is a yearly event that takes place in Nibe forest, called Skalskoven. The festival has grown throughout the years and has now become an event with big international and national artists.

CONTACT: www.aalborgevents.dk

22 July

Green Concert

Event with great Danish music names.

CONTACT: www.aalborgevents.dk

28 August –
 2 September

Aalborg in Red

A variety of the city's cultural institutions arrange a wide selection of events and activities all over the city.

CONTACT: www.aalborgevents.dk





KØGE



MORE INFORMATION
www.visitkoege.com

27 – 29 April

Barrel – Organ Festival

Barrel-organ musicians from Sweden, Norway, Germany and Denmark join in one “noisy” event. Appx. 30 musicians with their barrel-organs will be in place on several spots. And they will join together in a concert!

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8 – 10 June

Summer Jazz Festival at Tapperiet

Modern and traditional jazzbands meet to an intensive music event. Young jazzmusicians battle the elderly and highly skillful oldies. A real swinging festival near the harbour site and in the city.

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www.tapperiet.nu





4 – 5 May

SPOT Festival

A large music festival with a focus on new musical developments - a rich profusion of music with a fantastic line-up of over 100 new trend-setting Nordic and international acts.

CONTACT: <http://en.spotfestival.dk/>

3 June

Nykredit Aarhus City Half Marathon

A great festivity with 8 - 10000 runners and thousands of enthusiastic spectators conquering the streets of Aarhus. The route offers a unique opportunity for runners to feel the vibe of the city centre and see many of Aarhus' beautiful attractions on their way.

CONTACT: www.aarhusmotion.dk

9 – 15 June

European Championship Soling 2012

An international yacht-racing championship event in the Bay of Aarhus.

CONTACT: www.sportaarhusevents.dk

15 – 17 June

Northside Festival

NorthSide Festival offers young music lovers a weekend with high quality music and its impressive line-up of both Danish and international artists.

CONTACT: www.northside.dk

17 June

KMD Challenge Aarhus

Beautiful country side, spectacular city feel, high quality and service for athletes and spectators – Challenge Aarhus is the "must do" half distance triathlon in Europe.

CONTACT: www.challengeaarhus.com

22 – 24 June

Classic Car Race

During a Summer weekend some of Europe's finest classic cars find their way to Aarhus where an international classic car race is taking place at one of Europe's most beautiful race courses.

CONTACT: <http://craa.dk>





14 – 21 July

Aarhus International Jazz Festival

Experience the unique atmosphere when jazz takes over music venues, squares and open spaces throughout the city.

CONTACT: www.jazzfest.dk

MORE INFORMATION
www.visitaarhus.com

4 – 10 August

EUROSAF Youth European Championship

Join the official championship of the European Sailing Federation for a series of international yacht-racing disciplines, when 400 – 500 sailors from some 35 European nations will compete for the championship titles in the Bay of Aarhus.

CONTACT: www.sportaarhusevents.dk

22 – 26 August

Tour of Denmark

Spectators fill the streets to cheer for some of the world's best cycling teams when they make their way through Aarhus on Tour of Denmark.

CONTACT: www.postdanmarkrundt.dk

31 August –
9 September

The Aarhus Festival

One of Northern Europe's largest and most respected arts and culture festivals featuring a unique program, including both modern and classical music, theatre, art, film, new technologies, food, children's culture, architecture and design.

CONTACT: <http://aarhusfestival.com>

17 – 20 October

European Teamgym Championships 2012

An opportunity to see some of Europe's most talented gymnasts in action.

CONTACT: www.sportaarhusevents.dk



GULDBORGSUND

MORE INFORMATION
www.visitlolland-falster.com

1 – 2 June

From Steam to Diesel – at the open air museum in Maribo

Steam Engine gathering with lots of old machines powered with steam, diesel and so on. See big steam machinery from around 1900, early diesel tractors and the many small different steam engines models.

CONTACT: www.museumlollandfalster.dk

3 – 7 July

13th European Junior / Cadet Outdoor Championship in archery

300 Archery athletes aged 16-20 from Europe will fight for the European championships in outdoor archery. Finals will be held at Slotsbryggen (the harbor of Nykøbing F.). Admission is free.

CONTACT: www.denmark2012.dk

August

KulturKlash Festival

Youth festival in Guldborgsund municipality with focus on youth, creativity and competences.

CONTACT: culthus@guldborgsund.dk

3 – 5 August

Nysted Medieval Festival

Professional and volunteers dressed in mediaeval outfits sets the scene of the mediaeval marketplace and food stalls tempt the hungry.

CONTACT: www.visitnysted.dk



4 – 8 August

Hajkutter Regatta Nysted-Rostock

A maritime festival with shark cutter race, entertainment and local product market. The core of celebration is the indigenous Danish ship type Hajkutter (shark cutter).

CONTACT: www.hajkutter.dk



22 – 26 August

Summer Music on Fuglsang

Chamber music festival on Fuglsang Manor, presented by the Danish Chamber Players. This year's theme - being American. It is possible to book accommodation at Fuglsang Manor during the festival!

CONTACT: www.chamberplayers.dk

15 – 16 September

South Sea Fruit Festival

Denmark's largest festival of fruit and fruit-related products, current experiences of the "New Nordic Food" with fruit. A folk festival for families and professionals. Admission is free.

CONTACT: www.frugtfestival.dk

25 December

Christmas market / Fair at the old Merchants Warehouses

A small but very cosy Christmas fair located between old merchants warehouses and the historic restaurant "Czarens hus" (the house of the Czar) in the center of Nykøbing F. Transport between the two locations in a horse wagon is free of charge as is the market/fair.

CONTACT: www.museumlollandfalster.dk



Nykøbing Mediaeval Centre

It is an experimental museum where you can experience life in a reconstructed late 14th century market town. Open all summer.

CONTACT: www.middelaldercentret.dk



Fuglsang Art Museum

has various contemporary exhibitions during the year and a permanent exhibition of Danish art from late 1750 up to today.



16 December 2011
– 26 August 2012

The PH Lamps 1954-2011

The exhibition goes behind the different principles of the PH lamps and provides an introduction to Poul Henningsens light philosophy which set new standard for lighting. The PH lamps are one of the greatest icons in Danish design.

CONTACT: www.koldinghus.dk

6 January

Men's International Soccer Match in Handball – 4 Nation Tournament

In collaboration with the Danish Handball Association the community of Kolding hosts the 4-nation tournament in the Tre-For Arena with participants from Poland, Island, Slovenia and Denmark.

CONTACT: harp@kolding.dk

30 January
– 31 December

Finn Juhl – 100th Anniversary

The exhibition tells of Danish design from an international perspective. The peculiarity of Finn Juhl's Danish design, his international career and artistic inspiration is the main focus of the exhibition.

CONTACT: www.trapholt.dk

4 May

Mountainbiking – the MTB league

Mountainbiking with participation of appr. 300 bikers from the international and Danish elite.

CONTACT: Martin B. Rasmussen, ph: +45 20321802

26 May

The Tourism Day

The Tourism Day is the day where the tourist office gives the citizens of Kolding an opportunity to be a tourist in their own city. Everyone is invited to experience a wide spectrum of differentiated and colourful experiences with a local twist.

CONTACT: www.visitkolding.dk





28 June
5, 12, 19, 26 July
2 August

Summer by the Lake

The line of concerts taking place every Thursday in the summer vacation is for free. The concert area opens at 18.00 o'clock and all concerts begin at 19.00 o'clock.

CONTACT: www.kolding.dk/musikkolding

19 July

Green Concert

Green Concerts take place 8 times every year in 8 biggest cities including Kolding inviting a variety of Danish artists to perform on stage. Green Concert is Northern Europe's biggest concert tour of its kind.

CONTACT: www.groenkoncert.dk

17 August

Culture Night

The Culture Night is both a national festival and a show window for the city's cultural life. In Kolding culture is a serious business. The associations are the backbone of the Culture Night in Kolding and that is why it is possible to meet and experience the wide frontline of leisure and cultural life of Kolding.

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19 August

Opera at Skamlingsbanken 2012

The concert, which is free, starts at three p.m., but it is recommendable to arrive a few hours earlier making it a family picnic combined with entertainment from some of the country's most talented artists.

The Royal Orchestra, The Royal Ballet, The Royal Opera Choir and solists will participate in the concert which involves more than 200 performers.

CONTACT: www.operaskamling.dk

December

Christmas Weekends

Kolding invites to Christmas weekends with emphasis on design, arts and crafts. Visit Koldinghus, Trapholt, Nicolai Complex, The Design School and a lot of other smaller places and enjoy the feeling of Christmas.

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www.visitkolding.dk



29 January

New Year's Concert

The New Year's Concert not only delights the audience in Næstved, but also enjoys great popularity in the region presenting a lively programme consisting of entertainment music.

CONTACT: www.uraniamusik.dk

21 – 25 May

Cultural Festival for Children

The festival is addressing children aged 1,5 – 14. The festival presents concerts, workshops, theatres, etc.

CONTACT: www.naessi.dk

May

Gavnø Castle Tulip Exhibition

Denmark's largest tulip exhibition. Enjoy more than half a million tulips in full bloom. No two seasons are alike.

CONTACT: www.gavnoe.dk

10 June

Gavnø Classic Autojumble & Concours de Charme

Vintage car show. Apart from fine cars there are finely dressed persons for the Concours de Charme, where driver/passengers must match the cars character and age.

CONTACT: www.gavnoe.dk

17 June

Opera at Roennebaeksholm

Opera in the beautiful surroundings at Roennebaeksholm, the Art & Cultural Center in Næstved.

CONTACT: www.roennebaeksholm.dk

MORE INFORMATION
www.visitnaestved.com
www.naestved.dk

28 – 30 June

Næstved City Festival

The City of Næstved Festival brings the city's unique outdoor spaces to life with an extensive artistic programme of music, visual arts, walks and talks, much of it free to the public.

CONTACT: www.naestvedfestuge.dk

14 July

World Ballet at Gavnbø

CONTACT: www.gavnoe.dk

28 July

Green Concert

The concert - which is one of the biggest music event - takes place in 8 different towns in Denmark.

CONTACT: www.groenkoncert.dk

31 August
– 2 September

Suså Musical Festival

Three intense days featuring prominent soloists and ensembles from home and abroad, and a fascinating meet-the-composer event.

CONTACT: www.susaafestival.dk

5 October

Culture Night

Cultural events all over the city.

CONTACT: www.maerknaestved.dk



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31 March
– 31 October

5 April

18 – 20 May

1 June

10 June

Experience the Birth of Denmark

GeoCenter Møns Klint boasts enough activities to last a whole day! And, indeed, for several days. In addition to the impressive exhibition with lots of interactivity, we challenge you to venture outside and work up a sweat - or just absorb the nature and cultural history of the place.

CONTACT: www.moensklint.dk

Møns Klint Adventure Race 2012

Experience the beautiful nature of Møns Klint and participate in the challenging adventure race. The 'Challenge' distance will take approximately 4-5 hours and the 'Master' distance will take app. 10-12 hours.

CONTACT: www.moensklint.dk

Francophile Spring Festival

The mediaeval town of Præstø will invite everyone to participate in the Francophile Spring Festival emphasizing quality and notable activities. The francophile atmosphere will leave its mark on the entire town and the charming courtyards will be welcoming numerous cultural and culinary experiences.

CONTACT: www.franskforaarpraesto.dk

Vordingborg Cultural Night

For the 10th time places of interest which are normally closed for public visits will open this one night. Furthermore the night will be celebrated with 'late night opening' in stores and musical performers in the street. Please note that you have to sign up for participation.

CONTACT: <http://kulturnattenivordingborg.dk>

Klinteløbet (Race Running at Møns Klint)

The distance is 5 km and for the toughest the route can be repeated twice. With its hilly and breathtaking landscape through forest, the track will also lead you to the beach of Møns Klint (cliff) and you have to take the last distance up the stairs (110 meters and 497 steps).

CONTACT: www.moensklint.dk

9 – 15 July

Vordingborg City Festival

Traditional City festival with trade, entertainment, cultural events and live music performance within the genres of traditional rock and pop.

CONTACT: www.vordingborgfestuge.dk

25 – 29 July

International Chamber Music Festival

The 23th Chamber Music Festival will be held on the manor, Oremandsgaard at Præstø. The programme is based on international recognized artists like Arditti String Quartet who will perform Abrahamsen, Ravel and Stravinsky. Furthermore the world oldest orchestra, The Royal Danish Orchestra, with roots back to 1448 will perform Brams and Schönberg.

CONTACT: www.kammermusikfest.dk

7 – 8 September

Herring Market

Stege was founded during the Middle Age prospering from herring fishery and the herring trade on the local market. This event will be brought to life at the harbour front in September.

CONTACT: www.moenhandel.dk

8 – 9 September

World Literature on the Møn Island

An annual event joining internationally recognized writers and their readers for two days of literature absorption. Authors like Fay Weldon, Henning Mankell, Günter Grass and Haruki Murakami have earlier visited the festival to tell about their work and life.

CONTACT: www.verdenslitteratur.dk

8 September

Kite Festival on the Møn Island

With its breathtaking landscape, the Island of Møn is a perfect place for flying kites. For the 14th time, Møn is hosting an international kite festival.

CONTACT: www.moensklint.dk

April

VI Haapsalu Horror and Fantasy Film Festival

HÖFF presents horror, fantasy and cult films to the fans from Estonia and its neighbouring countries by offering a fresh choice of films, focuses, retrospectives and infamous extreme film nights.

CONTACT: www.hoff.ee

8 – 10 June

Italian Wine Festival

Haapsalu will select a favourite wine from Italy. At the same time fascinating places and amazing people of Haapsalu will open wide their doors during the festival.

CONTACT: www.haapsalu.ee

3, 6 and 9 July

2012 UEFA European Under-19 Football Championship

CONTACT: mihkel@jalgpall.ee

6 – 8 July

American Beauty Car Show

The biggest get-together, exhibition and speeding competition of American cars in the Baltic Countries.

CONTACT: www.american.ee

11 – 15 July

XIX Early Music Festival

A festival that offers high level music performances and brings professional musicians as well as the audience closer to the age of early music.

CONTACT: www.haapsalu.ee

21 – 22 July

Yoga Festival

The best yoga teachers from Estonia and around the world will be giving workshops, lectures, and yoga lessons of main yoga styles. The evening program includes inspirational music concerts and mantra chanting.

CONTACT: www.piletilevi.ee

25 – 29 July

XIX International Haapsalu String Music Festival

The festival focuses on string music with a wide choice of ensemble repertoire – from classical music to jazz and pop. Plus the summer courses for young string instrumentalists.

CONTACT: www.festivals.ee

27 July

Art Festival 'Pigskin 4'

Pigskin 4 is an international art festival. It will focus on appreciating the urban space in Haapsalu and draw attention to places with unique atmosphere, that have been somehow forgotten.

CONTACT: www.loomekeskus.ee

3 – 5 August

White Lady Festival

Between the mysterious walls of Haapsalu Episcopal Castle lives the most famous Estonian legend – the legend of the White Lady. The White Lady Days, which always take place during the full moon dates in August, are dedicated to that legend.

CONTACT: www.valgedaam.kultuurimaja.ee

17 – 18 August

Blues Festival 'August Blues'

The blues festival fills the town with a pleasantly intimate and intellectual sensation and brings to Haapsalu guests from Estonia as well as from abroad.

CONTACT: www.augustibluus.ee



ELVA

Elva is well known for its natural resources - ozone-rich pine forests parks, the clear watered lakes, picturesque banks of the river of Elva and its unique location – 25km from Tartu and Otepää. People come to Elva to recover or strengthen their health, enjoying the ions effects in the air and humin acid rich waters of forest lakes. Elva's unique location among lakes, rivers and pine forests is suitable for practicing active healthy lifestyle for every age group.



12 February

Elva Song

Elva song is a song contest for youth, children and adult about Elva in Cultural Center Sinilind.

21 February

Shrove Tuesday

On Shrove Tuesday, people were keen on sliding: a long slide was supposed to guarantee a good growth of flax.



14 April

All starts from stretching

Gymnastics Festival for all ages.

5 May

Elva Town Day

Elva anniversary celebration has generous cultural program, which is complimented with handcraft - spring fair.

26 May

European Neighbours' Day

Day accompanied with different music, art and sports events in the town.

27 May

Grandmas and Grandpas Dance Festival

The family event filled with music and dance.

23 June

St. John's Night

Celebration of the shortest night of the year! Traditional songs and dances around bonfires till the dawn!

6 July

Estonian Song vol. 5

Selections of good, old Estonian songs are performed.

23 July

XII Elva Bike Marathon

Traditional and very popular bike race in Elva.

10 – 12 August

Dance until You Drop V

International line dance camp offers variety of dance workshops and performances at the Health and Sports Center of Tartu County.

1 – 30 November

Month of Art

November - a traditional month of art - is filled with different art exhibitions, music, literature, arts and crafts, lectures and workshops.

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4 February

V Icicle Festival

Jõgeva, Estonia's coldest town in winter, is hosting the longest icicle-making competition.

CONTACT: www.kylmalinn.ee

26 May

Jõgeva Town Day

The annual town day is celebration to mark Jõgeva's birthday. Rich cultural programme is supplemented with the spring fair and the fancy cake feast.

CONTACT: www.jogeva.ee

26 – 29 July

Jõgevatreff

Annual meeting place of people interested in motor-cycles, coming from across Estonia and many foreign countries.

CONTACT: www.jogevamc.ee

25 August

5th Garlic Festival

The only festival of garlic in Estonia includes popular fair and numerous fun activities: largest head of garlic and prettiest garlic hat contests, performances by popular artists, tastings of several garlic foods.

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8 – 9 December

Christmas

Christmas fair and Declaration of Christmas Peace for all Estonia by archbishop.

CONTACT: www.jogeva.ee



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29 January

Jõhvi Family Fair

The traditional family event, which is dedicated to family traditions and aspects of children harmonious development. In the focus of the fair there is a business, re-use and civic involvement promotion.

CONTACT: ene@kultuuriveski.ee



5 – 8 April

5th Ballet Festival

The aim of the festival is to acquaint festival's visitors with the examples of world-level dance and Estonian dancers, who have already gotten prominence in various European stages. The headliner of the festival in 2012 is the Mikhailovsky Theatre from St. Petersburg. The integral part of festival is a Children's Day, in frame of which more than 100 children will appear on the stage. In the focus of the festival in 2012 is Estonian choreographer Teet Kask.

CONTACT: www.concert.ee



29 April – 1 May

I Night Rogain

Popular sport orienteering trip, which will be held in Ida-Viru county first time. Rogain is the orienteering team trip with the long-term controll time.

CONTACT: www.xtsport.ee

26 May

Jõhvi-Kohtla-Järve Semi Marathon

The traditional running race, starting from Jõhvi until the neighbouring town Kohtla-Järve at a distance of 12 km.

CONTACT: www.johvi.ee



27 May

Grillfest 2012

A competition for the people interested in cooking and wanting to compare own skills with others. See the exciting competition and get the interesting recipies for the grill.

CONTACT: www.grilliliit.ee



1 June

Games Festival

The festival is dedicated to the Children's Day. Different games, concerts, workshops and procession through the town will be held during the festival.

CONTACT: erika.prave@johvi.ee

2 – 3 June

International Cycling Marathon Alutaguse 2012 and Cycling Cross

The route, passing through a shale quarry, is one of special features of this marathon.

CONTACT: www.jrk.ee

8 September

Day of Children's and Junior's Leisure Activity

The leisure activity promotion through the different presentation, competitions, workshops, group performances.

CONTACT: www.huvikeskus.info

23 September

9th Cultural Festival of Ethnic Minorities 'The Creative Melting Pot of National Cultures'

The festival introduce the rich cultural variety of ethnic minorities who live in Jõhvi and Ida - Viru County through the national songs and dances, handicraft and cuisine.

CONTACT: www.johvi.ee

29 September

Mihkli's Fair

The traditional autumn fair, where is possible to buy handicrafts items, agricultural and forest products. In the handicraft tent the fair's visitors can study and practice different needlework skills. Free Book fair and concert in the church also will be held.

CONTACT: www.johvi.ee

Tourist information of
Ida-Virumaa
www.pohjaestiturism.ee
www.ida-virumaa.ee
Information about Jõhvi
www.johvi.ee



24 February

Estonian Independence Day

Estonian Independence Day ceremony in Kärdla Culture Centre.

CONTACT: +3724632192

3 June

Saaremaa-Hiiumaa Athletics Competition

The best athletes from Estonia's two biggest islands are to compete and to find out who is the best. This sports event is enjoyable for every sports fan.

CONTACT: kjkhiiiker@gmail.com



9 June

Hiiumaa Children's Festival

Many different and fun activities for the whole family. Workshops, trampolines, cafes, cultural performances.

CONTACT: +3724636082

23 June

Midsummer Bonfire in Kärdla

Fun activities for the whole family, live music and dancing on the beach till dawn, many places to buy simple food and refreshing drinks.

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14 July

Fair of Handicraft and Home Products in Kärdla

Local craftsmen and visitors can introduce and sell their self-made products. People can take part in different workshops, buy goods made with hands and hearts from the local people, try their fortune in the fair lottery, fill their stomachs with local delights and enjoy other numerous activities. Also, there are many cultural performances and entertainments to make the fair enjoyable for everyone.

CONTACT: www.hiikaskitoo.ee

4 – 5 August

Kärdla Horse Days, Pallaadium Cup at Linnamäe

Kärdla Horse Days have been held annually since 2001. It is an equestrian sport celebration for the whole family. People can enjoy local horses and horsemen competing with well-known horses from different countries. There are lots of other entertainment for big and small visitors, music and places to eat and drink.

CONTACT: www.ratsu.ee



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5 August

Kärdla Cafe Day

Kärdla Cafe Day is an exciting event that opens 15 one-day cafes in people's gardens and public places. It fills the whole town with the smell of coffee and fresh pastry. Besides a little repast, people can enjoy different performances and entertainment to enjoy a nice summer day on the first Saturday of August.

CONTACT: www.kohvikutepaev.ee



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14 – 15 December

Christmas Handicraft Fair

Local craftsmen and visitors introduce and sell their self-made products. Both merchants and buyers can enjoy a lovely repast in the cafe. Little fair visitors can make gingerbreads of different shapes in the baking room or enjoy Christmas movies in the cinema room. Also, there are many cultural performances and entertainments to make the fair enjoyable for everyone.

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Kuressaare is the capital of Estonia's biggest island – Saaremaa. It has been an important health resort since the 19th century and now there are seven great spa-hotels in Kuressaare that attract tourists all year round. The picturesque historical city centre accommodates a variety of lovely small cafés and nice restaurants. It is possible to enjoy different cultural events and to go to the Kuressaare City Theatre. The 18-hole, par 72 championship golf course, tennis courts, health tracks and shared use footways/ cycle paths are waiting for those interested in sports.

27 April

Water Rally in the Castle Moat

Annual competition and the show of boats in the moat of Kuressaare Episcopal Castle – the best preserved medieval castle in the Baltic Sea Region.

CONTACT: www.ametikool.ee

7 – 13 May

Kuressaare 449

Anniversary celebrations of Kuressaare. Kuressaare (then known as Arensburg) was granted city rights on 8 May 1563 by Duke Magnus.

CONTACT: www.kuressaare.ee

4 – 8 July

Future Music Festival JUU JÄÄB

Open-air concerts and jam sessions are held in a number of places on Muhu island as well as in Kuressaare and in other lovely places in Saaremaa. JUU JÄÄB unites the authentic and safe environment of the Estonian islands and the best performers of classical, jazz and world music.

CONTACT: www.nordicsounds.eu/juujaab
www.youtube.com/mrnordicsounds

16 – 22 July

Saaremaa Opera Days

The featured guest of the 2012 festival is the Moscow Opera Theatre Helikon and the list of soloists includes Karita Mattila, Monica Groop, Ain Anger, Antti Sarpila, etc. Numerous concerts, Operajazz and a traditional opera gala can be enjoyed at the festival's main venue, the Opera House in the Kuressaare Castle courtyard, and also in various churches throughout Saaremaa.

CONTACT: www.concert.ee/SaaremaaOpera

31 July –
4 August

18th Kuressaare Chamber Music Days

The list of performers in 2012 includes Neapolis Ensemble (Italy), Cuarteto Quiroga (Spain), vocal sextet Unicum Laude (Hungary), concert pianist Wojciech Walczek (Poland), Andres Paas (the artistic director of the festival and pianist, Estonia), Anna-Liisa Bezrodny, etc.

CONTACT: www.kammerfest.ee





The most common way to get to Saaremaa is by ferry from the mainland:
www.tuulelaevad.ee
 Those who favour flying, can come by plane from Tallinn:
www.estonian-air.ee; www.kuessaare-airport.ee
 The two yacht harbours in Kuessaare are waiting for visitors who prefer sailing:
 Kuessaare City Harbour: www.kuessaare.ee/sadam/
 Roomassaare Harbour: web.me.com/vahase/roomassaare/1.html
 Kuessaare has a regular bus connection with Tallinn, Tartu and Pärnu:
www.peatus.ee, www.bussireisid.ee

3 – 4 August

16th Kuessaare Maritime Days

A diverse music and entertainment programme: concerts, maritime conference, exhibition of boats and yachts, handicraft fair, flotsam market, sports events, activities for children, traditional seafood and much more.

CONTACT: www.merepaevad.ee



12 – 13 October

45th Saaremaa Rally

The rally with the longest history in the Baltic countries has developed into a very popular international event. The start and the finish of Saaremaa Rally are in the Kuessaare city centre and most of the special stages are held on the gravel roads in the central and western part of Saaremaa.

CONTACT: www.saaremaarally.eu



19 – 21 October

39th Saaremaa 3-Day Running Marathon

This unique running event consists of three stages (10 km + 16,195 km + 16 km) that are run on separate days in Kuessaare and on the roads of Sõrve peninsula. There is also a youth race (2 km + 3,24 km + 3,2 km) and it is possible to run only on the last day of the event (3,2 km, 8 km or 16 km).

CONTACT: www.saaremaajooks.ee



December

Kuessaare Film & Jazz Weekend

A selection of films included in the programme of the Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival can also be seen in the Kuessaare City Theatre. Each night after the film session it is possible to enjoy jazz and pop music in several places in Kuessaare (the City Theatre, the Resort Club, Arensburg Boutique Hotel).

CONTACT: www.kuessaare.ee/poff



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29 January –
5 February

IX International F. Chopin Piano Competition

An EMCY competition which brings together young musicians from a dozen countries playing the masterpieces of the famous Polish composer.

CONTACT: <http://chopin.narva.ee/>

3 – 8 April

Festival of School Theaters 'Golden Fish 2012'

More than 30 performances in different genres: fairytales for children, puppet-shows, philosophic tales, farces and more.

5 May

Narva Spring Fair

It's time to shake the rest of the winter's sleep off and start working in earnest! The Fair has an enormous display of goods and products from the local farmers, butchers, bakers, grocers and gardeners as well as sellers arriving from miles away.

CONTACT: www.nvtc.ee/kevadlaat

22 May – 4 June

International Mravinski Festival

To commemorate the stay of maestro E. Mravinsky in Narva and Narva-Jõesuu, the Department of Culture has been organizing the annual festivals since 1995, attracting musicians from a number of EU countries and beyond.

8 – 10 June

Days of Narva 2012

During the festivities many professional and amateur performers, societies of national cultures, well-known public figures in the fields of culture and sports will perform at many venues around the city. Unlike all the festivals in previous years, this year's celebrations are going to feature theatrical, music and dance groups and performers from St. Petersburg. There are also plans to devote the last day of the Festival exclusively to children.



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www.narva.ee

10 June

Art Holiday 'The Artist's Day'

This is an annual event where the works of the artists from Narva, other Estonian cities and abroad are exhibited in Narva Art Gallery. The visitors will have a chance to meet the artists.

13 – 15 July

International Bike Festival 'Narva Bike 2012'

The Fest has the reputation of the most positive and well-developed bikefests in Eastern Europe and the Baltic states. This year's invited music star is none other but the legendary Nazareth!

CONTACT: www.narvabike.com



9 – 11 August

Narva History Festival and Re-enactment of the Battle of Narva

The highlight of the Festival is the re-enactment of the Narva Battle of 1704.

11 August

Energiajooks 2012

This year's run hopes to beat the record of attendance and truly become a sporting event that is favoured by people of any age and sport form as the competitions are held not only in 21.1 km & 7 km runs but also in 7 km walk with trekking poles.

CONTACT: www.jooks.ee

September –
December

Narva – Autumn Capital of Estonia 2012

An eventful exciting programme packed with presentations, shows, concerts, picture and photo exhibitions, sport activities, visual arts, theatre and performances.





PAIDE



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20 – 22 April

History and Culture Festival 'The Winds of the Ages'

This time the topic will be Order Time and the history will be revitalized by the craftsmen, musicians, historians, actresses and of course "Estonian four kings". For this event, a special play has been written and will be performed by top actors of Estonia. During these days you will have the opportunity to enjoy a genuine Order Time life.

CONTACT: www.wittenstein.ee
www.paide.ee

26 May

Järva County Song and Dance Celebration

During the day different choirs, folk dance groups and local orchestras perform. Their all national clothes and their performances tell stories of the nation and its history.

CONTACT: jane.kiristaja@jarvamv.ee

7 October

Paide-Türi Marathon

This is the traditional event that is famous all over Estonia and takes place every year. Every year we have more than 2000 participants. There is a short distance and long distance so everybody could enjoy the run.

CONTACT: www.rahvajooks.ee

8 December

Christmas Crown 2012

A big handicraft fair just before the Christmas brings together hundreds of merchants and visitors. The keywords are fair, folk dance, concerts, competitions, poetry and many activities for children. In 2009 Paide hosted Over-European summit of Santa Clauses; in 2010 we had a grand dwarf's festival; in 2011 the history centre Wittenstein and its Christmas Land offered a great atmosphere; in 2012- come and see!

CONTACT: piret.virkoja@paide.ee



The nearest airport and harbor are in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. From Tallinn to Paide is 100 km which is about 1 hour and 30 minutes by car. More information about accommodation and travel organization will be found at:
www.visitestonia.com



6 – 8 April

Rakvere Ballet Days

For the second year in a row, the Ballet Days are arranged within the frames of Jõhvi Ballet Festival.

CONTACT: www.rakvererahvamaja.ee



23 – 29 April

Forest Week in Rakvere

This year the Forest Week is arranged in Rakvere who will carry the title of Forest Capital of Estonia. During this week different events will take place for the citizens of all age groups. Also, the world's longest stack of firewood will be built and this will hopefully reach the Guinness Record Book.

CONTACT: www.rakvere.ee

8 – 10 June

Days of Rakvere – Rakvere 710

During three days, the citizens and visitors of Rakvere can enjoy different cultural events. This year is special, marking 710 years since Rakvere was granted the Law of Lübeck. The main event will be the annual and very popular Handicraft Fair.

CONTACT: www.rakvere.ee

8 June

Estonian Night Run

This year the aim is to get more than 3000 runners to participate on the tracks of 5 km, 10 km and half-marathon (21 km). Rakvere welcomes everybody to start-line and guarantees the best experience in your life on the Second Estonian Night Run!

CONTACT: www.eestimaraton.ee

4 – 7 July

BALTOSCANDAL

This oldest festival in the Baltics brings to Rakvere the plays from all over the world that are different from ordinary theatre.

CONTACT: www.rakvereteater.ee

July

UEFA European U19 Championships

Rakvere will be one of the cities in the summer 2012 hosting European Championships in football (U19).

CONTACT: www.rakverespordikeskus.ee

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The fascinating atmosphere of Pärnu seaside resort in West-Estonia is filled with love and with the joy of life. The beloved resort bearing the title of Estonia's summer capital is full of positive and healing energy. The historical surroundings add their charm to the modern holiday and treatment facilities.

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17 – 26 February

Pärnu Ice Festival

Pärnu Ice Festival brings the summer buzz back to the resort and hosts a varied range of events over the 10 days, e.g. on 22-25 February ICICLE Ice Sculpture Symposium will take place, on 22-25 February - the winter blues festival THE BLUE ICICLE.

CONTACT: www.icefest.eu

24 – 27 May

IX Pärnu International Choir Festival

An international choir festival brings choirs in Estonia and guest choirs from abroad to Pärnu. The opening concert in Pärnu Concert Hall features Cyrillus Kreek's 'Requiem'.

CONTACT: www.prkf.ee

8 – 9 June

The Food Culture Festival 'Pärnu Grillfest'

Grillfest is not just a grilling party but a versatile and substantial traditional food festival where we expect both big and small friends of food who like to enjoy interesting food and cultural programme in beautiful nature and good company. Food exhibitions, workshops and national food training sessions will be held and artists from Estonia and abroad will perform.

CONTACT: www.grillfest.ee



28 June – 1 July

International Summer Youth Football Tournament 'Pärnu Summer Cup'

This year's International Youth Football Tournament will be held on the stadiums of Pärnu, Paikuse and Sindi. Boys born in 1995-2002 and girls born in 1996-1998 are welcome to participate. Several traditional events will take place during the tournament.

CONTACT: www.summercup.org

29 June – 1 July

Pärnu Hanseatic Days

After the International Hanseatic Days in 2010 Pärnu will continue the annual tradition of local Pärnu Hanseatic Days. The festival area in Vallikäär has got a new look and offers entertainment and trading both for residents and visitors.

CONTACT: www.parnu.ee

29 June – 1 July

Baltic-Nordic Harmonica

The largest and most famous harmonica festival in the Nordic and Baltic countries. Participants includes amateur and professional harmonica players.

CONTACT: www.piccolo.ee

25 – 29 July

Nordic Youth Championship in Sailing

Young sailors from Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Estonia, as well as from Latvia, Lithuania and Russia are competing in Pärnu.

20 July – 4 August

The International Järvi Summer Festival

International music festival features highly professional workshops for conductors as well as strings and winds workshops and fascinating concerts to remember performed by the varied sets of the participating musicians.

CONTACT: www.jarviacademy.ee

11 August

Night of the Arts Street Festival 'Augustiunetus'

Festival brings you a variety of (art) experiences in the open air: Supeluse Street, which stretches from the centre of city to the beach is the focal point of the festival, where street musicians, a night cinema, dance and theatre performances, park concerts and garden cafes will await you.

CONTACT: www.augustiunetus.ee

16 – 18 August

The International Mono Theatre Festival 'Monomaffia'

Theatre festival provides an intimate and special contact between the actor and the audience.

CONTACT: www.monomaffia.ee

www.visitparnu.ee





29 – 31 March

Tallinn Music Week

Showcase festival and a music industry networking event aiming to bring together music industry professionals from Nordic, Baltic and Eastern European countries.

CONTACT: www.tallinnmusicweek.ee

20 – 28 April

23th Festival Jazzkaar

The biggest and best known jazz festival in the Baltic countries since 1989.

CONTACT: www.jazzkaar.ee



15 May

Tallinn Day 2012

City celebration to mark the granting of Lübeck City Rights to Tallinn in 1248.

CONTACT: www.tallinn.ee

26 May – 2 June

XXXI Old Town Days

Early summer festival with musicians, medieval characters, markets and events over the Old Tallinn.

CONTACT: www.vanalinnaevad.ee

May – August

Tallinn Flower Festival

International exhibition of florists works next to the historical City Wall.

CONTACT: www.lillefestival.tallinn.ee

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13 – 15 July

Tallinn Maritime Days

The waterfront festival around the renovated Seaplane Harbour area – the new Maritime Museum center with related programs, concerts, boat trips and performances.

CONTACT: www.tallinnamerepaevad.ee

11 – 19 August

Birgitta Festival

An Opera&Ballet festival in the mediaeval ruins of Pirita St. Bridget Convent with the best in modern musical theatre.

CONTACT: www.birgitta.ee

9 September

Tallinn Marathon

One of the most popular sporting events in the region with more than 16 000 participants in 2011 for full marathon, half marathon and 10 km distances.

CONTACT: www.tallinnmarathon.ee

November –
December

16th Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival

The biggest traditional film festival in the Baltic region with rich international program and sub-festivals for animation and student films. The festival celebrates 100 years of film-making in Estonia.

CONTACT: www.poff.ee

1 December –
8 January

Old Town Christmas Market

Christmas comes to the Town Hall Square with this charming market where traditional gifts, food and drinks are sold. Various concerts create the Christmas feeling for the people of Tallinn and our guests.

CONTACT: www.christmasmarket.ee



19 February

41st Tartu Marathon

Variable course profile and suitable distances for everyone are the keywords that have invited a lot of skiers to Southern Estonia every February to test themselves in racing with friends, enjoy winter nature or just meet other skiers from all over the world.

CONTACT: www.tartumaraton.ee

30 April – 6 May

Tartu Student Spring Days

Night Song Festival, Student Song Contest, Night Dance Party, Meeting Point, Walpurg Night's Mystery, Boat Rally, Let's Folk! and many other events help students to relax before their exam session begins.

CONTACT: www.studentdays.ee

10 – 13 May

Tartu International Literature Festival Prima Vista

During the festival Tartu is full of literary life as the festival programme includes meetings with writers, book presentations, discussions and lectures, a book fair and Park Library, also concerts and film programmes.

CONTACT: <http://kirjandusfestival.tartu.ee>

25 – 27 May

Festival of Archaic Creation REGIÖÖ 2012

RegiÖÖ focusses mainly on the archaic stratification in Estonian and Scandinavian music, songs and dances. The main scope of the event is to introduce the roots of our world-view through ancient musical traditions. During the concerts and workshops, there is an excellent opportunity for a contemporary person to learn about the forefathers' heritage.

CONTACT: www.tartu.ee/regiöö/Regi2011/

27 May

SEB 31. Tartu Rattaralli

A cycling race with two distances: 133 km and 71 km. It brings over 4000 cyclists to Tartu, thus being the most important popular road cycling event of the year.

CONTACT: www.tartumaraton.ee

MORE INFORMATION
www.visittartu.com



7 – 10 June

XI Estonian Composers' Festival

Estonian composers festival brings listeners the first-class programme of the Estonian contemporary music.

CONTACT: www.composer.ee

15 – 17 June

Nordic-Baltic Male Choir Festival

In order to maintain the tradition of boys' and mens' choral singing in the Baltic Sea Region, the Estonian Male Choirs Association in cooperation with the Nordisk Sangerforbund is organizing the Nordic and Baltic Mens Choir Festival. It is anticipated that 4,000 singers - men and boys - will participate.

CONTACT: www.tartu2012.eu/indexest.html

19 – 22 July

Tartu Hanseatic Days 2012

Tartu city centre will take you to different times and activities. You will experience the Middle Ages in Jaani Town, ancient times in River Town and contemporary times in Rae Town.

CONTACT: www.hansapaevad.ee

6 – 12 August

Tartu Love Film Festival tARTuFF

An open air film festival, dedicated to love films in all different forms, accompanied by a documentary programme, lectures and concerts.

CONTACT: www.tartuff.ee

11 – 14 October

International Early Music Festival Orient et Occident

Tartu Early Music Festival is an interdisciplinary event bringing together concerts, performances, exhibitions, lectures, study sessions and master classes. Among other things, it has always featured the Festival Club with its distinctive ambience.

CONTACT: www.festivitas.ee



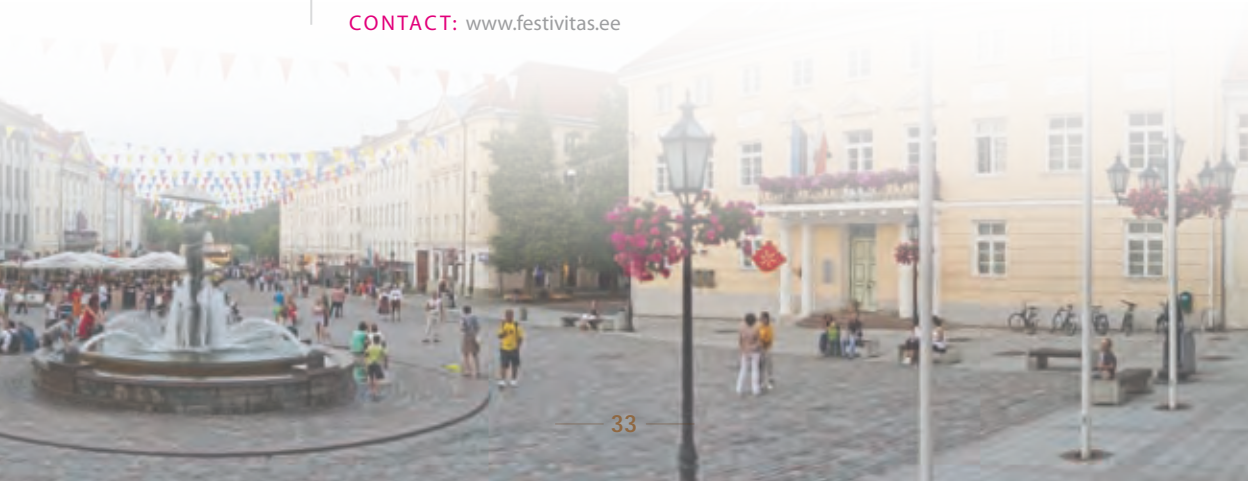
TRAVEL TIPS

BY BUS: Each day more than 40 express buses make the 2.5-hour trip from Tallinn's Central Bus Station. www.bussireisid.ee

BY CAR: Driving from Tallinn is fairly simple. Head out of town along Tartu mnt. and pass the airport (on your left), then just drive along the same road all the way down to Tartu.

BY PLANE: There are international flights arriving at Tartu airport, departing from Helsinki. www.tartu-airport.ee

BY TRAIN: Trains to Tartu are scarce, with only five of them leaving from Tallinn every day. A ride takes about two hours. www.edel.ee





25 February

Haanja Ski Marathon

Part of the Estoloppet series.

CONTACT: www.haanjamaraton.ee

2 June

Võrumaa Song and Dance Festival

Folk songs and dances.

CONTACT: www.werro.ee

15 – 16 June

Tamula Vanake

Open air volleyball tournament.

CONTACT: www.tamulavanake.ee

12 – 15 July

Võru Folklore Festival

International folklore festival (songs, dances, food, handicrafts).

CONTACT: www.vorufolkloor.ee

3 August

Võru Roller

Summer skiing competition in streets of Võru.

CONTACT: www.okvoru.ee

MORE
www.voru.ee

14 – 20 August

Võru Brass Music Days

International performances.

CONTACT: www.voru.ee

14 – 20 August

Võru Town Days

Town anniversary celebrations.

CONTACT: www.voru.ee

17 – 19 August

J.Gutmann's Volleyball Tournament

International volleyball competition.

CONTACT: www.voruvk.ee

2 December

First Advent

Christmas celebration.

CONTACT: www.voru.ee



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2 – 4 February

XIV International Winter Folkdance Festival

Dance Festival as usual, only in wintertime and outdoors.

CONTACT: <http://talvinetantsupidu.viljandimaa.ee/>

10 – 12 February

Student's Theatre Days

Three days of theatre, workshops, good humor, friends and celebration.

CONTACT: www.tudengiteater.ee

1 May

83rd Running Race Around Lake Viljandi

One of the most popular running and Nordic walking races in Estonia.

CONTACT: www.viljandimaa.ee/jarvejooks

6 May

Mulgi Mountain Bike Marathon

One of the biggest and with a largest attendance cycling races of Estonian Cycling Marathon Series.

CONTACT: www.rattaklubi.ee

8 – 10 June

Viljandi Hanseatic Days

Concerts, workshops, handicraft fair and people walk in the streets wearing historical costumes.

CONTACT: www.viljandi.ee

26 – 29 July

Viljandi Folk Music Festival

One of the largest festivals of its kind in the Baltic and Northern countries. The theme of the festival in 2012 is 'Man's song'.

CONTACT: www.folk.ee

2 – 4 August

Rock Ramp

Rock Ramp has become the biggest rock festival in Viljandi.

CONTACT: www.rockramp.ee

18 – 22 September

Viljandi Guitar Festival

Jam sessions, workshop performances and the traditional Guitar Orchestra concert will take place during the festival week.

CONTACT: www.viljandiguitar.ee

28 January

SnowCastle Opening Ceremony

The SnowCastle of Kemi by the Gulf of Bothnia is the source of great pride, as well as a true showcase of architectonic snow-work of the local constructors. Every winter the SnowCastle offers wonderful experiences for both children and adults alike. Great light effects will add to the charm of the snow- and ice-sculpting as well as to the structures about the SnowCastle. The SnowCastle is open daily 29.1. – 9.4.2012 at 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

CONTACT: www.snowcastle.net

3 March

The Arctic Ice Marathon

You might have been running on the streets in big cities, probably you have run on the countryside, too. You might have run in the jungle or possibly sometimes in the desert. But have you ever even imagined to be running on the wideness of the arctic ice? Now you have the chance! If you have the courage, condition and adventurous spirit - and a little bit of arctic lunatics - you can come and run the World's Fourth International Arctic Ice Marathon in Kemi, Finland!

CONTACT: www.arcticicemarathon.fi

18 – 20 May

The Arctic Comics Festival and Kitacon

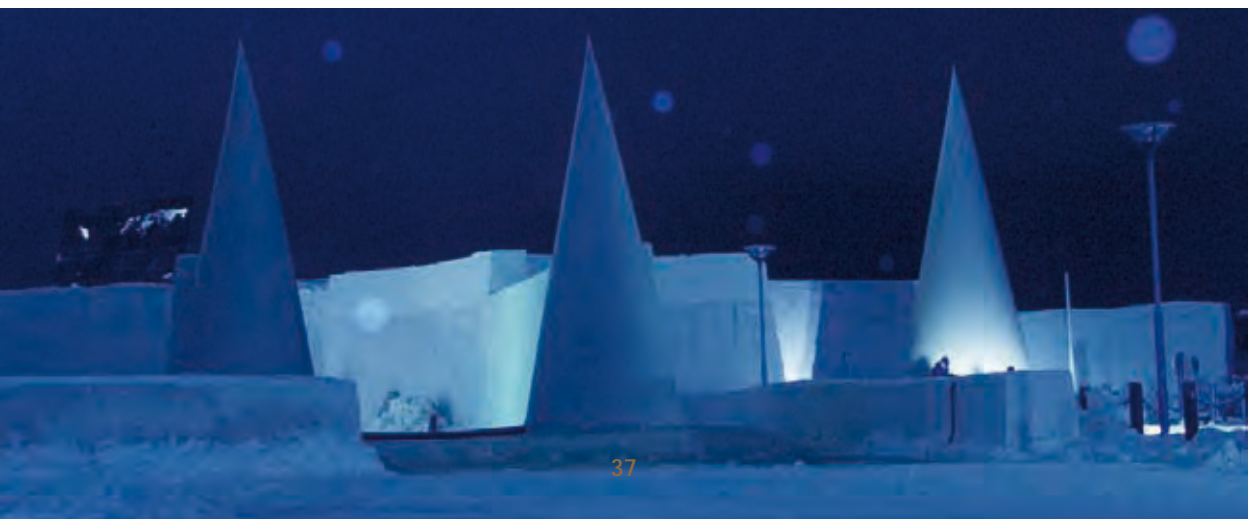
The Arctic Comics Festival offers guest comic artists and interesting exhibitions. In Kitacon in main part are Manga, Anime and Japanese culture.

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3 – 5 February

WDC Helsinki Open Doors Weekend

The Design Capital will throw open the doors of its designers and invite everyone to discover their work. During the weekend, design will be looked at from many different angles from workplaces to schools and clubs to worksites.

CONTACT: www.wdchelsinki2012.fi

22 April

Länsiväylä Run

36th Länsiväylä run in Espoo. Distances are 17, 4 kilometers or shorter 6, 5 kilometers.

CONTACT: www.lansivaylajuoksu.fi

23 – 29 April

April Jazz

International Jazz festival in Tapiola.

CONTACT: www.apriljazz.fi

27 May

Giro d'Espoo

Cycling event. Cycle 111 km around Espoo in beautiful surroundings.

CONTACT: www.girodespoo.fi

7 June –
30 August

Organ Night & Aria

Fascinating night concerts in Espoo Cathedral.

CONTACT: www.orkuyofestival.fi

8 – 9 June

Kivenlahti Rock

Rock music festival in Leppävaara.

CONTACT: www.kivenlahtirock.com



8 – 10 June

Volvo Suursaari Race

Finland's top offshore sailing race.

CONTACT: www.espoosuursaarirace.org

25 August

Espoo Day

Different kind of events in Espoo.

CONTACT: www.espoo.fi

17 – 26 August

Espoo Ciné

An International Film Festival.

CONTACT: www.espoocine.fi

22 – 23 September

Espoon Rantamaraton

Running event in Espoo, compete in a 10 km course on Saturday or take a challenge and go for a marathon distance on Sunday.

CONTACT: www.rantamaraton.fi

17 – 21 October

Choir Espoo

An International Choir Festival.

CONTACT: www.kuoroespoo.fi



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Espoo Ciné



June-August

Guided theme cruises in the Espoo archipelago

www.visitespoo.fi



1 January –
31 December



1 January –
31 December



31 December 2011 –
9 January



4 – 20 May



27 June – 1 July

World Design Capital 2012

Helsinki has been appointed the World Design Capital for 2012. The main theme is Open Helsinki: Embedding Design in Life. Lots of events and exhibitions all year round.

CONTACT: www.wdchelsinki2012.fi

Helsinki 200 years as Capital

In 2012 Helsinki celebrates the bicentennial of becoming Finland's capital.

CONTACT: www.helsinki200.fi

LUX Helsinki

Helsinki will pass the darkest time of the year with the help of light art. LUX Helsinki city happening will turn the city centre into an inspiring journey of light.

CONTACT: www.hel.fi/events

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

The biggest annual winter sports event worldwide. In 2012 the IIHF World Championship will be hosted by two countries, Finland (Helsinki) and Sweden (Stockholm). In Helsinki there will be played preliminary rounds (partly), semi-finals and medal games.

CONTACT: www.iihf.com

European Athletics Championships

Best athletes around Europe gather to compete in the summer night of Helsinki. The fast-paced schedule of the European Athletics Championships includes exiting highlights for every competition day. 30 000 spectators and the amazing athletes will create an atmosphere that can't be explained – you have to experience it on the spot.

CONTACT: www.helsinki2012.fi

17 August –
2 September

Helsinki Festival

Finland's largest arts festival will provide a diverse programme of events throughout the city, with experiences ranging from classical to world music and pop, from drama to contemporary dance, and from visual art to film and children's events.

CONTACT: www.helsinkifestival.fi



5 – 15 September

Helsinki Design Week

Helsinki Design Week 2012 brings together the international design community and local artists. The themes of the design festival, embracing the challenges of the Design Capital year, are built on by a new international team. The event will spread from the Cable Factory to the Old Customs Warehouse.

CONTACT: www.helsinkidesignweek.com



7 – 13 October

Helsinki Baltic Herring Fair

Every autumn fishermen gather in the Market Square for the traditional Helsinki Baltic Herring Fair to sell their Baltic herring and other fish products.

CONTACT: www.portofhelsinki.fi



7 – 21 December
(preliminary)

St. Thomas Market

There are over 120 stalls at the St. Thomas Christmas Market selling e.g. crafts, baked goods and other Christmas specialities.

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1 June – 14 October

Art Exhibition: Helene Schjerfbeck Ateneum Art Museum

150th anniversary of the birth of Helene Schjerfbeck. Helene Schjerfbeck (1862-1946) was a Finnish painter and she is most widely known for her realist works and self-portraits. Since 1992 Schjerfbeck's international recognition and reputation have also continued to grow following exhibitions in Germany, the Netherlands and France.

CONTACT: www.ateneum.fi



15 – 19 February

Arctic Heat XIII International Film Festival

Taking place in the magical Finnish winter scenery, this annual film festival offers unforgettable experiences in different forms and genres of Nordic film. Majority of the films are presented with English subtitles.

CONTACT: www.arktisenupeeta.net

19 – 25 March

Jyväskylä's 175th Birthday Week

Year 2012 marks the 175th Anniversary of the City of Jyväskylä. Come and join us in the celebration for a week filled with a wide range of events and activities throughout the city for people of all ages.

CONTACT: www.jyvaskyla.fi/175

3 – 8 April

WMA Indoor Championships

The first world indoor athletics championships ever to be organised in Finland. Come and experience the excitement of competition!

CONTACT: <http://wma2012.jyvaskyla.fi>

10 – 15 July

Jyväskylä Festival

Going far beyond music and dance, the oldest on-going cultural festival in the Nordic countries offers a variety of theatre, circus, comedians, magic and lots more.

CONTACT: www.jyvaskylankesa.fi/jyvaskylan-kesa-festival

2 – 4 August

Neste Oil Rally Finland

Known as one of the best organised FIA World Rally Championship events, the rally draws hundreds of thousands of spectators to the Jyväskylä region every summer.

CONTACT: www.nesteoilrallyfinland.fi

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<http://jyvaskylanseutu.fi/travel/jsm>

10 – 12 August

12th International Alvar Aalto Symposium "CRAFTED" – the Ingredients of Architecture

Held every three years, this unique event brings hundreds of architects and designers from all over the world together to discuss artistic, social and technical problems of modern architecture.

CONTACT: www.alvaraalto.fi/symposium/2012

19 – 22 September

Time of Dance Festival

The festival presents a wide overview on the Finnish contemporary dance. The varied program contains performances from new and experienced choreographers.

CONTACT: www.tanssinaika.fi

20 – 21 September

Nordic Business Forum 2012 - Growth

Starred by Virgin Group founder Sir Richard Branson, this annual business seminar will offer concrete techniques, strategies, principles, methods, ideas, networks and inspiration for profitable growth.

CONTACT: www.nordicbusinessforum.com

20 – 21 September

LUCI City under Microscope 2012

Jyväskylä, the winner of the city.people.light award 2009, hosts LUCI Association's City under Microscope event in 2012. The LUCI event will kick off the City of Light 2012 event.

CONTACT: annukka.larsen@jkl.fi

21 – 30 September

City of Light 2012 Event

This fascinating annual event showcases new lighting techniques and offers illuminative experiences for everyone.

CONTACT: www.valonkaupunki.jyvaskyla.fi/english





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www.merikeskusvellamo.fi

Kotka Maretarium
www.maretarium.fi

Langinkoski Imperial Fishing
Lodge (1889)
www.langinkoskimuseo.com

Sapokka Water Garden
www.visitkotka.fi

Kotka Archipelago
www.visitkotka.fi

Sunila
www.visitkotka.fi

5 – 26 February

10 – 11 March
3 – 4 November

19 – 20 May
13 – 14 October

6 – 10 June

26 – 29 July

27 – 29 July

7 – 8 September

9 - 11 September

18 – 25 November

18 November 2012
– 6 January 2013

Children's Cultural Weeks in Kymenlaakso

Concerts, theatre, dance, fine arts, literature, films.

CONTACT: www.lakupaikka.fi

Kymi Grand Market

CONTACT: www.markkina.net

Kotka Fish Market

CONTACT: www.merikala.fi

Kymijoen Lohisoitto Music Festival

Versatile and high-quality music festival.

CONTACT: www.lohisoitto.fi

Kotka Maritime Festival

CONTACT: www.meripaivat.com

Children's Maritime Festival

CONTACT: www.lastenmeripaivat.com

Fashion Night and Culture Event

Fashion shows, music, visual arts, night of the galleries, shows, film and cultural debate.

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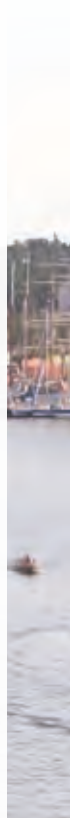
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Kotka Organ Week

CONTACT: www.kotka.fi/urkuviikko

Christmas Weeks in Kotka

Christmas events, sales.





5 – 10 June

Pori Organ

7th International Organ Festival.

CONTACT: www.poriorgan.fi

8 – 9 June

Icco Rock

Pop and rock festival.

CONTACT: www.iccorock.fi

11 – 16 June

Boardsailing Raceboard Class World Championships

CONTACT: www.purjelautaliitto.fi/Raceboard_MM_2012

5 – 8 July

Yyteri Beach Futsi (Beach Football)

Sports and Party Festival.

CONTACT: www.yyteribeach.fi

14 – 18 July

Pori Jazz Kids Festival

CONTACT: www.porijazz.fi

14 – 22 July

47th International Pori Jazz Festival

CONTACT: www.porijazz.fi

16 – 20 July

VII SuomiAreena Public Debate Forum

Meeting of decision makers and citizens.

CONTACT: www.mtv3.fi/suomiareena

3 – 5 August

Porispere Festival

Pop/rock/alternative music festival.

CONTACT: www.porispere.fi

15 – 19 August

XIII International Pori Folk Festival

CONTACT: www.pori.fi/kulttuuri/porifolk

5 – 9 September

XIII International Lain\$uojattomat (Outlaws) Theatre Festival

CONTACT: www.rakastajat.com

Pori provides practical facilities for organising various major events, such as conferences or fairs. Everything you need is located within walking distance. All conference, festival and concert facilities and premises as well as other services are located in the very centre of the city.



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11 February

Stars of the Stadium

Stars of the Stadium is the first 4 star TTR men's snowboard BigAir-event in Finland! The day includes amazing 4 star BigAir competition, laid-back rail jam and gigs from Finland's top rappers. Kids are also warmly welcome to the Stadium!

CONTACT: www.starsofthestadium.fi

14 – 15 January

Desucon 2012

Desucon is a Finnish convention for the fans of Japanese animation and comics. First organized in June 2009, the annual Desucon has been in both its years chosen as the very best Finnish anime and manga convention.

25 – 26 February

Finlandia Ski Marathon 2012

Traditional Finlandia Ski Marathon (part of FIS Marathon Cup) will take place in the Lahti Sport Centre. The races in classical 50 km and 32 km and free style 50 km and 20 km will be on the program. Yearly over 6000 skiers participate in Finlandia Ski Marathon

CONTACT: www.finlandiahihto.fi

2 – 4 March

Lahti Ski Games 2012

FIS World Cup event of cross-country, ski jumping and Nordic combined. Annually Lahti Ski Games gathers tens of thousands of spectators and ski fans from all over the world to the ski stadium and the ski jumps.

CONTACT: www.lahtiskigames.com

30 June – 1 July

Lahti Midnight Ultra Marathon

24 hours canoeing race Lahti Midnight Ultra Marathon invites also international guests to enjoy the beautiful lake scenery, Finnish Summer Midnight and canoeing sport in Lahti.



6 – 7 July

Summer Up

Summer Up - the biggest Finnish hip hop and reggae music festival in number of visitors – continues the festival summer again in Mukkula Park, Lahti.

CONTACT: www.summerup.fi

6 – 12 August

Lahti Organ Festival

The Lahti Organ Festival was held for the first time in 1973. Since then the Festival has been a must for organ enthusiasts and music lovers.

CONTACT: www.lahtiorgan.fi

23 – 26 August

Kalevan kisat

The Finnish Championships in athletics brings all the best Finnish athletes to the Sport Center of Lahti 2012.

6 – 9 September

Sibelius Festival

The Lahti Symphony Orchestra's 13th International Sibelius Festival, under the baton of Okko Kamu, the orchestra's principal conductor and the festival's artistic director, will take place at the Sibelius Hall.

CONTACT: www.sinfonia-lahti.fi

28 October –
4 November

Hollo & Martta Festival

An annual folklore festival held in Hollola commune and in the surrounding counties of Päijät-Häme. The festival provides a wide representation of the colourful European dance culture and a generous outlook of domestic folkdance.

CONTACT: http://koti.phnet.fi/hns/hollojamartta/index_en.php

Environmental Week

17 – 23 September

A regional environmental theme week that aims to raise awareness and motivate people to act for the environment. It's a great opportunity show off your Eco know-how. During the week Lahti celebrates the international Car-free Day on 22 September.

CONTACT: www.lahti.fi/suomi/ymparistoviikko





14 – 17 March

Vera Filmfestival

The annual Vera is an international film festival for the best short and documentary films from all over the world. The touching films widen up your horizon. During the past years Vera has strengthened its position as a festival and offers a wide range of films that are both entertaining and challenging.

CONTACT: www.verafilmfestival.ax

23 – 25 March

Mariehamn Literature Days

An opportunity for readers to meet and discuss with authors and poets at public gatherings or small intimate seminars.

CONTACT: www.litteraturdagarna.ax

8 June

Champagne Auction

Auction for the old champagne bottles which were found in summer 2010. Place: Alandica Kultur och Kongress Strandgatan 33, Mariehamn

CONTACT: www.alandica.ax

17 – 21 June

Alandia Cup

The largest international football tournament for 11 year olds held in Scandinavia. More than 1500 youngsters compete.

CONTACT: www.alandiacup.com

24 – 28 June

Åland Organ Music Festival

An international festival with concerts held in Mariehamn and surrounding districts.

CONTACT: www.alfest.org

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6 – 7 July

Alandia Jazz Festival

Alandia Jazz Festival in Mariehamn offers jazz when it is at its best – atmospheric and groovy, relaxing and solicitous, artistic and creative, improvising and inventive.

CONTACT: www.alandiajazz.com

17 – 21 July

Åland Sea Days

A gathering of traditional sailing vessels and farm boats held at the Maritime Quarter in the Eastern Harbour.

CONTACT: www.sjokvarteret.com

20 – 24 July

Rockoff Festival

This annual music festival attracts well-known Scandinavian artists and offers entertainment for all age groups.

CONTACT: www.rockoff.nu

30 July –
3 August

Katrina Chamber Music Festival

Since year 2000 Åland's sympathetic chamber music festival has annually welcomed chamber music lovers from far and near to enjoy beautiful music, charming environments and the delightful summer.

CONTACT: info@katrina.ax

21 – 22 September

Åland Harvest and Fish Festival

A celebration of all that is good in life, a feast for all senses. Traditional autumn fish market in the old maritime quarters in Mariehamn.

CONTACT: www.sjokvarteret.com



7 April

Pellinki Easter Market

Annual Easter market on the island of Pellinki in the archipelago of Porvoo.

CONTACT: www.pellinge.net

24 – 25 May

Porvoo Spring Market

An annual event that fills up the market place and the riverside with sale booths for different products.

CONTACT: www.porvoo.fi

27 June – 1 July

Avanti! XXVI Summer Sounds

Annual music festival.

CONTACT: www.avantimusic.fi

17 – 22 July

Emäsalo Music Festival

Annual music festival.

CONTACT: www.porvoo.fi

30 August

Night of Music

Annual music event in Porvoo Cathedral.

CONTACT: www.porvoonseurakunnat.fi

Many routes to Porvoo!
There are many ways to get to Finland's second oldest city: by car or bus, or in summer also by boat, ship, train, motorcycle or bike. At fastest the journey from Helsinki to Porvoo takes less than an hour. More travel tips at www.porvoo.fi/tourism

31 August

Shopping Night in Old Porvoo

An annual event in Old Porvoo.

CONTACT: www.porvoo.fi

4 – 5 October

Porvoo Autumn Market

An annual event that fills up the market place and the riverside with sale booths for different products.

CONTACT: www.porvoo.fi

24 November

Opening of Christmas Season

Annual opening of Christmas in Porvoo city centre.

CONTACT: www.porvoonelavakeskusta.fi

1 December

Opening of Christmas Season in Old Porvoo

Annual opening of Christmas in Old Porvoo.

CONTACT: www.porvoo.fi

15 – 16 December

Porvoo Christmas Market

Annual Christmas market in Old Porvoo at Raatihuoneentori Square.

CONTACT: www.porvoonelavakeskusta.fi



27 – 28 January

Circus Ruska Festival

The festival introduces contemporary circus acts, where new circus techniques and methods of expression are used to create the performances.

CONTACT: www.circusruska.com

7 – 11 March

Tampere Film Festival

International short film festival.

CONTACT: www.tamperefilmfestival.fi

18 – 22 April

Tampere Biennale

The programme of the Tampere Biennale premieres new works, as well as embraces rarely performed pieces.

CONTACT: www.tamperefestival.fi

7 – 12 May

Mukamas 2012 – International Puppet Theatre Festival

This international puppet festival introduces Finnish professional puppet performances as well as international groups.

CONTACT: www.teatterimukamas.com

3 – 10 June

Tampere Guitar Festival

During the annual festival week there are various concerts and international master classes.

CONTACT: www.tampereguitarfestival.fi

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8 – 10 June

Sauna Open Air Metal Festival

Sauna Open Air or just Sauna, has become one of the largest music festivals dedicated only to metal and related styles of music in the Nordic countries.

CONTACT: www.sauna-open-air.fi

13 – 17 June

Finnish-Estonian Dance Festival 'TanSSIPidot 2012'

Thousands of dancers, musicians and singers from Finland, Estonia and other countries will come together for this international folk dance and music festival.

CONTACT: www.sottiisi.net

27 July –
4 August

Tampere Floral Festival

This festival in downtown Tampere attracts thousands of locals and visitors to enjoy many hundreds of floral arrangements and collections.

CONTACT: www.kukkaisviikot.fi/english

6 – 12 August

Tampere Theatre Festival

The festival programme will include 21st century drama, classics, performances, dance and street theatre.

CONTACT: www.teatterikesa.fi

1 – 4 November

Tampere Jazz Happening

This festival is renowned for its friendly atmosphere and for the fresh and uncompromising repertoire of its guest artists. The internationally esteemed programme incorporates the diverse styles of modern jazz.

CONTACT: www.tampere.fi/jazz/en/



VAASA



21 – 22 April

Ostrobothnian Fair

The Ostrobothnian fair is the biggest fair in Ostrobothnia and will take place in Botniahall.

CONTACT: www.pohjanmaanexpo.fi

16 – 20 May

Vaasa XIX Choir Festival

Celebration of the conclusion of the singing season which is open for every choir. Choir music can be heard at churches, concert halls, schools, restaurants, etc.

CONTACT: www.vaasa.fi/choirfestival/

28 June –
1 July

Wasa Youth Football Cup

Some 250 teams representing countries in Scandinavia and Europe, participate every year in junior soccer tournament.

CONTACT: www.wasafootballcup.com

1 – 8 August

Korsholm Music Festival

The festival brings its town mood to this coastal region as music resounds in concert halls, restaurants, museums and idyllic church buildings. Plus white nights - a special magic!

CONTACT: www.korsholmmusicfestival.fi

10 – 12 August

Vaasan Marssi Walking Event

Unique walking event in Finland. All walking routes start from the market place and end at the Hietalahden Villa.

CONTACT: www.vaasanmarssi.fi

9 August

Night of Arts

The Night of Arts has been arranged since 1991 and is becoming more popular year by year. Theatre, performances, exhibitions, music and dance on the streets, in museums, restaurants and pubs.

CONTACT: www.vaasa.fi/taiteidenyo

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You can fly to Vaasa from four capital cities (Helsinki, Stockholm, Tallinn and Riga) and the drive from the airport takes only 10 minutes. By train you arrive directly at the city centre. And the shortest shipping route to Sweden goes from Vaasa all year round. Everything in Vaasa is at walking or cycling distance. Under the market place in the centre you can find 840 parking places.

1 September

XXVIII Vaasa Marathon

CONTACT: www.vaasanvasama.fi/fin/Maraton.6.html

26 – 28 October

Vasara - Ostrobothnia Construction Fair

All about building, renovating and interior with offers of 200 exhibitors.

CONTACT: www.pohjanmaanexpo.fi

November

Vaasa LittFest Vasa

The purpose of the event is to support and develop the knowledge of literature for the bilingual Ostrobothnia by offering the public a high-level program free of charge. The program includes author visits, seminars and evening program.

CONTACT: <http://littfest.vaasa.fi>

13 – 16 November

5th International Jorma Panula Conducting Competition

One of the most prestigious new-generation conducting competitions in Europe. The "maestro of maestros" behind it is Professor Jorma Panula and it is organised by the Viljo and Maire Vuorio Foundation in collaboration with the City of Vaasa.

CONTACT: www.panulacompetition.com





3 – 12 May

Nordic Sound

Since 1992 "Nordischer Klang" presents every year an exclusive program of music, art, literature, films and theatre from Northern Europe. Over 40 events will be held in Greifswald to reflect the modern, urban and cosmopolitan image of Northern Europe.

CONTACT: www.nordischerklang.de

26 – 28 May

Open Art

Hundreds of artists (painters, potters, wood cutters) open their studios and garages to contribute to the biggest exhibition in the state West Pomerania on the weekend of Whitsun.

CONTACT: www.kunst-offen.com

4 – 10 June

66th Greifswald Week of Bach Festival of Church Music in the North

"Bach and the whole of the North" is the main theme of this year's Greifswald Bach Week Festival. However, the focus will also be put on music beyond the North of Germany: from children's concerts on Danish fools and simpletons to Scandinavian serenades to evening as well as to music from North America, e.g. Duke Ellington's first "Sacred Concert". Sacred music for the morning, church services as well as Choir-projects, that are open to interested people, await visitors.

CONTACT: www.greifswalder-bachwoche.de



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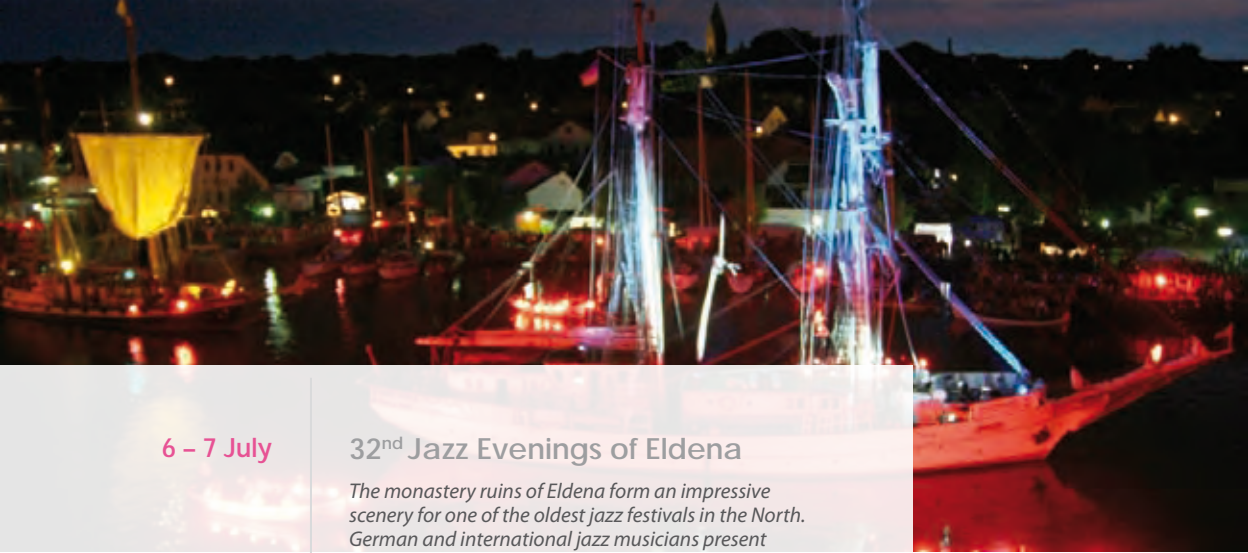
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6 – 7 July

32nd Jazz Evenings of Eldena

The monastery ruins of Eldena form an impressive scenery for one of the oldest jazz festivals in the North. German and international jazz musicians present contemporary jazz.

13 – 15 July

Fisher Festival – 'Gaffelrigg'

Artists, showmen, trader, sportsmen, associations and many others shape the 3-day long festival at the river Ryck. The highlights are the so-called "Gaffelrigg" – a parade of old traditional ships – and "Ryck in flames" – a symphony for senses.

14 September

10th Greifswald Night of Culture

The night of culture is the podium for manifold cultural activities taking place in Greifswald every year. More than 30 organizers open their doors and offer a wide variety to make the night walk through the city centre of Greifswald a special experience.

November

polenmARkT

Every year in November Greifswald immerses deeply into the fascinating world of Polish culture. For the 15th time the Polish culture festival will invite authors, musical acts and performers, who will make you forget the usual November dreariness.

CONTACT: www.polenmarkt-greifswald.de

30 November –
19 December

Christmas Market

It smells tempting, you hear the sound of children carousel, and the impressing gabled houses around the market place of Greifswald wear their nicest decoration of the year. Year after year!



KIEL

1 – 4 March

Kieler Umschlag (with Sunday opening)

Awaiting you on the Alter Markt will be an entire historical village with artisans and tradesmen, jugglers and innkeepers, inviting you to experience crafts of ages long gone by and partake in delicious dishes.

CONTACT: www.kieler-umschlag.de

May
– September

Sailing Camp (Camp 24/sieben)

The sailing camp, which is the only of its kind in Germany, invites you to optimist sailing courses, city tours by boat, after work sailing and many other sailing events directly at the Kielinie seven days a week.

CONTACT: www.camp-24sieben.de

17 – 20 May

Festival of Beers

During the weekend of Ascension Day, Kiel's Bootshafen will be transformed into a paradise for beer lovers – over 180 different varieties of one of the world's most favourite beverages will be presented and visitors will be able to try all of them to their heart's content.

CONTACT: www.eventbuero-kiel.de

16 – 24 June

Kieler Woche and 6th International Balloon Sail

Kieler Woche is the world's largest competitive sailing event and the largest summer festival in the north of Europe with its over 1000 events. And what's more, up to 70 hot-air ballooning teams will be attending the fifth international Balloon Sail on the Nordmarksportfeld, casting their magical glow over the sports field as they float off on their evening flight.

CONTACT: www.kieler-woche.de

July – August

Bootshafensommer

A diverse cultural and aquatic programme at the Bootshafen: from 2 p.m. until the evening a floating stage will offer poetry slam, jazz dance shows, readings and live music in a relaxed maritime atmosphere.

CONTACT: www.kiel-marketing.de



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13 – 15 July

Cheese Meets Wine

During the day visitors will be welcome to enjoy live music, small theatrical interludes and the possibility to go sailing and in the evening the "Zelt der Genüsse" (tent of delights), where typical national delicacies will be served, ensures that cheese fanatics won't be the only gourmets catered to.

CONTACT: www.kiel-marketing.de

20 – 26 August

Duckstein Festival - Kai City Kiel

„Art, Culture & the Delicious“, is once again the motto of the Duckstein-Festival, which will be taking place at the Hörn-Querkai featuring a varied concert programme on a water stage.

CONTACT: www.duckstein-festival.de

5 – 7 October

Farmers' Market

A fresh countryside breeze sweeps the city on the fjord! Since ten years Kiel's farmers' and regional market is being held in the centre of Kiel. The city will be dedicated to agriculture and transformed into a market place for regional products, artisanal and historic crafts. Shops are scheduled to open their doors on Sunday.

CONTACT: www.kiel-marketing.de

3 – 4 November

Scandinavian Days

Now for the fourth year running we celebrate the Scandinavian Days in the city centre. Several market stalls offer original products and specialities from Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. The shops and boutiques are happy to revisit the Scandinavian topic as well – and are open even on Sunday.

CONTACT: www.kiel-marketing.de

November –
January

Christmas Market and Ice Festival

The city on the fjord radiates in a bright and cheerful Christmas atmosphere. Traditional Christmas punch stalls, arts and culinary delicacies form an invitation to a long Christmas stroll.

CONTACT: www.kiel-marketing.de



15 January –
15 April

Anders Zorn Exhibition in the Behnhouse / Drägerhouse

Around 100 outstanding works from all the artist's creative periods will provide insights into Zorn's pictorial cosmos, offering a survey of the brilliant artist's multifaceted oeuvre.

CONTACT: www.die-luebecker-museen.de

28 April – 6 May

21st Brahms Festival

Academics and students present concerts of symphonies and chamber music of Brahms and his contemporaries at the highest artistic stage.

CONTACT: www.mh-luebeck.de

7 July –
26 August

Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival

The partner country of the 27th Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival in 2011 is China.

CONTACT: www.shmf.de

31 October –
4 November

54th Nordic Film Festival

Showing and awarding of new Scandinavian and Baltic films: documentaries and short films, movies for children and young people as well as retrospective information shows, seminars and discussions.

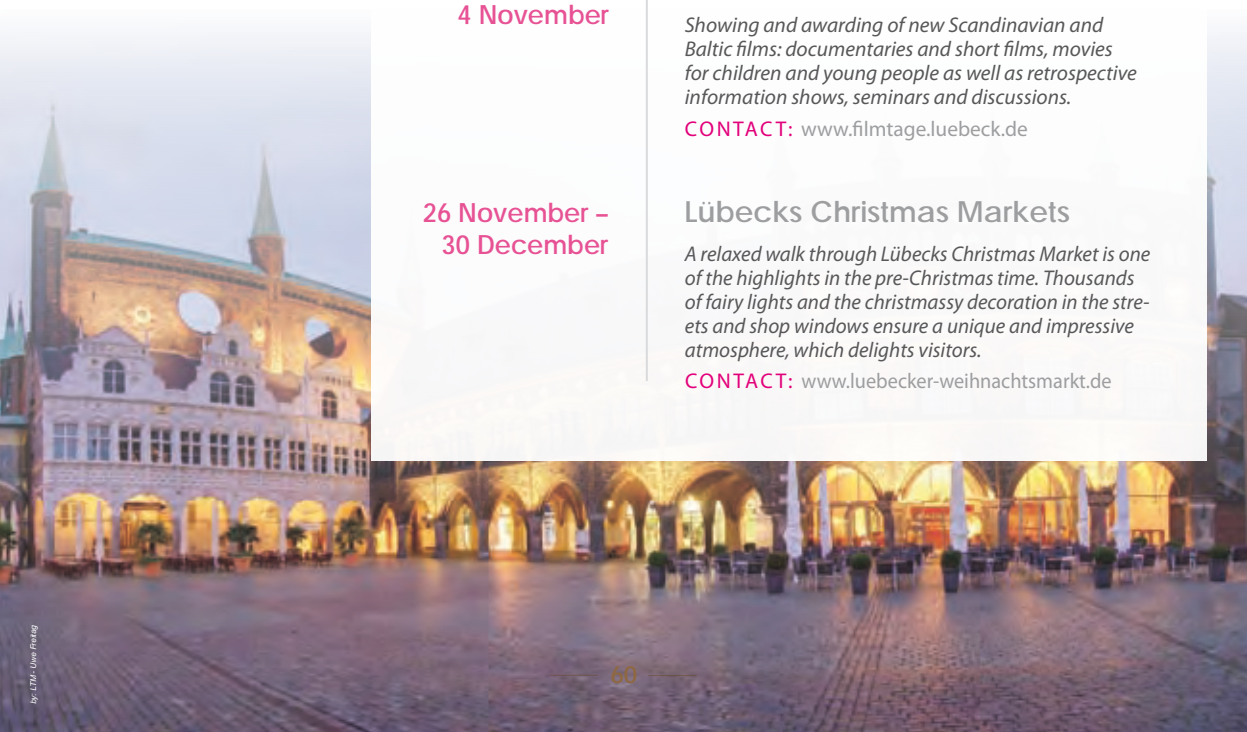
CONTACT: www.filmtage.luebeck.de

26 November –
30 December

Lübecks Christmas Markets

A relaxed walk through Lübecks Christmas Market is one of the highlights in the pre-Christmas time. Thousands of fairy lights and the Christmassy decoration in the streets and shop windows ensure a unique and impressive atmosphere, which delights visitors.

CONTACT: www.luebecker-weihnachtsmarkt.de



25 – 28 May

Travemünde Jazzy

International Swing and Jazz festival with bands in the 'Brüggmanngarten' from Northern Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands and the official musical ambassador from New Orleans, Lillian Boutté.

CONTACT: www.travemuende-tourismus.de

8 July –
22 September

Wind Art

Artful and innovative windtoys at different locations in Travemünde create places of discovery, relaxation and amazement. In addition you can find creative workshops for developer, tinkers and children.

20 – 29 July

123rd Travemünde Week

The Travemünde Sailing Week has become one of the greatest sailing events worldwide. More than 2,000 sailors from 20 different nations take part in the sporting event in Travemünde. Organizers expect some 1,000 ships and boats of 35 different ship categories.

CONTACT: www.travemuender-woche.de

5 – 7 October

'Blowing in the Wind' Kite Festival Autumn

An ocean of kites captures the sky of Travemünde. Professionals and amateurs fly their kites together. Children tinker kites and kite chains with the help of instructions.

CONTACT: www.travemuende-tourismus.de

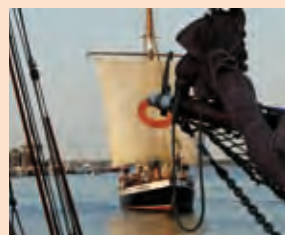
26 – 28 October

Travemünde DANCES!

In many workshops in the most beautiful event locations of Travemünde professional trainers show you basic steps and body moves of different styles – and you are going to love them! The courses inspire you for Standard Dances, South American rhythms from Salsa to Tango, African Dance, Disco-Fox, HipHop and Jive.



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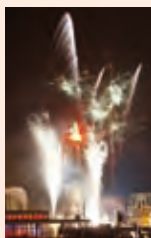
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1 January

Lighthouse Ablaze

The year 2012 in Warnemünde kicks off with a spectacular New Year's surprise. "Lighthouse ablaze" is the name of this romantic show of lights, lasers, fireworks and live performances.

CONTACT: www.leuchtturm-in-flammen.de



3 – 5 February

3. Warnemünde Winter Fun

On the beach and around the lighthouse, this promising adventure weekend features the Carnival of the Ice-Swimmers, horse races, a campfire and a spectacular kite-event. In the evenings we celebrate 'Winter-Rock' around the lighthouse.

CONTACT: www.rostock.de



7 April

Easter Bonfire with a View of the Sea

Every year on Easter Saturday, tourists and holiday-makers climb the lighthouse to enjoy the panoramic view from above. The traditional highlight in the evening is the Easter bonfire right on the beach.

CONTACT: www.rostock.de



27 April – 1 May

'River awakening' kicks off the Summer Season in Warnemünde

The summer season at the seaside resort Warnemünde starts with the "18th River awakening" (Stromerwachen) and the 7th street organ festival. An extensive line of market stalls and culinary delights along the Alter Strom and around the lighthouse invite visitors to take a stroll.

CONTACT: www.warnemuende-verein.de



11 – 13 May

Beach Polo Cup

After its debut in 2011, the beach of Warnemünde is once again the setting for an international Beach Polo tournament. Visitors can experience the exciting sport free of charge while around the Beach Polo arena there will be a program for the entire family.

CONTACT: www.rostock.de

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25 May

14th Classics Night in the Zoo

Once a year, Rostock Zoo forms the unusual backdrop for a classical concert beneath starlit skies. After the concert of the North German Philharmonic Orchestra Rostock starts the moonlight expedition through the largest zoo on the Baltic Sea coast.

CONTACT: www.zoo-rostock.de



7 – 15 July

75th Warnemünde Week

Every year, more than 2000 regular sailors and surfers compete for world rankings in all Olympic boat classes just off the coast of Warnemünde and 200 aquatic athletes vie for the Laser European Cup.

CONTACT: www.warnemuender-woche.com

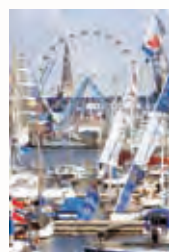


9 – 12 August

22. Hanse Sail Rostock

Barques, brigs and schooners create a magical romantic atmosphere at Rostock's quaysides during one of the greatest maritime festivals in the world. For four days in August, Warnemünde and the Rostock City Harbour will host impressive windjammers, traditional sailing ships and museum ships.

CONTACT: www.hansesail.com



17 November

Art Meets Cuisine

Experience a close up of theater in the culinary ambience of various restaurants in Rostock. While you eat and enjoy, groups of artists (2 to 3 people) of the Volkstheater Rostock present different short programs of 5 to 8 minutes.

CONTACT: www.rostock.de



22 November –
22 December

Christmas Fair

The largest Christmas market in the north of Germany invites visitors for a stroll from Neuer Markt to Kröpeliner Tor and down to the city harbour. Whether it's a culinary experience with hot mulled wine, Christmas biscuits and Rostock smoked sausages, or whether it's devotional amusements or a funny Christmas program for kids.

CONTACT: www.rostocker-weihnachtsmarkt.de





"Ways to Brick Gothic"

Tall, proud, mighty and visible from far away, whether on land or at sea, the churches of Wismar provide an unforgettable skyline: St. Nicolas's, St. Mary's, St. George's. Taking St. Mary's as an example, the visitor gets an immediate lesson in the techniques of gothic brick-building and of the handicrafts of the middle ages. The climax of the exhibition is a 3-D film presentation which provides virtual images of the erection of the Church of St. Mary. St. George's Church is amongst the largest brick-built churches of North and East Germany. Destroyed by bomb raids, right up until the year 1990 the ruin was at the mercy of further disintegration. On 25 January 1990 a hurricane caused the gable of the northern nave to crumble inwards. This event turned out to be the catalyst for the reconstruction of the church. Let yourself go – you will be enchanted by the charms of brick gothic architecture.



17 March – 1 April

The Wismar Herring Days

For the 10th time the Hanseatic Bay of Wismar Chefs' Club is presenting the Wismar Herring Days. They are held within the framework of an opening day event with the 'Herring Cart'-whereby the herring catch is collected from the old harbour (Alter Hafen) in a procession leading to the market square - and a great herring fry-up plus an event on the final day - a fish market in Wismar's "Alter Hafen".

8 – 10 June

Harbour Days

Stages for music presentations, a big wheel, roundabouts, all the fun of the fair, craftsmen and artists at work - all of this adds up to a few days full of variety down on the quayside. Venerable old sailing ships like the sailing schooner "Atalanta" and the reconstruction of the "Poel Cog" in the form of the "Wissemara" make alluring offers of trips out into the Bay of Wismar. On Saturday, at around 11 p.m., a massive, awesome fire-work display will fire its final shots out into the Bay of Wismar.

27 – 29 July

International Festival of Street Theatre 'boulevART'

The 9th International Street Theatre Festival "boulevART" will play host to both national as well as international players. Foreign languages, strange sounds and unusual groups bring life to the city and transform it into one great, colourful stage. Theatricals, street artists, musicians, stilt-walkers and acrobats will turn the inner city, from the boulevard to the harbour, into enchanted territory.

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16 – 19 August

Wismar's Swedish Festival 2012

In addition to the entertainment programme in the Market Place there will be numerous other events taking place, like the "Bikers Rendezvous". The event locations stretch from the old town right to the old "Holzhafen: (timber harbour). Also, a historical army camp is set up on the Market Place, fully equipped with presentations and drill exercises by the Wismar Schützenverein Hanse e.V. 1990 (the Wismar Shooting Club) as well as by military-historical clubs and associations from Sweden.

29 November –
21 December

Wismar Christmas Market

Stylishly framed by the brightly illuminated City Hall and the old and venerable gabled houses the traditional Christmas Market takes place on the historic Market Place of Wismar. Christmas tree decorations, toys, wooden articles and candles tempt the visitor at every turn. Handicrafts - which you can both touch and watch being made, such as glass blowing, wrought iron work, bread hot from the stone furnaces, Freshly smoked fish from Wismar-and that's just for starters!

15 – 16 December

Art Market in Wismar

At the third weekend in Advent the St George´s Church transforms into a domicile for the fine arts when it plays host to the traditional Art Market. The artists and craftsmen from Wismar and the region show the results of their work and offer them for sale: ceramics, weaving, jewellery, basket and textile work, silk-painting, photography, glass, wood, felt and metal work.





28 – 29 January

European Cup in Snowboard Cross

CONTACT: www.ozolkalns.lv

April – May

Art Days

Schools, exhibition halls, library, museums, open air stages and other places.

CONTACT: www.cesis.lv

26 – 27 May

Mediaeval Festival in Cēsis Castle Complex

These days Cēsis Castle Manor will turn into gates of history, and every visitor will be offered the opportunity to enjoy seven centuries old traditions and to compete, wrestle, learn and try varied different mediaeval activities hand in hand with merchants, craftsmen, peasants, and musicians of the mediaeval times.

CONTACT: gundars.kalnins@cesis.lv

1 – 3 June

Cēsis Town Festival

A lot of different events will take place in Cēsis all day long starting from 11 a.m. until the last dancer. Small and big performances and concerts, children park, market with national art crafts and food, sport activities and other.

CONTACT: www.cesis.lv

MORE

www.tourism.cesis.lv

7 – 8 July

Fonofests

With 7 successful years behind, it has become one of the most popular summer events in the Baltic countries. It stands out from other summer festivals with its unique concept which encourages our youth to enjoy an active lifestyle. Fonofest contributes a great deal to the subculture development, demonstrating live music and amateur sports as current spare time activities.

CONTACT: www.fonofest.com

21 July –
12 August

Cēsis Contemporary Art Festival

A rich program featuring a diverse range of art forms including classical music concerts, visual art exhibitions, opera and drama performances will reflect on the most significant events in each genre over the past years.

CONTACT: www.cesufestivals.lv

17 – 19 August

Mediaeval Film Festival *Castellum et picturae mobiles*

Films about mediaeval times in original languages will be shown. Historians and people from cinema world will discuss the links between cinema and history.

CONTACT: <http://filmuskate.cesis.lv>

25 November –
31 December

Christmas Time in Cēsis

Concerts and events every day, Christmas market, Christmas lights all around the town, workshops, charity events, winter sports and much more.





Jēkabpils is located
140 km from Rīga.
Jēkabpils is a city
of good changes
– always positively
changing and
growing to be a
good place for
living and visiting.
To reach Jēkabpils
take a train route
Rīga – Krustpils,
bus route Rīga
– Jēkabpils or
highway A6.

14 January

Concert of The Orthodox Male Choir 'Pravoslavnie Pevchie'

Choir gathers the best singers of Moscow churches and monasteries and gives new sounding to the musical works of the secular and church authors.

CONTACT: info@jkip.lv; www.jkip.lv

17 – 19 February

Festival of Ice Sculptures

Unique works of international ice sculptors arrive in Jēkabpils. Sculptures glisten in many different colors after sun goes down.

CONTACT: info@jkip.lv; www.jkip.lv

2 June

Youth Day 2012

Sports, entertainment, creative events and being together in positive atmosphere – these are things associated with the youth day in Jēkabpils.

CONTACT: lelde_n@inbox.lv
www.jekabpils-jauniesi.lv

23 June

Midsummer Night Event

Midsummer Night or Ligo is a traditional Latvian festival marking the summer solstice, the shortest night and longest day of the year.

CONTACT: info@jkip.lv; www.jkip.lv

5 – 7 July

Jēkabpils City Festival

City festival with a wide range of cultural program is held annually and brings together several thousands of people. Each celebration is a unique event.

CONTACT: info@jkip.lv; www.jkip.lv

July

Concert of Alexey Lundin - - the first violin of the Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

A. Lundin has taken part in many international music competitions and is proficient in various repertoires – he performs and records for various labels ancient music in authentic manner, plays in chamber and quartet concerts in various ensembles.

CONTACT: info@jkip.lv; www.jkip.lv

July

Giuseppe Verdi's 'Rigoletto' by St. Petersburg Opera Theatre

Opera was first performed at La Fenice in Venice on March 11, 1851. It is considered by many to be the first of the operatic masterpieces of Verdi's middle-to-late career.

CONTACT: info@jkip.lv; www.jkip.lv

3 August

Pyotr Tchaikovsky's 'Swan Lake' by Latvian National Opera and Ballet Theatre

"Swan Lake" is considered to be one of the greatest classical ballets of all time. Its romance and beauty holds the attention of the public for more than 100 years.

CONTACT: info@jkip.lv; www.jkip.lv

26 August

60th Anniversary Concert of Zigmārs Liepiņš

Zigmārs Liepiņš is one of the most outstanding contemporary Latvian composers. There will be lots of famous Latvian musicians together with Z. Liepiņš performing his musical masterpieces.

CONTACT: info@jkip.lv; www.jkip.lv

8 September

Jēkabpils Sports Day

All day in active atmosphere at Jēkabpils Forest park. Fishing, tug-of-war, people's race, cycling competitions and many more.

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10 – 12 February

Festival of Ice Sculptures

Thousands of people from all over Latvia come to Jelgava to see the fragile sculptures shining in colourful spotlights to capture a moment of their short life and have fun at the concerts with a hot drink from an ice bar.

24 April

Easter Promenade

Every family is invited to take a stroll through the park of Jelgava palace, look for eggs that had been hidden by Easter bunny, listen to folklore group "Dimzēns", dance and sing together with others and play all kind of games – egg rolling, painting on pavement, pot hitting and darting eggs into a basket.

25 – 27 May

Jelgava City Festival

The biggest festival of the year in Jelgava is the City Festival. Citizens and guests can enjoy a wide range of activities, including performances, shows, exhibitions, concerts and parades.



8 – 10 July

Sand Sculpture Festival 'Summer Signs'

Amazing sand sculptures in the Summer Signs festival will make you look at sand in a whole different way. Here you can see art, read a story, even a history - all made of sand.

Accommodation:
www.jelgava.lv/places/to-stay/
Transportation:
www.jelgava.lv/transportation/
Tourism booklets:
www.jelgava.lv/sightseeing

25 August

Festival of Milk, Bread and Honey

Last Saturday of August is marked by festival that stresses importance of healthy lifestyle and significance of bread, honey and milk. One can enjoy many games, taste natural products, buy goods in a market and witness the spectacle that is the Milk Carton Boat Regatta where teams try to outdo each other in creativity or speed.



17 November

Students' Days

Thousands of students from all over Latvia rush to Jelgava in November – in exactly the place and time when one can meet old fellows and have a small respite before winter examinations.



TUKUMS

30 June

The 5th Bach Music Festival and Garden Festival

Art exhibition; Opera "Lolita's Wonderbird"; Sweden baroque music group "Vilancico"; Group "Shola Cantorum" of Riga Cathedral.

CONTACT: www.jaunmokupils.lv
www.tukums.lv

6 – 8 July

Festival of Roses

Florists' exhibition will be opened day and night time. Wreath from the thousands of roses will be made in the centre of the city. Shows, concerts, craftsmen fair will make happy guests and residents of Tukums.

CONTACT: www.tukums.lv



www.tukums.lv



1, 6 January

Winter Celebration in Latvian Traditions

Welcome to enjoy cheerful Latvian traditional dances and participate in various fun and exciting competitions, like throwing of hoofs, jumping in bags, snowman building, photo orientation, as well as enjoy a variety of traditional dishes.

CONTACT: www.tourism.jurmala.lv

19 – 22 January

The 8th Winter Swimming World Championships

Swimming competition in an open pool cut in ice. 700 participants from 20 different countries have signed up for the competition.

CONTACT: www.winterswimming2012.com

16, 23 March



Owls Listening Tours in Kemerī National Park

Every nature lover will be able to get closer acquainted with this mysterious and unique forest birds - owls world.

CONTACT: www.daba.gov.lv/kemeri

5 May

Traveller's Day in Kemerī National Park

Great opportunity to enjoy and explore diversity of natural and cultural values – to go for a hike along the sea or have cycling tour in order to find out interesting historical facts, visit museums, have a boat trips, take part in creative workshops, watch birds, get acquainted with local fishery villages, etc.

CONTACT: www.daba.gov.lv/kemeri

19 May

Opening of Jūrmala Resort's Summer Season

Traditional Jomas Street procession from Majori to Dzintari and a rich programme of cultural activities for the whole day on Turaidas Street at the exit to Dzintari beach.

CONTACT: www.tourism.jurmala.lv



Jūrmala is the largest resort city in the Baltic States, well-known for its natural treasures - mild climate, sea, healthy air, curative mud and mineral waters. The charm lives in its almost 33 km long white sand beaches, the vast pine forests and the natural border of the city - the Lielupe River. People come here to recover or strengthen their health enjoying the healing effect of mud bathing and mineral waters.

Every season here brings plenty of events for everyone - art exhibitions, local and international events and concerts. Jūrmala is the city on the wave - on the wave of change and success.

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18 – 19 May

Jūrmala Cycling Marathon for Professionals

For one weekend in May, cycling fever will take over the Latvian resort city - a professional "Grand Prix" cycling event takes place – a 180-kilometer race on road bicycles. The event has been included in the Union Cycliste Internationale's (UCI) calendar. On the next day a public cycling marathon will be held in a 14km, 60km or 125km race.

CONTACT: www.maratoni.lv

1 June

Opening of Dzintari Concert Hall Season 2012

Season of the Dzintari Concert hall will be opened by local and foreign artists. A lot of exciting classical and modern music will be represented.

CONTACT: www.dzk.lv

10 June

The 4th International Illusionist Festival 'ABRAKADABRA'

CONTACT: www.dzk.lv

1 July

Parade of Brides

Every year over 100 real brides and wives, actors, musicians, the charitable organizations, officials, sponsors, professionals of the wedding industry of Latvia and spectators take part in Bride Parade.

CONTACT: www.ligavuparade.lv

7 July

Jomas Street Festival

The whole Jomas Street buzzes with different events on four stages, the largest of which is located in Majori parking place, the centre of Jūrmala's public events, namely concerts and performances. The smallest participants may occupy Horn's garden. As every year, motorcycle parade will be an integral part of the Festival.

CONTACT: www.tourism.jurmala.lv





9 – 18 March

The International Festival of Piano Stars

Well-known all over the world pianists will visit Liepāja in the anniversary year, and Liepāja Symphony Orchestra will enjoy with fantastic sound.

CONTACT: www.iso.lv

26 – 27 May

The Trade Festival 'Līva village' and the Festival of Ethnic Music

One of the largest traditional culture events in Latvia – the festival "Līva Village" – embraces ethno music, traditional culture, art and trade. More than 200 craftsmen from Latvia participate there every year.

CONTACT: www.liepajaskultura.lv

1 – 3 June

Family Holiday 'Big-mouth Frīcis and Big-mouth Mārta'

Children and their parents can participate in creative workshops, sing with choir, dance, participate in long walk, play games and have fun in funfairs!

CONTACT: www.liepajaskultura.lv

6 – 7 July

The International Music Festival 'Summer Sound Liepāja 2012'

The Festival takes place on Liepāja beach and in park of Jūrmala in the city centre. More than 50 bands will perform on more than 5 stages. Tickets are already available.

CONTACT: www.summersound.lv

14 July

The Sea Festival

On this day Neptun - the King of Sea - always arrives in Liepāja. Sporting events, trade, dinner-table, songs and dances – this is the Sea Festival!

CONTACT: www.liepajaskultura.lv

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www.liepajaskultura.lv

August

11 – 25 August

24 – 25 August

September

December

Fontaine Festival

People, who like alternative music combined with high quality and professionalism, gather in August in promenade of Liepāja, where groups from different countries will perform during three days on several stages.

CONTACT: www.fontaine.lv

The Festival 'Via Baltica'

Concerts, performances, exhibitions and master courses in the festival "Via Baltica" prove a wish to make Liepāja for one of the most important music crossing points.

CONTACT: www.liepajaskultura.lv

Speed Festival 'Rally Kurzeme'

The event has expanded and grown into Festival of Speed offering also other kinds of motor sports like powerboat racing, SuperMoto, carting and Children's Rally. Exhibition of historic sports cars, program of cultural events on the streets of the city, in the clubs, restaurants and cultural institutions.

CONTACT: www.rallykurzeme.lv

XI International Organ Music Festival

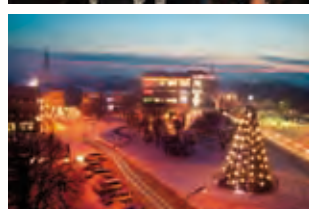
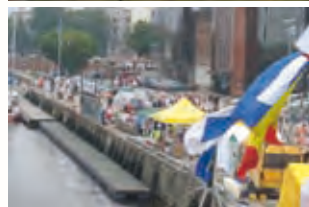
It is a panegyric for the biggest in the world mechanical organ that decorates the Liepāja Cathedral of St.Trinity and the city. This organ attracts artists from different countries and fascinates listeners with distinguished and unique sound.

CONTACT: www.liepajaskultura.lv

Christmas Program

Liepāja lights the Big Christmas-tree on 1 December with masks and merry performance. Also guests from other Latvian towns and foreigners come to admire the magnificent Christmas-tree in Liepāja.

CONTACT: www.liepajaskultura.lv





9 January – 13 February

Winterfest

Every year round this time Herman Braun Foundation organizes Winterfest, an international winter music festival. Festival concerts are characterized by versatility of genres and participation of legendary maestros, famous young soloists, chamber ensembles, as well as choirs, jazz vocal groups and cross-over groups.

CONTACT: www.hbf.lv

26 – 28 April
3 – 8 June

The International Festival of the Rhythmic Music 'Riga Rhythms'

"Riga Rhythms" is one of the most popular festivals in the Baltic countries showcasing famous foreign and Latvian artists and has gained acclaim in Europe and other countries in the world. This is a festival of blues, jazz and world beat music that has taken place in Riga since 2001.

CONTACT: www.rigasritmi.lv

20 May

Nordea Riga International Marathon

The route leads through the very center of Riga and runners can enjoy the charm of the old Hanseatic Town. Marathon and half-marathon runs take place simultaneously and there is a special 5km run for beginners and supporters.

CONTACT: www.nordearigamaratons.lv/en

4 – 17 June

XV Riga Opera Festival

Riga Opera Festival marks the end of the Latvian National Opera's season with an overview of the most successful performances of the previous year. Festival is highly anticipated by both Latvian audiences and opera-lovers from abroad.

CONTACT: www.opera.lv

23 June

Midsummer Night Celebration

The biggest summer festivity in Latvia offering to explore Midsummer customs and witness their power today, try out traditional recipes, make flower wreaths, enjoy bonfires, learn folk songs with the refrain of "līgo" which means "to sway", dance and sing together with popular music groups.

CONTACT: www.iksd.riga.lv

17 – 19 August

Riga City Festival

Riga turns into a major location for festivities, where visitors of the city, the young and the old, enjoy a number of exciting events: concerts, workshops, street fairs, theatre plays, art performances, and even a gourmet festival.

CONTACT: www.iksd.riga.lv
www.rigassvetki.lv

8 September

Contemporary Culture Forum White Night 2012

The contemporary art forum "White Night" presents art, theatre, music, movement and other art projects and performances. "White Night" is part of the joint "European White Nights" project by Brussels, Madrid, Paris, Riga and Rome. Entry to all events is free of charge.

CONTACT: www.iksd.riga.lv
www.baltanakts.lv

September

XXII Riga International Film Forum 'Arsenals'

The selection of "Arsenals" films highlights some important period in the history of cinematography, and offers an opportunity to get to know a particular world region and its culture.

CONTACT: www.arsenals.lv

15 – 18 November

Festival of Light STARO RĪGA

The "Staro Rīga" Festival has become an inseparable part of the nation's Independence Day celebration traditions in Riga. It is time when houses, parks, monuments and bridges become the playground of light.

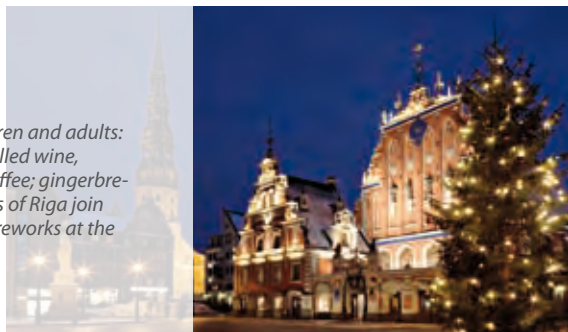
CONTACT: www.iksd.riga.lv
www.staroriga.com

2 – 31 December

Christmas Fairs and Advent Concerts

Christmas fairs - a delight to both children and adults: decorated Christmas trees, scent of mulled wine, roasted almonds, Christmas tea and coffee; gingerbread men and houses. Guests and citizens of Riga join at the New Year Eve celebrations and fireworks at the Freedom Monument.

CONTACT: www.iksd.riga.lv
www.liveriga.lv





April – May

Music Festival Spring Tune

The most important project of professional art promotion in Klaipėda district. During the event audience is introduced with the most famous artist of classical music, opera art, ballet, theatre, painting, etc.

CONTACT: www.gargzduk.lt



25 – 27 May

We are the World, we are the Children

Traditional children's festival, which involves the best children and youth collectives not only from Klaipėda district, but from the whole country.

CONTACT: www.gargzduk.lt

29 – 30 June

Festival of Priekule Town 'Sounding Shore'

This year festival's theme - amateur theatres. First day of the festival will be dedicated to such theatre's introduction performances, where each theatre will present their regional particularity and uniqueness. 2012 festival will be „crowned“ by guests from Germany – theatre group “Goff - company”.

CONTACT: priekuleskc@gmail.com



14 July

Fishermen Festival 'Rotate your boat to Dreverna'

Theatrical opening, sailing in the Curonian Lagoon, where respect for the dead sailors will be given, concerts and handicraft fairs.

CONTACT: zwejyte@gmail.com

21 – 22 July

Veiviržėnai Town Festival 'Along the River Veivirzas'

The Festival will be dedicated to the 200 anniversary of a town. During the Festival various sports competitions, traditional races with horses and carts, many concerts will be held.

CONTACT: centras@gmail.com

21 July

Dovilai's Holiday and Folk Festival 'Grown up in Lithuania'

It is traditional and most colourful event in Dovilai surroundings. The main purpose of this event is to reveal unique and interesting ethnic heritage of Lithuania regions (dialects, customs, crafts, culinary heritage).

CONTACT: www.etnodovilai.lt

29 July

Festival Oninės 'Open the Gates Widely X'

Oninės – is a traditional Lithuanian festival, named by Ona, the national women. The exhibitions, sport competitions, concerts, various performances are to be held.

CONTACT: vezaiciuk@gmail.com

11 – 12 August

Gargždai Birthday 759

Festival events will start with Gargždai honorary citizens nominations, new exhibition's opening at the Museum of Gargždai. Also, craft fairs, sport events, art pleners, competitions, performances, films.

CONTACT: www.gargzdukc.lt



First half of
August

Minija River Lower Reaches Regatta

A day long sailing on various sailing vehicles in River Minija. The main attraction of the Regatta is sailing competition between canoes, kayaks, rafts in different water tourism vehicles categories.

CONTACT: www.klaipedadistrict.lt



October –
November

Bards' Festival Sounds of Guitar VI

This years new section of schoolchildren will be included into festival's program. Children performances will also be a selection to the national schoolchildren bards contest. Second part of the festival will be concerts of famous Lithuanian bards. The last section is called „Nightlife”, where the best bards, poetry readers from whole Klaipėda region could be seen.

CONTACT: www.gargzdukc.lt

The nearest airport is in Palanga (45 km). Other: Kaunas (200 km), Vilnius International Airport (300 km). Passengers ferry terminal is in Klaipėda (18 km). Train or bus from Vilnius, Kaunas, Riga to Klaipėda.

MORE
www.klaipedadistrict.lt



26 – 29 April

Kaunas Jazz 2012

Each year Kaunas Jazz festival opens up its stages to the best European and world jazz stars and Lithuanian jazz virtuosos. The festival will also be followed by other cultural events like photograph and art exhibitions, jazz master classes, free Street Jazz concerts, fashion shows and various art projects.

CONTACT: www.kaunasjazz.lt

18 – 20 May

Kaunas City Days 2012 Hanza Kaunas 2012

The Hanseatic festival is an annual Mediaeval feast in which citizens and guests may meet noble ladies in impressive dresses, witness knights' tournaments, get acquainted with various ancient crafts and taste special dishes and drinks. Also, concerts, dance projects, exhibitions, contests, as well as national crafts fair.

CONTACT: www.tautosnamai.lt
www.hanzakaunas.lt

2 June

Kaunas Song and Dance Festival

UNESCO has included the song festivals of the Baltic States into the List of Non-Material Cultural Heritage. Biannually, the Kaunas Valley of Songs summons youth and adult choirs, folk singing and dancing ensembles, professional and amateur musicians to create an unforgettable emotion.

CONTACT: www.tautosnamai.lt

9 – 10 June

Auto-Motor Fan Fiesta BIKE SHOW MILLENNIUM & AUTO SHOW 2012

Motorbike parade, breath taking acrobatic driving shows, bike and car tuning exhibition and amazing rock concerts.

CONTACT: www.bikeshow.lt

3 June –
26 August

Pažaislis Music Festival

One of the most outstanding Lithuanian cultural phenomena. Local and foreign professional musicians and famous soloists will perform classical music in Pažaislis Camaldoli Monastery and other historical places of Kaunas and its region.

CONTACT: www.pazaislis.lt

22 – 24 June

The Bicentenary of Russia Invasion

Take a trip back to Kaunas in the 1800s. Allow yourself to be transported back to a bygone era with the Life History Festival. Kaunas was a focal point of Napoleon Bonaparte's invasion in 1812, as it was both the first and last city he encountered during the Patriotic War.

CONTACT: www.kaunas.lt

1, 5, 6 July

International Festival Operetta at Kaunas Castle

1 July, 17.00 - Concert of the State Georgian Folk Song and Dance Ensemble at City Park in front of Kaunas State Music Theatre.

5 July, 20.00 - Franc Lehar's operetta Giuditta at Kaunas Castle.

6 July, 20.00 - The evening of opera, operetta and musical at Kaunas Castle.

CONTACT: www.operetta.lt

20 – 22 September

International Festival of Traditional and Contemporary Folklore 'Suklegos'

The motto of the festival is the contemporary representation of folk music. The performers will introduce music projects of various nations inspired by the specificity of ethnic cultures.

CONTACT: www.suklegos.lt

26 September –
7 October

Kaunas International Film Festival 2012

Annually, Kaunas Film Festival demonstrates worldly acknowledged films and latest projects. The spectators will be involved in a lively dialogue with the film makers.

CONTACT: www.kinofestivalis.lt

28 September –
7 October

AURA 22

The 2012 year dance festival will bring to Kaunas the most interesting contemporary dance companies and theatres from the Netherlands, Italy, Germany, France and Japan.

CONTACT: www.dancefestival.lt

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www.kaunas.lt

www.visit.kaunas.lt



20 January –
26 February

International Exhibition 'Young European Creators' 2011/2013

An international modern art biennial of the young generation artists from Austria, France, Germany Hungary, Lithuanian, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain. At the joint exhibition, every country is represented by 8 artists. 72 works will be exhibited.

CONTACT: neringa@kulturpolis.lt

19 – 22 April

XX International House Building and Business Exhibition 'Individual House Building 2012'

The purpose of this biggest exhibition ever organized in Western Lithuania is to present the greatest news in house building and house innovation business.

CONTACT: www.statyba.expo-vakarai.lt

18 May

Virtual Instruments in Biomedicine 2012

International Biomedicine Engineering Conference for biophysicists, bioengineers, medics, academicians, students and researchers who implement, develop and use computer equipment in education institutions for diagnostics and treatment.

CONTACT: www.ku.lt

1 – 3 June

XVIII International Klaipėda Castle Jazz Festival

For three days and nights, sounds of jazz music echo in the Old Town, where thousands of jazz fans swing and dance to the music of local and the world famous jazz stars.

CONTACT: www.jazz.lt

12 – 15 July

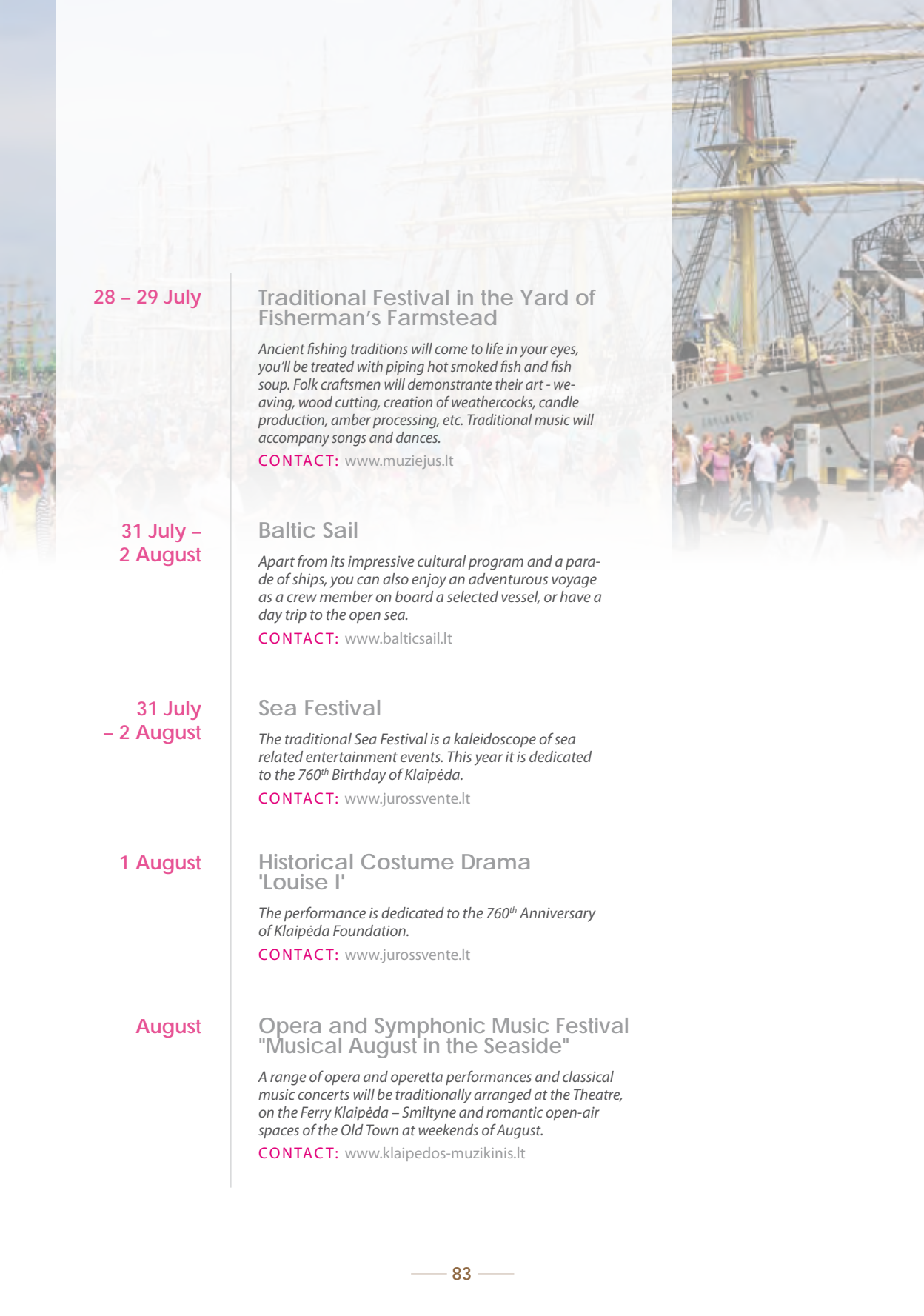
International Folklore Festival 'Parbeg laivelis'

About 20 various events represent different national cultures, traditions and crafts. Song and dance concerts are arranged in the open air all over the Old Town.

CONTACT: www.etnocentras.lt

Klaipėda is one of the most dynamically developing cities in Lithuania with the highest European awards for international cooperation. It is a city with two universities, the largest port on the Eastern Baltic, surrounded by unrivaled nature: part of the city territory belongs to the UNESCO natural heritage site. Klaipėda provides many of the services and attractions that maintain the quality of rest for our visitors.
www.klaipeda.lt





28 – 29 July

Traditional Festival in the Yard of Fisherman's Farmstead

Ancient fishing traditions will come to life in your eyes, you'll be treated with piping hot smoked fish and fish soup. Folk craftsmen will demonstrate their art - weaving, wood cutting, creation of weathercocks, candle production, amber processing, etc. Traditional music will accompany songs and dances.

CONTACT: www.muzejus.lt

31 July –
2 August

Baltic Sail

Apart from its impressive cultural program and a parade of ships, you can also enjoy an adventurous voyage as a crew member on board a selected vessel, or have a day trip to the open sea.

CONTACT: www.balticsail.lt

31 July
– 2 August

Sea Festival

The traditional Sea Festival is a kaleidoscope of sea related entertainment events. This year it is dedicated to the 760th Birthday of Klaipėda.

CONTACT: www.jurossvente.lt

1 August

Historical Costume Drama 'Louise I'

The performance is dedicated to the 760th Anniversary of Klaipėda Foundation.

CONTACT: www.jurossvente.lt

August

Opera and Symphonic Music Festival "Musical August in the Seaside"

A range of opera and operetta performances and classical music concerts will be traditionally arranged at the Theatre, on the Ferry Klaipėda – Smiltynė and romantic open-air spaces of the Old Town at weekends of August.

CONTACT: www.klaipedos-muzikinis.lt



18 February

'Palanga Smelt 2012'

During the feast Palanga smells of fresh cucumbers. It is because of the small silvery fish from the salmon family. The participants can savour smoked, dried smelts and take part in various attractions in J. Basanavicius street.

CONTACT: www.palangoskulturoscentras.lt

28 – 29 April

St. George's Day

The spring songs, choir Lithuanian folk songs, music of horns, pipes, bagpipes and other folk instruments are adjusted for the landscape and are heard at the most beautiful corners of the park.

CONTACT: www.palangoskulturoscentras.lt



11 – 13 May

Resort's Feast 'Palanga 2012'

Concerts, entertainments on the streets, sports contests, a traditional handicrafts fair "Kermošius", concerts of Palanga Wind Orchestra. Finally, fireworks at midnight on the pier.

CONTACT: www.palangoskulturoscentras.lt

25 – 27 May

Festival 'Sport for Everyone'

The competitions program includes running, roller-skaters races, bicycle slalom, various folk games, basketball, soccer, beach volleyball and handball, quadrate and aerobics.

CONTACT: www.sportasvisiems.lt

June – July – August

Brass Music Concerts Cycle 'Trumpets Summer'

Each summer Thursday, Friday and Saturday since 18.30 the resort and all brass music fans may listen to classical, popular and original brass music concerts in the Palanga Botanical park.

CONTACT: www.palangoskulturoscentras.lt

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14 July

Fishermen's Holiday

Various competitions in the Fishing Port: boats, water-bicycles relays, making a sailor's knot, catching fish with hands. Also, a concert, a folk-style party by a fire, fireworks.

CONTACT: www.sventosioskulturoscentras.lt



18 – 21 July

Omnitel 1000 km Race

The biggest autosport show in Eastern Europe. It is 3 days long speed and entertainment event for all family beginning with the grand opening in Palanga center and end with the superb race finish concert.

CONTACT: www.racing.lt



31 July –
14 August

Night Serenades

Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra concerts cycle with participation of Lithuanian Chamber orchestra and guest soloists.

CONTACT: www.filharmonija.lt



22 September

Palanga Table 2012

By this festival the biggest resort of the country celebrates the International Tourism Day and starts the season of Autumn events. The whole town of Palanga sits at thousand tables, inviting all guests from Lithuania and abroad to join them.

CONTACT: www.palangoskulturoscentras.lt



26 December

Christmas Church Music Hour

Concert of Palanga Orchestra.

CONTACT: www.palangoskulturoscentras.lt





13 – 19 April

European Cinema Day and Night

The International Film Festival will present the newest non-commercial European films for adults and children. The programme of 2012 includes: Gala opening ceremony, meetings with film makers and animation workshops.

CONTACT: www.garsas.lt

20 – 22 April

XII Lithuanian Brass Band Championship

We are very pleased to have a special guest, the composer and the conductor from England Philip Sparke. Various professional workshops for the conductors of bands and musicians will take place. During the championship the international exhibition of musical instruments attracts many visitors.

CONTACT: www.lbba.lt



28 April

XV National Youth Modern Art Festival 'Crazy Style'

Young people from Lithuania full with initiatives, creating fashion collections, performing modern dances, singing and interested in art photography take part in the event.

CONTACT: www.pankultura.lt

18 – 19 May

International Children Folk Dance and Song Festival

Cultural heritage of different countries intertwines. The festival cherishes the traditions of children folk dances, songs, music, costumes and the values of different cultures are presented.

CONTACT: +370 69809224



June – August

'Let us meet on Fridays' Summer Event

Each summer Friday the inhabitants of various age groups and the guests are invited to the city centre. Different concerts, actions, events and competitions, performances take place.

CONTACT: www.pankultura.lt



July

Traditional Summer Tour of Puppet Wagon Theatre

The unique thing is that the theatre group goes to neighbouring small towns and villages with the cart pulled by horses. The cart is arranged as the stage and the performances are presented to children.

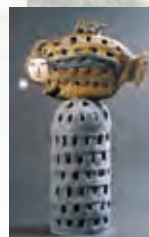
CONTACT: www.leliuvezimoteatras.lt

2 July –
4 August

XIX International Ceramics Symposium

A huge creative and organisational experience which is well appreciated on international level. The Centre of Ceramics in Panevėžys has a unique collection of modern ceramics, the only one not only in Lithuania, the Baltic countries but also rare in the world.

CONTACT: www.arspanevezys.lt



7 – 9 September

509th Birthday of Panevėžys

Concerts, performances, the fair of crafts and trade, attractions for children, the carnival, competitions, festivals and feelings of festivity will fill the whole city.

CONTACT: www.pankultura.lt

September

National Short Film Festival 'I+CITY=FILM'

All people loving cinema art are invited to make their own films of 5 minutes about the city. In order to have a simplified creative procedure trainings are provided. The professionals share theoretical and practical knowledge.

CONTACT: www.garsas.lt

End of September
– Beginning of
October

International Trade Fair Expo Aukštaitija 2012

Each year we welcome the guests from abroad - Latvia, Estonia, Belarus. Seminars, trainings, conferences take place during the fair.

CONTACT: www.ccic.lt





9 – 15 April

International Easter Music Festival 'Resurexit'

The oldest festival of chamber music in Northern Lithuania with the participation of chamber choirs, orchestras and soloists from Lithuania and abroad.

CONTACT: www.polifonija.lt

19 – 24 April

10th International Media Art Festival 'Enter'

Contemporary video art, photography, electrical music, sound art forms and their synthesis with the traditional art.

CONTACT: www.siauliugalerija.lt

May

International Choir Festival 'Šiauliai Cantat 2012'

The choir festival will bring together choirs from Lithuania and abroad. The concerts will take place in the city churches and other cultural establishments.

CONTACT: www.siauliukulturoscentras.lt

July – August

9th International Ch. Frenkelis Villa Summer Festival

Outstanding artists, music virtuosos from Lithuania and foreign countries participate in the festival.

CONTACT: www.ausrosmuziejus.lt



5 – 11 July

5th TAFISA World Sports For All Games Šiauliai 2012

The Games will provide possibility to show traditional sports and games of the world as well it will demonstrate the cultures and heritage from across the globe.

CONTACT: www.siauliai2012.lt

September

Šiauliai City Days

The city will celebrate its 776th anniversary. Different exhibitions, concerts, art workshops and fairs will be held at the festivity.

CONTACT: www.siauliai.lt

November

17th Annual International Business Fair

Fair presents goods and services manufactured in Lithuania and abroad. Seminars discussions on business development.

CONTACT: www.rumai.lt

November –
December

17th International Contemporary Art Festival 'Virus'

Original art projects in representational art, fashion, dance, music theater, media will be presented.

CONTACT: www.siauliugalerija.lt



TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE:
www.siauliai.lt/tic



The direct flights are operated to Riga, Latvia, www.rigaairport.lv and Vilnius, Lithuania www.vilniusairport.lt. International bus line Eurolines connects Riga to Šiauliai.

Domestic bus lines connect Vilnius to Šiauliai www.autobusubilietai.lt. The train from Vilnius to Klaipėda via Šiauliai goes daily www.litrail.lt.



15 – 29 March

International Film Festival 'Kino Pavasaris' (Spring of Cinema)

The biggest and most important cinema event in Lithuania. Festival shows high quality newest films picked out of highly rated festivals awarded the prizes. It is a perfect opportunity to see great films and meet with cinema masters and actors.

CONTACT: www.kinopavasaris.lt

19 May

Street Musicians Day

Traditional festival held in May. Amateurs and professional musicians go out into the streets of Vilnius and play music.

CONTACT: www.gatvesmuzika.lt

24 – 27 May

'Skamba Skamba Kankliai' International Folklore Festival

During the festival concerts of folklore groups take place in old town courtyards and concert halls. In 2012 this festival will be organized for the 40th time.

CONTACT: www.etno.lt

16 June

Culture Night: Let There Be Night!

Festival offers night dance lessons, open air cinema, concerts in churches, exhibitions in museums and galleries, fashion shows, laser performances, poetry reading and other art campaigns with interwoven local and European traditions.

CONTACT: www.kulturosnaiktis.lt

27 June – 1 July

International Art Fair 'ARTVILNIUS'12'

The main objective of the fair is to present a broad and representative panorama of contemporary art galleries, introduce best artists and their works while maintaining a high quality of art.

CONTACT: www.artvilnius.com

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www.vilnius-events.lt



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1 July –
28 August

Christopher Summer Festival

Festival always seeks out new musical experiences, tries on new forms of expression, transforms, experiments and changes. The festival is a scene for famous international soloists and groups.

CONTACT: www.kristupofestivaliai.lt

19 August

Traditional International Bicycles 'Velomaratlon 2012'

The biggest bicycle event in Lithuania. An initiative of four main values: ecology, family, health and traffic safety to promote cycling culture in Lithuania and to form a new tradition.

CONTACT: www.velomaratonas.lt

31 August –
2 September

Sostinės Dienos 2012 (Capital Days)

Festival offers a wide range of high-level entertainments from classical music and opera, to jazz, folk, pop, rock and world music, and also film programme, street theatre, fashion shows, carnivals, fairs, fireworks.

CONTACT: www.vilniusfestivals.lt

9 September

Vilnius Marathon 2012

Traditional international mass marathon for amateurs and professionals. Participation in marathon is a great opportunity to spend the weekend in Vilnius.

CONTACT: www.vilniausmaratonas.lt

11 – 14 October

Vilnius Jazz 2012

The oldest annual jazz festival held in Vilnius. This event provides a broad perspective on contemporary trends in jazz from all over the world. It features some of the biggest names on the international jazz scene alongside the best of Lithuanian talent.

CONTACT: www.vilniusjazz.lt





BERGEN

14 – 18 March

Bergen Contemporary Music Festival 'Borealis'

A new festival with ambitions of becoming an international festival during the coming years. The program features a number of exciting concerts, opera, multimedia performances, installations, musical theatre, dance and electronic art.

CONTACT: www.borealisfestival.no

23 May – 2 June

Night Jazz

The longest jazz festival in Northern Europe. Traditional jazz is presented along with world music. During the festival the borderlines between jazz, rock, ethno and electronica are explored and often wiped out. The children also get their share!

CONTACT: www.nattjazz.no

23 May – 6 June

Bergen International Festival

Musical melting pot containing a wondrous mixture of music from five continents, in a variety of styles and genres. The festival presents an exciting programme of music, theatre and dance.

CONTACT: www.festspillene.no

18 June –
25 August

Grieg in Bergen

Concert & Story Summer Festival. Chamber music in the intimate way, with a close relation between artists and audience. The festival presents highlights of Edvard Grieg and also focuses on other composers, mainly related to Grieg.

CONTACT: www.grieginbergen.com

21 – 24 June

BERGENFEST Music Festival

A star-studded bill ensures that this annual festival stamps its mark on Bergen. The festival focuses on folk music and authentic American blues in particular, as well as R&B, funk, gospel, rock, country and Cajun.

CONTACT: www.bergenfest.no



3 – 11 August

Bergen Game Festival

Games tournaments featuring national and international championships, family activities and entertainment. Including competitions in Scrabble, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, Chess, Poker, Backgammon, Pub Quiz and much more.

CONTACT: www.bergensjakk.no/bergen_spillfestival

29 – 30 September

Miniature Railway Fare

The traditional model railway exhibition. Visitors will find an assorted exhibition of model railways to cater for all interests.

CONTACT: www.njk.no/bergen

17 – 24 October

BIFF Bergen International Film Festival

Presenting about 120 films from all over the world, the programme is consisting of both sneak premieres of films in theatrical distribution as well as amazing new discoveries within both fiction and documentaries.

CONTACT: www.biff.no

18 – 27 October

October Dance

Norway's only international dance festival is organized every second year by BIT Teatergarasjen in cooperation with the Dance Theatre and presents exciting and creative performances from Norway and abroad.

CONTACT: www.bit-teatergarasjen.no

1 December

Festival of Lights

Traditional opening of the Christmas season, where families are invited to light torches and enjoy a magnificent display of fire-works. Torchlight procession round Lille Lungegardsvann lake.

CONTACT: www.bt.no



www.visitBergen.com

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Kristiansand is situated on the south coast of Norway, facing the European continent and surrounded by water on three sides. The Kristiansand area is known for busy summer harbours, white wooden houses and a rocky coast with skerries. You can see lions at Kristiansand Zoo and Amusement Park, visit Vest-Agder County Museum – a cultural history museum and open-air museum, Sorlandets Art Museum, Galleri Bi-Z or see one of the world's largest cannons at the Cannon Museum.

To the East and West, as well as to the North through the picturesque Setesdal Valley, Kristiansand gives priority to safety for cyclists. Kristiansand is a pioneer town for a network of separate paths for cyclists and walkers. Kristiansand is easy to reach no matter whether you travel by car, bicycle, bus, train, ferry or plane.

24 – 28 April

International Children's Film Festival

This is 15th time the 6-day event is being held packed with children's films, film activities, presentations, seminars and social events.

CONTACT: www.krskino.no

9 June

Bragdøyablues

Blues festival on idyllic Bragdøya, an island at the coast of Kristiansand. A festival with great success each year, with Norwegian and international blues artists!

CONTACT: www.bradoya-blues.no

17 – 18 July

Supersonic in Kilden

A new 2 day festival in Kristiansand. All the halls at the new Theatre and Concert Hall "Kilden" will be used and there is also a large outdoor stage outside Kilden. About 20 bands will be booked for the Super Sonic 2012.

CONTACT: www.kilden.com

13 – 19 August

Otera Open 2012

The top beachvolleyball players of the world will compete for medals, prize money and glory on 6 courts in Kristiansand.

CONTACT: www.wtkristiansand.com

16 – 19 August

International Church Festival

International and Norwegian artistes, choirs and orchestras make their mark on Kristiansand during the the International Ecclesiastical Music Festival in August.

CONTACT: www.kirkefestspill.no





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6 – 9 September

Punkt'12

The festival is a concept based on a combination of concerts and concomitant treatment of the music from these concerts in a studio environment, where new music is created during the three days that the festival is in progress. Legendary artist and producer Brian Eno is confirmed as Artistic Director of the Punkt Festival.

CONTACT: www.punktfestival.no

12 – 17 September

Christianssand Protestfestival

A protest against impotence and indifference, inspiring for engagement and action, against categorisation in the community, the one-track market thinking and slack level of tolerance.

CONTACT: www.protest.no

8 – 13 October

Winefestival

A small festival where everyone can taste, enjoy and learn something about wine

CONTACT: www.matcirkus.no

18 – 20 November

Dark Season Festival

Dark Season is a music festival with great musical variety. You will experience a wide range of international, national and local artists.

CONTACT: www.darkseason.com



Kilden Performing Arts Center

The biggest arts centre between Oslo and Stavanger – will contain music festivals, premieres of both theatre and musical, concerts, etc.

FULL PROGRAMME: www.kilden.com



22 – 24 June

Days of Chojnice & St. John's Fair

During these two days town becomes a place of activity of artists, craftsmen, musicians, farmers etc. During the event folk, dance and rock bands act on stage. It is also a time of meetings with inhabitants of twinned towns from Germany, Ukraine and Belarus.

CONTACT: www.promocja.chojnice.pl



13 – 15 July

Chojnice's Fiesta

Performances and presentations of street theatre and street art. The event takes place in the historical scenery of town's centre.

CONTACT: www.chdk.chojnice.pl

21 – 22 July

Chojnice Team Cup – Open Team Race

Team sailing event for Optimist sailors in which best teams from the whole Europe take part. It will be held for the second time in Charzykowy.

CONTACT: www.chkz.pl

4 August

Chojnice's Night of Poets

This open-air event is a meeting of poets, actors and musicians who sing poetry. It consists of presentations of contest's participants and concerts of well-known artists.

CONTACT: www.chdk.chojnice.pl



22 September

Regatta For The Blue Ribbon of the Lake Charzykowy

It will be 75th edition of the regatta. The event is aimed at tourists and sailing amateurs. Last year it was attended by 375 participants.

CONTACT: www.chkz.pl

7 – 9 December

Christmas Fair

Christmas decorations, illuminations, sweets, specialties of Polish cuisine, handicraft articles and all that is associated with the tradition of Christmas.

CONTACT: www.promocja.chojnice.pl



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22 – 23 June

Malbork City Days

Annual City Celebrations Shows of Malbork music bands and a Saturday's Main Star.

19 – 22 July

The Malbork Siege

The event joins the historical climate of the town, which was the biggest Mediaeval European fortress, and active entertainment and education activities. It is related to the events happened 600 years ago, when the victorious army of king Władysław Jagiełło set off from Grunwald towards the Teutonic Order castle. At this time of year, Polish and foreign knight fans arrive to Malbork.

CONTACT: www.oblezenie.zamek.malbork.pl

11 August

Magic Malbork

Combination of several dance and acrobatic groups with laser, light and pyrotechnic effects and breathtaking acrobatics at heights make the several thousands of spectators hypnotized. The event ends with a fireworks show.

CONTACT: www.magicmalbork.pl

6 December –
25 January

The 22nd Festival 'Christmas in Arts'

One of the characteristics of the festival is attendance of kids and teenagers in organised workshops, reviews and local, fine arts, literature and theatrical competitions. Christmas carols are performed at Malbork's churches.



31 March

'Funeral of Żur Soup and Herring'

The main goal of event is to familiarize residents with the customs, cuisine and traditions of Easter.

CONTACT: www.swiatowid.elblag.pl

31 March

Elbląg Egg

The event is addressed to the children. It is a common painting of big Easter egg.

CONTACT: www.umelblag.pl

20 – 22 April
or 11 – 13 May

Festival of Words Art '...Is this love?'

The festival includes contest, concerts, shows and theatre performances. Young artists have a chance to confront their artistic achievements.

CONTACT: www.swiatowid.elblag.pl

June

Summer Gardens of 'POLITYKA'

Panel discussions with participation of authorities from the fields of culture, science and social affairs. At the end of each day concerts of bands and soloists performing alternative music take place.

CONTACT: +48 556113150

August

Elbląg Days 2012

This event combines the city's history with its present times. The open air concerts, shows, sport tournaments and boat races take place.

CONTACT: www.umelblag.pl



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July – August

Cooltural Starówka

A series of cultural events in the Old Town of Elbląg (i.a. concerts, cabarets, exhibitions, happenings), aimed at livening up the Old Town and encouraging people to spend more time in the urban space.

CONTACT: www.umelblag.pl

31 August –
2 September

Elbląg Bread Holiday

Backers from the city and the surrounding region present their products at the fair.

CONTACT: www.umelblag.pl

19 – 21 October

XIII International Dancing Festival 'Baltic Cup'

One of the biggest dancing tournaments organized in Poland during which two dancing contests take place: IDSF Open Latin i IDSF International Open Standard.

CONTACT: www.swiatowid.elblag.pl

15 – 16 December

Elbląg Citizens' Meetings during Christmas Time

The aim is to integrate Elbląg citizens by inviting them to joint celebration of Christmas.

CONTACT: www.umelblag.pl



21 – 24 March

19th International Amber, Jewellery and Gemstone Fair 'Amberif'

Collections of jewellery, goldsmithery, gemstones are only some of the exhibits. Apart from seminars and lectures, the annual Amber and Fashion Gala, staged by renowned fashion and jewellery designers, is planned.

CONTACT: www.amberif.pl



8 June – 1 July

14th UEFA European Football Championship

The UEFA EURO 2012 matches will be played in eight stadiums, four in Poland – Gdańsk, Poznań, Warsaw, Wrocław – and four in Ukraine – Donetsk, Lviv, Kharkiv and Kyiv. No fewer than 1.4 million fans are expected at the stadiums and the matches will be broadcast live in more than 200 territories around the world.

CONTACT: www.uefa.com



29 June – 21 July

55th International Festival of Organ Music at Oliwa Cathedral

The repertoire combines old masterpieces with the world premieres selected for this very location. The cathedral organ is an instrument of unrivalled sound, construction, and potential.

CONTACT: www.filharmonia.gda.pl



5 – 8 July

XVI Baltic Sail. Sail Gdańsk

International 5-week sailors' rally held in Norrköping, Karlskrona, Rostock, Gdańsk, Lübeck, and Helsingor. The Gdańsk part held under the name of "Sail Gdańsk" makes a colourful sailing holiday set in the heart of the historic city centre. The programme includes the Gdańsk Mayor Cup Regattas, dragon boat races along the Motława River, and the festival of "Shanties at the Crane".

CONTACT: www.balticsail.pl; www.marinagdansk.pl

13 – 22 July

4th Gdańsk Dance Festival

Festival 2012 will cover such events as a review of the latest Polish and international shows of dance groups and artists, of choreographic debuts and premieres, the Baltic Movement Contest for short modern dance (solo / duo) and accompanying events (workshops, projects and the Baltic Movement Conference).

CONTACT: www.klubzak.com.pl



12 – 15 July

XVI International Street & Open-Air Theatres Festival FETA

The unique setting makes the theatre a thrilling, magnetic, and engaging experience. Minor juggler shows and monumental expressive performances, mimes, stilt walkers, dancers, and stories from every corner of the world add up to form the rich landscape of the Gdańsk street theatrical festivities with their time-tested and faithful audience.

CONTACT: www.feta.pl



27 July – 5 August

XVI Shakespeare Festival

Ambitious and interesting, the festival provides an international overview of the most interesting productions of the works by the Master of Stratford.

CONTACT: www.teatr-szekspir.gda.pl



28 July – 18 August

St. Dominic's Fair

The calendar comprises a broad range of festivities, concerts, and competitions. Sellers' stands mix with theatrical troupes. The air is full of old shanties, Gypsy romance music, old Gdańsk pieces, and charming musical boxes.

CONTACT: www.mtgasa.pl

3 – 5 August

XIV Carillon Festival

The Carillon Festival is a perfectly unique musical event in Poland. The repertoire provides a cross-section of exquisite masterpieces from carillon-music literature, ranging from Baroque pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach to the 20th century compositions by Arthur Rubinstein.

CONTACT: www.mhmg.gda.pl; www.carillon.pl

22 – 25 August

VII International Mozart Festival

The concert programme includes both the Master's works and works inspired by his music. The concerts are held not only in the magnificent interior of Oliwa Cathedral and the Abbots' Palace, but also in the open air of the picturesque historical palace park in Oliwa.

CONTACT: www.polskichorkameralny.pl

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www.gdansk.pl



9 – 11 March

14th National Meeting of Travelers, Sailors and Mountain Climbers 'Kolosy'

Major forum of Polish travelers and explorers' environment. Opportunity to share experiences and opinions on voyages and explorations, show the films and pictures.

CONTACT: turystyka@gdynia.pl

7 – 12 May

37th Polish Film Festival

The most important film festival in Poland – three competitions with Golden Lions and other prestigious awards to be won.

CONTACT: www.fpff.pl

June

'CudaWianki' - The Summer Starts in Gdynia

Great event on the beach in Gdynia including not only a series of concerts featuring both local and international artists but also workshops.

CONTACT: www.akukusztuka.eu

25 June – 8 July

Gdynia Sailing Days

Races in Olympic Classes but also a festival for tourists.

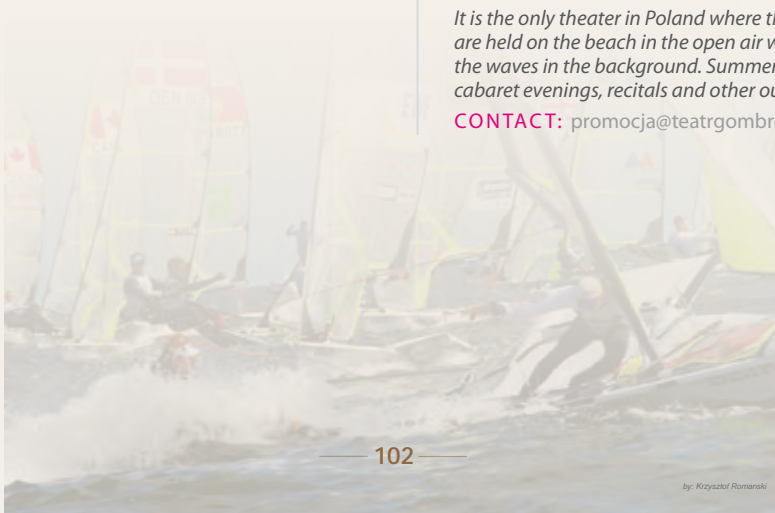
CONTACT: d.wojdan@gosirgdynia.pl

July – August

Summer Stage of Municipal Theatre in Gdynia

It is the only theater in Poland where the performances are held on the beach in the open air with the sounds of the waves in the background. Summer Stage also hosts cabaret evenings, recitals and other outdoor events.

CONTACT: promocja@teatrgombrowicza.art.pl



4 – 7 July

Heineken Open'er Festival

Music Festival that has become one of the most successful music events in the central Europe gathering over 50,000 people each day. So far, e.g. Bjork, Erykah Badu, Faith No More, Kings of Leon, Pearl Jam, Coldplay, Prince, and many more performed.

CONTACT: www.opener.pl

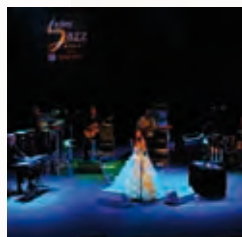


July

Ladies Jazz Festival

A truly unique event in Europe, which every year features great concerts of fantastic ladies jazz singers. Last years it brought such performers as Brenda Boykin or Fredrika Stahl.

CONTACT: www.ladiesjazzfestival.pl



August

Globaltica – World Cultures Festival

Annual event closely connected with world culture and traditions.

CONTACT: www.globaltica.pl

August

Festival of Rhythm and Fire FROG

The biggest international fire show and drum music event in Poland. Concerts, shows and workshops – a unique possibility to try your hand at the areas promoted during the festival.

CONTACT: info@frog-gdynia.pl

September –
October

International Festival of Sacred Music

Series of concerts of baroque music performed by distinguished national and European musicians.

CONTACT: www.ckgdynia.pl

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www.gdynia.pl



January

X International 'St. Vladimir's Passion' Documentary Films Festival about Vladimir Vysotski

The lovers of V. Vysotski artistic works have an opportunity to see the competition, concerts, panel discussions and meetings with experts.

CONTACT: www.wysotsky.com

21 April

The Baltic Festival of Outdoor Sports in Races, Nordic Walking and MTB Biking

Popularization of sports among amateurs.

CONTACT: www.tkkf.koszalin.pl

19 – 20 May

Koszalin Family Weekend with Recreation

The target group of sport events shall be our guests invited from Koszalin-twinning cities, sport organisations, clubs, schools and pre-schools.

CONTACT: www.tkkf.koszalin.pl



11 – 17 June

The 3rd 'm-theatre' Koszalin Youths Confrontation

The 'm-theatre' Koszalin Youths Confrontation is the first festival of professional theatres in Poland presenting artistic output of debuting Polish theatre directors. This event is in form of a competition review accompanied by discussion panels with creators, actors, journalists and the audience during which views on theatre subjects are exchanged.

CONTACT: www.btd.koszalin.pl

16 June

20th International Polish Championship of Light Athletics Veterans in Pentathlon

The Championship in Pentathlon is attended by sportmen aged over 35, who compete in long jump, discus throw, 200m race, javelin throw and 1500m race. Also younger competitors participate in the same championship (i.e. juniors and seniors together).

CONTACT: www.tkkf.koszalin.pl



July – August

46th International Organ Festival

The concerts with participation of chamber orchestras, choirs, a symphony orchestra and organ virtuosos will be held. The best performers from Poland, all Europe as well as from Australia, USA and other places will be invited.

CONTACT: www.filharmoniakoszalinska.pl

August

Józef Kochan International Chess Testimonial Tournament

This is one of the biggest chess tournaments in Poland; it has been held in Koszalin for many years. Several hundreds competitors from Poland and other countries participate in four simultaneously performed tournaments.

CONTACT: www.hetman.man.koszalin.pl

September

European Film Festival 'Integracja Ty i Ja'

Documentary and amateur films competition entirely devoted to the disability and integration idea issues. Apart from the competition, creative outputs of disabled people and artists taking up the disability problem will be presented.

CONTACT: www.integracjatyija.pl

September

'Young People and Film' 31st Koszalin Festival of Film Debuts

Films will be presented in two competitions: Full-Length Feature Film and Short-Length Film divided into following categories: animated, documentary and feature films.

CONTACT: www.mlodziifilm.pl

November

Hanza Jazz Festival 2012

Hansa Jazz Festival is a common Polish-German project allowing for cooperation of the jazzmen from both countries. During the festival jazz workshops, jam session as well as concerts by professional musicians will take place.

CONTACT: www.hanza.koszalin.pl

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www.it-pomorze.pl
www.koszalin.pl



ŁEBA

30 March – 1 April

1st International Nordic Walking Competition on the Beach

Competition for children and adults on 5 and 10 km routes. Nordic Walking Forum Conference. Fish Party.

CONTACT: promocja@leba.eu

30 June – 6 July

XII International Kite Festival Acrobatic Kite Championship

Participants will be taken photos of Łeba and surroundings using cameras installed on kites, balloons, etc. Event connected with lantern happening.

CONTACT: biuro@latarnik.eu

8 July

Łeba Town Holiday with Łeba's Principality Train Parade

The most colourful and fabulous annual event. Łeba Principality Representatives' walk through the whole town and stop at the central Łeba Fisherman Park.

On 6-8 July also the International Beach Tennis Competition will be held.

CONTACT: promocja@leba.eu

14 – 15 July

'Safe at the Seaside' Festival

Marine military and civil emergency services show.

CONTACT: promocja@leba.eu



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LOT ŁEBA
11 Listopada 5a St.
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www.leba.eu

21 – 22 July

International Beach Speedbadminton

The specificity of this discipline is: no limits. It is possible to practice on each weather conditions, even windy and rainy day, at day and night time. Games directed to amateur and professional players.

CONTACT: mailroom.jk@gmail.com

28 – 29 July

Poland Cup in Omega Class 'Summer Capital of Poland' – Intercity Regatta

CONTACT: promocja@leba.eu
mailroom.jk@gmail.com

4 – 5 August

International Summer Fish Festival

Everybody may buy and sell a fish and fish products, listen to local folk music, see fishing boats from fisherman point of view. Special happening: Fishy Miss Competition – candidates represents their culture, national costume and poem description of their area.

CONTACT: promocja@leba.eu

11 – 12 August

International Sea Canoeing Competition

First competition for sea canoeing lovers by unique sea route along the Baltic Sea coast

CONTACT: mailroom.jk@gmail.com

24 – 26 August

International Motorcycles Festival

CONTACT: promocja@leba.eu

1 December

XIV Silver Cod Festival

Traditional cod festival based on silver cod cult – the very first symbol of the Old Łeba and Saint Nicholas reverence - Łeba's fishermen patron from the very beginning of the town's history. It is a cod dishes tasting time for every guest.

CONTACT: biblioteka@leba.eu



www.miedzydroje.pl

19 – 20 May

International Dance Tournament 'Perła Bałtyku'

The annual sports event as a form of presentation, recreation and entertainment for children and youth in different age groups.

CONTACT: www.hala.miedzydroje.vel.pl

25 – 27 May

International Music Festival 'Music Baltic'

The diverse festival programme includes works of F. Chopin and other composers.

CONTACT: www.mdkmiedzydroje.com

24 – 29 June

International Festival of Choral Song

The repertoire of the choirs includes works of Polish and foreign composers, ranging from the Renaissance to the present

CONTACT: www.mdkmiedzydroje.com

4 – 8 July

Festival of Stars

Meetings with movie stars and entertainers. Presentations of theater and movies in the scenery of the beach.

CONTACT: www.mdkmiedzydroje.com

August

Organ Thursdays

CONTACT: www.mdkmiedzydroje.com

17 August

Breakfast Run and Athletics Meeting

In memory of Polish athletes W. Komar and T. Ślusarski. Family run through the city and on the beach and athletics meeting in outdoor disciplines.

CONTACT: www.miedzydroje.pl

18 August

Professional Boxing Gala 'Seaside Boxing Show'

Boxing fights for the IBF Federation belt.

CONTACT: www.miedzydroje.pl

29 – 30 September

Seniors' Artistic Meetings

Festival of folk culture.

CONTACT: www.mdkmiedzydroje.com



Faktoria, a reconstructed ancient amber trade village, is an extremely interesting object where you can not only relax but also learn about life nearly two thousand years ago.

<http://faktoria-pruszcz.pl/page/english>



PRUSZCZ GD.

Pruszcz Gdański is situated in the southern part of the Tricity agglomeration, only 10 km from the centre of Gdańsk. Nearby the Tricity bypass and the A-1 freeway run. The nearest international airport is situated in Gdańsk.

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April

European Cup in Dog Racing

Canicross, bikejoring, dog scootering - a harnessed dog or team of dogs attached to a towline, pull and run ahead of a runner, cyclist or people riding on unmotorized kick scooter.

CONTACT: orczykowski@pruszcz-gdansk.plc

2 – 3 June

XXIII Days of Pruszcz

Concerts, shows, contests for children and adults (canoeing, skateboarding, fishing for amber), fireworks, disco.

CONTACT: pieklo@pruszcz-gdansk.pl

June

Young Modeller Gliders to the Starting Line!

Model making contests for children and young adults take place at the Aero Club of Gdańsk airport.

CONTACT: orczykowski@pruszcz-gdansk.pl

July – August

Summer Stage of Wybrzeże Theatre

Theatre performances, recitals and concerts presented in the amphitheatre of Faktoria every Saturday in summer. There are also performances for children.

CONTACT: pieklo@pruszcz-gdansk.pl

July – August

Summer Music Festival

Concerts of classical music, sea shanties, rock, jazz, opera, operetta in the amphitheatre of Faktoria.

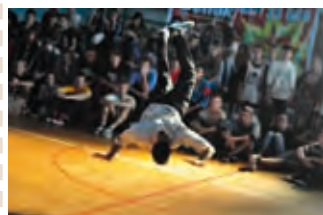
CONTACT: pieklo@pruszcz-gdansk.pl

September

VII Polish Nationwide Break Dance Pal Parkiet Dancing Tournament

Since its first edition in 2006, it has been a recognised event in dancing environment.

CONTACT: pieklo@pruszcz-gdansk.pl



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6 – 7 January

Indoor Football Tournament 'Amber Cup'

The Indoor Football Tournament combines performances of football stars and music artists. The tournament gathers the most popular show business people, musicians and footballers.

CONTACT: www.slupsk.pl

7 – 14 May

Robert Schuman 'Eurofestival 2012' International Puppet Theater Festival

The cultural festival will be accompanied by numerous events, such as exhibitions, concerts, theaters' fairytale procession through the streets, as well as the session entitled 'Culture as a factor of the European integration of the young generation and education in the spirit of freedom, equality and respect for tradition.'

CONTACT: www.tecza.slupsk.net

July

What a Fish – Fish Festival

An event with the character of a public picnic for residents of selected cities, including a star concert and the musical 'Long live the salmon!'; organized with the support of national and local media.

CONTACT: www.slupsk.pl

July

Charlotta Classica Festival of the City of Słupsk

A huge International Opera Gala. The audience will be able to recall the masterpieces of the great international composers. The festival will resonate the most beautiful arias of opera and operetta.

CONTACT: www.dolinacharlotty.pl

August –
November

18th Komeda Jazz Festival

The idea of the Festival came from a composer and pianist from Słupsk - Leszek Kułakowski. The music of Krzysztof Komeda is presented in modern and innovative interpretations.

CONTACT: www.slupsk.pl



8 – 14 September

The Polish Piano Festival

The Festival is the only music event of this kind in the country, during which the best Polish as well as foreign pianists present their artistry execution.

CONTACT: stsk@neostrada.pl



September

Słupsk Economy Days

This special undertaking aims to create the appropriate conditions for investments in the city and surrounding area through promotion and communication improvement.

CONTACT: www.coislupsk.pl

October

XVII Men's Basketball National Tournament for the Cup of the Mayor of Słupsk

The basketball tournament is the largest sports and promotion event held each year at the beginning of the new season.

CONTACT: www.energa-czarni.pl

November

Independence Picnic of Słupsk

A joyful event: parade of military and cavalry, dioramas and military presentations. The aim of the event is to promote historical education and tangible presentation of historical continuity of the Polish Republic for the residents of Słupsk.

CONTACT: www.slupsk.pl

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www.slupsk.pl



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www.sopot.pl

May

Sopot Artists' Street

CONTACT: www.bart.sopot.pl

May

Literary Festival 'Back 2 Sopot'

CONTACT: www.back2.pl

May

National Festival of Polish Radio and Television – Two Theatres

CONTACT: www.tvp.pl

June

Top Trendy Festival

CONTACT: www.toptrendy.pl

June

Sopot Fashion Days

CONTACT: www.sopotfashiondays.pl

July

Sopot Film Festival

CONTACT: www.sopotfilmfestival.pl

August

Sopot Classic Festival

CONTACT: www.sopotclassic.pl

September

ARTLOOP Festival

CONTACT: www.artloop.pl

October

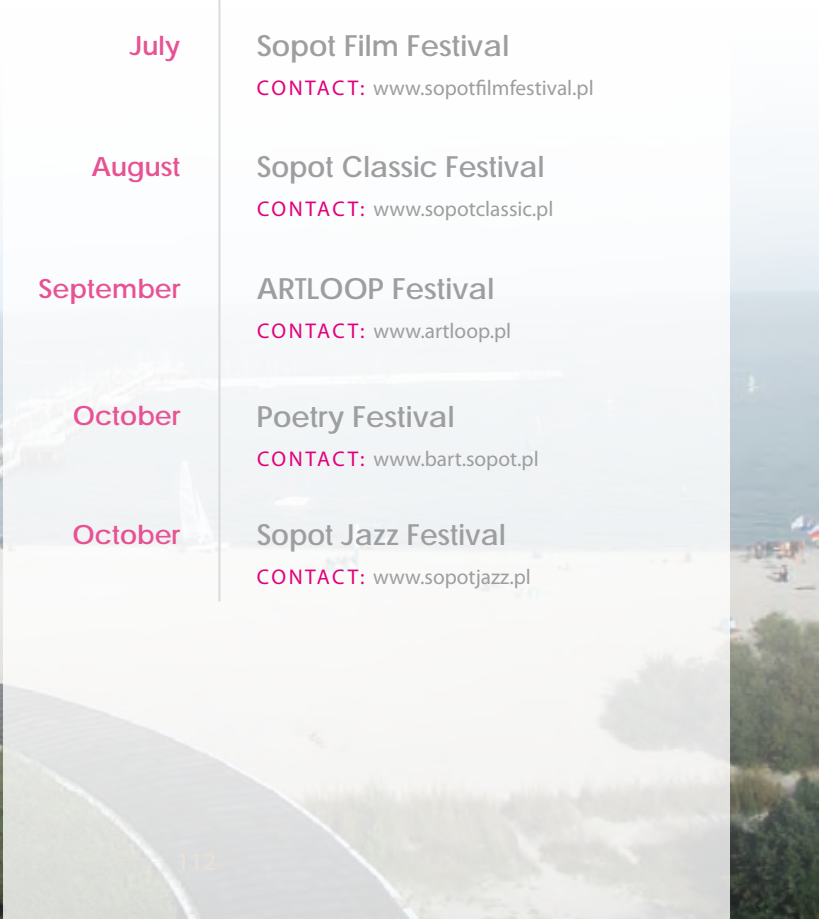
Poetry Festival

CONTACT: www.bart.sopot.pl

October

Sopot Jazz Festival

CONTACT: www.sopotjazz.pl





6 – 7 July

The International Fireworks Festival

The most firecracker and colourful event in Poland! Every year thousands of fans come to Ustka to see that bomb show. During all two days the best pyrotechnic companies present a professional sound and light performance.



21 – 22 July

Bielsko Biala and Beskidy Mountains in Ustka

Highland folklore on the Baltic coast! In the programme you can find performance by the highlander bands and demonstrations of folk handicrafts. Also you can taste the real mountain food.



August

The Polish Leaching of Amber Championship

Looking for the amber in the Baltic Sea, as the American trappers had done thousands years ago.



15 August

'Syrenalia' - Ustka's Day

The cyclic event that is organized during the Ustka's Day. In the event program we have: songs and games about the sea.



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www.ustka.pl

Local Tourist Organization

87 Marynarki Polskiej Street, 76-270 Ustka
Phone: +48 598147170
www.lot.ustka.pl



April

Overview of Little Theatrical Forms 'Kontrapunkt'

One of the oldest and largest theatre festivals in Poland, presenting latest theatrical trends and artistic challenges. The performers' night, discussion panels, scientific and film sessions, performances for kids and many other are the highlights.

CONTACT: www.kontrapunkt.pl

May

European Museums Night

A unique cultural event, during which Szczecin galleries and museums are open late. This is the only opportunity in the whole year to visit all the exhibitions in the city free of charge.

CONTACT: www.muzeum.szczecin.pl
www.zamek.szczecin.pl

June

Days of the Sea 'Sail Szczecin'

One of the largest open-air events in Poland, accompanied by a rally of tall ships and Oldtimers. Concerts by artists of the Polish music scene, fireworks shows, sport-recreational events, artistic presentations, games and competitions.

CONTACT: www.dnimorza.szczecin.eu

June

International Festival of Visual Arts inSPIRACJE

The inSPIRACJE touches issues of modern art and every year is based upon different leitmotif. Festival includes exhibitions, performances, workshops and music.

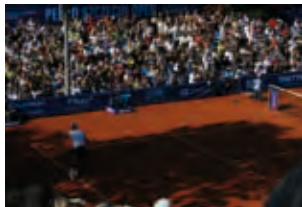
CONTACT: www.inspiracje.art.pl

July

'Culture Bonds' Festival

An open-air festival presenting theatrical shows, concerts, spectacles, performance art, street events, exhibitions, movie screenings and workshops. Each year international artists from all over the world draw thousands of people into the audience.

CONTACT: www.kana.art.pl



July

International Music Festival 'Boogie Brain'

The best contemporary urban music. A few dozen hours of sounds from such music genres as drum and bass, dubstep, house, reggae, funky, hip-hop. Polish and international artists presenting their work guarantee a long dance fest!

CONTACT: www.boogiebrainfestival.pl

July

Jacob's Market

Exhibitors will present their finished products and their skills in crafts such as pottery, lace-making, blacksmithing. There will also be art performances and folk bands from our region.

CONTACT: www.jarmark.jakubowry.pl

August

International Festival of Fireworks PYROMAGIC & MUSIC Wave – Szczecin Live

The largest fireworks show in Poland, with the best pyrotechnical companies from all over the world. This unique event on the Odra River is accompanied by the Festival of Electronic Music, with live electronic music stars.

CONTACT: www.fajerwerki.szczecin.eu

September

BAJA Poland

The Szczecin Stage of the Off-Road Rally Trophy generates an unusual atmosphere and sporting emotions. The heart of the event is the "rally town" with servicing zones, gastronomy and information points and a stage.

CONTACT: www.bajapoland.eu

September

International Men's Tennis Tournament Pekao Szczecin Open

This ATP Challenger Tour tournament is one of the most prestigious tennis undertakings in Poland, which for several years attracts Szczecin sportsmen, actors, journalists and businessmen.

CONTACT: www.pekaoszczecinopen.eu



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www.zamek.szczecin.pl/tourism



22 March – 1 April

12th International Ballet Festival 'Mariinsky'

Leading dancers from the world's largest ballet companies will be among the participants of Russia's only classical dance festival.

CONTACT: www.mariinsky.ru/en

24 May – 3 June

17th International Festival 'Musical Olympus'

An annual parade of the winners of major international music competitions provides music-lovers with a priceless opportunity to hear the world's best young musicians and to become acquainted with a wide range of schools and trends in contemporary performance art.

CONTACT: www.musicalolympus.ru

25 May – 17 July

20th International Music Festival 'Stars of the White Nights'

As one of the year's most attended musical events, this festival has become a pilgrimage for all lovers of Russian culture. Distinguished conductors and instrumentalists are invited to participate. The festival will present operas, ballets, and symphonic programs.

CONTACT: www.mariinsky.ru/en

27 – 29 May

Celebration 'St. Petersburg's Foundation Day'

Among the fantastic scenery of Palace Square there will be a jazz festival featuring the best artists from around the world. The culmination of this celebration is a unique festival of international street theaters and a grand carnival procession along Nevsky Prospect.

CONTACT: www.spbculture.ru

23 – 29 June

20th St. Petersburg International Film Festival 'Festival of Festivals 2012'

Russia's biggest non-competitive film festival presenting national and foreign award-winning films from major international festivals, which have received high acclaim from critics and viewers.

CONTACT: www.spbculture.ru



July – August

11th International Sand Sculpture Festival

Russia and more than 20 foreign countries will display their unique creativity.

CONTACT: www.spmoh.org

3 – 8 August

10th International Festival of Choral Art 'Singing World'

Choirs and ensembles from Russia and many other countries will take part in the festival. Groups of children and adults, both amateur and professional, will perform the music of different eras, styles, and trends in different languages.

CONTACT: www.spbculture.ru

September

Europe Day

The unique festival which annually brings together Europe and Russia in a variety of cultural spheres: film, education, politics, tourism, culinary arts, and much more.

CONTACT: www.eur.ru

October

22nd International Theater Festival 'Baltic House'

As one of the most significant European theatrical forums, this Festival has become an integral part of both St. Petersburg and European cultural life. The festival's aim is to expand cultural relations between Baltic countries and to promote achievements in modern theater. Participants of the festival are famous European theater directors — recognized leaders of global theater.

CONTACT: <http://baltic-house.ru/en/>

November

International Competition for Young Fashion Designers 'The Admiralty Spire'

This program includes fashion shows by both aspiring and established designers, fashionable after-parties, and creative discussions.

CONTACT: <http://sutd.ru/>



March

International Festival 'Round Dance of Friendship'

CONTACT: Galina Lisichkina, cityedu@klgd.ru

April

International Youth Tournament in Freestyle Wrestling

For the prize of the Honored Master of Sports Mr. Shumilin. Age of the tournament participants: from 15 to 19.

CONTACT: Elena Koroleva, +7 4012632305

May – June

Open City Youth Creative Contest 'The Wind of the Baltic'

Nominations of the contest: graphic arts, painting, arts and crafts, photographic art. The contest will result in the exhibition of the works.

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May

International Competitions in Free Calisthenics 'Amber Grace'

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June

International Competition 'Pregel Regatta'

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July

International Boxing Tournament

For the prize "The Cup of the Head of City District Administration 'The City of Kaliningrad'.

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September

Kaliningrad City Day

A fest of the city where professional and amateur artists, sportsmen, stars of the Russian and foreign stage perform. The guests from the regions of the Russian Federation, countries of the Baltic Sea Region, partner-cities and municipal entities of the Kaliningrad Region participate. Every second Saturday and Sunday of September.

CONTACT: Svetlana Sicoza, +7 4012923963





Hägelbypark arranges events for the whole family. It offers play-grounds for the children, cheap accommodation, a fine restaurant and several cultural events. The estate was originally built in 1916 - 1918 by L M Ericsson, the famous telephone producer.



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24 June

Midsummer Feast

**June – July –
August**

**Popular Outdoor Dancing under
Canvas Roof**

July

Theatre for Children on Thursdays



KALMAR

25 – 27 May

Kalmar Boat Fair

Exhibition, sales of boats and equipment, music and entertainment in the guest harbour area in Kalmar.

9 – 11 August

Kalmar City Festival

The annual festival - 'Kalmar Stadsfest' - offers music, entertainment and other activities.

18 August

Kalmar Triathlon

The Swedish Championship in Triathlon.

November

Festival of Light

The annual event 'Lysande Kalmar'. The city centre is decorated by light. Also live music and entertainment.

**29 November
– 2 December**

Christmas Fair at Kalmar Castle

One of Sweden's largest Christmas Fairs takes place in beautiful Kalmar Castle.

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www.destinationhalmstad.se

3 – 4 February

Ljust & Fräscht

Light & Fresh is a highly praised show about the perfect living. It is written and performed by the Swedish screenwriters and actors Fredrik Lindström and Henrik Schyffert.

3 – 4 March

The Nordic Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics

Arranged every second year by one of the Nordic countries, in 2012 the Championships will be held at Halmstad Arena. Halmstad also hosts the Nordic Junior Championships in TeamGym on 20 - 21 April.

30 June

Diggiloo

Combining humour, rock, hits and pop music, Diggiloo is the family show of the summer.

21 – 27 July

O-ringen

The world's largest orienteering event, takes place annually in different parts of Sweden. In 2012 it is Halland's turn to host the event, thus this year's race offers a combination of sand beaches, beach forests, and inland beech forests.

1 – 4 August

Sprinterästaren

A major harness racing for one mile event held every year on the Swedish West coast. This action-packed long weekend displaying the very best of Swedish trotting truly is a must-do.

1 – 4 August

The International Street Theatre Festival

Featuring shows performed on lorries, in a container, on walls, in tents and much more, the festival promises to be a memorable and interesting experience.

4 or 11 August

Betongcupen

The skateboard event Betongcupen consists of six competitions around Sweden, of which one takes place at Halmstad Arena Skatepark.

15 – 18 August

Swedish Beach Tour

The final of the Swedish Beach Tour is considered to be the biggest event in Swedish beach volleyball.





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www.youtube.com/visitkarlskrona

21 June

Lövmarknaden Karlskrona

Traditional market with a 300 year history. The event take place on the great square in the citycentre. Always the day before midsummer.

CONTACT: lovmarknaden@karlskrona.se



1 July

Veteranboat Festival

The event take place outside the Marinmuseum in Karlskrona. Beautiful veteran boats, music, food and marine market.

CONTACT: fabas@fabas.se



9 – 11 August

Sail Karlskrona with the Navy Day

A summer festival for all ages! Children's Sail, Worldheritage quay, craftsmen, sail church and amusement park are some of the activities during these days. Exciting navy vessels to explore along the quay.

CONTACT: www.karlskrona.se/sail



July – August

Carlskrona Chamber Music Festival

The festival's motto is "world music in world heritage" and one of our goals is to be part of bringing Karlskrona's fantastic world heritage to life.

CONTACT: www.chambermusic.se

17 – 18 October

PaxBaltica

CONTACT: www.paxbaltica.se



Every day a numerous flights, trains and busses head for Karlstad from Stockholm, Gothenburg, Oslo and other big Nordic cities.

Flights: www.skyways.se

www.direktflyg.se

www.ksdarprt.se

Train: www.sj.se

Buses: www.swebusexpress.se

www.gobybus.se

9 – 12 February

WRC Rally Sweden

Rally Sweden 2012 with start, finish and special routes in the city of Karlstad, is a part of the WRC, World Rally Championship, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world.

CONTACT: www.swedishrally.com

30 June – 7 July

Ängsbacka No Mind Festival

Welcome to the unique and colorful Ängsbacka No Mind Festival 2012 - the biggest alternative festival in Northern Europe.

CONTACT: www.angsbacka.se

4 – 7 July

Music Festival Putte I Parken

One of Sweden's best music festivals takes place in Karlstad. Famous artist like Lars Winnerbäck, Melissa Horn and Timbuktu are already booked!

CONTACT: www.angsbacka.se

21 – 22 July

Water Sport Days 2012 - Swedish Championships in Canoe Marathon

Karlstad's Paddlarklubb arranges the Canoe Marathon SM.

CONTACT: www.kpk.nu

7 – 15 December

European Curling Championship 2012

Karlstad will host the European Curling Championship. The Swedish national Curling Teams have had great success in the Olympics in 2006 and 2010.

CONTACT: www.ecf-web.org; www.kck.se

The Wermland Opera 2012

In 2012 Värmland Opera will be putting on 'Next to Normal' musical in the new musical genre that is derived from the American pop and rock traditions. 'Next to Normal' is a family drama with strong thematic ties to Ibsen's A Doll's House.

CONTACT: www.wermlandopera.com





6 – 15 April

Östra Skånes Konstrunda

Visit local artists in their homes/studios in the area surrounding Kristianstad.

CONTACT: www.oskg.nu

14 April

Nordic Championships in Karate

CONTACT: www.centrumkarateklubb.se

30 June – 8 July
13 – 21 July

Åhus Strand Beach Soccer Åhus Beach Handball Festival

CONTACT: www.ahusstrandbeachsoccer.com
www.beachhandboll.com

27 – 29 July

European Open Agility

CONTACT: www.kristianstadsbk.se

6 – 8 September

Kristianstad Bookfestival

Lectures about famous authors, book fair, etc.

September

Smakmånad

The whole September focuses on food including harvest festivals and much more with the theme of food.

CONTACT: www.kristianstad.se

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5 – 8 January

The 25th ICSEI Congress

The International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement will take place in Malmö.

CONTACT: www.icsei.net/icsei2012

13 – 17 March

BUFF Filmfestival

The International Children and Young People's Film Festival in Malmö.

CONTACT: www.buff.se

21 April

Swedish Championship Floorball

The exiting matches are played at Malmö Arena

CONTACT: www.malmoarena.com

12 May

Swedish Championship Handball

Follow the exiting games for men and women played at Malmö Arena.

CONTACT: www.malmoarena.com

June – August

Summerstage

Free music, theatre and entertainment at some forty venues across Malmö.

CONTACT: www.malmo.se/sommarscen

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www.malmotown.com

9 – 12 August

Malmö City Horse Show

Malmö is hosting the international Malmö City Horse Show. Three days filled with events, displays, exhibitions and family entertainment.

CONTACT: www.malmo.se/malmocityhorseshow

17 – 24 August

The Malmö Festival

The festival offers more than 250 live music performances and concerts, a wide range of international delicacies, cultural events, an amusement park and handicrafts for sale.

CONTACT: www.malmofestivalen.se

August

EM for Young Riders

Competition for the young elite of horse racing. The contest is a class for riders between 18 and 21 years.

CONTACT: www.malmo.se/malmocityhorseshow

September

The Gallery Night

During the evening, the galleries and art institutions throughout the city are open from 6p.m. till midnight and is completely free for visitors.

CONTACT: www.konstframjandet.org/malmogallerinatt

October

Älska Mat

This year's gastronomical fair for people who love food, both eating it and cooking it.



26 – 28 January

Hindersmässan

Hindersmässan has a long tradition in the history of Örebro. Except the big market places in the city it is also today exhibitions, conferences and seminars.

18 – 19 February

Indoor Athletics National Championship 2012

23 – 24 March

Chateau Grand Cru – Wine and Deli Fair

5 April

Takida

Swedish rock band.

23 – 26 April

Microsoft Tech Days Microsoft Fair

25 – 26 May

Metallsvenskan

Hardrock festival.

19 – 21 September

Intermodal

Logistics Fair.

Middle of November

Conventum Öl & Whisky

Beer and Whiskey festival.

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6 – 9 April

'Konst på väg' Art Show

'Art on the Move' is an annual art show with close to 60 participants. Artists and crafts people exhibit their work in a variety of locations in Tierp.

CONTACT: www.kpv.nu

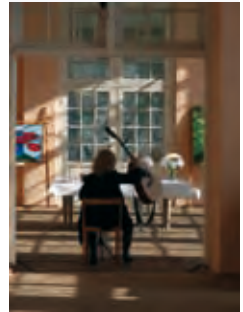


6 – 9 April

Strömsbergs Works

Visit the blast furnace, hammer smithy, school museum and many other buildings at the works, café opens for the season.

CONTACT: www.stromsbergsbruk.nu



26 May

Tobo Acoustic Festival

The festival offers exclusive and close meetings with renown artists. The acoustic concerts take place in the old "hunting castle" in the small village of Tobo, 15 km from Tierp. Limited number of seats, make sure to buy tickets in advance.

CONTACT: www.esitobo.org

14 – 17 June

Sweden International EM Dragracing

CONTACT: www.tierparena.com

24 August

Eric Sahlström 100 years!

The world-wide known nyckelharpa player, maker and composer Eric Sahlström (1912-1986) would have turned 100 years old on 24 August 2012. And you are welcome to celebrate his 100th anniversary with the Eric Sahlström Institute – national centre of Swedish traditional music and dance.

CONTACT: www.esitobo.org



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11 – 12 February

Trelleborg Open Taekwondo

High- ranking competion with participants from about 40 countries.

30 April

Valborg at the Viking Fortress Trelleborgen

Old Swedish tradition to greet spring, celebration with fire show and bonfire.

1 – 6 June

Trelleborg till 1000

Festival in the city centre and in the countryside villages. Six days of fun with a wide range of activities for everyone.

29 – 30 June

Spelmansstämma Smygehuk

Traditional gathering of folk musicians.

7 – 8 July

The Battle of Trelleborgen

Vikings from whole Europe gather in Trelleborg for fighting and trading. Viking wedding.



Here you will find a myriad of fascinating small shops, galleries, cafés, beautiful churches and charming Scanian longhouses with thatched roofs. Or make your way to Sweden's southernmost point - Smygehuk. In the centre of Trelleborg the whole family can experience the Viking age at a genuine restored castle complete with museum. If you are a golfer four different courses each with its own character await you.



7 – 8 July

Scanian Cuisine

Food Festival that gives you the chance to taste and buy local raw materials and refined products from the region. Discover the secret of baking Scania's traditional pyramid cake or taste the authentic 'äggakaga'.

27 – 28 July

Jazz and Blues Festival

Swedish and international musicians offer music to suit all styles and ages.

24 – 25 August

The Palm Tree Festival

Trelleborg's biggest festival. Musical entertainment and good food in the City Park and in the large Festival tents. Market stands along the streets, spinning funfair with exciting carousels, stalls and raffles.

2 December

Traditional Christmas Market

Light show in winter time. Santa Claus and the Swedish tradition Lucia.

9 December

Light Festival at the Viking Fortress Trelleborgen

Trelleborg is the southernmost city in Sweden with direct ferry connections to Travemünde, Rostock and Sassnitz in Germany and Świnoujście in Poland. Trelleborg has 32 kilometers of beaches, a 1000 year old Viking fortress and Cape Smygehuk, as far south you can get in Scandinavia.



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21 January

The Metropolitan Opera HD LIVE

The New York opera is being broadcast live in Umeå. World premiere of this baroque opera called "The spelled island", music by Vivaldi, Händel. Campra, Leclair, etc.

CONTACT: www.biljettcentrum.com

2 March – 4 April

Carmen

A completely new interpretation of Georges Bizet's opera Carmen, directed by Helena Rohs constructed on Norrlandsoperan. This version gives the viewer a glimpse into the Swedish everyday life.

CONTACT: www.norrlandsoperan.se

2 – 3 March

House of Metal

The biggest hard rock Festival in the Northern Sweden.

CONTACT: www.houseofmetal.se

3 – 11 March

Sami Week

Sami week – Ubmejen Biejvieh is a celebration of Sami culture. This is an annual event in Umeå where visitors of all ages can experience diverse activities from reindeer racing to traditional Sami singing, jojk.

CONTACT: www.samiskaveckan.se

26 – 31 March

Umeå Open 2012

Sweden's largest indoor rock and pop festival.

CONTACT: www.umeaopen.se

4 – 8 May

Circus Cirkör – Wear it like a Crown

A tragicomic and absurd show about chaos and order, about how risks are transformed into opportunities. About choosing to wear our failures, fears and sensitivities like a crown and now and again, polishing it with pride.

CONTACT: www.biljettcentrum.com





19 May

Umeå Culture Night

Cultural meetings and experiences that cross boundaries in the name of diversity. Central Umeå will be filled with art, dance, theatre, film, music, poetry, fireworks, new circus, etc.

CONTACT: www.kulturnatta.com

30 June

Wheels Nat's Norr

Norlands largests meeting for all motor enthusiasts.

CONTACT: www.wheelsmagazine.se/norr

26 – 29 July

Umeå Fotbollsfestival

A youth football cup with international football competitions for boys and girls aged 8-16. 350 teams.

CONTACT: www.umeafotbollsfestival.com

27 – 29 July

Holmö Songfestival

The Holmö Folk Song Festival, is a genuine festival on the island of Holmön. With local and national artists.

CONTACT: www.visfestivalen.nu

24 – 28 October

Umeå Jazzfestival

We persist in introducing the very best Scandinavian and international world-class artists in the field of contemporary jazz and improvised music. Please visit our website for the latest news, artist line-up and concert schedule.

CONTACT: www.umeajazzfestival.se

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VÄXJÖ

28 January

Culture Night

Associations, institutions, galleries, churches, organisations and others participate in this event. One can find almost everything happening during this traditional festival. All evening and almost all night long.

CONTACT: www.vaxjo.se



3 – 4 February

Sweden Song Contest

The first challenge in the Swedish competition to find a song that shall compete in the final of Eurovision Song Contest. The event takes place in the new VIDA Arena.

CONTACT: www.vaxjolakers.se

10 – 11 March

World Record Indoor Challenge

This unique event is an international meeting with some of the best athletes in discus, javelin and shot put in the world. Estonian Gerd Kanter broke the world record in discus two years ago in this event.

CONTACT: info@ifkvaxjo.se

22 March

Day X

One of Sweden's biggest creative and futuristic exhibitions with the focus on young people. Day X is not an ordinary exhibition. Day X is the future. In Tipshallen.

CONTACT: www.dagx.nu

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www.turism.vaxjo.se

Växjö has been described by the international media as "The Greenest City in Europe". It is the 37% reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases, per capita, that has echoed around the world. But Växjö is green in many other respects too, for example, there are many fine parks and green areas to be enjoyed in the city.

25 – 27 May

Culture Festival

Experience a creative cultural chaos where fun and exciting events take place. Acrobatics, music, children's activities, theatre, dance and films under an open sky and much more. This is Vårstad – Spring City!

CONTACT: www.vaxjo.se

4 – 5 August

Karl-Oskar Days

Karl-Oskar days - two days of a popular regional festival for the whole family. Many concerts, dance, funfair and music in the town.

CONTACT: www.karloskardagarna.se

18 – 19 August

Nordic Athletes

Track and field international competition between the Nordic countries where the youth athletes shows us who is the next star.

CONTACT: www.ifkvaxjo.se

9 – 16 December

Huseby Christmas Fair

Visit one of the largest Christmas Fairs with 150 exhibitors, showing both craft and cuisine. The whole area is decorated with candles and every evening more than 1000 torches lights up the area.

CONTACT: www.husebybruk.se

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Your notes



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Practical co-operation between the member cities is carried out within UBC commissions on Business Cooperation, Culture, Education, Energy, Environment, Gender Equality, Health and Social Affairs, Local Safety, Sport, Tourism, Transportation, Urban Planning, Youth Issues. The Commissions initiate and implement numerous projects, seminars, events and other activities. Each city is capable to have its own creative input to the Commissions' work.

The Union has an observer status with the Parliamentary Conference on Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Area, the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM), the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE), the Committee of the Regions. The Union is also a Special Participant in the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS). UBC cooperates with numerous Baltic and European organisations.

The Union is open for new members. Any coastal city of the Baltic Sea or any other city interested in the development of the Baltic Sea Region may become a member of the Union by making a written declaration of its will to enter UBC.

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