



What to See and Do Across the USA

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Overview

Travel across the USA promises an abundance of possibilities and opportunities. International travelers are invited to enjoy and discover a diversity of landscapes from rugged shorelines to urban jungles; an array of rich cultural experiences from musical trails to culinary adventures; exhilarating sports tournaments where hoops are shot and touchdowns scored; and connections to local communities where they will be taken off the beaten track and put? under the skin of the destination.

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, Oklahoma and Puerto Rico*)
- **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 / Updates**
- **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 / Updates**

- **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 new luxury glamping experience ([Terramor Outdoor Resort](#)) in Bar Harbor, ME, 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**

- **June: [LGBTQ+ Pride Month](#)** (events nationwide): Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, NY - a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia, and concerts. LGBTQ+ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world.
- **4 Jul: [Independence Day](#)**
- **4 Aug: Second anniversary of [Great American Outdoors Act](#)** (free entry to National Parks): Signed in 2020, this legislation provides much-needed maintenance for critical facilities and infrastructure in our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, recreation areas and Tribal schools. Entry is free to all National Parks on this day.
- **25 Aug: [National Park Service 106th Birthday](#)** (free entry to National Parks): In honor of the 106th birthday of the National Parks Service, parks around the country will be hosting in-park programs and virtual experiences. Entry is free to all National Parks on this day.
- **25 Sept: [National Public Lands Day](#)** (free entrance to National Parks): Established in 1994 and held annually on the fourth Saturday in September, this milestone is traditionally the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort. Entry is free to all National Parks on this day.
- **September: [Hispanic Heritage Month](#)** (events nationwide): Each year, Americans celebrate hispanic heritage from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of U.S. citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



Northeast

- **Planes, Trains and Automobiles**

- *Air Travel:*

- **17 Jun:** United Airlines – New route from Geneva, Switzerland (Genève Aéroport, GVA) to Washington, DC (Dulles International Airport, IAD)
- **19 July:** JetBlue – New route from London, England (Gatwick Airport, LGW) to Boston, MA (Boston Logan International Airport, BOS)
- **22 Aug:** JetBlue – New route from London, England (Heathrow Airport, LHR) to Boston, MA (Boston Logan International Airport, BOS)

- *Train Travel:*

- **Summer 2022, Boston, MA:** [Boston's Green Line Extension](#), a project three decades in the making, will reach its final destination this summer. The construction extends the northern end of the Green Line from Lechmere to Union Square in Somerville and College Avenue in Medford, providing service to areas that historically have not had access to fast and reliable public transit.

- **Hotel Openings / Updates**

- **1 Aug, Lenox, MA:** [Life House, Berkshires](#), which will open this summer, features a cozy library lounge with a crackling fireplace, an outdoor firepit, intimate cocktail club and a restaurant offering locally-sourced bites. The design and aesthetic of this property pays tribute to the nearby Berkshire mountains and historical literary figures that traveled through Lenox, Massachusetts – including Herman Melville and Fanny Kemble.
- **2 Aug, New York, NY:** Luxury hotel brand Aman is expanding its global reach this summer with the unveiling of a new urban sanctuary – and rebirth of an architectural icon within the historic Crown Building – with [Aman New York](#). The hotel will offer guests Aman's signature serenity through 83 rooms and suites, two restaurants, a wine library, jazz club, garden terrace, and a 25,000 square foot spa. For guests wanting to extend their stay permanently, Aman New York features the first Aman-branded urban Residences. The 22 private homes include all hotel amenities and range in size from one to six bedrooms, including a five-story penthouse.
- **Summer 2022, New York, NY:** [The Ned NoMad](#) will open in New York this summer, marking the brand's first international site. Paying homage to the original architecture of Manhattan's Johnston Building and featuring interiors from the SoHo House team, this new location will bring the hotel's signature U.K. style across the pond, including a public bar and restaurant, as well as the members-only Ned's Club, which features both mezzanine and rooftop bars as well as a terrace restaurant.
- **Summer 2022, New York, NY:** This summer, French luxury accommodations have a new home at [Hotel Barrière Fouquet's New York](#). Featuring 97 rooms (including six signature suites), a private spa, cinema room, rooftop garden terrace and timeless brasserie, the hotel marries Parisian elegance with the vibrancy of New York City in the heart of Tribeca.
- **Autumn 2022, Mt. Tremper, NY:** 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.



- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**

- **19 Jun, Philadelphia, PA:** Known as the largest annual Juneteenth celebration in the U.S., [Philadelphia's Juneteenth Parade and Festival](#) invites revelers to come together to have fun, embrace history and continue the tradition of Kujichagulia (self-determination). Over the past five years, the event has drawn over 25,000 attendees to experience the culturally festive 1.5-mile-long parade route with over 20 floats.
- **26 Jun, New York, NY:** Outlandish outfits, extravagant floats and spontaneous dance parties are mixed in with the political components of the [NYC Pride March & PrideFest](#), an annual civil rights march celebrating LGBTQ+ equality and attended by people from all over the world. The NYC Pride March & PrideFest commemorates the first gay rights march, held in NYC on June 28, 1970, to celebrate the first anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. This event is free and open to the public.
- **4 Jul, Coney Island, NY:** [Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest](#) celebrates the first hot dog-eating contest among four immigrants at the first Nathan's Famous hot dog stand in Coney Island on July 4, 1916. Nathan's has kept the tradition running, holding an annual hot dog eating contest at its original location, with world-champion eaters consuming as many hot dogs as possible in 10 minutes. The Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest attracts over 40,000 fans each year and is broadcast on ESPN to nearly two million viewers.
- **4 Jul, Washington, DC:** [A Capitol Fourth](#) is held each year to celebrate the U.S.A.'s birthday featuring superstar American entertainment and a beautiful fireworks display. The show is broadcast to millions of viewers on television and streaming platforms, as well as to U.S. troops watching around the world on the American Forces Network. Previous performers have included Vanessa Williams, Gladys Knight and Alan Jackson.
- **Summer 2022, New York, NY:** This summer, the new [Museum of Broadway](#) will open in the heart of Times Square. Working with internationally renowned artists, designers and theater historians, the museum will give visitors an inside look at some of the most groundbreaking moments in Broadway history, the individuals who made them happen, and the major migration of New York theater from the Financial District to its current location.
- **Now - until 18 Sept, Philadelphia, PA:** This summer, [Harry Potter: The Exhibition](#) will bring magic to life, connect visitors with the larger global community of fans of the Wizarding World, and reveal the artistry and craftsmanship behind the blockbuster films.
- **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.

- **Attractions**

- **24 Aug - 5 Sept, Syracuse, NY:** One of the oldest and largest state fairs in the U.S., [The Great New York State Fair](#) welcomes over one million visitors annually to experience 13 days of agriculture, entertainment, education and technology. In addition to a collection of traditional midway rides and games, this year's entertainment includes Jimmie Allen, Foreigner, Boyz II Men, Nelly and Gin Blossoms.



- **16 Sept - 2 Oct, West Springfield, MA:** Combining the best of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, [The Big E](#) is the largest agricultural event on the eastern seaboard, and fifth-largest fair in the nation. One of the most popular attractions at The Big E is the Avenue of States, which contains life-sized replicas of the six original New England statehouses with vendors selling items traditional to their jurisdictions. The event also includes traditional midway games and rides, food stands, and concert venues.
- **2022, Washington, DC:** 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**
 - **19 Jun - 4 Jul, Philadelphia, PA:** The [Wawa Welcome America Festival](#), Philadelphia’s premier July 4th festival, is the largest July 4th celebration in the U.S. and one of the largest free festivals in the country. The 16-day family-friendly programming across the city focuses on arts, culture, diversity, education, wellness, history, and performance. Festival-goers are treated to complimentary concerts, fireworks, museum access and Wawa Hoagie Day.
 - **22-27 Jun; 30 Jun - 4 Jul, Washington, DC:** The [Smithsonian Folklife Festival](#) is an international exposition of living cultural heritage held annually on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. by the Smithsonian Institution’s Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. The Festival is an educational presentation that features community-based cultural exemplars, and is free to the public.
 - **31 Aug - 4 Sept, Washington, DC:** With five days of concerts citywide, the [18th Annual DC JazzFest](#) is a celebration of all things jazz in more than a dozen neighborhoods including its marquis weekend at The District Wharf. DC JazzFest at The Wharf will take place 3-4 September, featuring multiple waterfront stages, as well as the DCJazzPrix international band competition at Union Stage.
 - **10-11 Sept, Doylestown, PA:** The [Doylestown Community Arts Festival](#) encompasses a two-day juried art, music and food showcase along the streets of Doylestown. Marking its 31st anniversary this year, the festival will feature over 150 artists specializing in glass, pottery, wood, and printmaking, along with live art demonstrations, music and a vast food court.
- **Sports**
 - **11 Jun, Elmont, NY:** Run every June in Elmont, NY, the [Belmont Stakes](#) invites America's champion three-year-old thoroughbreds to compete in this “Test of the Champion” race for a chance at the famed Triple Crown – an exclusive club of only thirteen horses in history including American Pharoah and Secretariat. Crowds of more than 90,000 spectators gather in their best attire to clamor for their favorite competitors, sip on signature Belmont Jewel cocktails and take in the unmatched drama and electricity of this classic horse race.
 - **29 Aug-11 Sept., Queens, NY:** Honored as the fourth and final tennis Grand Slam tournament of the year, the [US Open Tennis Championship](#) has been creating legends in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, NY since 1881. Consisting of five primary championships, the US Open has seen champions like Roger Federer, Billie Jean King, and Pete Sampras take to the hardcourts to solidify their positions as tennis icons.



Midwest

- **Planes, Trains and Automobiles**

- *Air Travel:*
 - **Jun 2022:** Lufthansa – New route from Frankfurt, Germany (Frankfurt International Airport, FRA) to St. Louis, MO (St. Louis Lambert International Airport, STL)
 - **1 Jun:** Air Canada – New route from Montreal, Canada (Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport, YUL) to Detroit, MI (Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, DTW) (2x daily)
- *Train Travel:*
 - **Jun 2022, Milwaukee, WI:** [Milwaukee's Lakefront streetcar extension](#), or L Line, will run on an abbreviated version of the existing streetcar route (M Line), which will open train travel up to a larger portion of Milwaukee.

- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**

- **18 Jun - 15 Aug, Chicago, IL:** [The Obama Portraits](#), two historic portraits of former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama, will be on display until 15 August at The Art Institute of Chicago. The museum, which the Obamas visited on their first date, is the first stop for the portraits on a five-city tour organized by the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery.
- **6-10 Jul, Chicago, IL:** [Taste of Chicago](#) is the world's largest free-admission outdoor food festival. The annual lakefront extravaganza and a summer staple for more than 40 years lets attendees fill up on all the flavors of the city, from classic Chicago specialties (like deep-dish pizza, Italian beef sandwiches and old-fashioned Chicago doughnuts) to international cuisine to chef-inspired creations.

- **Attractions**

- **4-14 Aug, West Allis, WI:** The [Wisconsin State Fair](#) will welcome over one million fairgoers over the course of its 11-day run this year. The fair includes the Milwaukee Mile, the oldest continuously operated motor racing circuit in the world, along with agricultural, food and midway events.
- **25 Aug - 5 Sept., St. Paul, MN:** Known as the largest state fair in the U.S. (by average daily attendance) and the second-largest state fair in the US (by total attendance), the [Minnesota State Fair](#) is typically visited by over two million people per year. In addition to the standard agricultural, art, food, and midway activities, the 2022 Minnesota State Fair will include performances from Pitbull, Zac Brown Band, REO Speedwagon and Diana Ross.
- **Summer 2022, Waterloo, IA:** [Lost Island Theme Park](#) creates a tropical oasis in the heart of the Midwest with thrilling attractions and world-class fun for families. Featuring five themed lands and three roller coasters, Lost Island Theme Park will accompany Lost Island Waterpark to provide families with an escape from the ordinary.

- **Festivals**

- **9-12 Jun, Chicago, IL:** With a diverse lineup celebrating the blues' past, present and future, the [Chicago Blues Festival](#) shares the great Chicago-born music tradition while shining a spotlight on the genre's contributions to soul, R&B, gospel, rock and hip hop.
- **23 Jun - 7 Jul, Milwaukee, WI:** For over 50 years, [Summerfest](#) has entertained audiences with countless Rock 'n Roll Hall of Famers, one hit wonders, innovators and entertainers during its annual music festival. With 12 stages of live music, immersive experiences, and plenty of



opportunities to eat, drink and shop, Summerfest has something for everyone. Headline acts for the 2022 festival include Jason Aldean, Lil Wayne, Justin Bieber, Wiz Khalifa, Backstreet Boys and Avril Lavigne.

- **28-31 Jul, Chicago, IL:** As one of the longest-running music festivals in the U.S., [Lollapalooza](#) invites musicians from a variety of genres to perform for four days in Chicago's Grant Park. This year's event includes headliners like Metallica, Dua Lipa, and Green Day.
- **Sports**
 - **31 Jul, Indianapolis, IN:** The stars of the NASCAR Cup Series will return to the Racing Capital of the World in 2022 for a second shot at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course with the [NASCAR Cup Series: Verizon 200 at the Brickyard](#) on Sunday, 31 July. The NASCAR Cup Series shifted to the IMS road course for the first-time last year, and racing's finest will battle to see who will be the first to cross the checkered flag.



South

- **Planes, Trains and Automobiles**

- *Air Travel:*

- **1 Jun:** Air Canada – New route from Montreal, Canada (Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport, YUL) to Atlanta, GA (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, ATL) (2x daily)
- **1 Jun:** Air Canada – New route from Vancouver, Canada (Vancouver International Airport, YVR) to Austin, TX (Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, AUS) (4x weekly)

- *Bus Travel:*

- **Aug 2022, St. Petersburg, FL:** [St. Petersburg's SunRunner BRT](#), Tampa Bay's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, offers travelers a modern, fast transportation service designed to get visitors to the beach or the 'Burg in a breeze. The service runs every 15 minutes during the day (until 8pm) and every 30 minutes in the evening (until 11pm).

- **Hotel Openings / Updates**

- **Mid-2022, Nashville, TN:** 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 Summer 2022, Fredericksburg, TX:** 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.

- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**

- **8-12 Jun, New Orleans, LA:** Celebrating 30 years, the [New Orleans Wine & Food Experience](#) features hundreds of wineries and restaurants with top chefs from around the city. Proceeds from the event benefit local New Orleans-based nonprofit organizations, including culinary schools and food banks.
- **4 Jul, Atlanta, GA:** Designated as the world's largest 10K race, the [AJC Peachtree Road Race](#) is a citywide tradition in Atlanta with over 70,000 amateur and professional runners racing to cross the finish line on the Fourth of July. Children are welcome to participate in the Peachtree Junior 3K, 1/2K or 50m Dash held in May.
- **4 Jul, Nashville, TN:** [Let Freedom Sing! Music City](#) celebrates America's birthday with free concerts, a family fun zone, and the largest fireworks show in Nashville history.
- **Late 2022, Charleston, SC:** [The International African American Museum](#), opening later this year, 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**

- **30 Sept - 23 Oct, Dallas, TX:** 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 non-profit 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.
- **2022, Houston, TX:** 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.
- **Now - until April 2023, Orlando, FL:** [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**

- **Now - until 12 Jun, Charleston, SC:** [Spoleto Festival USA](#), America's premiere performing arts festival celebrating its 46th season, will fill Charleston's historic theaters, churches, and outdoor spaces with performances by established and emerging performers in opera; theater; dance; and chamber, symphonic, choral, and jazz music. Spoleto Festival USA was founded in 1977 by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Gian Carlo Menotti and others who sought to create an American counterpart to their annual Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy.
- **9-12 Jun, Nashville, TN:** Hosted each June in Nashville by the Country Music Association (CMA), [CMA Fest](#) is a four-day country music festival drawing over 400 artists and celebrities for exclusive concerts and meet-and-greet sessions with fans. 2022 headliners include Jason Aldean, Keith Urban, Thomas Rhett, Alan Jackson and Carrie Underwood.
- **11-12 Jun, New Orleans, LA:** The annual [Cajun-Zydeco Festival](#) celebrates springtime in New Orleans with Cajun food, dancing and plenty of Zydeco music. Festival-goers can expect a handful of local vendors specializing in classic Cajun dishes, performances by some of Louisiana's most celebrated Cajun-Zydeco musicians, an art market as well as a selection of childrens' activities such as dance and music lessons.
- **30 Jun - 3 Jul, New Orleans, LA:** The [Essence Festival of Culture](#) promotes, celebrates, and explores health & wellness, spirituality, beauty & style, food, community & culture, entertainment, entrepreneurship, and more within the African American community. What began in 1995 as a one-time event to celebrate Essence Magazine's 25th anniversary has blossomed into an annual festival, which has welcomed hundreds of thousands of guests to the Crescent City each year. Guest performers and speakers this year include Janet Jackson, Nicki Minaj, Kevin Hart and others.
- **22-25 Jul, Miami, FL:** Known as the largest hip-hop festival in the world, [Rolling Loud](#) features upcoming and established hip-hop and rap performers over a three-day period. 2022 headliners include Kanye "Ye" West, Future and Kendrick Lamar.
- **1-5 Sept, New Orleans, LA:** For over four decades, the [Southern Decadence](#) festival has taken over New Orleans with a host of parties, parades, brunches, and events in celebration of the



city's LGBTQ community. This French Quarter-wide fest is the perfect way to close out summertime in the Crescent City.

- **15-18 Sept, Greenville, SC:** [Euphoria](#) is an annual food, wine & music festival that highlights the best of Greenville's culinary scene (from French restaurant Passerelle Bistro to dessert haven LaRue Fine Chocolate) along with celebrated guest chefs in the United States.
- **16-18 Sept, Bardstown, KY:** Known as the Bourbon Capital of the World, Bardstown, Kentucky is the home of the [Kentucky Bourbon Festival](#), a celebration of the storied history and art of distilling America's homemade spirit. The Kentucky Bourbon Festival began in 1991 as a Bourbon tasting and dinner and. Today, it is one of the Commonwealth's leading community festivals.
- **Sports**
 - **7-14 Jul, Birmingham, AL:** [The World Games](#) is an 11-day international multi-sport event organized with the support of the International Olympic Committee. Held the year following the Summer Olympic Games, The World Games 2022 will showcase a New Generation of Global Sports in Birmingham, with an anticipated 3,600 elite athletes from over 100 countries who will compete for gold in 34 of the fastest growing sports in the world.
 - **20 Jul, Houston, TX:** Reigning English Premier League champions Manchester City will meet Liga BBVA MX powerhouse Club América in the [2022 Copa de Lone Star](#) at NRG Stadium. This match will mark Manchester City's first international friendly in over two years, and the club's return to NRG Stadium after taking on Manchester United in the first overseas Manchester derby. Club América returns to NRG Stadium for the first time since meeting F.C. Barcelona in 2006.
 - **14 Aug, Richmond, VA:** Celebrating the first-ever summer NASCAR Cup Series, the [Federated Auto Parts 400](#), an annual NASCAR Cup Series stock car race, will be held at the Richmond Raceway this August. This is one of the ten races in the Cup Series playoffs, run as the second race in the Round of 16.
 - **4 Sept, Darlington, SC:** The [Cook Out Southern 500](#) marks the 121st Cup race hosted by Darlington Raceway in the NASCAR series' history. The 1.33-mile oval located in Darlington, South Carolina creates an exciting start to the Cup Series Playoffs, and viewers can tune in to see which Playoff driver can lock their position in the Round of 12.
 - **17 Sept, Bristol, TN:** Experience the final race in the NASCAR playoffs at the [Bass Pro Shops Night Race](#) at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tennessee. The .5-mile oval located in Bristol, Tennessee is known for granting Hall of Fame nominee, Carl Edwards, his infamous nickname "Concrete Carl" following a successful race at this track.
- **Film and T.V.**
 - **24 Jun:** [ELVIS](#) U.S. Release (nationwide; set in Tennessee): *ELVIS*, directed by Baz Luhrmann, explores the life and music of Elvis Presley alongside his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker, starring Austin Butler and Oscar winner Tom Hanks. While the majority of the movie was filmed in Queensland, Australia, fans can experience the [real landmark locations in Elvis' life in Memphis, TN](#) where Elvis spent his childhood, got his start as a recording artist and lived throughout his career.
 - **15 Jul:** [Where the Crawdads Sing](#) U.S. Release (nationwide; filmed in Louisiana): *Where the Crawdads Sing* tells the story of Kya, an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in dangerous marshlands. While the story is based in North Carolina, filmmakers chose New



Orleans and Houma, LA to recreate urban and rural settings from the 1950s-1970s, which [fans can experience for themselves](#).



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West

- **Planes, Trains and Automobiles**

- *Air Travel:*

- **Jun 2022:** Eurowings – New route from Frankfurt, Germany (Frankfurt International Airport, FRA) to Anchorage, AK (Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, ANC)
- **2 Jun:** Air Canada – New route from Toronto, Canada (Toronto Pearson International Airport, YYZ) to Salt Lake City, UT (Salt Lake City International Airport, SLC) (3x weekly)
- **3 Jun:** British Airways – New route from London, England (Heathrow Airport, LHR) to Portland, OR (Portland International Airport, PDX)

- *Train Travel:*

- **Summer 2022, Los Angeles, CA:** The [Los Angeles' Regional Connector LRT](#) will provide riders a seamless journey from Azusa to Long Beach, and from East Los Angeles to Santa Monica, through the downtown LA core. The project includes three new underground stations and extends from the L Line (Gold) in Little Tokyo and Arts District communities to the A (Blue) and E (Expo) lines at 7th Street/Metro Center Station.
- **2022, Honolulu, HI:** [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 / Updates**

- **1 Jul - 26 Sept, Bryce Canyon, UT:** Set upon 750 acres of high mountain plains, [Under Canvas Bryce Canyon](#) offers luxury accommodation with expansive views of John's Valley. Located just 15 minutes from Bryce Canyon National Park, this "glamping" experience invites guests to reconnect to nature with ensuite bathrooms in every tent, king-sized beds with luxe linens, outdoor dining, as well as complimentary camp programming (including yoga, guided hikes, movie nights and outdoor games).
- **Summer 2022, Zion National Park, UT:** [Spirit](#) at Zion National Park invites visitors to experience the Utah wilderness and enjoy the surrounding landscape in one of its 40 suites or homesteads. Both Leaf Suites and Homestead Retreats provide separate living and sleeping areas, including a "wellness studio" that can be used for exercise, meditation, or in-room spa treatments. Each accommodation also comes with electric bikes for exploring the property's 35 miles of trails.
- **July 2022, Sedona, AZ:** Billed as an "exclusive nature escape," [Ambiente: A Landscape Hotel](#) aims to provide guests with modern, elegant accommodations in a nature-focused setting. Each of the 40 free-standing atrium suites offers panoramic views of the red rocks, and a private rooftop with a fire pit. Additional amenities include an in-house wellness-centered spa, on-site trail access and electric vehicles for rent.
- **Autumn 2022, Santa Barbara, CA:** 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.



- **Autumn 2022, Kauai, HI:** 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.
- **Museums / Cultural Experiences**
 - **16-25 Jun, Reno, NV:** Established in 1919, the [Reno Rodeo](#) is billed as the "Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West." For 10 days, professional rodeo cowboys are center stage in bull riding, steer roping and other events. The event supports the Reno/Sparks area economy with \$42 million going to hotels, casinos, restaurants, and retail.
 - **25-26 Jun, San Francisco, CA:** With over 200 parade contingents and exhibitors, and over twenty community-run stages and venues, the [San Francisco Pride Parade and Exhibition](#) is the largest gathering of the LGBT community and allies in the nation. Celebrations begin on a Saturday in Civic Center Plaza in downtown San Francisco the last full weekend of June each year. The Parade, which takes place the Sunday morning of the event, kicks off from Beale Street and ends at Market and 8th St. in the heart of downtown San Francisco.
 - **1 Jul, San Diego, CA:** Sixty years after first swinging into comic books around the world, Spider Man is set to be commemorated in [Beyond Amazing: Spiderman the Exhibition](#), an exclusive installation premiering at San Diego's Comic Con Museum. Within the galleries, visitors will be able to explore interactive installations and expansive set pieces, learn about the many creators who have contributed to the Spider-Man mythos, and discover a number of priceless artifacts from the past six decades.
 - **21-24 Jul, San Diego, CA:** Founded in 1970, [Comic-Con International: San Diego](#) invites over 130,000 visitors annually to San Diego to share their love of comic books, fantasy and sci-fi literature and film. The event continues to offer the complete convention experience: a giant Exhibit Hall; a massive programming schedule), featuring comics and all aspects of the popular arts, including hands-on workshops and educational and academic programming such as the Comics Arts Conference; anime and film screenings (including a separate film festival); games; the Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards, the "Oscars" of the comics industry; a Masquerade costume competition with prizes and trophies; an Autograph Area; an Art Show; and Portfolio Reviews, bringing together aspiring artists with major companies.
 - **29 Jul-26 Aug, San Diego, CA:** [La Jolla Music Society \(LJMS\)' SummerFest 2022](#) returns to The Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center from July 29 to August 26, 2022, expanded to four weeks. Music Director Inon Barnatan will explore the muses that seduced and inspired some of the greatest composers in musical history in his program, "Under the Influence."
 - **Now - until 5 Sept, San Francisco, CA:** Through exquisite craftsmanship, embroidery, and unconventional dressmaking techniques, designer Guo Pei creates couture that fuses the influences of China's imperial past with export art, the grandeur of European court life, architecture, and the botanical world. The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco (the "Museums") will celebrate Guo Pei's designs with [Guo Pei: Couture Fantasy to transform the Legion of Honor](#), the first comprehensive exhibition of her work. The exhibition includes more than 80 ensembles from the past two decades, highlighting the designer's most important

fashion collections, shown on Beijing and Paris runways, including many designs that have never been shown to the public.

- **2 Sept - 16 Jan 2023, Grand Canyon Village, AZ:** The [Grand Canyon Celebration of Art](#) (CoA) 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" (outside on location) for a week at the South Rim of Grand 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.
- **Autumn 2022, San Francisco, CA:** [Institute of Contemporary Art \(ICA\) San Francisco](#) is a non-collecting contemporary art museum that prioritizes artists over art holdings, individuals over institutions, and equity and expansion of the canon. Through curatorial initiatives and collaborations across the arts, ICA SF seeds local artists and curators into global consciousness and brings international artists to the Bay Area. In breaking from the expected museum model, ICA SF pushes against tradition and hierarchies, fundamentally changing how contemporary art is curated, compensated and accessed by all.
- **Attractions**
 - **8 Jun - 4 Jul, San Diego, CA:** Held each summer in Del Mar, the [San Diego County Fair](#) invites over one million visitors to experience the largest county fair in the U.S. and the fifth largest fair of any kind. In addition to standard fair offerings like agricultural programming, midway games and food tents, the San Diego County Fair will welcome performances from Jason Derulo, Shaggy and Goo Goo Dolls this summer.
 - **2022, Oakland, CA:** 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.
 - **2022, San Antonio, TX:** [Six Flags Fiesta is celebrating its 30th anniversary](#) in a big way! With a huge new roller 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.
 - **Summer 2022, San Antonio, TX:** Unveiling at Six Flags Fiesta Texas this summer, [Dr. Diabolical's Cliffhanger](#) is designed to be the world's steepest dive roller coaster. This ride features a cliffhanger hold, which suspends riders as they face straight down a 95-degree, beyond-vertical drop, then releases them moments later into a terrifying 150-foot dive.
 - **Summer 2022, Arlington, TX:** [AQUAMAN: Power Wave](#), opening this summer at Six Flags Over Texas, is a launch-style coaster that suspends riders in a 90° angle before hurtling them across the more than 700 feet of track at 63 miles per hour. The first-of-its-kind water coaster will be the park's 15th coaster.
 - **Summer 2022, Glenwood Springs, CO:** [Defiance](#) is a one-of-a-kind Gerstlauer Euro-Flight roller coaster with an action-packed, 56-second rocky mountain adventure like no other! Defiance defies convention with a 110-foot record breaking 102.3-degree free-fall drop in the western United States.
 - **Summer 2022, Valencia, CA:** Six Flags Magic Mountain's record 20th coaster—the most at any theme park in the world—[WONDER WOMAN™ Flight of Courage](#) will debut Summer 2022 as



the tallest and longest single-rail coaster on the planet. Riders will fly single file through the sky over 3,300 feet of track, towering 13 stories and soaring at speeds up to 58 miles-per-hour.

- **Summer 2022, San Diego, CA:** This summer, the Birch Aquarium at Scripps will be opening the [Beyster Family Little Blue Penguins habitat](#), marking the only aquarium in the Western U.S. to house the world's smallest penguins. In the Beyster Family Little Blue Penguins habitat, guests will learn about some of the challenges facing these birds in the wild, and how our future is tied directly to theirs. The 2,900-square-foot exhibit will include rocky and sandy shore habitat and an 18,000-gallon pool where guests will observe the penguins socializing, interacting, and nest building. The exhibit also includes a small amphitheater for guests to observe birds swimming, and a discovery cave for children to closely observe Little Blue Penguins on land and inside nesting burrows.
- **Festivals**
 - **16-19 Jun, Telluride, CO:** Nestled in the rugged San Juan Mountains of Southwestern Colorado, the [Telluride Bluegrass Festival](#) is not only an iconic representation of all kinds of music, but a place of awe-inspiring beauty; somewhere attendees can dance under the solstice sun, embrace their truest selves, and get some of Sister's Pantry's famous dumplings.
 - **28 Aug - 5 Sept., Black Rock City, NV:** [Burning Man](#) is a global ecosystem of artists, makers, and community organizers who co-create art, events, and local initiatives around the world. Most recognizably, tens of thousands of Burners gather annually to build Black Rock City, a participative temporary metropolis in the Nevada desert. The nonprofit Burning Man Project produces the annual Burning Man event in Black Rock City, and provides year-round support, connection, education, and grants to an ever-growing network of Regional Burning Man communities in more than 40 U.S. states and 35 countries.
- **Sports**
 - **1-2 Jul, Las Vegas, NV:** [UFC X](#), the premier two-day immersive and fully interactive fan experience at UFC International Fight Week, elevates the traditional fan experience with larger brand and partner activations, live stage programming, expanded autograph sessions and increased athlete participation, all which will provide fans with unparalleled access to UFC champions, Hall of Famers, top-ranked contenders, and other UFC personalities.
- **Film and T.V.**
 - **27 May:** [Top Gun: Maverick](#) U.S. release (nationwide; filmed in Nevada, California and Washington): After more than thirty years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (Tom Cruise) faces an uncertain future and confronts the ghosts of his past, culminating in a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those who will be chosen to fly it. Visitors can experience *Top Gun: Maverick* for themselves at [various locations in Nevada, California and Washington](#), including the Fallon Range Training Complex, the North Island Naval Air Station, and Breakers Beach (where the iconic beach volleyball scene was shot).
 - **11 Jun:** [E.T the Extra-Terrestrial](#) 40th Anniversary (TBD): After a gentle alien becomes stranded on Earth, the being is discovered and befriended by a young boy named Elliott (Henry Thomas). While celebrations have yet to be announced, fans can explore [filming locations throughout California](#), including Los Angeles, Culver City and Crescent City.



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- **Hotel Openings / Updates:**
 - **Mid-June, Isla Verde, PR:** From the creators of the O:Live Boutique Hotel & O:LV hotels comes [Aire de O:Live](#), a new beachfront property in Isla Verde, Puerto Rico. Aire de O:Live will invite guests to relax into its earthy, minimalist surroundings. Interiors in the 80-room property are curated to create a warm yet sustainable, including the use of low-energy lightbulbs, ceramic water bottles and all natural, vegan toiletries dispensers.
- **Festivals:**
 - **29-30 Jul, Loíza, PR:** During the last weekend of July, the city of Loíza will host the [Fiesta de Santiago Apóstol](#), a colorful and traditionally-religious festival dedicated to Saint James the Apostle, the city's patron and defender. This event combines Indigenous African and Spanish Catholic traditions into a one-of-a-kind experience with musical performances as well as local kiosks and stalls offering a range of traditional snacks. Attracting visitors from far and wide, the festival incorporates local and folklore traditions alongside notes of Bomba music, a traditional folk genre with a distinctive African influence.

