



What's on where

Your guide to the best things to see, do and hear all over New Zealand this summer.

SPORTS & OUTDOORS

Summer Festival at the Races

Free children's entertainment including bouncy castles, kids' cars, face painting and live music to keep you entertained between races.

Mini marquee package, \$375 for 10 people. From today, all around the country, check out venues, dates and times at www.theraces.co.nz

Scott May's Daredevil Stunt Show

Monster trucks, the human cannonball, car-crushing, motorcycle, quad and all-terrain buggy jumps, fire stunts and much more from UK daredevil Scott May.

\$25 adult, \$15 child. January 4, 7pm, Baypark Stadium, Truman Lane, Mt Maunganui, www.ticketdirect.co.nz

NZ Beach Volleyball Tour

Now in its 15th year, featuring some of New Zealand's top volleyball talent including Kirk Pitman and Jason Lochhead in the men's competition and Anna Scarlett and Susan Blundell in the women's. Free admission. Sumner Beach, Main Rd, Sumner, Christchurch, January 5 and 6, 9am, www.volleyballnz.org.nz

Puzzling World Junior Challenge Wanaka 2010

Join hundreds of amateur triathletes ages 6-15, as individuals or part of a team, or cheer from the sidelines. Prizes for everyone. January 10, 9am, Pembroke Park, Ardmore St, Wanaka, www.challenge-wanaka.com

Joyeux Noel World War I Air Show

An evening World War I Air Show at Hood Aerodrome, commemorating the Joyeux Noel: the 24-hour Western Front ceasefire and celebration of Christmas Day by German and Allied soldiers during World War I. Free vintage vehicle rides for

children. Family pass \$50, door sales only. January 23, 3pm, Hood Aerodrome, South Rd, Masterton, www.thevintageaviator.co.nz

Grid Kids Duathlon Series

Involves running and cycling (in that order) based on the motor racing circuits around New Zealand. If you are aged 7-15 years and have access to a bike and pair of sneakers, you can enter. \$25 per person per event and \$40 for teams of two. January 24, 7am, Timaru Levels International Motor Raceway, Falvey Rd, Timaru, www.gridkids.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Kelly Tarlton's 25 Years Under the Sea

This special memorial exhibition commemorates Kelly Tarlton's 25th anniversary. Plenty of kids' activities including Kelly's Treasure Trail, colouring competitions, shark feeding, penguin feeding, stingray encounters and more. Family pass from \$53.60 for one adult and two children. Until February 21, Kelly Tarlton's, 23 Tamaki Dr, Orakei, Auckland, www.kellytarltons.co.nz

Motat's Future Sport school holiday programme

Themed around the Sports Alive! exhibition, which looks at the history of sport and technology. Join in the Water Walkers activity, Mega Sports, the Human Gyroscope and more. Family pass for two adults and two children, \$35. January 4-31, Motat, Cnr Great North and Meola Rds, Western Springs, Auckland, www.motat.org.nz

A Midsummer Sleepover at the Museum

A sleepover programme that will delight children and families. Discover an enchanted garden

inside the Wonderland exhibition, explore a magical forest in the natural history galleries then travel back in time to ancient Greece in the Grand Foyer. For 6-14 year-olds with accompanying adults. \$60 each, groups of 10 \$50 each.

January 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 28, 6.30pm, Auckland War Memorial Museum,

www.aucklandmuseum.com

Kids in Cars 2010

Hot laps, truck show, celebrity drivers' car show, fun rides, bouncy castles, raffles, face painting, food stalls and more. \$5 for parking and \$75 for a family pass for four.

January 16, 10am, Pukekohe Park Raceway, 222-250 Manukau Rd, Pukekohe, Auckland,

www.kic.org.nz

Bay Youth Fest 2010

Focusing on dance and live music, featuring a main stage with acts and a dance marquee with workshops and interactive stalls. Free admission. January 29, 10am, Mardi Gras Site, Napier Waterfront, Marine Parade, Napier, www.bayfest.co.nz

MUSIC

Coca-Cola Bands on the Beach Tour

Featuring Midnight Youth, Dane Rumble and Ivy Lies. Fun, games, bubble fights and the launch of the Zurf, a giant inflatable tube. January 5 and 6, Tahunanui Beach, Nelson and January 9 and 10, Piha, Auckland, www.myspace.com/cokenz

Summer Six

The Black Seeds, Katchafire, Nathan Haines Live Band, Concord Dawn, P-Money and Optimus Gryme. Under-12s free, \$40 gate sales. January 9, noon, Saxton Field, Saxton Rd East, Richmond, Nelson. www.everyman.co.nz



Fiesta Del Sol

International lineup featuring UK artists including Norman Jay and Crazy P with Danielle Moore. This is an R20 event, \$35 adult. January 30, 1pm, Stonyridge Vineyard, 80 Onetangi Rd, Waiheke Island, www.iticket.co.nz

More FM Winery Tour 2010

Featuring Kiwi music legends Tim Finn, Bic Runga and Dave Dobbyn with supporting acts Boh Runga and Che Fu. Tickets \$75 or gate sales \$85 per adult, children under 12 free if accompanied by an adult. February 5-March 6, various locations, www.winerytour.co.nz, www.ticketmaster.co.nz or www.ticketdirect.co.nz

Splore 2010

A weekend celebrating music, art and nature with a camping area and special teen zone. \$170 per person includes two nights' camping. February 19-21, 9am, Tapapakanga Regional Park, Deerys Rd, Orere, www.splore.net or www.iticket.co.nz

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

Live Day: Celebrating Summer

Train rides, bullock sled rides, food stalls, face painting and fun for the whole family. \$10 adults, children free. January 10, 10am, Whangarei Museum & Kiwi House at Heritage Park, 500 SH14, Maunu, Whangarei, www.whangareimuseum.co.nz

World Buskers Festival

A 10-day extravaganza with more than 450 shows staged by street

performers from all over the world including members of Cirque du Soleil, the Blue Man Group and the Big Apple Circus. Stand-up comedy, fire shows, cabaret, kids' entertainment and music. Free admission. January 21-31, various locations around Christchurch. www.worldbuskersfestival.com

Taupo Jousting Tournament

Two-days of medieval dress-up fun, with the highlight being the Knight's Challenge, a no-holds-barred slugfest between New Zealand and Australia. \$12 adult, \$8 child, door sales only. January 23 and 24, 10am, Spa Park, Spa Rd, Taupo, www.taupojoust.com

2010 Greytown Arts Festival

A combination of visual, performing and literary arts. Free admission. January 23-25, 10am, Greytown Town Centre, Main St, Greytown, www.greytownartsfestival.co.nz

Luminate Festival 2010

An earth-friendly festival of music, dance, arts and creativity. \$150 per person, January 28-February 2, 10am, Canaan Downs, Takaka Hill, Golden Bay, www.luminatefestival.co.nz

Chinese New Year Festival and market day

More than 240 specialist stalls selling Chinese food, plus traditional arts and crafts and extensive outdoor entertainment. Free admission. February 13, 9.30am, ASB Showgrounds, 217 Greenlane West, Epsom, Auckland,

www.aucklandchinese.org.nz

THEATRE

Shakespeare In The Park:

Richard III

One of Shakespeare's most disturbing tragedies. \$24 adult, \$18 children and seniors. January 16-February 13, 8pm, The PumpHouse Theatre, Killarney Park, Takapuna, Auckland, www.pumphouse.co.nz

Gerry and the Crocodettes

A children's entertainment group putting on a musical show for kids of all ages. January 23, Metro Theatre, 362 Massey Rd, Mangere, Auckland, for more dates around the country, visit www.thecrocodettes.com

The Dominion Post Fashion Runway

Put your NZI Sevens costume to the test for a chance to win prizes including tickets to the 2011 NZI Sevens and merchandise. Free admission. February 5, 11am, Wellington Railway Station, Bunny St, Pipitea, www.wellington.govt.nz

Sound of Silence

Director Alvis Hermanis captures the idealism of the 1960s in this tale of 14 young Latvians, who discover the intricacies of love and life after the cancellation of a Simon and Garfunkel concert. Tickets from \$83, B reserve. February 26-March 5, 7pm, TSB Bank Arena, Queens Wharf, Wellington, www.ticketek.co.nz



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Daredevil Stunts in Mt Maunganui, beach volleyball and busking in Christchurch.

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