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# April Events

By Karen Bradbury

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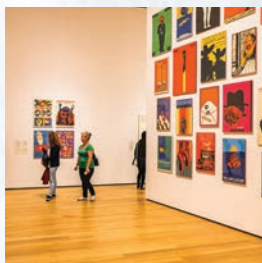
Spring has sprung, and with the nicer weather comes more hopeful times. While it's still too soon to declare things back to normal, a steadily growing list of planned events is just as welcome as flowers after the rain. Given the times we're in, be sure to double-check that these events will be going forward before planning travel of any distance, and be sure to arm yourself with all the necessary paperwork to confirm you're fully up to date with the COVID-19 regulations in force at the time of the event.

## Keramikmarkt / Ceramics Market April 2 to 3, Homburg



Some 100 artisans from Germany, France and the Benelux display and sell unique and colorful wares from garden decor to costume jewelry.

## Short Night of Museums and Galleries in Wiesbaden April 9, Wiesbaden



Explore Wiesbaden's artistic and cultural side as 26 museums, galleries and other cultural institutions host special events and exhibitions.

## Osterspektakel / Easter Spectacle April 16 to 18, Mainz-Kastel



The medieval world of jesters, fire artists, knights, damsels, musicians and birds of prey springs to life at a camp next to a mighty fortress by the Rhine River.

## Stuttgarter Frühlingsfest / Spring Fest April 16 to May 8, Stuttgart



Known as Oktoberfest's Little Sister, this folk festival at the Theresienwiese features fewer beer tents and rides but the same great atmosphere.

## Living Arts and Crafts April 16 to 18, Maulbronn



Artisans from Germany and beyond present a vast range of high-quality goods from silks to ceramics in the courtyard of a monastery.

## Wein am Dom / Wine by the Cathedral April 23 to 24, Speyer



A UNESCO-listed cathedral is the backdrop to this refined wine fair at which the best drops of the winemakers of the Rhineland-Palatinate flow.

## München Frühlingsfest / Spring Fest April 22 to May 8, Munich



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## Kreativ Welt / Creative World April 28 to May 1, Offenbach



Crafty types can stock up on supplies from felt to feathers, or discover a brand new hobby at this trade show and market at the Messe Offenbach.

## PLAN AHEAD

### Die Blaue Nacht / The Blue Night May 7, Nuremberg

On this annual late night of art and culture, the Old Town is bathed in a blue light as museums, churches and clubs offer shows, music and performances. ■

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# PHOTO of the month

Known as the largest Saharan oasis of Morocco, the Tafilaht region is nothing short of amazing. Filled with lush palm trees, you'll forget you're in the Moroccan desert. The best panoramic views are found from atop a "ksour" overlooking the palm oasis of the Oued Ziz.

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# GARTENSCHAU KAISERSLAUTERN

By Anna Leigh Bagljackas



*“Not only is the Gartenschau nearby for those in the KMC, its changing programs and large number of offerings mean you can return and see something new each time.”*

As the grass turns a little greener, tulips start to pop up from their wintry rest and the sun shines a bit brighter, spring is upon us and we are itching to spend a beautiful day outdoors. Not interested in driving too far with the family to enjoy a day out? Make your way to Gartenschau Kaiserslautern. After the success of the first Rheinland-Pfalz State Garden Show in 2000, the Gartenschau Kaiserslautern became a permanent fixture and is frequented by families, friends and schoolchildren during the year; it is also part of Gartenschau's mission to employ and train individuals with disabilities according to their skills and interests.

Gartenschau is a great escape for a day trip. Not only is it nearby for those in the KMC, its changing programs and large number of offerings mean you can return and see something new each time. Plus, it's a place that is truly for the whole family—enjoyable for all ages. The primary attraction is the large green space and adventure park called Neumühlepark or Dinopark, filled with walking paths, exploratory playgrounds, swing sets, sandboxes, large dinosaur statues and beautiful gardens. You can also take a relaxing walk through the rose garden in the summer months,

explore ponds and the stream. For an extra price, families can also participate in a round of adventure golf, right across from the beer garden. The tricky course puts golfers on 18 holes of hilly artificial turf. Once you've explored the Dinopark, hike up the hill to the Kaiserberg, where you will find more gardens, including the vegetable, rhododendron and butterfly gardens, plus the bird sanctuary.

## *Did someone say LEGOs?*

Do you have any LEGO fans in your family? Be sure to make a stop in the LEGO exhibit, which features elaborate displays all made of the beloved blocks. The theme of the exhibit changes, so be sure to return and see their newest display. Kids and grown-ups will be equally amazed and inspired after seeing some of these LEGO constructions.

## *Food & Drink*

If you're going to make a day of it, you will need provisions. While you can pack a picnic to bring with you, there are great options for buying food and drinks while at Gartenschau. With close views



of the adventure park and a beer garden to sit in, grab currywurst, pommes and other fare in Neumühlepark. There is also a welcoming patio on the Kaiserberg, giving you great views of Kaiserslautern while sipping a cold brew. Lastly, on entering the Gartenschau you will find Das Brauhaus with a changing menu, salad bar and beautiful cakes on display to choose from. Right outside of the Gartenschau you can also grab a meal at Milano's or Old Station, giving you even more options.

## *Planning Your Trip*

Gartenschau is easily accessible by both train and car, and all areas of the park are accessible on foot. Day passes can be purchased for 3.50 for kids and 7 euros for adults, plus additional rates for families, groups and individuals with a disability ID. Season tickets can also be purchased if you plan to visit throughout the warmer months. Lastly, you can purchase tickets that include a visit to the Japanese Garden. All tickets can be purchased online. ■

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# Lovely Lithuania.

By Jolanta Jackson

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## Vilnius

**V**ilnius, the capital city of Lithuania, will give you an in-depth look at a UNESCO World Heritage site and a great-value European city destination. Vilnius offers one of the largest and most beautiful old towns in central and eastern Europe with cozy cafes, restaurants and narrow, curvy streets full of new discoveries around every corner. You will also see impressive examples of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Classical domes as well as towers and castles spread throughout the medieval city. The historic center of Vilnius includes three castles, Upper, Lower and Curved, and the area encircled by a wall from the Middle Ages.

Start your Vilnius tour in the Cathedral Square, where you will find the magnificent neoclassical Vilnius Cathedral, the newly rebuilt Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania and the statue of Vilnius' founder, Grand Duke Gediminas. There is a magical tile between the Cathedral and the tower that says "Stebuklas" (meaning miracle). Step on it, close your eyes, turn around three times and make a wish. Legend says it will come true. Later, take a short climb to the Gediminas castle tower, which dates back to the 13th century, and enjoy the breathtaking views of Vilnius from above.

Strolling down the narrow downtown streets, you will find St. Anne's Church, a prominent example of both Flamboyant Gothic and Brick Gothic styles. According to a well-known legend, Emperor Napoleon, after seeing the church during the Franco-Prussian War in 1812, liked it so much that he wished to carry it home to Paris in the palm of his hand.

Later, enjoy your walk on Pilies Street visiting souvenir, jewelry, crafts and linen shops. Be sure to buy original pieces of jewelry made of amber or "Lithuanian gold." Amber has been harvested from the shores of the Baltic Sea since prehistoric times and Lithuanian people still believe it possesses the power of healing.

After a long walk, you deserve a good Lithuanian meal. The most popular traditional dish features "cepelinai," grated potato dumplings stuffed with minced meat or cottage cheese. The best place to eat is at Restaurant Forto Dvaras. Other traditional dishes include cold beetroot soup with hot potatoes, "saltibarsciai," roasted black bread, "kepta duona" and deep fried biscuits, "zagarelii." Don't forget to try one of 200 varieties of cold Lithuanian beer or make a toast with a glass of Lithuanian sparkling wine or the non-alcoholic "gira," made from black bread.

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## Trakai Island Castle

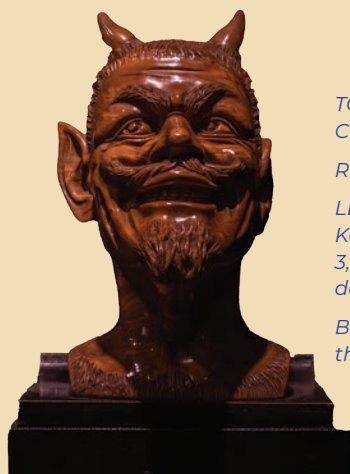
**J**ust a half-hour train ride from Vilnius is Trakai, an island castle built in the 14th century that became a residential place for the dukes of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania until the capital was moved to Vilnius. Now the castle is one of the most visited tourist attractions and is a popular place for weddings, picnics and picture-taking. Visit the castle's museum, which exhibits many treasures found at the site, and explore its secret passageways and spiral staircases. Be sure to enjoy the impressive stained glass and frescoes. You can also rent a rowboat or hop in a paddleboat and enjoy the serene lake with picturesque views from every angle. Since Trakai was a multicultural capital, for lunch try the most popular Karaites dish "kibina," pastries traditionally filled with mutton and onions.





## Kaunas

The second-largest Lithuanian city is just a one-hour train or bus ride away from Vilnius. Some budget airlines fly directly there, and it is worth visiting. At the confluence of the two largest Lithuanian rivers, Nemunas and Neris, Kaunas was the capital city during the interwar period when Vilnius was annexed by Poland, and now it is called the city of museums. You can visit the War Museum of Vytautas the Great, Historical Presidential Palace or Devil's Museum (Zmuidzinavicius Museum), which has a collection of more than 3,000 sculptures and carvings of devils from Lithuania and all over the world. The Akropolis mall was built around a few original 18th-century old town buildings and is a good place to shop with a variety of stores and restaurants. From there, head toward the pedestrian avenue, Laisvės Aleja, and visit the city's oldest church, Vytautas' Church, and the 14th century Kaunas Castle.



*TOP The sand dunes of the Curonian Spit.*

*RIGHT The port city of Klaipėda.*

*LEFT The Devil's Museum in Kaunas has a collection of over 3,000 carvings and sculptures of devils.*

*BELOW A pedestrian bridge over the Nemunas River in Kaunas.*



## Klaipėda and the Curonian Spit

If you are in Lithuania for a long weekend, you still have time to go to the Baltic Sea and visit the port city of Klaipėda and the Curonian Spit. From downtown Klaipėda, which features German-style, 18th-century wood-framed buildings, you could hop on a ferry to the Curonian Spit, a long thin sand dune in between the Curonian Lagoon and the Baltic Sea. The Baltic legend says the spit was formed by a giantess named Neringa, who was playing with the sand on the seashore. Now the Curonian Spit is a UNESCO World Heritage site with refreshing pine forests and huge drifting sand dunes. You could climb to the Panardis sand dune, which is 52 meters above sea level, and enjoy the enchanting views of the Curonian Lagoon and the Baltic Sea. Since the Lithuanian-Russian border is less than a mile away, make sure you follow the trails while hiking in the dunes, so you don't cross the border illegally. Take a quiet romantic sunset stroll on the seashore and search for pieces of amber. Legend says that the ruins of sea goddess Jurate's amber castle could be found here after it was destroyed as punishment for loving a fisherman.

Still doubting if you are ready to visit Lithuania? You are ready, because you already know one very important word in Lithuanian, "Aciu" (AH-choo), which means "thanks." ■

# YOUR Tuscany BUCKET LIST

By Mary Del Rosario



Planning to explore the beautiful Italian region of Tuscany? Use this bucket list as your inspiration to create an unforgettable trip!

- 1 Eat all the delicious cuisine—such as *crostini Toscani*, chicken liver pâté served on crunchy toasted bread; *panzanella*, a salad where bread is the superstar; *tagliatelle al tartufo*, pasta doused in butter and garlic and sprinkled with black truffle and Parmesan cheese—to your heart's content.



If food is your love language, take a cooking class!



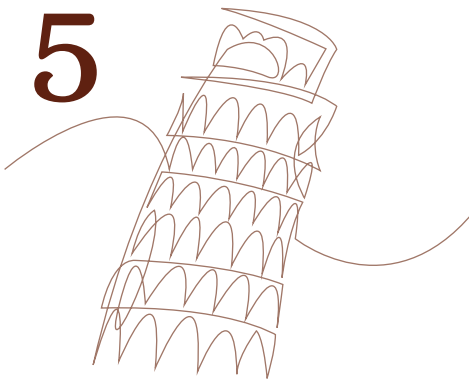
Step back in time and see breathtaking views of the Italian hillside in the towns of Cortona, San Gimignano, Siena and Lucca.

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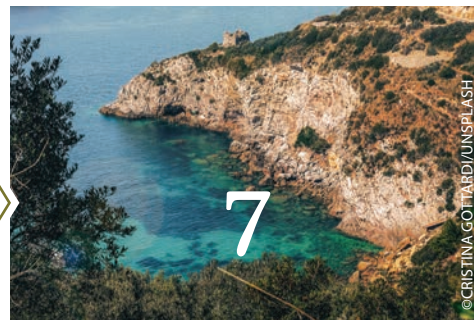
Become one with nature by hiking the *Uccellina Mountains*, unspoiled hills belonging to the Maremma Regional Park and the Alpi Apuane, a mountain range situated between the valleys of the Serchio and Magra rivers.



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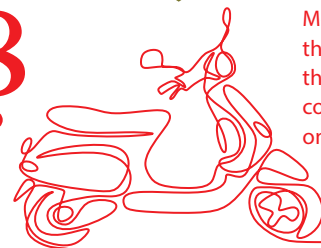


Become cultured in the more well-known cities of Pisa and Florence. If in Pisa, be sure to take a picture of yourself with the Leaning Tower of Pisa in the background.



Tan and snorkel the day away at *Cala del Gesso*, an underrated remote beach in Argenatario.

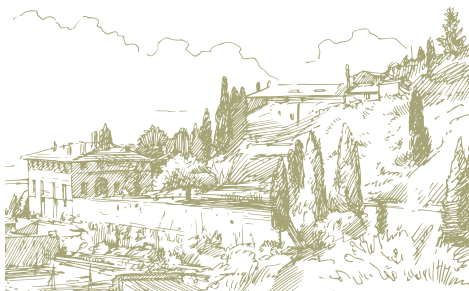
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Meander through the Tuscan countryside on a vespa.

## 6

Sleep in a charming *Tuscan villa*. Montechiello, Talamone, Sorano and Savona are a few romantic hilly villages to check out.



## 9

Be on the hunt for truffles—San Miniato, Crete Senesi and Mugello are a few areas that may bring luck to your search.


## 10

Toast to a memorable experience with a bottle of *Chianti*. Bonus points if you do a Chianti tasting.



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## April brings flowers, wine and shopping

### Tulip Time in Holland

Outdoor Recreation features an express trip to the Netherlands April 22-24, including a visit to Amsterdam and the world's largest tulip show at Keukenhof Gardens. Optional side trips are also possible (canal boat excursion, visit to Volendam for additional fees). Cost is \$239 per adult; \$229 for children up to age 16. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation on Clay North or call civ (0611) 143-548-9801.

### Boot Camp

Join the professionals at the Wiesbaden Sports and Fitness Center for a six-week-long Boot Camp starting April 28. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:15 p.m. Cost is \$169 per person. Register at the Fitness Center or call civ (0611) 143-548-9830.

### Virtual Wine Tasting

Join Outdoor Recreation for a virtual tour through the Rheinhesische Toscana, learn about Germany's largest wine regions, wine production and about the culture, people and scenic landscapes along the Rhein and Nahe rivers during a Virtual Wine Tasting on April 1 from 7-9 p.m. Taste six different wines and learn how to pair the wines with different foods. Cost is \$89 for the six bottles of wine and the tasting. Call civ (0611) 143-548-9801 for details.

### Team With the Masters

Rheinblick Golf Course hosts a Team With the Masters Tournament on April 9. Tee times starts at 9 a.m. for this 18-hole, two-person scramble event. Cost is \$25 for Rheinblick and Rhein-Main members; all others pay \$25 plus applicable greens fee. Register by April 6 at the Pro Shop. Call civ (0611) 143-548-5485 for more information.

### Kinderfest Drive-Thru

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden celebrates the Month of the Military Child with a Kinderfest Drive-Thru on April 16 from 10 a.m.



**Outdoor Recreation heads to the Netherlands for tulip time April 22-24.**

to 1 p.m. at the Taunus Theater parking lot (in Hainerberg Housing). The free event will feature live entertainment, a DJ station, art gallery, arts and crafts, popcorn, slushies and a spring basket station.

### April Fools Day Party

It's the first Friday in April — party time with bowling 50 percent off all day at the Wiesbaden Entertainment Center on April 1. Also, enjoy the tunes spun by a DJ in the WEC Lounge until the early morning hours.

### Where's Rocket?

Join the staff of the Wiesbaden Library in celebrating National Library Week April 3-9. Find the library mascot (he's hidden somewhere in the library), bring him to the reception desk and win a prize.

### Give to AER

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### Virtual Craft Beer Tasting

Go on a virtual tour and beer tasting, courtesy of Wiesbaden Outdoor Recreation and the Fox River Brewery on April 9 at 7 p.m. The tasting includes four different types of

beer (750ml each), two "First Edition" Fox River Brewery glasses and information about the beer-making process and Wisper Valley hiking and biking trails. Cost is \$55. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation on Clay North or call civ (0611) 143-548-9801 for more information.

### Virtual Spring

### Reading Program

The Wiesbaden Library invites patrons to take part in the Spring Reading Program: The Expanding World, through May 15. Log your reading and earn colorful badges, redeemable for prizes. Visit <https://wiesbaden.armymwr.com/calendar/event/virtual-spring-reading-program-expanding-world/5445352/64962>.

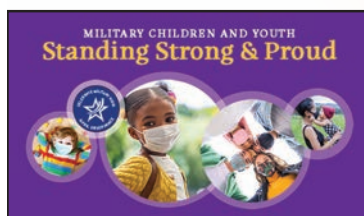
### Grief Support Group

Army Community Service's Survivor Outreach Services program hosts a peer-led bereavement support group supported by Military and Family Life Counselors on April 7 at 11:30 a.m. Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. A light lunch will be provided. Call civ (0611) 143-548-9201 for more information.

### Spring Bazaar

Shop for a wide variety of tax-free European merchandise at the Wiesbaden Sports and Fitness Center during the 2022 Spring Bazaar April 1-3. Handicrafts, carpets, furniture, paintings, wine, cheese, craft beers and lots more will be on sale. The bazaar will be open on April 1 from 11

a.m. to 7 p.m., April 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



# Amber:

## A Souvenir From Lithuania

By Anna Leigh Bagiackas

**Known as the “gold of Lithuania,” amber has been made into various items that are perfect for you to take home and remember your time in this beautiful country. While you can find amber elsewhere, it is said that Baltic amber (amber from the Baltic Sea) is some of the highest quality and comes from the largest deposit of the natural resource. Lithuania has become the place to find it.**

### What is Amber?

Baltic amber, which is also known as “succinite,” is fossilized tree resin transformed over time. The area surrounding the Baltic Sea was highly forested throughout history and when trees were damaged, they would release sap to naturally heal themselves. The sap would then make its way to the forest floor, where it would be washed away by rivers into the sea. Transformed and preserved by nature’s processes with wind, water, heat, pressure and time, it is said that the amber found in this region today could be from 44 million years ago. Throughout its long history, many have believed in amber’s power to protect and heal. Supposedly, amber protects from evil and encourages creativity, and it is frequently used in modern spas for aromatherapy.

It became such an important commodity to the area that the “Amber Road” trade route was important for moving amber from the Baltic Sea to southeastern Europe. While some places, such as Kaliningrad Oblast in Russia, have made an industry of mining amber, residents along the Baltic coast go searching for this fossilized tree resin after storms wash pieces of it onto the shore. You can travel along a modern Amber Road, which was inspired by the original route, and visit various cities along the sea’s coast.

### Shopping for Amber

Finding amber while in Lithuania will not be a difficult task, as shops and vendors are plentiful where you can find various items. What will be more challenging is deciding what you want to purchase. Maybe it’s something small and inexpensive, perfect for packing away in your suitcase and bringing back as a gift, or maybe you want to invest more in a designer piece that you can pass down in your family. Some of the most popular items made from amber include necklaces, bracelets, earrings, decorative pieces and other objects.

You can also find different colors of amber, from yellow and honey colored to even green and red. It is sometimes translucent and sometimes opaque; and it can be treated and polished, depending on what kind of finish is desired. So, you will have lots of choices to make depending on what you are interested in. Seek out brands such as Ketri, Bambero, Opakopa and Kameja. If you’re in Vilnius, head to Pilies Street, where shops cater to tourists looking for a range of amber items. ■

**Fun fact:** One of the most well-known exhibits of amber was the “Amber Room,” a room in the Catherine Palace in St. Petersburg that was paneled in different shades of amber. During World War II, the room (or the pieces within it) was taken by the Nazis and although many believe it was destroyed, there are other theories that it still exists and has yet to be found.



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