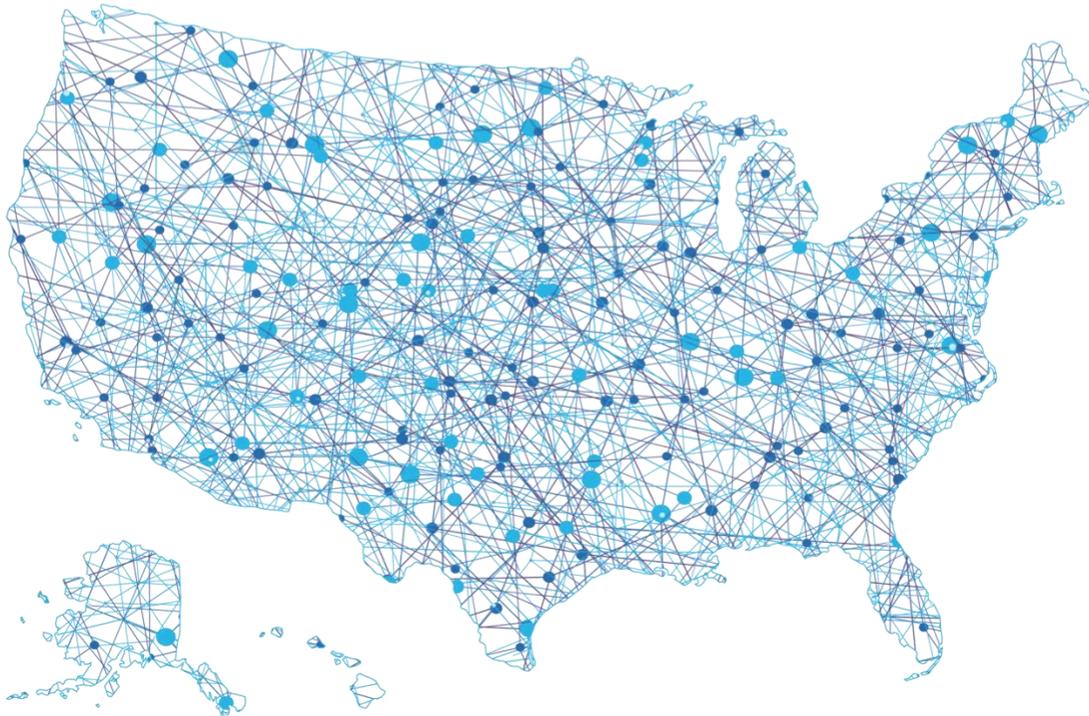




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Overview

Travel across the USA promises an abundance of possibilities, opportunities and adventures. International travelers are invited to explore the breadth of landscapes from rugged shorelines to vibrant metropolises; to enjoy the diversity of cultural experiences from epicurean journeys to musical trails; to watch exhilarating sports tournaments where hoops are shot and touchdowns scored and to connect with local communities so they dive beneath the surface of destination and write their own travel story in the USA.

This quarterly calendar provides a snapshot of upcoming travel routes, openings, and things to see and do across the country.

In addition to nationwide events, the calendar is divided into five geographical regions:

- **Northeast** (*Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania*)
- **Midwest** (*Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas*)
- **South** (*Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma*)
- **West** (*Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii*)
- **U.S. Territories** (*Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa*)

Stories fall within the following categories:

- **Planes, Trains, and Automobiles:** Highlighting new transport links and routes that connect travelers to the U.S. gateways and beyond
- **Hotel Openings / News**
- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**
- **Attractions:** Debut of theme park rides and milestone moments at major amusement parks
- **Festivals:** Multi-day events celebrating food, music, and art
- **Sports**
- **Film and T.V.:** Television shows and movie premieres with a specific tie to a U.S. location, and films celebrating prominent milestones.

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Nationwide

- **Hotel Openings / News**
 - **2022: [60th Anniversary of Kampgrounds of America](#) (KOA):** From pitching a tent to parking an RV on a cross-country road trip, KOA offers a wide variety of campsites in over 525 locations across North America. KOA recently launched a luxury glamping experience ([Terramor Outdoor Resort](#)) in Bar Harbor, Maine, with additional locations in the pipeline. Terramor combines the adventure of a camping experience with the amenities of a resort, offering guests the opportunity to explore Acadia National Park or the seaside villages of Maine and return to the glamping retreat for evening cocktails around a warm campfire.
- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**
 - **October: [Filipino-American History Month](#):** The celebration of Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States, which occurred on 18 October, 1587, when “Luzones Indios” came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California.
 - **October: [LGBT History Month](#):** LGBT History Month celebrates the achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender icons. On 11 October, members of the LGBTQ+ community honor [National Coming Out Day](#) as a reminder of the [National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights](#), and to celebrate individuals who have come out as LGBTQ+.
 - **11 Nov: [Veteran’s Day](#)** (free entry to National Parks): Many national parks have direct connections to the American military—there are dozens of battlefields, military parks, and historic sites that commemorate and honor the service of American veterans. The National Park Service invites all visitors to remember U.S. veterans by visiting any National Park Service site for free on Veterans Day (11 November).
 - **16 Jan: [Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#)** (free entry to National Parks): In honor of the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., National Park Service sites will waive entrance fees for everyone on Monday, January 17, 2022, as the first fee free day of the year. Commemorated on the third Monday of January every year, it is also a day of service when hundreds of volunteers participate in service projects at parks across the country.

Northeast

- **Planes, Trains, and Automobiles**
 - *Air Travel:*
 - **3 Nov:** American Airlines - New route from Monterrey, Mexico (Monterrey International Airport, MTY) to New York, N.Y. (John F. Kennedy International Airport, JFK)
 - **4 Nov:** American Airlines - New route from Mexico City, Mexico (Mexico City International Airport, AICM) to New York, N.Y. (John F. Kennedy International Airport, JFK)
 - **12 Dec:** Air France - New route from Paris, France (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, CDG) to Newark, N.J. (Newark Liberty International Airport, EWR)



- **Hotel Openings / News**

- **1 Oct, Hudson Valley, N.Y.:** [Wildflower Farms](#) invites guests to reconnect with themselves and nature on 140 acres of fragrant fields of wild bergamot and mountain mint. With 65 bungalows, cottages and suites along with an indoor saltwater pool, calming spa, outdoor swimming pool and miles of scenic hiking trails, Wildflower Farms is truly a world unto itself.
- **Now - until 23 Oct, Southwest Harbor, Maine:** One of Maine's most historic hotels, [The Claremont](#) will again welcome travelers with a variety of luxury accommodations, including 12 cottages, four suites, and a secluded three-bedroom house, perfect for family gatherings. The restored croquet club, an old-school candy store, and the hotel's signature doughnuts will add a nostalgic feel to the property.
- **Autumn 2022, New York, N.Y.:** [The Fifth Avenue Hotel](#), which will open this autumn, encourages exploration, fascination and wonder in each of its 153 guest rooms, as well as The Portrait Bar, The Study and The Terrace. Just steps from Madison Square Park and the Flatiron Building, The Fifth provides travelers with a vibrant destination to access all of the sights, sounds and tastes of New York City.
- **Autumn 2022, Mt. Tremper, N.Y.:** Inspired by the influence of ancient Rome on contemporary civilization, [The Aurum Catskills New York](#) will re-envision the bathing culture and rituals that defined the first social clubs. With 36 rooms and 12 mountain bungalows on 131 acres, the luxury retreat features a Sicilian farm-to-table restaurant, incredible views and private gardens.
- **Late 2022, Boston, Mass.:** [Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel & Residences](#) will be the first mixed-use Raffles property in North America. With 147 guestrooms and 146 residences in a 35-story building, guests can expect signature services such as the Raffles Butler, a two-story sky lobby, five distinct food and beverage venues, a state-of-the-art Raffles Spa with a 20-meter indoor pool, a rooftop garden terrace and lounge, and expansive meeting and pre-function spaces. Residents will experience a unique collection of pied-a-terre suites, one- to three-bedroom homes and magnificent penthouses with full access to hotel services along with exclusive membership in the resident-only tier of the company's guest recognition and loyalty program.
- **2023, New York N.Y.:** Corinthia will be taking over The Surrey, just off of Central Park in New York City, and it will begin an extensive renovation; after, it will reopen in early 2023 as [The Surrey, a Corinthia Hotel](#)—operated and managed by Corinthia Hotels. The Surrey, a Corinthia Hotel will mark the Corinthia group's first property in the United States. Located at the corner of East 76th Street and Madison Avenue, The Surrey, a Corinthia Hotel will offer both guest rooms and residences. The redesign of the 97 guestrooms—including 33 suites and five signature suites—and 12 luxury residences.
- **2023, New York, N.Y.:** [Faena Hotel](#) will be taking over a space in the XI mixed-use development in Manhattan's West Chelsea neighborhood, overlooking the Hudson River. The project is owned by Witkoff Group and Access Industries. Other Faena properties include the brand's Miami Beach location in Florida - which director Baz Luhrmann helped design.

- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**

- **9 Oct - 18 Feb, 2023, New York, N.Y.:** [Just Above Midtown: 1974 to the Present](#) at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) shares artwork created by African-American artists and artists of color during Just Above Midtown (JAM)'s premiere years of 1974-1986. JAM was an art gallery and self-described laboratory led by Linda Goode Bryant, and was known as a place where black art flourished and debate was cultivated. The gallery offered early opportunities for artists now



recognized as pivotal figures in late-20th-century art, including David Hammons, Butch Morris, Senga Nengudi, Lorraine O'Grady, and Howardena Pindell.

- **15 Oct - 8 Jan, Pittsburgh, Penn.:** The [American Perspectives: Stories from the American Folk Art Museum Collection](#) exhibition at the Frick Collection uses a selection of paintings, sculpture, and other objects as vehicles to tell the story of the vital role folk art plays as a witness to history, marker of cultural heritage, and a reflection of the world at large. This exhibit looks at the continuum of self-taught art across time and place from the earliest days of the founding of our nation to the present.
- **16 Oct - 29 Jan, Philadelphia, Penn.:** [Modigliani Up Close](#) at the Barnes Foundation explores Amedeo Modigliani's working methods and materials. Building on research that began in 2017, with a major retrospective at Tate Modern, this focused project takes a close look at how Modigliani created his works. New scholarship by specialists across Europe and the Americas informs a detailed investigation of the artist's unique style, casting new light on his practice, in an exhibition that brings together important pieces from museum collections.
- **31 Oct, New York, N.Y.:** [New York City's 49th Annual Village Halloween Parade](#) is one of the most famous Halloween events in the United States and the largest Halloween parade in the world, attracting over two million spectators and 60,000 parade participants. While the event is free to spectators, you can also participate in the parade as long as you wear a costume.
- **18-20 Nov, Plymouth, Mass.:** [America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration](#) takes place on the third weekend of November each year, and draws its name from the traditional location of the "First Thanksgiving" between the pilgrims and Native Americans in Plymouth, MA. Festivities include historical reenactments, themed concerts, parades and a food festival where Thanksgiving lovers can sample traditional New England seasonal fare at its finest.
- **18- 20, 25-27 Nov & 1-4, 8-11, 15-18 Dec, Bethlehem, Penn.:** [Christkindlmarkt Bethlehem](#) returns featuring 60 artisans and craftspeople, performances, delicious food, St. Nicholas, and the return of popular German ornament manufacturer Käthe Wohlfahrt. Named one of the top holiday markets in the world by *Travel + Leisure* and one of the top holiday markets in North America by *USA TODAY's* 10Best Readers' Choice competition, the Bethlehem Christmas market is known for its unique holiday shopping experience featuring thousands of unique handmade gifts.
- **24 Nov, New York, N.Y.:** Running each year since 1924, the [Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade](#) is known as the world's largest parade and second-oldest Thanksgiving parade. The nationally-televised, three-hour parade is held in Manhattan, and features a variety of performances, colorful balloons and floats, as well as an appearance by Santa Claus.
- **Now - until 27 Nov, Washington, DC:** [One With Eternity: Yayoi Kusama in the Hirshhorn Collection](#) showcases the Hirshhorn's permanent collection of works by Kusama, including two of her Infinity Mirror Rooms that create a sensation of never-ending space. These rooms are exhibited alongside an early painting; sculptures, including Pumpkin (2016) and Flowers—Overcoat (1964); and photographs of the artist. This exhibition honors Kusama's distinctive vision of self-obliteration by exploring its development across media while also underscoring the Museum's mission: to present the most exciting art and ideas of our time.
- **Spring 2023, Harlem, N.Y.:** Harlem's most famous venue, The Apollo, will unveil [two new performance spaces](#) - marking the landmark's largest expansion in decades. Located on the third and fourth floor of the Victoria Theater Redevelopment Project and first announced in

2018, the expansion of the theater will provide a space to celebrate Harlem's cultural heritage while allowing the Apollo to expand its educational, artistic and community programmes. The Victoria Theater will also host local artists and Harlem-based arts organizations, giving them a chance to develop performance work in a professional-level theater space.

- **2023, Harlem, N.Y.:** [Alkebulan](#), which is the oldest name for Africa, is envisioned as a cultural and culinary movement that celebrates the untapped cuisine of the African continent. It is the project of Harlem-based Chef Alexander Small, the James Beard award-winning visionary of The Cecil and its sister restaurant Minton's. Alkebulan will open in uptown Harlem highlighting ten food stalls from around the continent, as well as featuring music and art.
- **2023, New York, N.Y.:** [The Ronald O. Perelman Performing Arts Center \(PAC\)](#) will constitute a unique venue for theater, dance, music, and chamber opera. It will offer artists new kinds of theatrical design possibilities and new opportunities to create innovative multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary work. Located at the World Trade Center, the PAC will celebrate life and humanity, redefining Lower Manhattan as a cultural destination and serving as a living testament to the power of the arts to inspire and unite. A home for creativity, the PAC will produce and present all forms of performance.
- **Attractions**
 - **Now - until 12 Nov, Philadelphia, Penn.:** [Halloween Nights at Eastern State Penitentiary](#) is an immersive experience featuring five haunted houses, historic tours, themed bars and lounges and live entertainment all within the walls of a real, abandoned 10-acre prison. There are also opportunities for shopping, a curated selection of unique Halloween merchandise and décor, plus Halloween treats and festival eats throughout. All proceeds from Halloween Nights benefit the preservation and interpretation of Eastern State Penitentiary, a National Historic Landmark.
 - **2022, Washington, D.C.:** Giant pandas have iconic status in Washington, D.C. and are beloved around the world. This year marks the [50th Anniversary of Giant Pandas at the National Zoo](#) — the start of a decades-long giant panda program, which is set to be celebrated with panda-themed events and conservation initiatives.
- **Festivals**
 - **1-2 & 8-9 Oct, Bedford, Penn.:** Held in Bedford's historic downtown in the hills of central Pennsylvania, the [Bedford Fall Foliage Festival](#) features arts and crafts from more than 400 vendors, an antique car parade, live music, and activities for the whole family, like scarecrow making.
 - **27-30 Oct, Portland, Maine:** Portland's annual [Harvest on the Harbor](#) showcases the best of local eateries and bars, with booths offering delicious bites from restaurants and farmers, as well as drinks from brewers and distillers.
- **Sports**
 - **6 Nov, New York, N.Y.:** Known as the largest marathon in the world and one of the World Marathon Majors, the [TCS New York City Marathon](#) invites over 50,000 participants to run over 26 miles through the five boroughs of New York City. The race has been run every year since 1970 with the exception of 2012 (due to Hurricane Sandy) and 2020 (due to the COVID-19 pandemic). Runners from all over the world are selected by a lottery system, and invited to participate in charitable fundraising to support local, global and national causes.

- **Film and T.V.**
 - **30 Sept.:** [Hocus Pocus 2](#)
 - Plot: The Sanderson Sisters ride their brooms around [various locations in Rhode Island](#), including Newport and Lincoln.
 - **21 Dec:** [I Wanna Dance with Somebody](#)
 - Plot: The joyous, emotional, heartbreaking celebration of the life and music of Whitney Houston, the greatest female R&B pop vocalist of all time, tracking her journey from obscurity to musical superstardom around various locations in [Massachusetts \(Boston, Arlington\) and New Jersey \(Newark\)](#).

Midwest

- **Hotel Openings / News**
 - **2022, Indianapolis, Ind.:** Opening in 2022, [Tiny Urban Escapes](#) is a four-suite, boutique hotel in the heart of Indianapolis crafted from upcycled shipping containers. Billed as a micro-haven of greenery within the concrete streets of downtown Indianapolis, each suite includes an open-plan living area and private bathroom with soaking tub/designer walk-in shower.
- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**
 - **Now - until 5 Sept, Chicago, Ill.:** [Cézanne](#), an upcoming exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago, will span the full career of the artist, featuring 90 oil paintings, 40 works on paper, and two sketchbooks on display. Notably, exhibition lender Jasper Johns, the American abstract expressionist, will be sending three key watercolors (plus an oil painting of a nude to Chicago only) from his personal collection.
 - **October 2022, Anoka, Minn.:** Known as the “[Halloween Capital of the World](#),” Anoka is believed to be the first city in the United States to put on a Halloween celebration. Throughout the month, city visitors can partake in a Grand Day parade and nighttime parade, house decorating contests, a bonfire, the Anoka Classic Car Show Spooktacular, the BloodMobile Blood Drive, a Pumpkin Weigh-Off, a pumpkin carving contest for kids, and a pumpkin smashing.
 - **1-3 Nov, Rantoul, Ill.:** The [World Championship Punkin Chunkin](#) returns with a new location in Rantoul, Illinois. This event pits the world champions of hurling or 'chucking' a pumpkin solely by mechanical means for distance with their device of choice - including slingshots, catapults, centrifugals, trebuchets, and pneumatic (air) cannons.
 - **24 Nov, Detroit, Mich.:** [The Strategic Staffing Solutions \(S3\) Turkey Trot](#) has been a Detroit tradition for the past 39 years. Much more than a variety of races (10k/5k/1 mile and combo events), thousands of participants dress in costumes for the event. Often declared “The Parade before The Parade,” participants frolic by the largest spectator crowd in Michigan.
- **Festivals**
 - **10 Sept - 31 Oct, Shakopee, Minn.:** [Sever’s Fall Festival](#), celebrating 25 years of autumn festival fun, is the Midwest’s original autumn festival and home to its first and largest corn maze. The whimsical festivities also include obstacle courses, an exotic petting zoo, and zip lines.
 - **30 Sept - 2 Oct, Decorah, Iowa:** This year marks the 25th anniversary of the [Northeastern Iowa Artists’ Studio Tour](#), where visitors can take a self-guided “art-venture” to explore 35 artists in

27 locations throughout northeastern Iowa. Discover the tools, inspirations, and surroundings where art begins!

- **7-9 Oct, St. Charles, Ill.:** As the name suggests, the St. Charles [Scarecrow Festival](#) is dedicated to all things related to scarecrows, including a downtown walk through St. Charles during the Scarecrow Stroll, as well as a family zone and the opportunity to buy a DIY Scarecrow in a Box.
- **12-23 Oct, Chicago, Ill.:** The [58th Annual Chicago International Film Festival](#) is North America's longest-running competitive film festival, featuring over 80 films and 60 short films from around the world. Check out the [festival's website](#) for films to be featured this year.
- **Sports**
 - **9 Oct, Chicago, Ill.:** The [Bank of America Chicago Marathon](#) invites 45,000 participants to race through the Windy City in 6.5 hours or less, passing major landmarks such as Wrigley Field, the United Center, and Soldier Field. In addition to running, participants have the opportunity to fundraise for a charity partner - with more than 106,000 runners raising over \$207M for local, national and global causes since 2002. The Chicago Marathon is the fourth-largest race by number of finishers worldwide, and recognized as one of the six World Marathon Majors .

South

- **Planes, Trains and Automobiles**
 - *Air Travel:*
 - **18 Oct:** KLM – New route from Amsterdam, Netherlands (Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, AMS) to Miami, Fla. (Miami International Airport, MIA)
 - **3 Nov:** Virgin Atlantic – New route from London, UK (Heathrow Airport, LHR) to Tampa, Fla. (Tampa International Airport, TPA)
 - **15 Dec:** French Bee – New route from Paris, France (Paris Orly Airport, ORY) to Miami, Fla. (Miami International Airport, MIA)
- **Hotel Openings / News**
 - **Late Summer 2022, Galveston, Texas:** [Hotel Lucine](#), a new hotel seeking to highlight Galveston's unique character and charm, will feature 61 rooms and restaurant and bar experiences under the auspices of Houston's widely applauded chef Justin Yu and drinks guru Bobby Heugel, who are serving as food and beverage operating partners for the new hotel's owners. The rooftop bar is set to become a popular watering hole for creative cocktails as well as its 180-degree view of the Gulf of Mexico.
 - **Oct 2022, Atlanta, Ga.:** [Nobu Hotel Atlanta](#) will include 150 rooms, a rooftop pool, spa, conference space, and 10,000 square foot Nobu restaurant. The hotel and restaurant are part of a larger redevelopment at Phipps Plaza, which also includes a 13-story office building, Citizens food hall, and a 90,000 square foot Life Time athletic club.
 - **1 Nov, West Palm Beach, Fla.:** Set to open this autumn, [Banyan Cay Resort & Golf](#) is Florida's first Destination by Hyatt property. The new-build luxury resort will have 150 oversized rooms and suites as well as 22 three-bedroom villas. Amenities include a spa with treatments inspired by West Indies rituals, two onsite restaurants, a resort-style swimming pool with a poolside tiki bar, six tennis courts, and 18 holes of golf on Jack Nicklaus's 300th signature course.

- **Nov 2022, Greenville, S.C.:** The [Grand Bohemian Hotel](#), a Kessler collection property, will be the first luxury boutique hotel in the city that sits on downtown's most prized piece of real estate overlooking the 350' suspension single-cable bridge that curves over the city's natural waterfalls. The 187-room hotel will also have an art gallery, wine room, library, spa, restaurant, and bourbon bar.
- **Autumn 2022, Boca Raton, Fla.:** The [Boca Raton Tower](#) offers freshly reimagined, spacious suites featuring artful touches, warm wood accents, and bright, airy rooms that deliver elegant stays with views of the Atlantic Ocean and south Florida coastline. Tower's all-suite floors can be configured to suit your exact needs. Whether grouping connecting suites or the entire floor, Tower offers completely customizable stays. Bask in extraordinary vistas that seem to stretch on forever, all just steps from The Boca Raton's many restaurants and brand new Harborside Pool Club.
- **2022, Tampa, Fla.:** Planned to open in 2022, [The Tampa EDITION](#) will become the fifth U.S. property from EDITION Hotels. Situated within the new 56-acre Water Street Tampa neighborhood, the hotel will be home to 172 guest rooms and suites and six F&B outlets, including a signature restaurant and rooftop bar and terrace. The property will also feature a 204-square-meter Penthouse Suite, expansive spa, fitness center, and over 550 square meters of flexible meeting and events space.
- **Late 2022, Nashville, Tenn.:** The [Four Seasons Hotel Nashville](#), opening this year in Music City, connects guests to the creative spirit of the city's makers and artisans. Featuring 235 rooms (including 42 suites), two restaurants, a spa, and outdoor pool, the Four Seasons Nashville provides a calming oasis for travelers to experience the best of Nashville.
- **Late 2022, Franklin, Tenn.:** [Southall Farm & Inn](#), located just outside of Nashville, invites guests to explore 325 acres of a working farm, inviting inn, dining, and spa experiences to escape the pressure of city life. With 62 guest rooms and 16 separate cottages, guests can reconnect with themselves and nature through healthy meals, home-grown ingredients, and outdoor excursions.
- **Early 2023, Fredericksburg, Texas:** The [Albert Hotel](#), built as a celebration of Texas Hill Country and noted Fredericksburg architect Albert Keidel, will open this year on the original site of the Keidel family pharmacy and homestead. The hotel will have 110 guest rooms, including bunkrooms, suites, and a private house, each with tailored amenities and custom-designed furniture. The property has three restaurants, two bars, a private dining room, and will offer in-room dining. The grounds include an outdoor pool, a fitness center, and a 2,000-square-foot full-service spa.
- **Early 2023, Riviera Beach, Fla.:** Set to open early 2023, The Palm Beaches will welcome its newest luxury spa, [Amrit Ocean Resort & Residences](#), unveiling more than 100,000-square-feet of wellness amenities rooted in the five pillars of wellness: mindfulness, nutrition, fitness, relaxation, and sleep. With refreshing and innovative approaches to wellness, the brand new resort will offer a personalized programme that combines Eastern wellbeing philosophies and western technology. The Center and Spa will bring a hammam, an oceanfront relaxation lounge, 29 treatment rooms, two couples suites with private ocean view terrace, along with specialized treatment rooms as part of its health-oriented offerings. Furthering its offerings, an "Aayush Hydrothermal Experience" - the only indoor/outdoor hydrothermal experience in

Florida will lead guests through the healing properties of water, while spa treatments on Amrit's private beachfront make for perfect relaxing experiences.

- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**

- **Sept-Nov, Dallas, Texas:** The Dallas Arboretum's [Autumn at the Arboretum](#) event showcases an impressive pumpkin display, featuring 90,000 pumpkins, gourds, and squash. There are also events and activities, like a hay bale maze, a pumpkin patch, cooking demonstrations, and Mommy and Me Mondays, for those with kids.
- **Now - until 18 Sept, Dallas, Texas:** [Cartier and Islamic Art: In Search of Modernity](#) at the Dallas Museum of Art tracks the development of the cross-cultural relationships that made Cartier's jewelry designs possible. Many fine examples of Cartier jewelry feature geometric forms, naturalistic designs, and Chinese-influenced motifs drawn from Arabic and Persian art. Cartier also borrowed many techniques and color combinations from Islamic art, such as using carved colorful gemstones in jewelry, now known as the iconic and colorful Tutti Frutti style.
- **Late 2022, San Antonio, Texas:** The Alamo is improving its visitor experience and expanding its exhibition facilities with the new [Exhibition Hall and Collections Building](#), opening late 2022. This building will display the entire Phil Collins Collection, among other pieces from the Alamo Collection, in its 10,000 square feet of new exhibit space – five times more than the Alamo has today. This new building, part of "The Alamo Plan," provides state-of-the-art facilities for special exhibitions and storage to ensure the long-term care of the Alamo collection. The Exhibition Hall is not a replacement for the upcoming Alamo Visitor Center and Museum, which is on track for a later launch. The Phil Collins Collection will then be put on display in the museum and the Exhibition Hall will become home to additional traveling exhibits to further educate and engage visitors.
- **21 Jan, 2023, Charleston, S.C.:** [The International African American Museum](#) will explore cultures and knowledge systems retained and adapted by Africans in the Americas, and the diverse journeys and achievements of these individuals and their descendants throughout the country and African diaspora. The museum will include the Center for Family History (a resource for genealogical research), the African Ancestors Memorial Garden, and a variety of programs for all ages.

- **Attractions**

- **Now - until 23 Oct, Dallas, Texas:** Known as the largest and longest-running state fair in America, the [State Fair of Texas](#) brings together all the best parts of the state, including creative arts contests, food competitions, music, and livestock shows. As a nonprofit organization, the Fair serves as an advocate for the community through its commitment to preserving Fair Park and continuing to build upon its legacy as a National Historic Landmark. Enjoy fair staples such as the funnel cake, bacon queso burger or deep-fried chicken noodle soup.
- **Now - until 31 Oct, Orlando, Fla. and Hollywood, Ca.:** Summon your scream squad to [Universal Orlando](#) or [Universal Studios Hollywood's](#) Halloween Horror Nights, the World's Premier Halloween Event. Face 10 haunted houses, five scare zones, two live shows, and some of Universal Studios' most exciting attractions.
- **Now - until 31 Oct, Oklahoma City, Okla.:** This Halloween season, experience fun by day and fright by night at Frontier City, Oklahoma's only theme park, during its annual [Fright Fest](#)



[celebration](#). Get ready for the best Halloween event of the season, featuring family-friendly shows and attractions during the day and thrilling rides and scary haunted houses at night.

- **2022, Houston, Texas:** This year, the [Houston Zoo is celebrating its 100th Anniversary](#) with a new immersive Galapagos Islands exhibit, renovations to main thoroughfare and dining locations, as well as exhibits highlighting the wildlife of South America and the Texas wetlands.
- **2022, San Antonio, Texas:** [Six Flags Fiesta is celebrating its 30th anniversary](#) in a big way! With a huge new roller coaster (Dr. Diabolical's Cliffhanger, the world's steepest dive coaster) and a full year of special events, entertainment, food festivals, a collectible button program, fun displays throughout the park, and throwback merchandise to commemorate the nostalgia.
- **Now - until April 2023, Orlando, Fla.:** [Walt Disney World's 50th Anniversary Celebration](#) includes an array of new rides and magical performances. From the new Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind and Ratatouille rides in Epcot to the Disney Enchantment fireworks performance at Magic Kingdom and the Disney KiteTails performance at Animal Kingdom, there is something for everyone to celebrate at Disney.
- **Festivals**
 - **23 Sept - 29 Oct, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.:** Celebrate the wonder of the changing seasons with the return of [Dollywood's Harvest Festival](#). Experience the beauty of a Smoky Mountain fall as the forests come alive with vivid color, the smells of apple and pumpkin treats waft through the streets, and the sounds of thrilling rides fill the air with adventure. After sundown, award-winning Great Pumpkin LumiNights presented by Covenant Health glows even brighter with the debut of the new Hoot Owl Hollow.
 - **7-9 Oct, Jonesborough, Tenn.:** Known as the country's premier storytelling event and celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the [National Storytelling Festival](#) showcases the world's best storytellers over the course of three days in historic Jonesborough, the oldest town in Tennessee.
 - **7-8 Oct, Murfreesboro, Tenn.:** [Uncle Dave Macon Days](#) is a roots rendezvous honoring traditional American music and the career of the first superstar of the Grand Ole Opry and Country Music Hall of Famer, Uncle Dave Macon. This festival has been happening for over 40 years starting with small beginnings which attracted only a few old-time music enthusiasts on the lawn of the Courthouse in 1978. Throughout the festival's national competitions is the best in authentic old-time music and dance with participants locally, across the nation, and worldwide. Uncle Dave Macon Days spreads the love of authentic roots music in a unique way with live music, arts and crafts, and more.
 - **14-16 Oct, Natchez, Miss.:** The annual Sonoma [Natchez Balloon Festival](#) provides festival-goers with the opportunity to spend a weekend surrounded by hot-air balloons and live music, along with food vendors and arts and crafts.
 - **4-6 Nov, Austin, Texas:** The [Austin Food & Wine Festival](#) invites the best of Austin's restaurants to offer small bites and tasting of their beloved dishes, along with wine and spirits. There are also cooking demonstrations and special events, all set against the Austin skyline at Auditorium Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park.
 - **5 Nov - 1 Jan, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.:** Experience a traditional Christmas in the Smoky Mountains with more than 5 million glistening lights and Christmas fireworks that light up the winter night

sky at [Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas](#). Favorite Christmas traditions unfold this year with award-winning shows, culinary delights, seasonal shopping, and more.

- **Sports**

- **21-23 Oct, Austin, Texas:** The [2022 United States Formula 1 Grand Prix](#) will host the best Formula 1 drivers to compete over 56 laps of the 5.513-kilometre Circuit of The Americas in Austin. The race weekend will include qualifying rounds, in addition to concerts from Green Day and Ed Sheeran, amusement rides, and local cuisine.
- **23 Oct, Homestead, Fla.:** [The Dixie Vodka 400](#) will serve as the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs' second race in the Round of 8 for the Cup Series Playoffs as a victory will give the winner an automatic berth in the Round of 4. This race marks a return to playoffs racing for Homestead-Miami Speedway, which hosted the NASCAR Cup Series championship finale from 2002-2019.

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- **Planes, Trains, and Automobiles**

- *Air Travel:*
 - **28 Oct:** United Airlines - New route from Brisbane, Australia (Brisbane Airport, BNE) to San Francisco, Calif. (San Francisco International Airport, SFO)
 - **30 Oct:** United Airlines – New route from San Francisco, Calif. (San Francisco International Airport, SFO) to Bangalore, India (Kempe Gowda International Airport, BLR)
 - **Flair Airlines (all flights arriving to Tucson, AZ at Tucson International Airport, TUS):**
 - **30 Nov:**
 - New route from Edmonton, Canada (Edmonton International Airport, EIA)
 - New route from Fort McMurray, Canada (Fort McMurray International Airport, YMM)
 - **1 Dec:**
 - New route from Lethbridge, Canada (Lethbridge International Airport, YQL)
 - New route from Prince George, Canada (Prince George Airport, YXS)
 - New route from Windsor, Canada (Windsor International Airport, YQG)
 - New route from London, Ontario (London International Airport, YXU)
 - *Train Travel:*
 - **2022, Honolulu, Hawaii:** [Honolulu's Rail Transit Phase I](#), an elevated track stretching over 20 miles from Kapolei to Ala Moana Center, will provide vital transportation and reduce traffic congestion for Hawaiian residents and tourists alike. Each of the 21 rail stations will be aesthetically and functionally designed to reflect the history, culture, and passenger needs of its local community.
- **Hotel Openings / News**
 - **Early October, San Francisco, Calif.:** At the intersection where South of Market district (SOMA), Civic Center and Tenderloin converge, [The LINE SF](#) will endeavor to reflect the city's complex history, culture, and spirit by exploring the juxtaposition of 21st-century technology and design with the urban grittiness of this historic neighborhood. The 12-story Flatiron-inspired building is a contemporary interpretation of the area's historic architecture. The 236-room hotel will be home to four distinct dining and drinking experiences, including a landscaped rooftop solarium with panoramic views of the city. It will have over 2,000 square feet of event space.



- **1 Nov, Rancho Mirage, Calif.:** Set within the foothills of the Santa Rosa Mountains near Palm Springs, California, [Sensei Porcupine Creek](#) has transformed a private Rancho Mirage estate into an intimate wellness retreat featuring peerless golf and tennis facilities, luxurious accommodations, lush spa gardens, and Sensei by Nobu dining exclusively for resort guests. It is intended as a haven for an array of health-conscious spa and sport enthusiasts to come together in an intimate, luxurious setting with a common interest – to learn how to live a longer, healthier life long after the retreat ends.
- **2022, Albuquerque, N.M.:** The quirky and entertaining [Hotel Zazz](#) will open in Albuquerque this year. Guests will experience pops of chromotherapy throughout including murals from local artists, 99 different places to take an Instagram selfie on property, a hidden speakeasy, and 50 custom-designed guest rooms and suites.
- **Late 2022, Santa Barbara, Calif.:** This autumn, former stagecoach stop and Prohibition destination [The Inn at Mattei's Tavern](#) will open to guests with reimagined guestrooms and cottage-style accommodations nestled among acres of old-growth palm trees. Dine at the Inn's open-air restaurant, or take a dip in the outdoor pool, followed by stories and s'mores gathered around a firepit. Guests will feel right at home with the inn's laid-back version of wine country luxury.
- **Late 2022, Orange, Calif.:** [The Richland](#) is a new boutique hotel and event space slated to open in late 2022 in the city of Orange. Situated in the heart of the historic Orange Plaza, The Richland is being reimagined as an intimate "Stay & Gather" retreat for travelers, local revelers, and anyone celebrating life's special moments. The property will feature just 12 guest rooms and suites, an intimate living room lounge and bar, as well as a beautiful ballroom and indoor/outdoor gathering spaces for parties of up to 200 guests. The interior spaces were stripped to provide a clean backdrop to best showcase the original architecture, while still paying homage to the small-town charm of its environs. Arriving guests will find a bright and airy main entry with a mature olive tree and water fountain centerpiece that leads through to jasmine vine-covered pergolas.
- **Early 2023, Kauai, Hawaii:** Considered one of the most beautiful spots on Earth, [1 Hotel Hanalei Bay](#) will bring a world-class wellness resort and flagship sustainable sanctuary to Kauai's North Shore. 1 Hotel Hanalei Bay will feature 252 rooms, including 51 suites - with native greenery, reclaimed materials, organic cotton linens, and views of the stunning Hanalei Bay. Seven restaurants and bars will offer fresh, local, and sustainably sourced farm-to-table cuisine using ingredients from the hotel's organic on-site garden and neighboring farms.
- **Early 2023, Phoenix, Ariz.:** [The Global Ambassador](#) features 141 rooms, along with a wellness center with both a fitness center and luxe spa, staffed by experts in health, fitness, and beauty to customize the guest experience. A members-only club will provide elevated experiences with limited access. The property will also feature five new restaurants, including the anticipated 18,000 square foot Rooftop Restaurant, including Greek, Italian, Spanish, and Moroccan dishes.
- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**
 - **Ongoing, Denver, Colo.:** The [First Friday Art Walks](#) are the signature event of Denver's Art District on Santa Fe. All year round, rain or shine, the District comes alive on the first Friday of each month as thousands descend upon Santa Fe Drive for the First Friday Art Walks from 5:30-

9:30 p.m. View art from hundreds of artists in galleries, studios, co-ops and all sorts of other locations.

- **Ongoing, Forestville, Calif.:** Located within The Farmhouse Inn, [Farmstand](#) is a Michelin-rated restaurant with a newly redesigned kitchen and the installation of Chef de Cuisine Shawn Jackson Clark overseeing a revamped fine dining program. Featuring primarily outdoor dining, with bubbly Neapolitan pizzas, wood-fired cooking and shareable plates, the concept was inspired by a previous foray into all-day dining at the Forestville Inn. The new concept takes advantage of the property's woody charm. The Farmstand menu is entirely a la carte, with fresh vegetable dishes with many from co-owner Joe Bartolomei's garden. Farmhouse and Farmstand dining experiences are both open to the public.
- **1 Oct, Denver, Colo.:** Ball Arena, home to the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, and Colorado Mammoth, will host English indie rock band [Florence + the Machine](#) as part of the band's Dance Fever tour.
- **1 Oct, San Francisco, Calif.:** [Institute of Contemporary Art \(ICA\) San Francisco](#) will be the latest edition to San Francisco's art scene. This free, non collecting contemporary art museum is dedicated to prioritizing artists over art holdings, individuals over institutions, and equity and expansion of the canon. Its curatorial approach will spotlight and celebrate international and Bay Area artists. The 11,000-square-foot space will open with Jeffrey Gibson's This Burning World, an immersive and excavatory site-specific installation and video work. Complementing the international debut of This Burning World, the ICA SF will present Resting our Eyes, a group show by guest co-curators and activists Tahirah Rasheed and Autumn Breon.
- **Now - until 9 Oct, Los Angeles, Calif.:** [Lee Alexander McQueen: Mind, Mythos, Muse](#) at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art is the first McQueen exhibition on the West Coast, contextualizing the designer's imaginative work within a canon of artmakers who drew upon analogous themes and visual references. Exploring imagination, artistic process, and innovation in fashion and art, the exhibition examines the interdisciplinary impulse that defined the designer's career. Displaying select McQueen garments from the Collection of Regina J. Drucker alongside artworks largely from LACMA's permanent collection, Mind, Mythos, Muse presents a case study of the designer's methods and influences, and in doing so, provides the opportunity to better understand artistic legacy and cycles of inspiration.
- **29 Oct - 14 May 2023, Portland, Ore.:** [Dakota Modern: The Art of Oscar Howe](#) at the Portland Art Museum introduces new generations to one of the 20th century's most innovative Native American painters. Howe (1915–1983) committed his artistic career to the preservation, relevance, and ongoing expression of his Yanktonai Dakota culture. He proved that art could be simultaneously modern and embedded in customary Očhéthi Šakówiŋ (Sioux) culture and aesthetics—to him there was no contradiction. Howe challenged the art establishment's preconceptions and definitions of Native American painting. In doing so, he catalyzed a movement among Native artists to express their individuality rather than conforming to an established style.
- **30 Oct, Coarsegold, Calif.:** The [25th Annual Tarantula Awareness Festival](#) embraces autumn mating season for the local California brown tarantulas, which emerge this time of year to find a mate, then burrow away for the winter. Learn a bit about the photogenic (and largely harmless) arachnids and then enjoy pumpkin cakes, arachnid races, hairy leg contests, and scream-offs.

- **30 Oct, Denver, Colo.:** Ball Arena, home to the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, and Colorado Mammoth, will host rapper [Post Malone](#) as part of his Twelve Carat tour.
- **Now - until 31 Oct, St. Helens, Ore.:** The [Spirit of Halloweentown](#) is a month-long celebration for fans of the 1998 cult classic *Halloweentown* and others who enjoy this spooky holiday. The event kicks off with the Lighting of the Great Pumpkin at the city plaza and is followed by events throughout the month including haunted tours, costume contests for people and pets, face painting, parades, movie screenings, and parties.
- **31 Oct, West Hollywood, Calif.:** Every Halloween, throngs of people decked out in spooky, silly, and over-the-top costumes descend on Santa Monica Boulevard for the annual [West Hollywood Halloween Carnaval](#), a street party like no other. First launched in 1987, the event has grown year by year into an annual spectacle of entertainment, culture and self-expression, with approximately 500,000 revelers, exhibitionists, and performers taking part in the fun.
- **31 Oct, Denver, Colo.:** Ball Arena, home to the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, and Colorado Mammoth, will host singer/rapper [Lizzo](#) as part of her Special tour.
- **4-12 Nov, Denver, Colo.:** [Denver Arts Week](#) celebrates The Mile High City's arts and culture scene with hundreds of events around the city. Explore vibrant art districts, check out museum exhibitions and outdoor sculptures, indulge in the performing arts, be inspired at film and literary events, and even buy some art of your own!
- **7 Nov, Denver, Colo.:** Ball Arena, home to the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, and Colorado Mammoth, will host alternative rock bands [The Smashing Pumpkins and Jane's Addiction](#) as part of the bands' combined Spirits on Fire tour.
- **15 Nov, Denver, Colo.:** Ball Arena, home to the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, and Colorado Mammoth, will host pop/country singer [Carrie Underwood](#) as part of her Denim & Rhinestones tour.
- **Now - until 8 Jan, San Francisco, Calif.:** [Walt Disney's The Jungle Book: Making a Masterpiece](#) at the [Walt Disney Family Museum](#) is guest-curated by acclaimed animator and Disney Legend Andreas Deja. The original exhibition explores the creative complexities behind the making of *The Jungle Book* in 1967 and the film's enduring popularity on its 55th anniversary. It encompasses the unique personalities of each character and their voice actor counterparts, the rich artwork and use of cutting-edge animation techniques, the memorable soundtrack of original songs by the Sherman Brothers and Terry Gilkyson, the impact of Walt's passing during production, and the film's enduring popularity and influence decades after its initial release.
- **Now - until 16 Jan 2023, Grand Canyon Village, Ariz.:** The [Grand Canyon Celebration of Art](#) is a tradition at Grand Canyon National Park providing a vibrant experience for visitors, a venue for artists inspired by the canyon, and a successful fundraiser to benefit a dedicated art venue at the park. Founded in 2009, CoA invites participating artists to paint "en plein air" for a week at the South Rim of Grand Canyon. Artists are tasked with capturing the ever-changing colors and light as the sun moves across the intricate layers of the canyon. Paintings produced during this special event are shared with the public during a four-month sale and exhibition online and at Historic Kolb Studio.
- **Now - until 12 Feb, 2023, San Francisco, Calif.:** The de Young museum is the exclusive West Coast venue for the international touring exhibition [Ramses the Great and the Gold of the Pharaohs](#). The show is the first new exhibition dedicated to Egyptian ruler Ramses II in 30 years and is the first to be presented in San Francisco. Once the exhibition completes its international

tour, the objects – many newly discovered and having never left Egypt before – will return to Egyptian museums and will not likely travel again for decades. The exhibition features exquisite sculpture, precious treasures, and state-of-the-art multimedia production that will demonstrate the opulence and power of ancient Egyptian civilization.

- **Now - until 19 Feb, 2023, Los Angeles, Calif.:** [The Space Between: The Modern in Korean Art](#) at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art covers the years 1897 to 1965, loosely organized chronologically, stylistically, and conceptually. The second of three major Korean art exhibitions of Hyundai Motor's Korean Art Scholarship initiative, The Space Between spans the arc of European-influenced art via Japan in the Korean Empire (1897–1910) and colonial period (1910–45), explores American influences absorbed throughout the Korean War (1950–53), and provides a glimpse into the beginning of the contemporary. Featuring approximately 130 works that reflect the influx of foreign-introduced new media, the exhibition includes oils, ink, photography, and sculpture.
- **Attractions**
 - **2022, Oakland, Calif.:** This year marks the [100th Anniversary Celebration of the Oakland Zoo](#), with a series of events and programs to share this special milestone with visitors from across the world. From live music and tasting events to holiday-themed gatherings, the Oakland Zoo aims to commemorate this anniversary in style.
 - **Early 2023, Hollywood, Calif.:** [Super Nintendo World](#), the innovative, immersive, and highly-anticipated themed land, will open at Universal Studios Hollywood in 2023, and will be the first Super Nintendo World to debut in the United States. This theme park will transport theme park guests and Nintendo fans into the world of Mario, Luigi, and Princess Peach to become part of their compelling universe. The immersive land will be a visual spectacle of vibrant colors and architectural ingenuity located within a newly expanded area of the theme park, featuring a groundbreaking ride and interactive areas, to be enjoyed by the whole family. Themed shopping and dining will enhance the entire experience.
- **Festivals**
 - **21-25 Sept, Santa Fe, N.M.:** Each autumn Santa Fe celebrates the best of local wine and chile with tastings, cooking demos, a Champagne brunch, and wine dinners during the [Santa Fe Wine & Chile Fiesta](#). The festival also includes a golf classic and takes place right in downtown Santa Fe, making it a great opportunity for sightseeing.
 - **1-9 Oct, Albuquerque, N.M.:** Spanning nine days, the [Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta](#) is an annual hot air balloon festival where hundreds of hot air balloons take flight. There are numerous events throughout the festival, from fireworks to music performances to night time glowing balloon flights.
 - **14-16 Oct, Telluride, Colo.:** The [Telluride Horror Show](#) is the state's first and longest-running horror film festival. Every year, the festival attracts the latest and best genre films from around the world, as well as attendees from all over the country for an incredible gathering of film fans in the world-famous mountain resort town of Telluride, Colorado. For three packed days, experience an eclectic mix of horror, suspense, thriller, dark fantasy, sci-fi, and dark comedy in Telluride's unique theaters, with many of the films showing for the first time in the U.S.
 - **15 Oct, Los Olivos, Calif.:** The [Los Olivos Day in the Country](#) celebrates country living, set in the idyllic wine country town of Los Olivos. The annual event includes a small-town parade, dozens

of vendor booths, beer garden, live music, food trucks, and tasting of Los Olivos' renowned wineries at the annual Wine Roundup.

- **16 Oct, Tualatin, Ore.:** The [West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta](#) invites costumed racers in hollowed out, thousand-pound pumpkins to compete in a series of wacky water events. Started in 2004 by the Pacific Giant Vegetable Growers who wanted to paddle with a handful of gigantic gourds, this event attracts thousands of spectators each year.
- **3-6 Nov, Santa Ynez Valley, Calif.:** The Santa Ynez Valley celebrates the bounty of the region with the [Taste of the Santa Ynez Valley](#), a four-day food, six-town celebration of the region's food, wine, and more. Back for the first time since 2019, Sunset Magazine and Visit the Santa Ynez Valley have partnered to bring an immersive experience that includes curated wine tastings, chef-driven long table dinners, lunches and activities, and events hosted by Sunset editors, all celebrating the many special offerings of this beloved California wine country destination.
- **4-13 Nov, Scottsdale, Ariz.:** This year marks the 10th anniversary of [Scottsdale's Canal Convergence](#), a free public art extravaganza which takes place around the Arizona Canal. The theme for this year's immersive event is Water, Art and Light, and will showcase large scale works by celebrated local and international artists specializing in bringing together art, technology and innovation. Since launching in 2012, the Canal Convergence has embodied an ever-evolving conversation about site-specific public art, light art, sustainability, and community engagement within the context of this outdoor, nighttime event. The event will include a variety of family-friendly activities and performances, live music, dance performances, and food and beverages to really bring the artwork to life at Scottsdale Waterfront.
- **26 Nov - 1 Jan, Solvang, Calif.:** Each year, [Solvang's Julefest](#) weeks-long holiday celebration lights up the region, making the Danish-American hamlet one of the "Most Christmassy Towns in America." Julefest offers something for everyone in the family, too. Memories are made when children visit Santa and Mrs. Claus and embark on a season-long Nisse Adventure, which invites families to come to Solvang and hunt for the Jule Nisse, mischievous elf-like Danish figures hidden throughout town. Nostalgia runs deep with the community tree lighting, annual windmill lighting, and the Julefest Parade. The annual Solvang Holiday Food Tour adds a taste of the region's wine country flavors. And the Elverhoj Makers Market offers holiday shoppers a chance to find truly unique gifts.
- **Sports**
 - **5 Nov, San Francisco, Calif.:** Chase Center, a new state-of-the-art sports and entertainment arena in San Francisco's Mission Bay neighborhood, will host the [2022 League of Legends World Championship Finals](#). The continental tour will make stops in Mexico City, New York City, and Toronto before arriving in San Francisco, marking the first time Worlds will be hosted in North America since 2016.
 - **7-13 Nov, Ventura, Calif.:** The [2022 World Waveski Surfing Titles](#) will feature over 100 competitors from all over the United States, as well as from the waveski hotbeds of Australia, South Africa, France, Spain, Portugal, and Peru for several days of competition. This is the first time that this event has been held in the United States since 1986.
 - **2 Jan, Pasadena, Calif.:** Held each year during the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, the [Rose Bowl](#) is the oldest college football game in history, featuring a traditional matchup between



teams from the Big Ten and Pac-12 conferences. The Rose Bowl game has been a sellout attraction every year since 1947, with winners receiving the Leishman Trophy.

- **21-23 Jan, Aspen, Colo.:** The [2023 Winter X Games](#) invites the greatest winter sport athletes from around the world to compete in day and evening events including skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling. This event, organized, produced and broadcast by ESPN has included record-breaking performances by Shaun White, Heath Frisby, Henrik Harlaut, Gus Kenworthy, and Torstein Horgmo.
- **Film and T.V.**
 - **23 Nov.:** [The Fabelmans](#)
 - **Plot:** A semi-autobiography based on Steven Spielberg's childhood growing up in post-war Arizona, from age seven to eighteen. Filmed in [Arizona and California](#) (Whittier, Universal City, Los Angeles, and Malibu Beach)
 - **25 Dec:** 60th Anniversary of [To Kill A Mockingbird](#); filmed in [Alabama and California](#)

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- **Hotel Openings / News:**
 - **Late Autumn 2022, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands:** The [Westin Beach Resort and Spa at Fisherman's Reef](#) will offer 392 rooms, including 28 suites, most of which will offer ocean views, along with six restaurants and lounges, three ocean-view pools; a Heavenly Spa by Westin with 13 treatment rooms and 72,000 square feet of meeting and event space. The hotel will also have a private dock with access to nearby islands and a "private adventure beach." It will be the second Westin-branded resort in the U.S. Virgin Islands, joining the existing Westin St John Resort Villas on neighboring St John.
 - **December 2022, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands:** [The Seaborn \(aka Noni Beach\), a St. Thomas Resort, Autograph Collection](#) offers pet-friendly rooms with plush bedding, scenic views, and locally inspired decor. Savor Caribbean cuisine in an outdoor setting at Isla Blue and unwind with drinks by the ocean at Coco's Beach Club. Guests can unwind at the outdoor pool and fitness center, along with a full service spa. The facility also includes over 18,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor event space for weddings, meetings, and more special occasions.
- **Museums / Cultural Experiences:**
 - **24 Dec, Puerto Rico:** During Christmas Eve, known as [Nochebuena](#), people gather with their families and friends to eat lechón and arroz con gandules (roast pork and rice with pigeon peas), drink coquito (like eggnog but coconut-based), and sing trullas (Christmas songs usually accompanied by drums, maracas, and güiros).
- **Festivals:**
 - **End of November, Jayayu, Puerto Rico:** The [Festival Nacional Indígena](#) celebrates Puerto Rico's indigenous roots and the influence of Taíno culture and traditions. The town of Jayuya was named after one of the big caciques, or chiefs, that lived on the Island when the Spanish arrived in the 1500s and where Taíno hieroglyphs were found carved into a giant boulder. The Taínos were eradicated by the Spanish but their influence is still present in Puerto Rican culture.
 - **Dec - Jan, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands:** The [Crucian Christmas Festival \(or Carnival\)](#) is a month-long celebration incorporating modern day celebrations with standing traditions. Carnival takes



place on many Caribbean islands at different times of the year, on St. Croix it starts in December and culminates the first week of January near Three Kings Day. These holiday traditions date back to the early 1800s when enslaved Africans were allowed time off to celebrate Christmas. During this time they dressed up in costumes, paraded through the streets, and visited other plantations. There was also dancing, music and general merrymaking. In 1952, these traditions were revived into an annual organized festival of events we've come to know as the Crucian Christmas Carnival.

- **13-16 Jan, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico:** One of the most anticipated parties of the year and the unofficial close of the holiday season, the [Fiestas de la Calle San Sebastián](#) takes over Old San Juan. During the day, plazas are filled to the brim with artists and artisans; some have stages for live music, dance, and circus performances. In the evening, the party ignites, and the street fills with people and music.
- **16 Jan, San Sebastián, Puerto Rico:** A novilla is a heifer, and it is the focus of the [Festival de la Novilla](#) in San Sebastián, a rural town on the west side of the Island. Celebrated on Sunday, live bands perform everything from folk music to salsa, artisans, and fried food vendors occupy the town square, and amusement park rides are set up. A cow is decked out in a crown of flowers and leads a parade through the town where scenes of country life are depicted on elaborate floats. The Festival de la Novilla closes with a concert of traditional music.