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14 Can't-Miss Food Festivals, Cooking Events and Cocktail Conferences to Hit This Year

Get ready to feast at these fests!

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Hunting for the [nation's best food](#) festivals and annual cooking events? Wise choice: Many acclaimed festivals are held at top-notch locales from coast to coast, which are worth the trip just for the dining options, let alone the scenery. Swing by, and you can try some of the most mouth-watering bites across the land or watch some of the best chefs in the country break down a dish that you won't see on their [TV shows](#). Here are 14 of the best **food and wine festivals** and cooking events of 2023 that'll encourage you to hop on a plane asap.



Discover Newport

Newport Winter Foodies Stroll in Newport, RI

[December](#) 9th & 10th, 2022 and [February](#)-April, 2023

Many of Newport's most popular restaurants are participating in a winter food tour along the historic Thames Street this year, taking place on December 9th & 10th. Enjoy a three-course meal accompanied by wine pairings for a cozy evening, Newport style. Can't make it in December? Don't worry, tours will also run from February-April on Saturday evenings, beginning at 6:00 PM. And the Bristol Christmas Festival Committee will be also hosting a European-style Christmas market filled with festive treats, holiday cheer and artisan wares perfect for gifting, from December 10 - 11.

Where to Stay: [The Brenton Hotel](#)

In coastal Newport, Santa arrives by boat for the annual tree lighting ceremony on December 3rd at Bowen's Wharf and [The Brenton Hotel](#) is just a short walk away, making it the perfect place to stay while in the City by the Sea. This charming luxury hotel transforms into a holiday wonderland with three special packages to ensure you'll be merry and bright throughout your trip. The [Brenton Believes Package](#), with rates starting at \$289 per night, applies 10% of the room revenue towards a gift certificate to use at a local shop or restaurant. The [Yule Feel Festive Package](#), with rates starting at \$314 per night, includes tickets for two to the legendary mansions dressed in holiday finery, breakfast for two and complimentary parking at the hotel. And with the [Ring in 2023! Package](#), with rates starting at \$459 per night, you can party all night at Newport's downtown hot spot, knowing your bed is just a short elevator ride away.