

What's on When, Where?

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Show of Chopin

PARIS The Orangerie de Bagatelle in the Parc de Bagatelle will host the 28th Paris Chopin Festival from mid-June to mid-July. A packed program of events celebrates the decade and a half that Chopin spent in the city, with performances by artists from around the world. www.frederic-chopin.com ▼



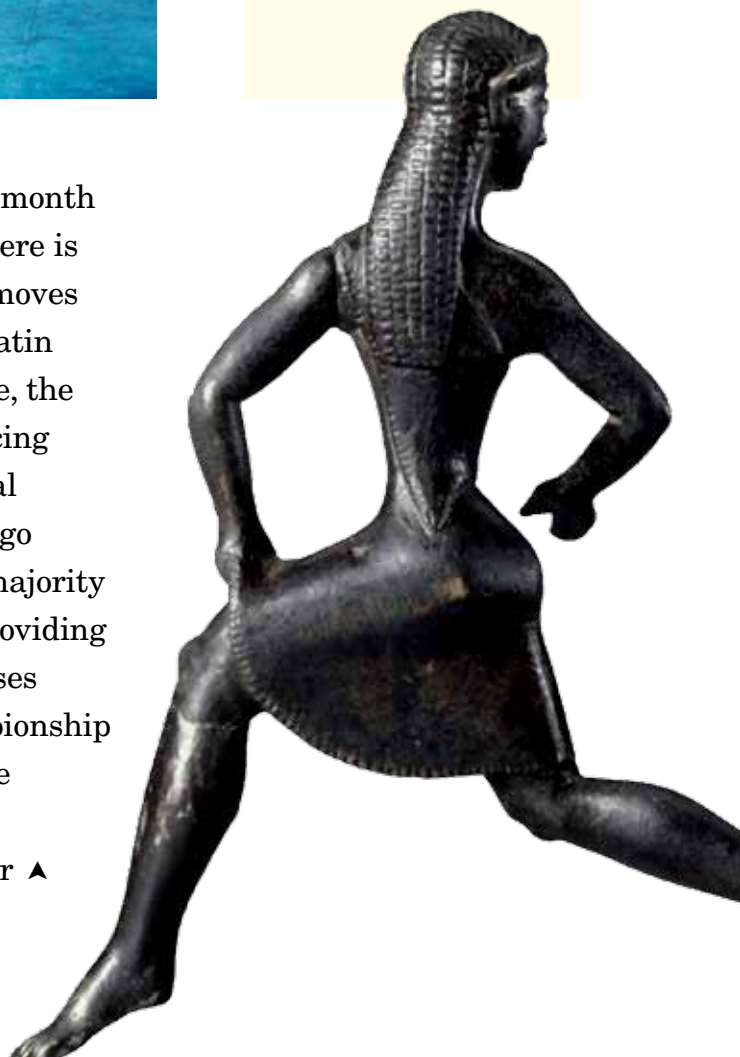
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El tango de Agosto

BUENOS AIRES August is “the month of tango” in Buenos Aires; there is no better place to learn the moves and strut your stuff to the Latin American rhythms than here, the dance’s spiritual home. Dancing floods the Argentinian capital for the World Festival of Tango throughout the month; the majority of festival events are free, providing an eclectic mix of dance classes with an international championship and exhibitions revealing the rich history of the dance. www.tangobuenosaires.gov.ar ▲

Body beautiful

TOKYO From July 5 to September 25, the National Museum of Western Art will play host to a major exhibition entitled “The Body Beautiful in Ancient Greece.” It will feature a new configuration of Ancient Greek artifacts traveling all the way from the British Museum in London. The show will begin in Kobe and later move on to Tokyo. www.body2011.com ▼





Horse race with a difference

SIENA As the heat radiates from the baked Tuscan stone in Siena's Piazza del Campo, witness the fierce loyalty and passions of competing *contrade* (districts) in the twice-yearly Il Palio di Siena bareback horse race, one of Italy's greatest displays. Each race lasts no longer than a colorful two minutes, but the days leading up to them on July 2 and August 16 make up the rest of the spectacle. Preparations throughout the year culminate in a magnificent pre-race procession. www.ilpalio.org ▲

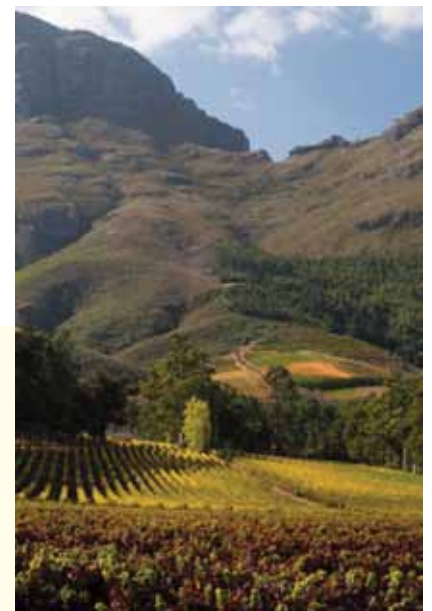
Gesondheid

STELLENBOSCH From July 28-31, the Stellenbosch Wine Festival in the heart of South Africa's wine country invites guests to sample more than 500 fine wines, meet the winemakers behind the renowned wines, and tour vineyards. This is perfectly complemented by gourmet cuisine and the stunning backdrop of the Western Cape and surrounding mountains. www.wineroute.co.za ►



Unforgettable art

SINGAPORE The 34th Singapore Arts Festival, from May 13 to June 5, will showcase Singapore's diverse artistic communities. Over three decades, the festival has established Singapore as one of Asia's major cultural capitals, and is now known for its position at the cutting edge of modern art, and bold and daring innovations. With "I Want to Remember" as its 2011 motto, a wide variety of exhibitions, events, and performances at different locations across the island are guaranteed. www.singaporeartsfest.com



PASSPORTS



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Celtic pearls

GALWAY Named by the U.K. *Sunday Times* as one of the 12 Greatest Shows on Earth, the Galway Oyster Festival (September 21-25) is a sumptuous treat for all seafood lovers, beginning with an opening fanfare, the Guinness World Oyster Opening Championships, and live music. A black-tie Gala Ball takes place on the last night with a champagne, Guinness, and oyster reception, five-course banquet, and internationally acclaimed entertainment. www.galwayoysterfest.com ▲



Olé!

MADRID Don a pair of castanets and do the flamenco at the Suma Flamenca festival in June and July. Now in its fifth year, the festival, held in the Spanish capital and surrounding provinces, highlights the Spanish tradition of song and dance. Visitors can see colorful and exuberant flamenco performances by top dancers and musicians. The festival also includes film screenings and poetry sessions. www.madrid.org/sumaflamenca ◀

Through the looking glass

BOSTON A major retrospective of renowned American glassblower Dale Chihuly will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston from April 10 to August 7. Over a long and illustrious career, Chihuly has revolutionized the art of blown glass, moving it into the realm of large-scale sculpture and installation. Featuring masterpieces from his studio, the exhibition will showcase the power and beauty of Chihuly's creations, providing a full range of his artistic achievements in colorful, exquisitely constructed pieces. www.mfa.org ▼





Stars of the screen

SAN FRANCISCO The 54th San Francisco International Film Festival (SFIFF) will run from April 21 to May 5. The longest-running film festival in the Americas, this is an extraordinary showcase of the latest cinematic innovation and experimentation, featuring over 150 films and live events and more than 100 filmmakers, with an audience of more than 80,000. Highly admired in the industry, the SFIFF is eagerly anticipated in the film calendar, retaining a remarkable intimacy for its wide scope and large scale. The city's skyline enhances the beauty of the films on show. www.sffs.org ▲

Art attack

BASEL Dubbed the "Olympics of the art world," Art 42 Basel runs from June 15-19 and will feature nearly 300 galleries from across the world, attracting both art connoisseurs and tourists alike. With world-class museums, theaters, and rich architecture, Basel ranks highly as a cultural center that is enriched by the arrival of this sensational international exhibition. www.artbasel.com ►



La bella Milano

MILAN The capital of Italian fashion plays host to the annual *Vogue* Fashion's Night Out in September (date to be confirmed). This 24-hour fashion whirlwind is the highlight of Milan Fashion Week, with extended opening hours for designer stores and special exhibitions held in the city's museum. Admire beautiful and quirky window displays and catch a glimpse of fashion's attending glitterati. www.fashionsnightout.com ▼



Planes, trains, and ...

CHICHESTER For four days this summer (June 30 to July 3), the quiet of the English countryside will be broken by a buzz of excitement at Goodwood House. Crowds will flock to these picturesque grounds, which have become the home of the Goodwood Festival of Speed, bringing together motor sport royalty and celebrities. Watch an amazing selection of motor vehicles from Formula 1™ racers to classic cars. The highlight of the festival is the annual hill climb. www.goodwood.co.uk