

Latin flavors make a merry mix of gastronomy, culture

Celebrate all things Latin at the inaugural Gourmet Latino Festival June 4-12 in New York. This event features more than 40 world-class chefs, including new Iron Chef Jose Garces, famed wine specialist Steve Olson, mixologists, taster-masters, and authors. It will showcase the regional cuisines, drinks, gourmet coffees, and cultural traditions of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Peru, among others. Highlights include grand tasting events, hands-on seminars, and Carnival celebrations. The event takes place in Manhattan's Astor Center. Tickets start at

\$50 per person for individual seminars and \$85 for grand tastings. 917-968-1459, www.gourmetlatinofestival.com

Walk in Rose Kennedy's footsteps

The Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy hosts new guided walking tours this summer that explore Kennedy's former neighborhood in the North End. With a guide from the Boston Women's Heritage Trail Foundation, you'll see the site where the Kennedy clan matriarch lived, visit her first school, and stop at the church where her family worshipped. Another new walking

tour, led by Boston By Foot, takes you around the greenway, where you will learn about the history, horticulture, and future of this mile-long civic parkland. Walking tours run monthly through September, rain or shine. The Kennedy tour is free; greenway tours cost \$10 per person. 617-292-0020, www.rosekennedygreenway.org

Explore Scotland like a champ

Let Indianapolis 500 champion Dario Franchitti's driving itineraries guide you around his native Scotland. Choose from three routes, all created by Franchitti,

that will take you from the west's dramatic coastline to the northern lochs; around southern Scotland, where you'll explore historic Glasgow and centuries-old castles; or from the Highlands region and the rolling hills of Inverness to Edinburgh, Franchitti's hometown. The four-to-eight-day tours take you to some of the race car driver's favorite off-the-beaten-path spots. Arnold Clark Car & Van Rental offers a special rate of \$30 per day for visitors driving these routes.

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