

# *Ireland's Festivals*

**National Festivals  
and Events Calendar  
2019**





# Ireland's Festivals

Some countries have seasons dedicated to festivals but here in Ireland we have an entire calendar of events for your visitor to immerse themselves in. There's something for everyone, from traditional Irish music to opera, poetry to music festivals, country escapes to city takeovers. We have hundreds of festivals and events to choose from, guaranteeing your visitor a trip to remember!!



# ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL DUBLIN

14-18 March 2019

St. Patrick's Festival is a national cultural event where Ireland welcomes the world to Dublin for a celebration of contemporary Irish culture and our rich Irish heritage. The theme for 2019 is storytelling/scéalaíocht – Ireland has a deep-rooted connection with storytelling reaching back thousands of years and spanning the centuries up to the storytellers of today. Through music, visual art, literature, film, theatre, spoken word, street theatre and circus, St Patrick's Festival Dublin will celebrate Ireland's rich heritage of storytelling.

The parade on the 17th March is a prestigious performance platform where some of the world's top marching bands travel to participate annually. Around 3,000 participants will perform. Pageant companies from all over Ireland are commissioned to produce bespoke parade pageants in line with the Festival theme.

[www.stpatricksfestival.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie)





# IRELAND'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

March 2019

St. Patrick's Day on the 17th March is one of the biggest day's in Ireland's cultural calendar. It is also a national holiday with the very best of Irish and international talent on show at countless festivals and events across the country to celebrate St. Patrick, the patron Saint of Ireland. In addition to Dublin City, you will find parades in: Sligo, Waterford, Limerick, Killarney, Cork and additional locations in County Dublin – all showcasing Irish history, culture and the arts.

[www.ireland.com/stpatricksfestivals](http://www.ireland.com/stpatricksfestivals)



# MAY THE 4<sup>th</sup> BE WITH YOU FESTIVAL

**3-5 May 2019**

That most momentous of days in the Star Wars lovers' calendar, May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You Festival makes an anticipated return to the Wild Atlantic Way. With fun events for all-ages taking place in County Kerry and, for the first time, across Donegal's Inishowen Peninsula. Prepare to get intergalactic at atmospheric

film screenings, behind the scenes tours, boat trips, guided walks and much more. Lightsabers at the ready? It's time to embrace the Wild Atlantic Way of life at its most space age. May the force be with you/ Go mbeidh an fórsa leat.

[www.wildatlanticway.com/may-the-4th](http://www.wildatlanticway.com/may-the-4th)



# SAMHAIN-HALLOWEEN

**October Bank Holiday Weekend**

Join in Ireland's newest festival as it celebrates the original home of Halloween, which began as the ancient tradition of Samhain 2,000 years ago in the world heritage setting of County Meath, in Ireland's Ancient East. This fresh and iconic festival promises to deliver the ultimate bucket list experience that will transport you back to the birthplace of Halloween. Acclaimed international and Irish artists will recreate the ancient ritual of the lighting of the first fires across the hills of Meath. Festival highlights will include a torch-lit procession, a fringe programme of events in surrounding heritage towns and villages of counties Meath and Louth, and a Harvest-inspired food experience showcasing the best of local Boyne Valley producers.

[www.irelandsancienteast.com](http://www.irelandsancienteast.com)





# BRAM STOKER

25-28 October 2019

The Bram Stoker Festival, a Dublin City Council and Fáilte Ireland initiative will return to the capital for the October Bank Holiday weekend. The festival promises to summon the supernatural as it playfully celebrates the gothic, the mysterious, the after-dark and the thrill of late October as Ireland approaches Halloween. Inspired by the legacy of Dublin-born Gothic writer Bram Stoker and his illustrious novel Dracula, Dublin City will get gloriously gothic. By day, the Bram Stoker Festival presents gothic intrigue at family-friendly events, talks and interactive experiences. At night, the city will embrace the darkness as a host of venues deliver deadly adventures for festival goers in search of macabre thrills and late-night parties. The festival programme will include theatre, spectacle, visual arts and music in haunting locations across the city – celebrating Dublin's gothic and supernatural traditions, the city itself, gothic architecture and links to the Samhain Festival.

[www.bramstokerfestival.com](http://www.bramstokerfestival.com)



# THE GLOBAL IRISH FESTIVAL SERIES

October 2019

Culture is a huge part of the Irish identity and, as a nation we are renowned for our writers, actors and artists. Highlighting the best of Ireland's traditional and contemporary culture and heritage, the counties of Donegal and Limerick invite you to come home this October to share in our festivals and events with the promise of a month-long Céad Míle Fáilte Abhaile. In 2019, more of Ireland's counties will join the Global Irish Festival Series in welcoming their sons and daughters' home. Festivals involved in 2018 included I.N.Y and the Richard Harris International Film Festival.

[www.wildatlanticway.com](http://www.wildatlanticway.com)



# NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL DUBLIN

**31 December 2019-1 January 2020**

Gather in the heart of Dublin as the city comes alive for fun-filled New Year's festivities. Bringing together some of Ireland's best talents, NYF Dublin offers a host of free and family friendly, activities guaranteed to entertain and excite. The Festival attracts 20,000 people to the heart of Ireland's capital city for a spectacular countdown event to ring in the New Year. This event is a fantastic showcase for Ireland as a destination for friendly engaging people and a vibrant culture.

[www.nyfdublin.com](http://www.nyfdublin.com)





**TradFest**

23-27 JANUARY 2019

2020 dates: 22-26 January 2020



Tradfest started out in 2006 as a small, niche, traditional festival. Today it is one of Ireland's largest festivals of traditional music. As a boutique winter festival, TradFest offers concert goers unique opportunities to experience live music in some of Dublin's most historic places.

[www.tradfest.ie](http://www.tradfest.ie)



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**Ireland's St. Patrick's Day Celebrations**

MARCH 2019



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**Cork International Choral Festival**

1-5 MAY 2019



Founded in 1954 to be a dynamic force in developing choral music in Ireland, the Cork International Choral Festival is held annually over five days. It is one of Europe's premier international choral festivals and is noted for its competitive standards, excellent organisation, and the friendliness of its welcome.

[www.corkchoral.ie](http://www.corkchoral.ie)



**May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You Festival**

3-5 MAY 2019

This exciting festival delivers a dynamic, new, and innovative event to showcase the Wild Atlantic Way, and to establish counties Kerry and Donegal as the ultimate locations to visit on May 4th, the unofficial global Star Wars day for fans and enthusiasts alike.

[www.wildatlanticway.com/may-the-4th](http://www.wildatlanticway.com/may-the-4th)



**Battle for The Bay**

24-26 MAY 2019

2020 dates: 30-31 May 2020

Battle for the Bay is Ireland's annual Kitesurfing and SUPing competition set in the magical location of Dollymount beach at Bull Island.

The concept of the festival is simple – wind, water and fun! The surroundings of Bull Island nature reserve, shallow waters and 4km of sandy beaches make this a heaven for kite surfers.

[www.battleforthebay.com](http://www.battleforthebay.com)



**Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair**

29 MAY-2 JUNE 2019

2020 dates: 27 April-31 May 2020



Tattersalls International Horse Trials and Country Fair set in County Meath is Ireland's premier eventing show, combining the Olympic sport of 3 day eventing, an equestrian triathlon of dressage, cross country and show jumping, with all the shopping, good food, bars, entertainment and fun of a country fair!

[www.tatts.ie](http://www.tatts.ie)



**Listowel Writers' Week**

29 MAY-2 JUNE 2019



Founded in 1970, Listowel Writers' Week is one of Ireland's greatest literary and arts festivals. Writers, artists and poets gather in the beautiful heritage town of Listowel, County Kerry for five days of talks, walks, panels, performances, visual arts, theatre, masterclasses and much more.

[www.writersweek.ie](http://www.writersweek.ie)





## The Kilkenny Cat Laughs Comedy Festival

30 MAY-3 JUNE 2019



Kilkenny Cat Laughs is Ireland's annual 'craic' pilgrimage. Now in its 24th edition, the festival has played host over the years to international and domestic world class comedy and is renowned for treating both talent and audience to a warm, welcoming and convivial atmosphere in Kilkenny.

[www.thecatlaughs.com](http://www.thecatlaughs.com)



## Rory Gallagher International Tribute Festival

30 MAY-2 JUNE 2019

2020 dates: 28-31 May 2020



Rory Gallagher International Festival takes place in Ballyshannon, County Donegal. First taking place in 2002, the festival has celebrated the music and life of this great musician.

[www.rorygallagherfestival.com](http://www.rorygallagherfestival.com)



## Ireland BikeFest Killarney

31 MAY-3 JUNE 2019



Now in its 13th year, BikeFest is a must attend annual international festival attracting all brand bike enthusiasts in their tens of thousands from all over the world.

As one of Europe's premier free open motorcycle festivals, this 3 day motorcycle and music extravaganza takes place in the picturesque surroundings of Killarney town.

[www.irelandbikefest.com](http://www.irelandbikefest.com)



## Bloomsday Festival

11-16 JUNE 2019



Bloomsday is a celebration of James Joyce's iconic novel Ulysses, the events of which took place in Dublin on the 16th June 1904. It's named after the main character Leopold Bloom. The first Bloomsday in Dublin in 1954 was organised by a group of writers and cultural figures. Today, Bloomsday is celebrated by Joyce fans across the globe with readings, performances, re-enactments, and a host of other events.

[www.bloomsdayfestival.ie](http://www.bloomsdayfestival.ie)



## Cork Midsummer Festival

13-23 JUNE 2019



Cork Midsummer Festival is an annual multi-disciplinary arts festival that uses the city as its backdrop and inspiration. It provides high-quality arts events, both national and international, for audiences of all ages.

[www.corkmidsummer.com](http://www.corkmidsummer.com)



## Donegal International Rally

21-23 JUNE 2019

The JOULE Donegal International Rally is an annual sporting event and is one of Ireland's oldest annual rally competitions.

What really sets Donegal rally apart is the breathtakingly beautiful scenery which the festival showcases. In addition to the main event, the international race, there are three sub groups; The National Rally, The Historic Rally and The Junior Rally.

[www.donegalrally.ie](http://www.donegalrally.ie)



## Sea Sessions

21-23 JUNE 2019



Set on the beautiful coastline of Donegal. Sea Sessions offers a unique experience for festival goers and is the biggest surf and music festival in Ireland. Having sold out four years in a row, this is an experience not to be missed.

[www.seasessions.com](http://www.seasessions.com)



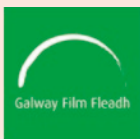
## West Cork Chamber Music Festival

28 JUNE-7 JULY 2019



Full of music from morning to midnight, the programming repeatedly discovers unexpected repertoire and great but lesser-known musicians. There is a strong programme of masterclasses and facilities for young musicians, and audiences keep coming back.

[www.westcorkmusic.ie/chambermusicfestival](http://www.westcorkmusic.ie/chambermusicfestival)



## Galway International Film Fleadh

9-14 JULY 2019



The Galway Film Fleadh (GFF) is a multi-faceted film festival with a two-fold purpose: to be a platform for international cinema and an advocate for Irish national cinema. The GFF provides showcase opportunities, promoting the profile and status of filmmakers while enhancing the appreciation of cultural and Irish cinema through an all inclusive, entertaining, enjoyable and affordable festival. Running alongside, is the Galway Film Fair – Ireland's only Film and Television Market which fosters co-productions on a European and international level, through the provision of one-on-one meetings with international producers and international film industry professionals, as well as hosting a one-day film conference, masterclasses, seminars and debates.

[www.galwayfilmfleadh.com](http://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com)



## Earagail Arts Festival

10-28 JULY 2019

2020 dates: 9-26 July 2020



Earagail Arts Festival brings inspiring performers to this captivating European frontier, showcasing artists native to the area. It provides opportunities for culture exchange across a wide range of venues; from purpose-built theatres and galleries; to forests and beaches, creating a unique cultural experience in the most unlikely of places.

[www.eaf.ie](http://www.eaf.ie)



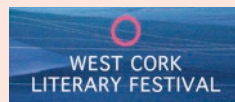
## Laya Healthcare's City Spectacular

12-14 JULY 2019 (DUBLIN),

20-21 JULY 2019 (CORK)

Over 300 spectacular shows and activities to enjoy. The festival runs over 3 days in Dublin and 2 days in Cork. Showcasing the best in international street performers, the world's leading living statue artists, free family activities, delicious street food from around the world as well as a pet area with charity partner The Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (DSPCA).

[www.cityspectacular.com](http://www.cityspectacular.com)



## West Cork Literary Festival

12-19 JULY 2019



West Cork Literary Festival is a week-long celebration of writing and reading for people of all ages that includes workshops, readings, panel discussions, children's events and much more!

[www.westcorkmusic.ie/literaryfestival](http://www.westcorkmusic.ie/literaryfestival)



## Galway International Arts Festival

15-28 JULY 2019

2020 dates: 13-26 July 2020



This multidisciplinary festival takes place each July in Galway. Covering a range of art forms, including theatre, dance, music, opera, street spectacle, visual arts, discussion and comedy.

In 2018, over 200 events took place in 32 venues over the course of 14 days with an attendance in excess of 250,000.

[www.giaf.ie](http://www.giaf.ie)



## Spraoui International Street Arts Festival

2-4 AUGUST 2019



Spraoui (pronounced Spree) is Ireland's premier street arts festival. Staged on the medieval streets of Waterford, Ireland's oldest city. The festival offers a unique mix of contemporary international street arts performers and venues that reflect the city's Viking and Norman origins. All events are free and the festival parade is stunning.

[www.spraoui.com](http://www.spraoui.com)

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## Dublin Horse Show

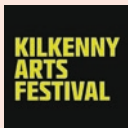
7-11 AUGUST 2019

2020 dates: 15-19 July 2020



The Dublin Horse Show is a summer fixture not to be missed. A celebration of Ireland's affinity with the horse, the Horse Show is a potent mix of sport, style and socialising for generations, held in the historic showgrounds of the RDS, just minutes from Dublin's city centre. Celebrating its 146th year, this much-loved event showcases top international show jumping, national equestrian competitions, extensive shopping opportunities, wining and dining, family fun and entertainment – it is a sporting and social occasion where summer memories are made.

[www.dublinhorseshow.com](http://www.dublinhorseshow.com)



## Kilkenny Arts Festival

8-18 AUGUST 2019

2020 dates: 13-23 August 2020 (provisional)



Since its foundation in 1974, the festival has gathered many of the world's finest musicians, performers, writers and artists in Ireland's medieval city each August. For ten days, the city's historic churches, castle, courtyards, townhouses and gardens offer a magical setting for unique collaborations.

[www.kilkennyarts.ie](http://www.kilkennyarts.ie)



## Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

11-18 AUGUST 2019



Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann is the world's largest annual celebration of Irish music, language, song and dance. It will feature workshops for young musicians, competitions, concerts, singing and céilí's. For fellow musicians it is the chance to compete against one another to achieve the recognition of All Ireland champion.

[www.fleadhcheoil.ie](http://www.fleadhcheoil.ie)



## The Rose of Tralee Festival

23-27 AUGUST 2019

2020 dates: 21-25 August 2020 (provisional)



The Rose of Tralee International Festival marks 60 years in 2019 and is a celebration of Irish culture and heritage held every year during the month of August. The five-day event, which has been Ireland's flagship family festival since 1959, culminates in the crowning of the Rose of Tralee who will represent Ireland and the Festival both locally and around the world for the year.

[www.roseoftralee.ie](http://www.roseoftralee.ie)



## A Taste of West Cork

6-15 SEPTEMBER 2019

2020 dates: 4-13 September 2020 (provisional)



The festival that celebrates all that is unique about West Cork – the food, the producers, the landscape, the people and the magic ingredients. The beauty of West Cork draws many artists, writers, craftsmen and food producers to the area and A Taste of West Cork Food Festival showcases the wonderful food and food creators in this very special place. It brings together a unique mix of food markets and cooking demonstrations, food tastings and cookery competitions, special dinners, brunches and banquets, talks and exhibitions, children's events, adventures and more.

[www.atasteofwestcork.com](http://www.atasteofwestcork.com)



## Dublin Fringe Festival

7-22 SEPTEMBER 2019

2020 dates: 5-20 September 2020 (provisional)



Celebrating its 25th annual event in 2019, Dublin Fringe Festival is followed by fans and first timers alike and draws more than 30,000 spectators for 16 days and nights each September, transforming Dublin into an exposé of great creative talent from around the globe. Dublin Fringe Festival is a platform for the best new, emerging Irish arts companies and a showcase for the finest international contemporary performing arts.

[www.fringefest.com](http://www.fringefest.com)



## 42nd Clifden Arts Festival

19-29 SEPTEMBER 2019



The Clifden Arts Festival is the longest running community arts festival in Ireland. This year promises to have something to excite everyone. Audiences can expect a very high-quality artistic programme with a superb literary, musical and visual art content which again will have the community arts of Clifden and the surrounding hinterland as a central focus with creative writing, music, theatre/film workshops and performances taking place in the local schools for the duration of the festival. Clifden Arts Festival opens up with a special segment for secondary school students.

[www.clifdenartsfestival.ie](http://www.clifdenartsfestival.ie)



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## Dublin Theatre Festival

26 SEPTEMBER-13 OCTOBER 2019

2020 dates: 24 September-11 October 2020



The festival presents a selection of brand-new work, fresh versions of classic plays, adventurous international productions created by renowned artists as well as emerging voices, a series of critical talks and artist development programmes.

[www.dublintheatrefestival.com](http://www.dublintheatrefestival.com)



## Galway International Oyster and Seafood Festival

27-29 SEPTEMBER 2019

2020 dates: 25-27 September 2020



Throughout the Irish food festival, there will be lots of tantalising events for all to enjoy; seafood trails, oyster opening (shucking) championships including the Oyster 'Olympics' or World Oyster Opening Championship, foodie talks and tasting events in some of Galway's best restaurants. There will also be a Festival Marquee, a Mardi Gras style Gala Event along with family activities, live music, cooking demonstrations and more.

[www.galwayoysterfestival.com](http://www.galwayoysterfestival.com)

## OCTOBER-DECEMBER



## The Global Irish Festival Series

OCTOBER 2019

Some 70 million people around the world claim to have Irish roots and many of them enjoy tracing those roots while holidaying in the home country each year. The Global Irish Festival Series takes place in Donegal and Limerick and offers the perfect reason to visit the Wild Atlantic Way in Autumn.

[www.wildatlanticway.com](http://www.wildatlanticway.com)



## Kilkenny Animated

4-6 OCTOBER 2019

2020 dates: 2-4 October 2020



Kilkenny Animated is a relatively new festival of visual storytelling, incorporating cartoons, animation and illustration in a series of exhibitions, talks, performances, workshops and experiences that celebrate the creativity and craft of the visual image. The festival is hosted by Cartoon Saloon and inspired by the backdrop of Kilkenny's medieval streets.

[www.kilkennyanimated.com](http://www.kilkennyanimated.com)



## Sligo Live

18-28 OCTOBER 2019



Sligo Live celebrates magical music each October in this stunningly beautiful location. Since 2005 the festival has highlighted the vibrant contemporary music and rich musical heritage of this Wild Atlantic region, intermingled with international stars like

Van Morrison, Sheryl Crow, Buena Vista Social Club, Elvis Costello, Joan Armatrading, Rufus Wainwright, Jools Holland, Rhiannon Giddens, The Waterboys, and Imelda May. Each year, almost 20,000 people from Ireland and overseas get together and make friends at 100 astonishing gigs in warm, intimate and atmospheric indoors venues.

[www.sligolive.ie](http://www.sligolive.ie)



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## Vodafone Comedy Carnival

22-28 OCTOBER 2019



A week-long festival of world class comedy in Galway City and county every October bank holiday. Vodafone Comedy Carnival, Galway features an extensive and eclectic programme of the best of Irish and international stand-up comedy incorporating established and emerging talent in venues of varying intimacy throughout the city and county.

[www.vodafonecomedyfestival.com](http://www.vodafonecomedyfestival.com)



WEXFORD  
FESTIVAL OPERA

## Wexford Festival Opera

22 OCTOBER-03 NOVEMBER 2019



Discover a Hidden Gem with the Wexford Festival Opera, which includes 12 days of world class events. First held in October 1951, Wexford Festival Opera has grown into one of the world's leading opera festivals. In 2017 Wexford Festival Opera won Best Opera Festival in the World at the 2017 International Opera Awards. The 68th Festival takes place this year.

[www.wexfordopera.com](http://www.wexfordopera.com)



## Guinness Cork Jazz Festival

24-28 OCTOBER 2019

2020 dates: 22-25 October 2020



The Guinness Cork Jazz Festival is an annual music festival held in Cork City in late October. The first festival began on Friday 27 October 1978 and has been held every year since. The festival is Ireland's biggest jazz event and attracts hundreds of musicians and thousands of music fans to the city each year.

[www.guinnessjazzfestival.com](http://www.guinnessjazzfestival.com)

## Bram Stoker Festival

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25-28 OCTOBER 2019

2020 dates: Halloween Bank Holiday Weekend 2020



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OCTOBER BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND



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[www.irelandsancienteast.ie/samhain-halloween](http://www.irelandsancienteast.ie/samhain-halloween)



## Cork Film Festival

7-17 NOVEMBER 2019

2020 dates: 12-22 November 2020 (provisional)



Cork Film Festival is Ireland's first and largest film festival – a local, national and international celebration of cinema, running annually in November. Award-winning films from the international film festival circuit, new discoveries and cinema classics are selected by an experienced curatorial team to be shown on the big screen in Cork. A bigger festival is planned for the 64th edition of the Festival in 2019 – 11 days of the best of Irish and international cinema will kick off on Thursday 7 November in venues across Cork.

[www.corkfilmfest.org](http://www.corkfilmfest.org)



## The Jonathan Swift Festival

21-24 NOVEMBER 2019

2020 dates: 26-29 November 2020 (provisional)



The Jonathan Swift Festival shares the extraordinary accomplishments of one of Ireland's most treasured authors. The festival is a vibrant collaboration between a number of creative bodies and cultural institutions across the city who have historic and cultural links to Jonathan Swift's life and work. This year's festival will include a range of talks, performances and exhibitions across venues in Dublin City.

[www.jonathanswiftfestival.ie](http://www.jonathanswiftfestival.ie)



## New Year's Festival Dublin

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At a glance, here's a calendar of festivals and events taking place across Ireland in 2019

An intimate and vibrant capital, Dublin is bursting with energy and always remembered by visitors for its warm welcome. Ideally located between the Dublin mountains and the Irish sea, opportunities for adventure are always close by.

2019 FESTIVALS			
<b>JANUARY</b>	23-27	TradFest	<a href="http://www.tradfest.ie">www.tradfest.ie</a>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	1-16	Dublin Chinese New Year Festival	<a href="http://www.dublinchinesenewyear.com">www.dublinchinesenewyear.com</a>
<b>MARCH</b>		AIB Future Sparks, Dublin	<a href="http://www.aib.ie/events">www.aib.ie/events</a>
	7-11	Five Lamps Arts Festival	<a href="http://www.fivelampsarts.ie">www.fivelampsarts.ie</a>
	9-10	Dublin Comic Arts Festival	<a href="http://www.dublincomicarts.ie">www.dublincomicarts.ie</a>
	14-18	St Patrick's Festival Dublin (Festival Parade 17 March)	<a href="http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie">www.stpatricksfestival.ie</a>
	16-17	St Patrick's Day Festival, Skerries	<a href="http://www.visitskerries.ie">www.visitskerries.ie</a>
	17	St Patrick's Day Parade, Swords	<a href="http://www.visitswords.ie">www.visitswords.ie</a>
<b>APRIL</b>	30	30 April-19 May, Dublin Dance Festival	<a href="http://www.dublindancefestival.ie">www.dublindancefestival.ie</a>
<b>MAY</b>	6-19	International Dublin Gay Theatre Festival	<a href="http://www.gaytheatre.ie">www.gaytheatre.ie</a>
	17-19	Dublin Bay Prawn Festival	<a href="http://www.dublinbayprawnfestival.ie">www.dublinbayprawnfestival.ie</a>
	18-26	International Literature Festival Dublin	<a href="http://www.ilfdublin.com">www.ilfdublin.com</a>
	24-26	Battle for The Bay	<a href="http://www.battleforthebay.com">www.battleforthebay.com</a>
<b>JUNE</b>	11-16	Bloomsday Festival	<a href="http://www.bloomsdayfestival.ie">www.bloomsdayfestival.ie</a>
	13-16	Taste of Dublin	<a href="http://www.tasteofdublin.ie">www.tasteofdublin.ie</a>
	14-15	Woollinn Dublin's Festival of Yarn	<a href="http://www.woollinn.com">www.woollinn.com</a>
	18-30	Myths of Our Own	<a href="http://www.smockalley.com">www.smockalley.com</a>
	19-23	Dublin Choral Festival on Bloomsday	<a href="http://www.dublinchoralfestival.org">www.dublinchoralfestival.org</a>
	20-29	Dublin LGBTQ Pride	<a href="http://www.dublinpride.ie">www.dublinpride.ie</a>
	21-23	Stoneybatter Festival	<a href="http://www.stoneybatterfestival.ie">www.stoneybatterfestival.ie</a>



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<b>JULY</b>	4-25	Wood Quay Summer Sessions, Dublin	<a href="http://www.dublin.ie">www.dublin.ie</a>
	11-14	Volvo Dún Laoghaire Regatta	<a href="http://www.dlregatta.org">www.dlregatta.org</a>
	12-14	Laya Healthcare's City Spectacular. Also taking place in Cork 20-21 July	<a href="http://www.cityspectacular.com">www.cityspectacular.com</a>
	19-22	The Festival of Curiosity	<a href="http://www.festivalofcuriosity.ie">www.festivalofcuriosity.ie</a>
<b>AUGUST</b>	3	100th Liffey Swim, Dublin	<a href="http://www.leinsteropensea.ie">www.leinsteropensea.ie</a>
	7-11	Dublin Horse Show	<a href="http://www.dublinhorseshow.com">www.dublinhorseshow.com</a>
	10-11	Affidea Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon, Dublin	<a href="http://www.runrocknroll.com">www.runrocknroll.com</a>
	17-25	Heritage Week: Viking Needle Binding Workshop	<a href="http://www.museum.ie">www.museum.ie</a>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	7-8	The Airfield Estate Festival of Food, Dundrum	<a href="http://www.airfield.ie/festival-of-food">www.airfield.ie/festival-of-food</a>
	7-22	Dublin Fringe Festival	<a href="http://www.fringefest.com">www.fringefest.com</a>
	20	Culture Night, Dublin	<a href="http://www.culturenight.ie">www.culturenight.ie</a>
	21	Dublin International Blue Fire Street Festival	<a href="http://www.bluefirestreetfest.ie">www.bluefirestreetfest.ie</a>
	26	26 Sept-13 Oct, Dublin Theatre Festival	<a href="http://www.dublintheatrefestival.com">www.dublintheatrefestival.com</a>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	1-20	Dublin Festival of History	<a href="http://www.dublinfestivalofhistory.ie">www.dublinfestivalofhistory.ie</a>
	4-6	Echoes, Dalkey	<a href="http://www.echoes.ie">www.echoes.ie</a>
	7-13	Red Line Book Festival, Dublin	<a href="http://www.redlinebookfestival.ie">www.redlinebookfestival.ie</a>
	25-28	Bram Stoker Festival	<a href="http://www.bramstokerfestival.com">www.bramstokerfestival.com</a>
	27	Dublin City Marathon, Dublin	<a href="http://www.kbcdublinmarathon.ie">www.kbcdublinmarathon.ie</a>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	3	Murder One International Crime Writing Festival	<a href="http://www.murderone.ie">www.murderone.ie</a>
	21-24	The Jonathan Swift Festival	<a href="http://www.jonathanswiftfestival.ie">www.jonathanswiftfestival.ie</a>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	31	31 Dec 2019-1 Jan 2020, New Year's Festival Dublin	<a href="http://www.nyfdublin.com">www.nyfdublin.com</a>



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<b>FEBRUARY</b>	21-25	Russell Memorial weekend, Clare	<a href="http://www.michorusellweekend.ie">www.michorusellweekend.ie</a>
	27	27 Feb-3 March, The Gathering Traditional Festival, Kerry	<a href="http://www.thegathering.ie">www.thegathering.ie</a>
<b>MARCH</b>	8-10	Killarney Mountain Festival, Kerry	<a href="http://www.killarneymountainfestival.com">www.killarneymountainfestival.com</a>
	15-18	Ardara International Walking Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.ardara.ie">www.ardara.ie</a>
	15-18	St Patrick's Festival, Killarney	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksKillarney">www.facebook.com/St.PatricksKillarney</a>
	16-18	St Patrick's Festival, Limerick	<a href="http://www.limerick.ie">www.limerick.ie</a>
	17	St Patrick's Day on Achill Island, Mayo	<a href="http://www.achilltourism.com">www.achilltourism.com</a>
	17	St Patrick's Day Parade, Sligo	<a href="http://www.sligostpatricksdays.com">www.sligostpatricksdays.com</a>
	18	Limerick International Band Championship, Limerick	<a href="http://www.limerick.ie">www.limerick.ie</a>
	21-24	Dingle International Film Festival, Kerry	<a href="http://www.dinglefilmfestival.com">www.dinglefilmfestival.com</a>
	22-24	Doolin Surf Festival, Clare	<a href="http://www.doolin.ie">www.doolin.ie</a>
	22-24	The Race, Donegal	<a href="http://www.therace.ie">www.therace.ie</a>
	22-25	30th Inishowen International Folk Song and Ballad Seminar, Donegal	<a href="http://www.inishowensinging.ie">www.inishowensinging.ie</a>
	22-23	Dingle Animation, Kerry	<a href="http://www.2019.animationdingle.com">www.2019.animationdingle.com</a>
<b>APRIL</b>	6	Cliffs of Moher Cycling Challenge, Clare	<a href="http://www.cliffsofmohercycle.com">www.cliffsofmohercycle.com</a>
	6-11	The Amazing Grace Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.amazinggrace.ie">www.amazinggrace.ie</a>
	8-14	Lifelong Learning Festival, Limerick	<a href="http://www.limerick.ie/LoveLearning">www.limerick.ie/LoveLearning</a>
	11-14	Renvyle Food Festival, Galway	<a href="http://www.renvyle.com">www.renvyle.com</a>
	14	Connemarathon, Galway	<a href="http://www.connemarathon.com">www.connemarathon.com</a>
	20	Ballyliffin International Coastal Challenge, Donegal	<a href="http://www.visitballyliffin.com">www.visitballyliffin.com</a>
25-28	Consairtín, The National Concertina Convention, Clare	<a href="http://www.consairtin.ie">www.consairtin.ie</a>	
<b>MAY</b>		May to October (weekly), Taste the Burren Food Trail, Clare	<a href="http://www.burren.ie">www.burren.ie</a>
	2-6	Riverfest, Limerick	<a href="http://www.limerick.ie">www.limerick.ie</a>
	2-6	Feile na Bealtaine, Kerry	<a href="http://www.feilenabealtaine.ie">www.feilenabealtaine.ie</a>
	3-5	Carrigaholt Oyster & Trad Music Festival, Clare	<a href="http://www.clare.ie">www.clare.ie</a>
	3-5	Portmagee Annual Set Dancing, Kerry	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/events/1051487044994327">www.facebook.com/events/1051487044994327</a>
	3-5	May the 4 <sup>th</sup> Be With You Festival, Donegal and Kerry	<a href="http://www.wildatlanticway.com/may-the-4th">www.wildatlanticway.com/may-the-4th</a>
	3-6	Ballydehob Jazz Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.ballydehobjazzfestival.org">www.ballydehobjazzfestival.org</a>
	3-6	MOYA – Festival of Meditation, Ocean, Yoga and Art, Kerry (Also takes place 25-28 October)	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/moyaballybunion">www.facebook.com/moyaballybunion</a>
	3-6	Cup of Tae, Donegal	<a href="http://www.cupoftaefestival.com">www.cupoftaefestival.com</a>



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<b>MAY</b>	10-12	The Acoustic Yard Music Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.theacousticyard.com">www.theacousticyard.com</a>
	11	Wild Atlantic Adventure Race, Donegal	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/WAARDonegal">www.facebook.com/WAARDonegal</a>
	22-26	Mayo International Choral Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.mayochoral.com">www.mayochoral.com</a>
	24-26	Galway Early Music Festival, Galway	<a href="http://www.galwayearlymusic.com">www.galwayearlymusic.com</a>
	25	Clare Burren Marathon Challenge, Clare	<a href="http://www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com">www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com</a>
	25	Tour de Connemara	<a href="http://www.tourdeconamara.ie">www.tourdeconamara.ie</a>
	29	29 May-2 June, Listowel Writers' Week, Kerry	<a href="http://www.writersweek.ie">www.writersweek.ie</a>
	30	30 May-2 June, Rory Gallagher International Tribute Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.rorygallagherfestival.com">www.rorygallagherfestival.com</a>
	31	31 May-3 June, Ireland BikeFest, Killarney	<a href="http://www.irelandbikefest.com">www.irelandbikefest.com</a>
<b>JUNE</b>	1-2	Oakfest, Donegal	<a href="http://www.donealgathering.com">www.donealgathering.com</a>
	1-4	Doonbeg International Jazz Festival, Clare	<a href="http://www.doonbegjazz.com">www.doonbegjazz.com</a>
	6-9	Limerick Sings International Choral Festival, Limerick	<a href="http://www.limericksings.com">www.limericksings.com</a>
	7-9	Westport Bluegrass Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.westportfolkbluegrass.com">www.westportfolkbluegrass.com</a>
	13-16	Tir Chonaill Stone Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.dswai.ie/tirconnell">www.dswai.ie/tirconnell</a>
	14-15	The Donegal Atlantic Ultra 555 Cycle, Donegal	<a href="http://www.donegalultra555.ie">www.donegalultra555.ie</a>
	14-16	Rosses Point Wild Atlantic Shanty Festival, Sligo	<a href="http://www.wildatlanticshanty.ie">www.wildatlanticshanty.ie</a>
	21-23	Donegal International Rally, Donegal	<a href="http://www.donegalrally.ie">www.donegalrally.ie</a>
	21-23	BAND festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.thebandfestival.com">www.thebandfestival.com</a>
	21-23	Sea Sessions, Donegal	<a href="http://www.seasessions.com">www.seasessions.com</a>
	22	Tour de Burren, Clare	<a href="http://www.burrencylingclub.com/tour-de-burren">www.burrencylingclub.com/tour-de-burren</a>
	28	28 June-7 July, West Cork Chamber Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.westcorkmusic.ie">www.westcorkmusic.ie</a>
	28-29	Buncrana Music Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.donealgathering.com">www.donealgathering.com</a>
30	30 June-7 July, Ballyheigue Summer Festival, Kerry	<a href="http://www.ballyheigue.ie">www.ballyheigue.ie</a>	
<b>JULY</b>		Ballina Salmon Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.ballinasalmonfestival.ie">www.ballinasalmonfestival.ie</a>
		July-Sept, Burren College of Art 25th Anniversary Exhibition, Clare	<a href="http://www.clare.ie">www.clare.ie</a>
	4-7	Castlebar 4 Days Walks, Mayo	<a href="http://www.castlebar4dayswalks.com">www.castlebar4dayswalks.com</a>
	4-7	Irish Open Golf, Clare	<a href="http://www.dubaidutyfreeirishopen.com">www.dubaidutyfreeirishopen.com</a>
	5-28	Féile na Mara, Mayo	<a href="http://www.irelandsseafoodfestivals.com">www.irelandsseafoodfestivals.com</a>
	6-13	Cairde Arts Festival Sligo	<a href="http://www.cairdefestival.com">www.cairdefestival.com</a>
	6-14	Willie Clancy Festival, Clare	<a href="http://www.scoilsamhraidhwillieclancy.com">www.scoilsamhraidhwillieclancy.com</a>
	7-13	Ballina Salmon Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.ballinasalmonfestival.ie">www.ballinasalmonfestival.ie</a>

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<b>JULY</b>	9-14	Galway International Film Fleadh, Galway	<a href="http://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com">www.galwayfilmfleadh.com</a>
	10-28	Earagail Arts Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.eaf.ie">www.eaf.ie</a>
	12-19	West Cork Literary Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.westcorkmusic.ie/literaryfestival">www.westcorkmusic.ie/literaryfestival</a>
	13	Limerick Pride, Limerick	<a href="http://www.limerickpride.ie">www.limerickpride.ie</a>
	13	Pig n Porter, Limerick	<a href="http://www.pignporter.com">www.pignporter.com</a>
	14-22	Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan INIS 2019, Clare	<a href="http://www.clare.ie">www.clare.ie</a>
	15-28	Galway International Arts Festival, Galway	<a href="http://www.giaf.ie">www.giaf.ie</a>
	17-21	Crossmolina Nephin Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.crossmolinafestival.ie">www.crossmolinafestival.ie</a>
	19-21	Bluegrass Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.ardara.ie">www.ardara.ie</a>
	19-22	Westival – Westport Arts Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.westival.ie">www.westival.ie</a>
	19-27	Burtonport Summer Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.donegalgathering.com">www.donegalgathering.com</a>
	23-28	Sligo Jazz, Sligo	<a href="http://www.sligojazz.ie">www.sligojazz.ie</a>
	26-29	Féile Lúghnasa, Kerry	<a href="http://www.cloghanebrandon.com">www.cloghanebrandon.com</a>
	27-28	Off the Street Food Fest, Donegal	<a href="http://www.offthestreetfoodfest.com">www.offthestreetfoodfest.com</a>
	27	27 July-5 August, Mary from Dungloe Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.maryfromdungloe.com">www.maryfromdungloe.com</a>
	27	27 July-5 August, Skibbereen Arts Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.skibbereenartsfestival.com">www.skibbereenartsfestival.com</a>
<b>AUGUST</b>		Rathmullan Community Festival and Regatta, Donegal	<a href="http://www.rathmullan.ie">www.rathmullan.ie</a>
	1-4	Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.ballyshannonfolkfestival.com">www.ballyshannonfolkfestival.com</a>
	2-5	Kilcar Street Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.kilcar.ie">www.kilcar.ie</a>
	5-10	Kilcar Fleadh, Donegal	<a href="http://www.kilcar.ie">www.kilcar.ie</a>
		Details 2019 TBC, Síamsa Sráide Street Festival Swinford, Mayo	<a href="http://www.siamsa-sraide.com">www.siamsa-sraide.com</a>
	6	Taste of Inishowen, Donegal	<a href="http://www.clonmanyshow.com">www.clonmanyshow.com</a>
	8-11	Sligo Summer Festival, Sligo	<a href="http://www.sligosummerfestival.ie">www.sligosummerfestival.ie</a>
	9-10	Revival Listowel Music Festival, Kerry	<a href="http://www.revivalfestival.ie">www.revivalfestival.ie</a>
	10	Donegal Dragons Regatta, Donegal	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/361966824554120">www.facebook.com/ events/361966824554120</a>
	10-12	Puck Fair, Kerry	<a href="http://www.puckfair.ie">www.puckfair.ie</a>
	10-14	Tubbercurry Old Fair Day Festival, Sligo	<a href="http://www.oldfairday.ie">www.oldfairday.ie</a>
	15-18	Quadrathon International Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.extremenorthevents.com">www.extremenorthevents.com</a>
	23-25	A Taste of Donegal Food Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.atasteofdonegal.com">www.atasteofdonegal.com</a>
	23-27	The Rose of Tralee Festival, Kerry	<a href="http://www.roseoftralee.ie">www.roseoftralee.ie</a>
	30	30 Aug-29 Sept, Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival, Clare	<a href="http://www.matchmakerireland.com">www.matchmakerireland.com</a>
		Mayo Manchester Association, Mayo	<a href="http://www.mayomanchester.com">www.mayomanchester.com</a>

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<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	6-15	A Taste of West Cork, Cork	<a href="http://www.atasteofwestcork.com">www.atasteofwestcork.com</a>
	9-15	Clarenbridge Oyster Festival, Galway	<a href="http://www.clarenbridge.com">www.clarenbridge.com</a>
	19-29	Clifden Arts Festivals, Galway	<a href="http://www.clifdenartsfestival.ie">www.clifdenartsfestival.ie</a>
	20-22	Remembering the Armada, Sligo	<a href="http://www.spanisharmadaireland.com">www.spanisharmadaireland.com</a>
	21	Gaelfore North, Donegal	<a href="http://www.gaelforceevents.com/en/gaelforce-north">www.gaelforceevents.com/en/gaelforce-north</a>
	21-22	Burren Peaks Walking Festival, Clare	<a href="http://www.burrenpeakswalkingfestival.com">www.burrenpeakswalkingfestival.com</a>
	26-28	Django Sur Lennon Gypsy Jazz Festival, Donegal	<a href="http://www.djangosurlennon.com">www.djangosurlennon.com</a>
	26-29	Limerick Jazz Festival, Limerick	<a href="http://www.limerickjazzfestival.com">www.limerickjazzfestival.com</a>
	27-29	Paddy Dakar, Limerick	<a href="http://www.thepaddydakar.ie">www.thepaddydakar.ie</a>
	27-29	Battle for the Lake, Mayo	<a href="http://www.battlefortheLake.com">www.battlefortheLake.com</a>
	27-29	Galway International Oyster and Seafood Festival, Galway	<a href="http://www.galwayoysterfestival.com">www.galwayoysterfestival.com</a>
	27-29	Johnny Doherty Music & Dancing, Donegal	<a href="http://www.johnnydohertyfestival.com">www.johnnydohertyfestival.com</a>
	<b>OCTOBER</b>	3-6	Galway Jazz Festival, Galway
3-13		I.N.Y Festival, Limerick	<a href="http://www.thisisiny.com">www.thisisiny.com</a>
4-6		Dingle Food Festival, Kerry	<a href="http://www.dinglefood.com">www.dinglefood.com</a>
6-15		Ballina Fringe Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.ballinafringefestival.ie">www.ballinafringefestival.ie</a>
11-13		The Warp and Weft of Heritage Weekend, Donegal	<a href="http://www.ardara.ie">www.ardara.ie</a>
14-20		Baboró International Arts Festival for Children, Galway	<a href="http://www.baboro.ie">www.baboro.ie</a>
16-20		Foxford Traditional Weekend, Mayo	<a href="http://www.foxfordtraditionalweekend.com">www.foxfordtraditionalweekend.com</a>
18-28		Sligo Live Festival, Sligo	<a href="http://www.sligolive.ie">www.sligolive.ie</a>
22-28		Richard Harris International Film Festival, Limerick	
22-28		Vodafone Comedy Carnival, Galway	<a href="http://www.vodafonecomedycarnival.com">www.vodafonecomedycarnival.com</a>
23-28		Westival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.westival.ie">www.westival.ie</a>
25-28		Achill Harp Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.achillharpfestival.ie">www.achillharpfestival.ie</a>
25-28		Ireland Language and Culture, Donegal	<a href="http://www.donealgathering.com">www.donealgathering.com</a>
25-28		MOYA – Festival of Meditation, Ocean, Yoga and Art, Kerry (Also takes place 3-6 May 2019)	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/moyaballybunion">www.facebook.com/moyaballybunion</a>
25-28		Willie Keane Memorial Weekend, Clare	<a href="http://www.williekeanememorialweekend.com">www.williekeanememorialweekend.com</a>
	The Global Irish Festival Series, Limerick and Donegal	<a href="http://www.wildatlanticway.com">www.wildatlanticway.com</a>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1-3	Mayo Dark Skies Festival, Mayo	<a href="http://www.mayodarkskyfestival.ie">www.mayodarkskyfestival.ie</a>
	7-12	Ennis Trad Fest, Clare	<a href="http://www.ennistradfest.com">www.ennistradfest.com</a>
	8-10	Sneem International Storytelling and Folklore Festival, Kerry	<a href="http://www.sneemstorytellingfestival.com">www.sneemstorytellingfestival.com</a>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	31	Portmagee's Traditional Old Year Festival, Kerry	<a href="http://www.dochara.com">www.dochara.com</a>
<b>YEAR ROUND</b>		Swinford 250, Mayo	<a href="http://www.swinford.ie/250-celebrations">www.swinford.ie/250-celebrations</a>

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<b>FEBRUARY</b>	1	Imbolc Festival, Wexford	<a href="http://www.hookheritage.ie">www.hookheritage.ie</a>
	2-28	Snowdrop Month, Kildare	<a href="http://www.burthouse.ie">www.burthouse.ie</a>
	8-10	Quarter Block Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.quarterblockparty.com">www.quarterblockparty.com</a>
	24	24 Feb-4 March, Cork French Film Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.corkfrenchfilmfestival.com">www.corkfrenchfilmfestival.com</a>
<b>MARCH</b>	15-18	St Patrick's Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.corkstpatricksfestival.ie">www.corkstpatricksfestival.ie</a>
	17	St Patrick's Day Parade, Waterford	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/WaterfordStPatricksDayParade">www.facebook.com/WaterfordStPatricksDayParade</a>
	17	St Patrick's Festival Bray, Wexford	<a href="http://www.bray.ie/st-patricks-day-festival">www.bray.ie/st-patricks-day-festival</a>
	19-23	Cork International Poetry Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.corkpoetryfest.net">www.corkpoetryfest.net</a>
<b>APRIL</b>	8-14	Lifelong Learning Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.corklearningcity.ie">www.corklearningcity.ie</a>
	12-14	Tullamore TradFest, Offaly	<a href="http://www.tullamoretradfest.com">www.tullamoretradfest.com</a>
	20-26	Lullymore Easter Egg Hunt 2019, Kildare	<a href="http://www.lullymoreheritagepark.com">www.lullymoreheritagepark.com</a>
	25-28	Ninette de Valois Festival of Dance, Wicklow	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/events/165975630750278">www.facebook.com/events/165975630750278</a>
	26-28	Waterford Country Fair, Waterford	<a href="http://www.curraghmorehouse.ie">www.curraghmorehouse.ie</a>
	26-28	West Waterford Festival of Food, Waterford	<a href="http://www.westwaterfordfestivaloffood.com">www.westwaterfordfestivaloffood.com</a>
<b>MAY</b>	1-5	Cork International Choral Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.corkchoral.ie">www.corkchoral.ie</a>
	3-5	Bray Jazz Festival, Wicklow	<a href="http://www.brayjazz.com">www.brayjazz.com</a>
	3-6	Birr Festival of Music, Offaly	<a href="http://www.birrtheatre.com/birr-festival-of-music-voice">www.birrtheatre.com/birr-festival-of-music-voice</a>
	3-6	Iniskeen Country Fest, Monaghan	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/CountryFestIE">www.facebook.com/CountryFestIE</a>
	3-6	JestFest Comedy Festival, Wexford	<a href="http://www.jestfest.ie">www.jestfest.ie</a>
	3-6	Slieve Bloom Walking Festival, Offaly	<a href="http://www.slievebloom.ie/walking">www.slievebloom.ie/walking</a>
	3-6	26th Half-Door Club International Music and Set Dance Festival, Laois	<a href="http://www.halfdoorclub.org">www.halfdoorclub.org</a>
	15-19	West Wicklow Festival, Wicklow	<a href="http://www.westwicklowfestival.com">www.westwicklowfestival.com</a>
	25	Lap the Gap, Wicklow	<a href="http://www.lapofthegap.com">www.lapofthegap.com</a>
	25-26	Wexford Food Festival, Wexford	<a href="http://www.wexfordfoodfestival.ie">www.wexfordfoodfestival.ie</a>
	28	28 May-3 June, Blackwater Valley Opera Festival, Waterford	<a href="http://www.blackwatervalleyoperafestival.com">www.blackwatervalleyoperafestival.com</a>
	29	29 May-2 June, Tattersalls International Horse Trials, Meath	<a href="http://www.tatts.ie">www.tatts.ie</a>
	30	30 May-3 June, The Kilkenny Cat Laughs Comedy Festival	<a href="http://www.thecatlaughs.com">www.thecatlaughs.com</a>
	31	31 May-2 June, Vantastival, Louth	<a href="http://www.vantastival.com">www.vantastival.com</a>

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<b>JUNE</b>	1-2	Glen of Aherlow – Bike the Glen, Tipperary	<a href="http://www.tipperarylive.ie">www.tipperarylive.ie</a>
	1-2	Daytripper, Waterford	<a href="http://www.daytripper.ie">www.daytripper.ie</a>
	1-2	Summerfest, Carlow	<a href="http://www.summerfest.com">www.summerfest.com</a>
	1-9	Cork Harbour Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.corkharbourfestival.com">www.corkharbourfestival.com</a>
	1-9	Scary Spider Search Tour, Wicklow	<a href="http://www.wicklowshistoricgaol.com">www.wicklowshistoricgaol.com</a>
	4-9	Carlow Arts Festival, Carlow	<a href="http://www.carlowartsfestival.com">www.carlowartsfestival.com</a>
	7-9	Borris Festival of Writing, Carlow	<a href="http://www.festivalofwritingandideas.com">www.festivalofwritingandideas.com</a>
	7-9	SeaFest, Cork	<a href="http://www.seafest.ie">www.seafest.ie</a>
	13-23	Cork Midsummer Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.corkmidsummer.com">www.corkmidsummer.com</a>
	16	Trim Haymaking Festival, Meath	<a href="http://www.trimhaymakingfestival.com">www.trimhaymakingfestival.com</a>
	26-28	West Waterford Festival of Food	<a href="http://www.westwaterfordfestivaloffood.com">www.westwaterfordfestivaloffood.com</a>
	26	26 June-1 July, Cootehill Arts Festival, Cavan	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/cootehillartsfest">www.facebook.com/cootehillartsfest</a>
	<b>JULY</b>	1-7	Clonmel Junction Arts Festival, Tipperary
6-7		Groove Festival, Wicklow	<a href="http://www.groovefestival.ie">www.groovefestival.ie</a>
18-21		Monaghan Country Music Festival, Monaghan	<a href="http://www.monaghantowncountrymusic.ie">www.monaghantowncountrymusic.ie</a>
19-21		Streams of Bunclody, Wexford	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/bunclodyfestivals">www.facebook.com/bunclodyfestivals</a>
20-21		Laya Healthcare's City Spectacular, Cork Also taking place in Dublin 12-14 July 2019	<a href="http://www.cityspectacular.com">www.cityspectacular.com</a>
27		27 July-5 August, Carlow Garden Festival, Carlow	<a href="http://www.carlowgardentrail.com">www.carlowgardentrail.com</a>
27		27 July-5 August, Art in the Open, Wexford	<a href="http://www.artintheopen.org">www.artintheopen.org</a>
31	31 July-3 August, Cork Mother Jones Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.motherjonescork.com">www.motherjonescork.com</a>	
<b>AUGUST</b>	1	1 August-1 September, Cork Craft & Design, Cork	<a href="http://www.corkcraftanddesign.com">www.corkcraftanddesign.com</a>
	2-4	Spraoui International Street Arts Festival, Waterford	<a href="http://www.spraoui.com">www.spraoui.com</a>
	2-4	All Together Now, Waterford	<a href="http://www.alltogethernow.ie">www.alltogethernow.ie</a>
	2-5	Enniscorthy Rockin Food Fest, Wexford	<a href="http://www.rockinfoodfestival.ie">www.rockinfoodfestival.ie</a>
	2-5	Farnley Country Music Festival, Monaghan	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/farneymusicfest">www.facebook.com/farneymusicfest</a>
	2-10	Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival, Offaly	<a href="http://www.birrvintageweek.com">www.birrvintageweek.com</a>
	3-5	Dungarvan Summer Music Festival, Waterford	<a href="http://www.dungarvansummermusicfestival.com">www.dungarvansummermusicfestival.com</a>
	5	Birr Air Display, Offaly	<a href="http://www.birrairdisplay.com">www.birrairdisplay.com</a>
	8-12	Carlingford Oyster Festival, Louth	<a href="http://www.carlingfordoysterfestival.com">www.carlingfordoysterfestival.com</a>

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<b>AUGUST</b>	8-18	Kilkenny Arts Festival, Kilkenny	<a href="http://www.kilkennyarts.ie">www.kilkennyarts.ie</a>
	9-11	Gap Arts Festival, Wexford	<a href="http://www.gapartsfestival.com">www.gapartsfestival.com</a>
	11	Tullamore Show, Offaly	<a href="http://www.tullamoreshow.com">www.tullamoreshow.com</a>
	11-18	Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, Louth	<a href="http://www.fleadhcheoil.ie">www.fleadhcheoil.ie</a>
	15-19	Canal Quarter Festival, Offaly	<a href="http://www.canalquarterfestival.com">www.canalquarterfestival.com</a>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	6-8	Harvest Time Rhythm & Blues Festival, Monaghan	<a href="http://www.harvestblues.ie">www.harvestblues.ie</a>
	7	Slieve Bloom Extreme Challenge, Offaly	<a href="http://www.eventbrite.com">www.eventbrite.com</a>
	25-29	New Ross Piano Festival, Wexford	<a href="http://www.newrosspianofestival.com">www.newrosspianofestival.com</a>
	27-29	Write By The Sea, Wexford	<a href="http://www.writebythesea.ie">www.writebythesea.ie</a>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	2-6	Cork Folk Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.corkfolkfestival.com">www.corkfolkfestival.com</a>
	4-6	Carlow Autumn Walking Festival, Carlow	<a href="http://www.carlowtourism.com">www.carlowtourism.com</a>
	4-6	Kilkenny Animated, Kilkenny	<a href="http://www.kilkennyanimated.com">www.kilkennyanimated.com</a>
	6-13	IndieCork Film Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.indiecork.com">www.indiecork.com</a>
	6	6 Oct-3 Nov, Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival, Meath	<a href="http://www.spiritsofmeath.ie">www.spiritsofmeath.ie</a>
	9-13	Eugene O'Neill International Festival of Theatre, Wexford	<a href="http://www.eugeneoneillfestival.com">www.eugeneoneillfestival.com</a>
	9-13	OFFline Film Festival, Offaly	<a href="http://www.offlinefilmfestival.com">www.offlinefilmfestival.com</a>
	11-28	Wexford Spiegeltent Festival, Wexford	<a href="http://www.wexfordspiegeltent.com">www.wexfordspiegeltent.com</a>
	17-27	Imagine Arts Festival, Waterford	<a href="http://www.imagineartsfestival.com">www.imagineartsfestival.com</a>
	22	22 Oct-3 Nov, Wexford Festival Opera, Wexford	<a href="http://www.wexfordopera.com">www.wexfordopera.com</a>
	24-28	Guinness Cork Jazz Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.guinnessjazzfestival.com">www.guinnessjazzfestival.com</a>
	24-28	Savour Kilkenny, Kilkenny	<a href="http://www.savourkilkenny.com">www.savourkilkenny.com</a>
		October Bank Holiday Weekend, Samhain-Halloween, Meath	<a href="http://www.irelandsancienteast.com">www.irelandsancienteast.com</a>
	26-31	Spleodar Halloween Arts, Tipperary	<a href="http://www.nenagharts.com">www.nenagharts.com</a>
	30	30 October-2 November, Hullabaloo, Offaly	<a href="http://www.hullabaloofestival.ie">www.hullabaloofestival.ie</a>
31	Dragon of Shandon, Cork	<a href="http://www.dragonofshandon.com">www.dragonofshandon.com</a>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	7-17	Cork Film Festival, Cork	<a href="http://www.corkfilmfest.org">www.corkfilmfest.org</a>
	8-10	Queen of the Land, Offaly	<a href="http://www.queenofthelandfestival.com">www.queenofthelandfestival.com</a>
	28	28 Nov-1 Dec, Scripts – Ireland's Playwriting Festival, Offaly	<a href="http://www.scriptsireland.com">www.scriptsireland.com</a>



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<b>MARCH</b>	16-17	St Patricks Day Festival, Westmeath	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/patricksdayathlone">www.facebook.com/patricksdayathlone</a>
<b>APRIL</b>	20-21	North Leitrim Glens Walking Festival, Leitrim	<a href="http://www.sites.google.com/site/hshellwalkers">www.sites.google.com/site/hshellwalkers</a>
<b>MAY</b>	1-6	Lamb Festival, Roscommon	<a href="http://www.roscommonlambfestival.com">www.roscommonlambfestival.com</a>
	2-10	RTÉ All Ireland Drama Festival, Westmeath	<a href="http://www.dramafestival.ie">www.dramafestival.ie</a>
	3-6	Birr Festival of Music, Offaly	<a href="http://www.birrtheatre.com/birr-festival-of-music-voice">www.birrtheatre.com/birr-festival-of-music-voice</a>
	4	Shannon Blueway Adventure Race, Leitrim	<a href="http://www.shannonbluewayfest.com">www.shannonbluewayfest.com</a>
	5	Uisneach Bealtaine Fire Celebration, Westmeath	<a href="http://www.uisneach.ie">www.uisneach.ie</a>
	27-31	Ballinamore Angling Festival, Leitrim	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/Lakelandsballinamore">www.facebook.com/Lakelandsballinamore</a>
	31	31 May-3 June, Cowboys and Heroes, Leitrim	<a href="http://www.cowboysandheroes.ie">www.cowboysandheroes.ie</a>
	31	31 May-9 June, Carrick Carnival, Leitrim	<a href="http://www.carrickcarnival.com">www.carrickcarnival.com</a>
<b>JUNE</b>	14-23	Scariff Harbour Festival, Clare	<a href="http://www.scariffharbourfestival.ie">www.scariffharbourfestival.ie</a>
	15-16	The Irish Game and County Fair, Offaly	<a href="http://www.irishgamefair.com">www.irishgamefair.com</a>
	21-23	Body & Soul, Westmeath	<a href="http://www.bodyandsoul.ie">www.bodyandsoul.ie</a>
<b>JULY</b>	7	TriAthlone & Trifest, Westmeath	<a href="http://www.triathlone.com">www.triathlone.com</a>
	10-14	Carrick Water Music Festival, Leitrim	<a href="http://www.carrickwatermusicfestival.com">www.carrickwatermusicfestival.com</a>
	18-27	Boyle Arts Festival, Roscommon	<a href="http://www.boylearts.com">www.boylearts.com</a>
	20-27	Joe Mooney Summer School, Leitrim	<a href="http://www.joemooneysummerschool.com">www.joemooneysummerschool.com</a>
	28	Swim Lough Rynn, Leitrim	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/swimloughrynn">www.facebook.com/swimloughrynn</a>
<b>AUGUST</b>	2-10	Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival, Offaly	<a href="http://www.birrvintageweek.com">www.birrvintageweek.com</a>
	5	Birr Air Display, Offaly	<a href="http://www.birrairdisplay.com">www.birrairdisplay.com</a>
	9-10	Taste of Cavan Food Festival, Cavan	<a href="http://www.thisiscavan.ie">www.thisiscavan.ie</a>
	17	Off The Bloom Adventure Race, Offaly	<a href="http://www.midirelandadventure.ie/portfolio/off_the_bloom">www.midirelandadventure.ie/portfolio/off_the_bloom</a>
	31	31 August-1 September, Athlone River Festival, Westmeath	<a href="http://www.visitwestmeath.ie/festivals-events">www.visitwestmeath.ie/festivals-events</a>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	9-13	OFFline Film Festival, Offaly	<a href="http://www.offlinefilmfestival.com">www.offlinefilmfestival.com</a>
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