

AMERICA'S TOP FOOD + BEVERAGE FESTIVALS

24 Ways to Eat Your Way Through the Lower 48 States

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EPCOT INTERNATIONAL FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL | DISNEY WORLD, FLORIDA
AUGUST 31 - NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Breaking with the weekend-long trend, Disney World's Epcot International Food & Wine Festival offers up a record 75 days of global culinary creations, with highlights including: international food kiosks throughout the park; a wine bar, wine seminars, tastings, book signings and more at the Festival Center; some 250 Disney and guest chefs conducting cooking demos, tastings, and elegant dinners; complimentary Eat to the Beat concerts; and special Grand Tasting events.

www.epcotfoodfestival.com

LOS ANGELES FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 2017

A relative newcomer to the festival circuit, the Los Angeles Food & Wine Festival is a four-day red carpet event that showcases the city's finest food and drink culture set amidst some of the most iconic streets in the country, filled with entertainment's most impressive venues and talent. A veritable who's who of local and national chefs – including many television Top Chefs, Master Chefs, and Food Network stars – host tastings, demos, lunches, dinners, and the ultimate Grand Tasting.

www.lafw.com

FEAST PORTLAND | PORTLAND, OREGON
SEPTEMBER 14-17, 2017

A celebration of Oregon's bounty, Feast Portland has been showcasing the energy, creativity, and enthusiasm that's driving the Pacific Northwest food revolution since 2012 and is one of the hottest rising stars in the food festival world. Possibilities include: two offerings of the Oregon Bounty Grand Tasting; Washington wine and spirit seminars and tastings; art of the noodle parties; coffee and tea talks; food styling workshops; classes on buying and cooking salmon; oyster shucking classes; and brunches, lunches, and dinners.

www.feastportland.com

EUPHORIA | GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2017

Über-hot Greenville in South Carolina's Upcountry and its award-winning revitalized downtown plays host to Euphoria. This intimate culinary weekend is the perfect combination of food, wine, music, and southern hospitality. From Taste of the South showcasing the burgeoning local chef scene to the Sunday Night Supper finale, the weekend is filled with rock star chefs and purveyors from the Southeast, wines, beers and spirits from around the world, rockin' concerts, food truck rodeos, bike and brew outings, winemaker dinners, and a gospel brunch.

www.euphoriagreenville.com



MUSIC CITY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL | NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017

One of the newest festivals on the circuit, the Music City Food & Wine Festival is the brainchild of Grammy Award-winning artists (and Nashville residents) Caleb and Nathan Followill of Kings of Leon and world renowned chef Jonathan Waxman. Held in historic venues and outdoor spaces of downtown Nashville, the weekend features a small lineup of events –including a Grand Tasting, music and food at Harvest Night, an exclusive Pappy Hour, and a gospel brunch– that's big on national culinary talent, winemakers, spirit experts, and the sounds of Nashville.

www.musiccityfoodandwinefestival.com

TERRAVITA FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 18-21, 2017

Chapel Hill's TerraVITA Food & Drink Festival is committed to spreading the gospel of sustainable food and drink with educational events like their popular Sustainable Classroom sessions. Add to the mix celebratory dinners, fired-up Hill Fire barbecues, and The Grand Tasting on the Green featuring chefs, brewers, distillers, farmers, cheese makers, and many others, TerraVITA continues to prove that sustainable local food and drink is more than just a tasty trend.

www.terravitafest.com



KOHLER FOOD & WINE
KOHLER, WISCONSIN
OCTOBER 19-22, 2017

Kohler Food & Wine is a four-day extravaganza of food, wine and fun from the folks that bring us innovative kitchen and bath fixtures at their Wisconsin five-star golf resort. One of the Midwest's preeminent epicurean events of the year, Kohler Food & Wine features celebrity chefs, libations specialists, wine experts, and epicurean enthusiasts from around the world for culinary seminars, tastings, and signature festivities.

www.americanclubresort.com

FOOD NETWORK NY CITY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL | NEW YORK, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 12-15, 2017

Paying homage to one of the greatest dining cities in the world, the Food Network New York City Wine & Food Festival brings together legendary culinary icons from around the globe, top-shelf wine and spirit experts, and America's most beloved television chefs. It celebrates America's favorite foods and educates palates with intimate dinners, late-night parties, hands-on classes, tasty seminars, coveted wine tastings, and more.

www.corporate.nycwineandfoodfestival.com