

**JULY 15-17** WATKINS GLEN, NEW YORK

**Bottoms Up, Upstate** At the Finger Lakes Wine Festival held at the Watkins Glen International raceway, local wineries pour samples of over 600 wines, while the blues-style Booglemen and the acoustic rock cover band



Weekend Winos entertain. You can ride shotgun around the track in an official race pace car, stay late to see the opening night fireworks, or spend the weekend camping on the infield or the grounds surrounding the racetrack overlooking Seneca Lake. [www.flwinefest.com](http://www.flwinefest.com)

# TRAVELER20

[ TRAVEL-WORTHY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS ]

**JULY 1**

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

**Blue Zone** The Monterey Bay Aquarium's new permanent exhibit, "The Open Sea," debuts in six transformed galleries with tufted puffers, sandbar sharks, carnivorous black sea nettles, blooms of jellyfish, and schools of sardines. The million-gallon exhibit teaches visitors about the epic migrations of sea creatures and about the currents that are key to this vast ecosystem. Visit during a summer "Evening by the Bay" for extended hours with live music, wine, and tapas. [www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org)

**JULY 2 & AUGUST 16**

SIENA, ITALY

**Italian Horsepower** Rivalries that date back to the 17th century are resurrected every summer during the Palio. Jockeys and horses representing ten of Siena's 17 *contrade* (town districts)—each with its own emblem, from snail to dragon—converge to race in Piazza del Campo. It takes less than 90 seconds for them to speed bareback around the piazza three times. The winner takes the *palio* (banner). Before the main event, a pageant of costumed flag-wavers winds through the historic center and into the piazza. [www.ilpalio.org](http://www.ilpalio.org)

**JULY 2-AUGUST 5**

BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

**Sweet Revelry** Crop Over marks the end of sugarcane crop season. The festival began in the 1780s when Barbados was a world leader in sugar production. You needn't have labored in the fields to join in the party, which includes the ceremonial delivery of the last canes, the crowning of the king and queen from the season's best male and female cane-cutters, and the Grand Kadooment, a sun-splashed parade of costumes, dancing, and calypso and soca music. [www.cropoverbarbados.com](http://www.cropoverbarbados.com)

**JULY 5-7**

ÉVORA, PORTUGAL

**Musical Connection** Every year,



**JULY 11-17** CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

**Bloomdays** Crested Butte earns its title as the "Wildflower Capital of Colorado" every summer when colobines, Indian paintbrush, lupines, and larkspur carpet the mountain meadows. Now in its 25th year, the annual week-long Wildflower Festival features mountain hikes, beginning to advanced photography classes, cooking lessons, and yoga classes held outdoors in alpine meadows. Executive director Sue Wallace especially recommends the 11-mile hike through the Maroon Bells Wilderness. [www.crestedbuttewildflowerfestival.com](http://www.crestedbuttewildflowerfestival.com)

Portugal's Cadaval family presents the Évora Clássica Festival, a showcase of traditional music and culture from around the world in the 14th-century Dukes of Cadaval Palace. This year's event features acrobats from India, Sufi musicians from Morocco, and dancers from Burkina Faso wearing traditional "masks of the moon." The palace's Gothic church, with walls covered in early 18th-century azulejos—blue and white ceramic tiles—stages a cappella performances. Between

acts, explore the streets of Évora, a UNESCO World Heritage site dating back to Celtic times. [www.palaciocadaval.com/festival.html](http://www.palaciocadaval.com/festival.html)

**JULY 7**

MACHU PICCHU, PERU

**What Hiram Found** The centennial celebration of Hiram Bingham's finding of Machu Picchu happens today (though the Yale University lecturer and historian came upon the ruins on July 24, 1911). The on-site party—which includes a light

and sound show and invited VIPs such as Bingham's grandchildren and Nobel Prize-winning Peruvian novelist Mario Vargas Llosa—has very limited entry to the general public. But you can tune in for the round-the-world broadcast of the day's events or visit the 365 recently repatriated artifacts (ceramics, jewelry) taken by Bingham and housed at Yale since 1912. They will be on display temporarily at Cusco's La Casa Concha museum. [www.peru.travel/en/](http://www.peru.travel/en/)

**JULY 9**

ALICE SPRINGS, AUSTRALIA

**Hump Day** Camels were first introduced to Australia in the 19th century to explore the outback and help build telegraph lines and railways. A camel-racing bet in 1970 between two friends evolved into the annual—and unpredictable—Camel Cup. At the start of each race, it's anybody's guess whether the animals will race ahead, veer off track, sit down, or back up. Young racers can try their hand at the Kids Kamel Kapers hobby camel races. Pairs compete in the Imparja Television Honeymoon Handicap, trading off at the halfway point. [www.camelcup.com.au](http://www.camelcup.com.au)

**JULY 11-13**

THROUGHOUT MONGOLIA

**Steppe Masters** The national festival of Naadam celebrates a tri-fecta of sports central to traditional Mongolian culture: horseracing, wrestling, and archery. The Mongolian sense of community ensures that the games are not just for professionals—anyone can have a go. And brawny pursuits aren't the only activities taking place during the three-day event: arts such as throat singing and *morin khuur* fiddling are part of Naadam, too. [www.naadam-festival.mn](http://www.naadam-festival.mn)

**JULY 14-31**

TORONTO

**Hot Hot Hot** The Canadian city turns tropical every year during Caribana, when Toronto's several hundred thousand residents of Caribbean descent celebrate their heritage. The vibrant parties and concerts feature island music such as reggae and soca, the national music of Trinidad and Tobago. The highlight of the festival is the Caribana Parade, in which over a million people turn out to watch steel pan bands, calypso musicians, and masqueraders march through the city. [www.caribanatoronto.com](http://www.caribanatoronto.com)

**JULY 15-17**

ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO

**Sea of Sharks** Every summer, hundreds of endangered whale sharks, the biggest fish in the sea, glide along the coast of Isla Mujeres. Isleños and thousands of visitors greet the arrival of these gentle giants with a three-day carnival of traditional dancing, arts, environmental education, and local foods like chicken mole and *pan de cazón* (tortillas stuffed with shredded fish). But the best way to experience the fourth annual Whale Shark Festival is in the water. Guided group tours are available for adults and children (five and older) to snorkel at a legally mandated distance among the 40-foot creatures. [www.whalesharkfest.com](http://www.whalesharkfest.com)

**JULY 19**

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND

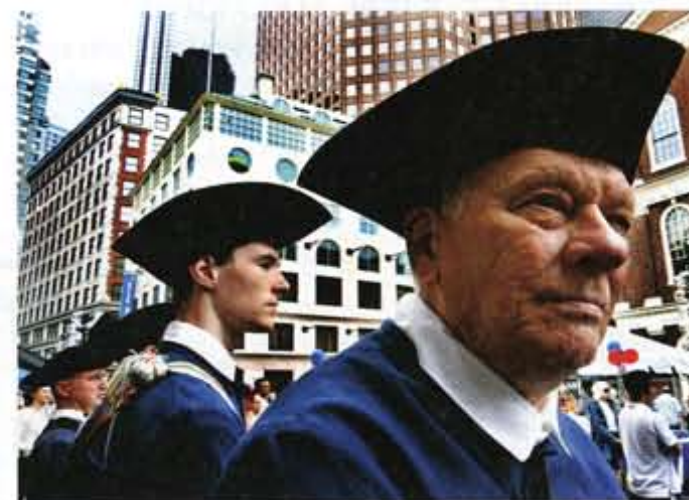
**Magical History Tour** The city famous for the Beatles, football, and the River Mersey ferry shares its story from prehistory to the

present with the opening of the Museum of Liverpool. The modern building stands on the Pier Head—Liverpool's historic waterfront. Inside, you'll follow Liverpool's journey from sleepy fishing village to powerhouse global port. "The museum is all about telling the stories of the city and its people," says David Fleming, director of National Museums Liverpool. Fab Four exhibits include the Woolton church hall stage where Lennon and McCartney met in 1957. [www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol](http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol)

**JULY 19-24**

KEY WEST, FLORIDA

**Papa Party** Author and traveler Ernest Hemingway lived in Key



**JUNE 29-JULY 4** BOSTON

**True Red, White, and Blue** Home of the American Revolution, Boston is serious about Independence Day. The six-day Boston Harborfest explores the city's history through reenactments and site visits (Paul Revere's and Ben Franklin's homes). Eat traditional steamers on the beach, kayak the Harbor Islands, throw tea from the deck of a wooden sailing ship, and learn about the Great Molasses Flood. The best places to view the July Fourth fireworks are along the Charles River. Down by the bandstand along the water, you'll be serenaded with patriotic tunes courtesy of the Boston Pops. [www.bostonharborfest.com](http://www.bostonharborfest.com)

West throughout the 1930s and wrote portions of some of his most famous works on the island, including *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. The island celebrates his life every year with Hemingway Days, featuring literary readings, a short story contest judged by Hemingway's granddaughter, and a three-day marlin tournament. Don't miss the look-alike contest, where dozens of portly, white-bearded men compete to see who most resembles Papa. [www.hemingwaydays.net](http://www.hemingwaydays.net)

**JULY 20-23**

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

**Northern Olympics** For the 50th year, the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics draw Eskimo-Indians from across Alaska and northern

Canada for storytelling, dancing, and competition. Athletic events include the four-man carry, which involves one man transporting four others as far as he can to simulate bringing game back from the hunt, and the *nalukataq* (blanket toss), during which competitors flex a taut walrus skin to propel a jumper as high as 30 feet into the air, traditionally done to spot game. Special ceremonies for the golden jubilee will recognize record-holding athletes. [www.weio.org](http://www.weio.org)

**JULY 24**

SHELburne, VERMONT

**Tasty, Any Way You Slice It** During the Vermont Cheesemakers Festival, indulge in creamy creations



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while meandering through the sprawling wooden barns of Shelburne Farms on the shore of Lake Champlain. Hear chef and author Mike Colameco's talk on the variety of Vermont cheddars or meet with representatives of the Cabot cheese empire. Take home lavender-infused, cheese-filled chocolates or goat milk caramel from a family farm that also produces goat cheese. Make it a weekend and visit local farms, dairies, and cheese studios open to the public the day before the festival. [www.vtcheesefest.com](http://www.vtcheesefest.com)

**JULY 27-AUGUST 30**

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

**An Abundance of Amadeus** Mozart operas abound during the

annual Salzburg Festival in the town where the composer was born. This year, the nearly century-old festival also features both parts of Goethe's *Faust* and Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, along with operas by Verdi, Stravinsky, and Janáček. Most of the performances take place at venues in the baroque city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. During the day, explore the lakes and mountains of the surrounding Salzkammergut region, often called Austria's Lake District. [www.salzburgerfestspiele.at/en](http://www.salzburgerfestspiele.at/en)

**AUGUST 12-30**

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

**Body Language** At the Tango Festival and Dance World Cup, held for the past 12 years in Buenos Aires, visitors are treated to seminars on the dance, tango-related films, and beginning or intermediate dance classes. At night, put those steps to work at a steamy electro-tango dance party. But the main spectacle remains the pros who pour their passion onto the dance floor as they step, swirl, and stomp their way through the semifinals and finals of the World Tango Competition. [www.tangobuenosaires.gov.ar](http://www.tangobuenosaires.gov.ar)

**AUGUST 21**

PEMBERTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Tour de Farms** During Slow Food Cycle Sunday, learn about the local food movement by joining a leisurely 50K bike ride along a flat and winding road north of Whistler. Fill your bike basket with goodies from farms; the route will take you through one of the most fertile areas in Canada, home to growers of everything from potatoes to tomatoes and kale. Along the way, there's even an artisanal vodka distillery. The annual ride drew nearly 3,000 cyclists last year. The local chamber of commerce helps organize a dinner and beer garden with bouncy castle for the kids during the week of the popular event. [www.slowfoodcyclesunday.com](http://www.slowfoodcyclesunday.com)

**AUGUST 28**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

**A Dream Realized** Martin Luther King, Jr., gets his own memorial in the nation's capital, located on a direct line between the Lincoln Memorial, where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, and the Jefferson Memorial. Visitors walk among massive rocks symbolizing the uphill struggle for civil rights before coming upon a 30-foot sculpture of MLK hewn out of stone. A 450-foot inscription wall will feature more than a dozen Dr. King quotes engraved in granite. The dedication ceremony—scheduled on the 48th anniversary of the March on Washington—will involve speeches and a post-ceremony concert in West Potomac Park. [www.mlkmemorial.org](http://www.mlkmemorial.org)

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