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Germany's TRADITIONS

By Stripes Staff



What comes to mind when you find out you're headed to Germany? Why, beer and wine, of course! September and October in Germany brim with wine and beer festivals, from small affairs to mega-events. Here's the lowdown on how you can experience some of the more famous fests during your adventures in Germany:

DÜRKHEIMER WURSTMARKT, BAD DÜRKHEIM

Make way to the "Schubkarchstände," narrow wooden booths where strangers become friends, as they sit elbow-to-elbow drinking half-liter pours of wine and sparkling water known as "Schobbe" in the local Pfalz dialect. 300 varieties of locally made red, white, rosé and sparkling wines await sampling. Fans of beer and rock-and-roll find their prerequisites met in one of three spacious beer tents at the world's largest wine fest.

OKTOBERFEST, MUNICH

If you aren't willing to settle for anything less than *the* Oktoberfest, then be sure to plan ahead. Tables are reserved by time though, so don't be surprised if you are

eventually asked to give up your table to someone who has reserved it. Tent tickets sell out months before, and while you can get into the fest without tent tickets, you could find that you're in standing-room-only or waiting in line to enter. Check on hotels or hostels as soon as you can, because rooms go fast.

Don't fret if you can't make it to Munich. Pretty much every city or village has some form of Oktoberfest, and most also have other beer fests throughout the year, so keep a look out for events close to home.

CANNSTATTER VOLKSFEST, STUTTGART

Stuttgart is home to the world's second-largest beer festival. This fest takes place every fall starting one week after Oktoberfest begins and is held at the Cannstatter Wasen, a fairground in the Bad Cannstatt district of Stuttgart. It is slightly smaller than Oktoberfest, attracting 4 million visitors to Oktoberfest's 6 million.

FREIMARKT, BREMEN

First held in 1035, Freimarkt in Bremen is Germany's oldest fair, the biggest festival

in northern Germany, and features several beer tents. It takes place the last two weeks in October, just after the country's Oktoberfests wrap-up throughout the country. Fest grounds are located at the Bürgerweide.

FASHION FOR FALL FESTIVALS

Once you decide where to go, join the fun and wear the traditional "dirndl" or "lederhosen."

A dirndl consists of a blouse, skirt and apron. Pay attention to your apron tie — if tied to the left of center, that means you're single; right means taken, whether married, engaged or otherwise. A knot tied in the back indicates a widow.

Lederhosen, are knee-length, leather trousers or shorter leather pants with a drop flap and suspenders featuring a decorative brace in the front. The pants are usually worn with a gingham button-down shirt, side-lacing Haferl shoe and knee-high wool socks.

Now armed with fall beer and wine fest knowledge, you can be confident you are ready to start living like a local. Prost! ■



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GERMANY DAY TRIP

By Shereece Spain

Tucher Bräu

It's officially beer fest season! Oktoberfest may be just a few weeks away, but there are still a number of ways to celebrate. If you want a different kind of beer experience, consider taking a trip to the home of one of Germany's favorite beers, the Tucher Brauerei.

SEE IT TO BEER-LIEVE IT

This Bavarian beer has been brewed since 1672. Their most popular brew is a light "hefeweizen" (an unfiltered wheat beer), which is usually served in a tall weizen glass that was designed specifically for this type of brew. However, the Tucher Original Nuremberg Red Beer, Tucher Nuremberg Camp Hell and Tucher Aecht Nuremberg Kellerbier are their signature specialties. For those that enjoy the flavor of beer but don't want the alcohol, you can enjoy alcohol-free versions of the pilsner, weizen, radler and Reifbräu.

With brewing comes ingenuity and innovation. This company is the patent holder for keeping the cloudy, yeasty beer stable allowing consumers to get the tap experience from a bottle. Tucher is also the creator of the CoolKeg, a reusable beer keg that cools itself without electricity! This means no trash cans filled with ice or a kegerator required. This is the perfect setup for your next get together or camping trip.

The Tucher Bräu brand offers tours in two locations — Tucher Altes Sudhaus in Fürth and Tucher Traditionsbrauerei in Nuremberg. You



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have the choice of three tour packages, which includes a beer tasting. However, your booking can include lunch or "schäuferle," a traditional Franconian roasted pork dish doused with beer. You must book your tour in advance and you can request an English-speaking tour. Groups must include at least 12 people, but they can group you with others if you don't have enough.

BEYOND THE BREWERY

The famous city of Nuremberg offers a wide range of attractions and experiences, including their extraordinary Christmas market. Before or after your tour, take some time to explore sites such as Kaiserburg Castle, Weinstadel (a historic wine warehouse), the city walls, St. Lorenz Church, Nazi Party Rally Grounds, Weissgerbergasse for its whimsical, colorful half-timbered houses and the Subterranean Town Hall Chambers. If you decide to extend your visit for more than a day, there are also several museums worth adding to your to-do list, including the National Germanic Museum, Nuremberg Transportation Museum, City Museum and the Neues Museum.

LET'S HIT THE ROAD

The drive to the Fürth and Nuremberg locations is approximately a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Garmisch and Stuttgart. The traffic seems to occur more often than not, especially in the Stuttgart area, so plan on the drive being longer.

You can save a little time by taking the train. If you're going to Nuremberg, you will arrive at the Nuremberg Hauptbahnhof and take the tram to Tucher Altes Sudhaus. For tours in Fürth, it becomes a little trickier, but not impossible. Once you arrive at the Nuremberg Hauptbahnhof, you'll take a tram and a bus to the Tucher Traditionsbrauerei.

If you're a beer-lover, consider responsibly exploring a different side of your favorite beverage. It's not only a great experience during beer fest season, but it also makes for a great indoor activity in the winter, which is right around the corner. Any place where it's always "bierzeit," beer time, is worth checking out! ■

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TOP FIVE

By Mary del Rosario

IF THERE'S ONE TAKEAWAY FROM LIVING IN GERMANY IT IS THAT GERMANS EXCEL AT MANY THINGS THEY PUT THEIR MINDS TO. FROM CARS TO BEERS, GERMANS DEFINITELY KNOW ABOUT QUALITY, AND THEIR WINE IS NO EXCEPTION. WHETHER YOU'RE A SOMMELIER OR A BEGINNER, THESE WINES ARE WHAT YOU SHOULD BE POURING IN YOUR GLASS.



SPÄTBURGUNDER

BERNHARD HUBER SCHLOSSBERG SPÄTBURGUNDER GG

Situated in the wine-growing region of Baden is the Bernhard Huber Winery. Views of vibrant hues of green vineyards are sprinkled throughout this area and make a picture-perfect backdrop. However, the vineyard's show stopper is their Malterdinger (pinot noir), which makes up 65 percent of the wine collection. The Schlossberg Spätburgunder is one of the winery's biggest seller and has a 13 percent alcohol volume. This crisp red wine is perfect for those who have a dry pallet as it is on the dry side. Pair with red meat or cheese and enjoy!

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DORNFELDER

**BREMER RASTKELLE NUSSDORFER
HERRENBERG DORNFELDER TROCKEN**

Richer in color, Dornfelder is the red wine you never knew you needed. Created in 1955 in Weinsberg, this wine native to Germany is easier to grow than the Spätburgunder and has a deeper, red color and is packed with oak flavor due to the ability to age in oak barrels. To get a true taste of the classic Dornfelder, swirl your glass with Bremer Nussdorfer Herrenberg Dornfelder Trocken. The wine may be trocken (dry), and yet it is deliciously fruity, refreshing and will go best with pasta, veal and poultry.

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ROSÉ
KLEIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON ROSÉ TROCKEN 2017

Known as a fancy and posh drink, rosé is a type of wine that although is incorporated with some color from grape skins, is not pigmented enough to be considered a red wine. This rose-colored wine can be still, sparkling, semi-sparkling and varies in sweetness. For those feeling a little extravagant, cheers to Klein Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé. Though Peter Klein, the brand's winemaker, is originally from Bordeaux, this rosé has been perfected in Hainfeld, Germany.



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RIESLING
DÖNNHOFF RIESLING NAHE DELLCHEN GG 2017

Hailing from the Rhine region, riesling is a white wine that has gained a popular reputation, especially in the Rhine area in Germany. Made from the aromatic grape known as riesling, this high-acidity wine is versatile and can be in the form of dry, semi-dry, sweet and sparkling. What gives this invigorating wine its character is all dependent on its place of origin. The Dönnhoff Riesling Nahe Dellchen is the perfect herbal, yet citrusy, wine to enjoy with a charcuterie board filled with cheddar, gorgonzola and gruyere cheeses as well as a poultry dish.

MADE FROM THE AROMATIC GRAPE KNOWN AS RIESLING, THIS HIGH-ACIDITY WINE IS VERSATILE AND CAN BE IN THE FORM OF DRY, SEMI-DRY, SWEET AND SPARKLING.



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WEISSBURGUNDER
DR. WEHRHEIM WEISSBURGUNDER MANDELBERG GG

Weissburgunder or pinot blanc is a crisp white wine comparable to chardonnay and can be characterized as sweet or nutty. Though its origins can be traced to the Alsace region of France, Germany's version is just as reputable and delicious. Unlike pinot noir, pinot blanc uses lighter-skinned grapes, giving the wine a yellow green or gold yellow appearance. Dr. Wehrheim Weissburgunder Mandelberg GG is the perfect wine for the summer with pear, apple, melon and floral tones. Fish and poultry dishes compliment this wine perfectly.

TIP
 To ensure top-quality, white wines with the letters GG are what to look out for. The term Grosses Gewächs is used to identify fine white German wines.



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CONQUERING OKTOBERFEST

By Emma Bareihs

The iconic Oktoberfest may be one of the top things on your Germany bucket list. You've heard of the fun shared among tourists and locals in the festival that brings thousands together to share a beer. Oktoberfest is a tradition that everyone should experience. This autumn make attending Oktoberfest a reality and be ready for the atmosphere that will greet you in the tents where beer is spilled and songs are sung.



WHAT TO EXPECT

If it is your first time partaking in the massive German affair, prepare for the events about to unfold. The world's largest folk festival, Munich's Oktoberfest, is not just about drinking beer. Over two weeks, from mid-September to early October, you'll find parades, carnival rides and concerts at the Oktoberfest. Opening day, the first Sunday of Oktoberfest, shows the colorful side to the festival, presenting a parade of floats through the city streets of Munich.

Away from the drinking tents, Munich welcomes families. The fairground rides are accompanied with cotton candy booths and merry-go-rounds. There are typically two designated family days in which families can enjoy carnival rides, game booths and food stands for a reduced price.

Held outside of the city center in a meadow called the Theresienwiese, you'll hear locals refer to the Oktoberfest as the Wiesn. In the meadow are 14 big beer tents and several smaller tents. With numerous tents to choose from, each offers a different atmosphere. The Schottenhamel is where the first beer of the season is poured, greeted with applause and songs. Other tents are smaller and more orderly and some are dedicated tents such as the wine tent.

The tables inside the tents are shared among groups. Feel free to get to know the people sitting next to you. A wiesenbekaantchaft is known as an "Oktoberfest acquaintance," of which, you'll meet many. Locals typically attend on the weekdays as it is less crowded than weekends. Although the same exciting environment, it is less chaotic and frankly, faster to order a beer. If you get a seat in a tent, you will have table service, otherwise, you'll find people standing at booth windows in line to order. Beer is only served in a one-liter mass, not a stein. Try to learn the German lyrics to "Ein Prosit!" The atmosphere includes several drinking songs and hollers and "Ein Prosit" is a great one to learn.

Everyone around you will be wearing a Bavarian dress. Even tourists buy the outfit! The typical outfit for women is a "dirndl." A dirndl consists of the dress, blouse and apron. The typical dress for men is "lederhosen," a traditional Bavarian outfit. Besides the white or colorful button down, the outfit is complete with an alpine hat and long socks.

GENERAL TIPS

- Download the Oktoberfest.de app to stay up to date on the festivities. The app explains each tent and has a navigation function.
- Public transportation is your best friend. It is recommended to park at a Park&Ride station in Munich and take a direct train connection to the fest.
- Security is tight around the festival. Bags with a volume of more than 3 liters or larger than 20 cm x 15 cm x 10 cm will not be permitted.
- Oktoberfest is a cash-only event, like many events in Europe. Be prepared to pay in cash and tip in coins for beer prices of more than 10 euros.
- Pets are not allowed.
- Wearing closed-toed shoes is recommended in the field with thousands of feet, broken glass and spilling drinks.
- Plan on booking a hotel six to 12 months in advance.

LAST-MINUTE INFORMATION

- If you don't have cash, there will be some ATMs around the grounds. If you don't live in Germany, know your bank's conversion rates.
- If you don't have a reservation you will want to arrive as early as 6:00 a.m. to wait in line for a seat. On weekends, most tents close their lines before 11 a.m. due to overfilling. During the week, the tents stay open into the afternoon.
- If you didn't have time to grab dirndl or lederhosen before arriving in Munich, you can find traditional wear in the city. Kaufhof, Karstadt and Hertie are all department stores with a Trachten department. Steindl and Angermeiers are Trachten shops where you'll find everything you need.
- Prices will be high for any accommodation at this time of the year. The best option is to look outside of Munich and take a train into the city. Dachau, Nuremberg, Bamberg and Augsburg are close enough by train and will have more open spaces.
- If you're coming from an airport, drop your suitcase or backpacks off at the hotel before you get to the festival, as security will turn you away.

With a full belly, you will leave the annual Oktoberfest with a new experience under your belt. Follow these tips whether you are a first-timer or not to ensure a top-quality experience. Start planning your next visit as soon as you leave. If you soak in the atmosphere of friendlies and food, you will leave the tents singing "Ein Prosit" awaiting the following year! ■

==== **Rhine River Valley** ====





Bucket List

Germany Edition

By Elizabeth Jones

Beautiful Germany is filled with countless experiences to be had. From storybook castles and fairytale towns, it's easy to see why millions of tourists from all over the world travel to Deutschland each year. Follow these must-sees and -dos when traversing Germany for a bucket list unlike any other!

- 1.** Take river cruises down the Rhine River and Mosel River.
- 2.** Indulge in all the bratwurst and schnitzel your stomach can handle.
- 3.** Live a real life fairytale by visiting the Neuschwanstein Castle.
- 4.** Take part in the original Oktoberfest in Munich dressed in a "dirndl" or "lederhosen".
- 5.** Make time for other noteworthy castles such as Burg Eltz, Hohenzollern Castle, Lichtenstein Castle, and Cochem Castle.
- 6.** Spend a weekend in the adorable town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber.
- 7.** Purchase a cuckoo clock or beer stein for the perfect souvenir.
- 8.** Head to Berlin to see the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, Check point Charlie, and Berlin Cathedral.
- 9.** Admire the architecture of Cologne's magnificent cathedral.
- 10.** Explore the beautiful Black Forest.

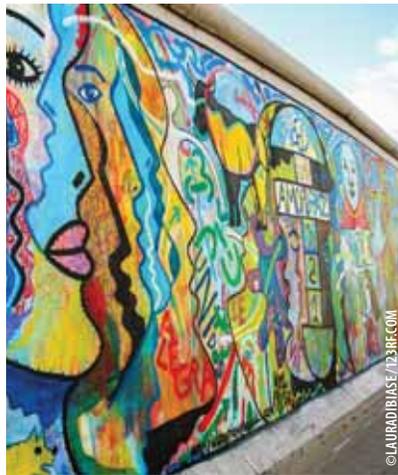
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European Getaways

Artsy Cities

By Mary Del Rosario

Sculptures to marvel at, museums to get lost in and street art found in the most unique places are elements that give cities a certain artistic flair. Whether your heart is after touring museums and examining paintings or discovering the hidden talents of street performers — plan a getaway that will call out the expressive side in you and visit these cities filled with creativity, culture and an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere.

BARCELONA

The ever-creative Spanish minds make Barcelona the ideal city to channel the inner artist in you. Stroll along the Passeig de Gràcia and you'll be amazed at how innovative the Spanish are with their quirky-themed stores — from the front displays to the items themselves. While at this shopping haven, be sure to pay attention to Casa Milá and Casa Batlló, iconic buildings built by the beloved architect, Antoni Gaudí, who plays an important role in Barcelona culture. The prominent Sagrada Família, also built by Gaudí, is a site that will have you feeling awestruck and truly shows what his brilliant mind was capable of. Park Güell, an enchanting park blanketed in a colorful mosaic garden, is also a masterpiece not to miss.

For the inquisitive minds who love wandering museums, put the Joan Miró Foundation, Picasso Museum, Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art and Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya on your list. If you're into the food scene, Barcelona is hard to compete with as they have amazing gastronomic experiences.

BERLIN

In this city full of diverse walks of life, Berlin is nothing short of a mecca filled with rich culture and history. With the falling of the Berlin Wall in 1989 also came down East Berlin's sheltered society. Now people are able to express themselves freely, which can be seen throughout the city today. Berlin's underground scene is largely present and holds interesting experiences such as dancing at the underground techno clubs and witnessing graffiti artists work their magic! Berlin is also home to up-and-coming artists who like to push the envelope when it comes to creativity. To see modern art at its finest, be sure to visit the Hamburger

Train Station that's been converted into an art museum. Other museums to not miss include the Pergamon Museum, Monster Kabinett and Design Panoptikum.

However, if you'd like for your taste buds to experience art as well, be sure to make reservations at Cookies Cream — a meat-free, speakeasy type of restaurant. Shortly after, satisfy your sweet tooth at Coda Dessert Bar — a dessert-only restaurant where sweets are paired with drinks.

LONDON

To art and musical lovers, London is a city they'll never want to be away from. For the modern art enthusiasts, take a look inside Tate Modern which is comprised of four art museums ranging from international to contemporary art. For those who enjoy musicals, be sure to head to the West End in order to sing along to the many Broadway shows. From "The Lion King" to the "Book of Mormon," London's broadways shows cater to every audience. Since art and literature go hand in hand, perusing through the many bookshops is a must. Daunt Books and Foyles are among the most popular stores for bookworms.

If you're a fan of architecture, pay attention to prominent skyscrapers such as The Gherkin, The Shard, 20 Fenchurch Street and The Leadenhall Building. These infrastructures may have whimsical names, but they are architectural highlights known for their unique shapes.

Aside from fascinating buildings, be in touch with your inner Banksy and check out Doodle Bar, a bar with a large wall made for scribbling. Sketch — an all pink, gallery restaurant with walls covered in comical drawings — should also not be overlooked. ■

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Berlin in 24 HOURS

By Amanda Palumbo

Berlin is one of my favorite cities in the world. It's beautiful, gritty and some of Europe's most defining events happened in the German capital. So, grab some currywurst, hop on the S-Bahn and practice saying, "ich bin ein Berliner." For your 24 hours in Berlin, we're going to make a big circle through the city.

MORNING

The S-Bahn takes you to Alexanderplatz, where you'll spot the famous Fernsehturm TV tower. Go to the top for a gorgeous 360-degree view of the city from 203 meters high.

A 10-minute walk west is the Berliner Dom, the city's Evangelical church damaged during the war and restored in the 1990s. You can admire the architecture from the outside or, for seven euros, go inside.

One of the most famous sites in Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate, is a 20-minute walk from the cathedral. It's Berlin's symbol of Cold War division and, eventually, reunification. It's where President Kennedy uttered the famous words, "Ich bin ein Berliner," and where President Reagan told Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

Walking six-minutes north takes you to the Reichstag building, Germany's second most visited attraction. It survived two world wars, a massive fire and is where Germany's Parliament meets.

AFTERNOON

Ride the U-Bahn south to Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin's most notorious crossing point between the east and the west. The nearby museum is worth a look and details its history.

You may be starving, so please your pallet and dine on a Berlin staple, currywurst. An eight-minute U-Bahn ride from Checkpoint Charlie, Curry 36 is the most famous place to get currywurst and fries. If you want to eat fries like the locals, dip them in mayonnaise.

While you let all that yummy curry goodness settle, take a half hour train ride over to East Side Gallery, a free open-air, politically charged gallery on the wall's east side. In 1990, 105 artists from across the world came to paint the wall, signifying its fall.

EVENING

As you leave the gallery, take a stroll along the beautiful River Spree crossing over the Engeldamm Bridge as the street lights start to illuminate the riverwalk. Head to 3 Schwestern, or 3 Sisters, a restaurant and biergarten with a modern take on traditional dishes.

Berlin is a city once ripped apart and divided. It has chosen to highlight its painful history, rather than ignore it, making for a beautiful and moving journey through its streets. ■



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EVENTS AROUND GERMANY

EDITOR'S *Picks*

September Events

By Karen Bradbury



BARBAROSSA FEST SWINGING LAUTERN

Sept. 5-7 in Kaiserslautern

Live music from boogie to blues and soul to salsa rings out day and night from stages across town. Marching bands enliven the pedestrian zone.



STRAMU INTERNATIONAL STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sept. 6-8 in Würzburg

Over 300 artists from around the world perform music, street theater, fire shows, juggling and other astounding acts in 24 streets and squares.



BAD DÜRKHEIM SAUSAGE MARKET

Sept. 6-10 and Sept. 13-16

The world's biggest wine fest offers not just tasty drops but culinary specialties, thrilling rides, games of chance, live music and fireworks.



STREET ARTS FESTIVAL

Sept. 20-22 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Performers from Europe and beyond dazzle audiences with street theater and circus skills, and children can test their own skills in a play zone.



RHINE IN FLAMES

Sept. 21 in St. Goar and St. Goarshausen

Charming villages of the Middle Rhine Valley host this spectacle made up of fireworks set to music and a convoy of brightly illuminated ships.



CITY & HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sept. 27-29 in Wiesbaden

This laid-back fest welcomes autumn with live music and entertainment, food and drink, handicrafts, a farmer's market and auto exhibition.



CANNSTATTER VOLKSFEST

Sept. 27-Oct. 13 in Stuttgart

This tradition-rich folk festival offers thrilling rides, lively beer tents, regional specialties and a historical parade on the first Sunday.



ANTIQUES MARKET

Sept. 28-29 in Ludwigshafen

A baroque market square makes a majestic backdrop for collectors and antique lovers to peruse for treasure at the stalls of 170 dealers.

PLAN
AHEAD

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Oct. 11-20 in Berlin

Once darkness has set, the city's most famous buildings and monuments are brought to life through projections, 3D-video shows and light installations. Visitors can explore on foot or take special tours by bus. This theme of this year's edition is "Lights of Freedom."



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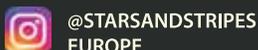
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Oct. 5 in Pilsen, Czech Republic

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CULTURE NIGHT

Oct. 11 in Copenhagen, Denmark

On this evening of arts and culture, museums, public institutions and unexpected spaces offer entertainment, exhibitions, light installations and other surprises.



PIG SLAUGHTER AND SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

Oct. 11-13 in Budapest, Hungary

One of the Hungarian capital's biggest food festivals combines history, folklore and fun activities for kids with gastronomic traditions and "Csabai," spiced sausages.

Things to do next month!

October

By Karen Bradbury



JAZZ & THE CITY

Oct. 17-20 in Salzburg, Austria

International musicians from all genres perform more than 100 free concerts at grandiose and unexpected locations, from ancient churches to trendy wine bars.



MCM COMIC CON

Oct. 25-27 in London, United Kingdom

Sci-fi fans, gamers, collectors, movie buffs and anime enthusiasts can meet their heroes along with their creators and enjoy Cosplay, eSports and autograph sessions.



BASEL AUTUMN FAIR

Oct. 26 to Nov. 12 in Basel, Switzerland

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SALON DU CHOCOLATE

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