

Destinations

NIGHT LIFE

From Girl Talk in the Ozarks to jazz in Montreux

MAY 31-JUNE 3
WAKARUSA, Ark.
Wakarusa 2012: A music festival in the Ozark Mountains may not sound like the kind of in-demand hipster gathering that the Coachella/South by Southwest crowd is accustomed to attending. And let's face it, it's not. However, that doesn't seem to bother the talent. An impressive array of artists show up for Wakarusa, which isn't bad for a gathering that also bills itself as a "camping festival." This year's lineup includes a staggering number of bands. These hills will clearly be alive with the sound of music (sorry Julie Andrews) from Girl Talk, Matisyahu, the Avett Brothers, and Pretty Lights. There is a wide range of ticket options available for those who enjoy the outdoors, and those who prefer the comforts of indoor plumbing. Prices range from \$99 to \$635 for the full VIP pass. www.wakarusa.com/2012

JUNE 23-24
ROESER, Luxembourg
Rock-a-Field: There's a certain level of bravery involved in attending a music festival that sports both Motorhead and Mumford & Sons as headlining acts. But the Rock-a-Field festival, which is newly expanded to two days and now features outdoor camping, is blending the two for those willing to lose their hearing at the hands of Motorhead and then mellow out to Mumford.

The rest of the festival, however, veers toward a more uniform series of bands, including Justice, Snow Patrol, the Kooks, Deadmau5, and the Kills. A two-day ticket is \$225. www.rockafield.lu

JUNE 29-JULY 14
MONTREUX, Switzerland
Montreux Jazz Festival: It may have started as a full-on jazz festival in 1967, but over the past 45 years, it has blossomed into a rock and pop festival that draws globally-known pop acts to the shores of Lake Geneva. The name "Jazz Festival" still exists, but I ask you, is Bob Dylan now considered a jazz performer? Along with Dylan, headliners include Bombay Bicycle Club, Pitbull, Rufus Wainwright, and a potentially amazing duo of Mark Ronson and Nile Rodgers. Tickets for these shows are sold individually. www.montreuxjazzfestival.com

JUNE 23-24
ST. PAUL
River's Edge Festival: This laid-back festival takes place



Girl Talk (above) will join other bands at Wakarusa 2012, a two-day music festival set in the Ozark Mountains.

on a spit of land called Harriet Island, however the official website for the city of St. Paul lists driving directions to the island, which leads us to believe that this is not an actual island. False advertising aside, River's Edge features acts such as the Dave Matthews Band, the Flaming Lips, Tool, Scissor

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Sisters, and Sublime. A two-day wristband is \$110. www.riversedgemusicfestival.com

PLAN AHEAD
AUG. 31-SEPT. 2
RANDALL'S ISLAND PARK, N.Y.
Electric Zoo: There is perhaps no better use for a three-day weekend than unbridled electronic music hedonism, which is what Electric Zoo is all about. Tickets for this show quickly disappear (they recently went on sale so dust off your credit card now), and will most likely sell out with headliners such as Dave Guetta, Pretty Lights, Above & Beyond, Tiesto, and Skrillex. Prices start at \$299 for a three-day pass. www.madeevent.com/ElectricZoo

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Ocean views, free parks apps, Colorado history

Visit Revel in Atlantic City and hang out on a 2-acre outdoor deck that has ocean views, cabanas, fire pits, and a man-made pine grove with more than 30,000 live trees and plants. A three-story, glass-enclosed nightclub overlooks the lobby, and a two-level circular bar sits in the middle of the casino. The new resort has 1,100 rooms, 46 shops, and a 28,000-square-foot spa where you can spend time in a cave that is made of pink Himalayan salt blocks and has salt-infused air. The glass resort, with its 150,000-square-

foot casino, is located on the Boardwalk and opens this month. Beyoncé and others perform during a formal grand opening over Memorial Day weekend. 855-348-0500, revelresorts.com

Celebrate national parks
Download apps of 10 national parks for free as part of an extended give-away in celebration of National Park Week, and as a precursor of summer travel. Yarmouth, Maine-based Chimani is giving away 1 million of its national parks apps to Apple and Android users until May 12. The apps, which

normally run \$4.99 to \$9.99, cover Cape Cod National Seashore and Acadia, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Rocky Mountain national parks, among others. Each app includes information on hikes, ranger-led events, restrooms, shuttle buses, sunrise and sunset times, tide schedules, and lodging options. 207-221-0266, chimani.com

History of the Centennial State
Travel across the Colorado plains in a Model T Ford, slip on a headlamp and descend into a hard rock mine, and then soar off the world's first ski

jump in Steamboat Springs. Find these and other virtual adventures and hands-on exhibits at Denver's new History Colorado Center, which uses videos, historic photos, sound, and creative displays to retell the history of the Centennial State (established in 1876) and some of its most intriguing sites. Your visit may coincide with lectures and live performances. The center, open daily, is located at 1200 Broadway in Denver's Golden Triangle Museum District and Civic Center Cultural Complex. 303-447-8679, www.historycoloradocenter.org

KARI BODNARCHUK

"We feel a connection to these people and their stories from 100 years ago."

Garry Shutlak, Senior Archivist, Nova Scotia Archives

Titanic Exhibit, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax

Garry's Nova Scotia

It's an amazing story that just happens to be true: a brand new ship, the leading technology of her day, that hit an iceberg and sank to the bottom of the North Atlantic. I think we're all fascinated by the stories we've heard over the years. Exhibits like the one at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax, where we get to see the finest collection of wooden Titanic artifacts in the world, keep that fascination alive.

Our seafaring history

You can experience Nova Scotia's proud seafaring history from one end of the province to the other. From 17th, 18th and 19th Century military fortresses overlooking protected harbours, to demonstrations of wooden boat-building techniques, our museums, historic sites and attractions will transport you to days gone by.

History must-do list

- Explore Halifax Citadel National Historic Site and learn about the pivotal role this fortress played as a principal naval station in the British Empire.
- Join us for the relaunch of Bluenose II and celebrate the restoration of Nova Scotia's sailing ambassador.
- Spend a day wandering around historic Old Town Lunenburg, UNESCO World Heritage Site, exploring its many shops, studios, galleries and museums.

