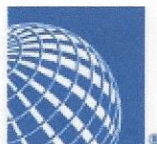


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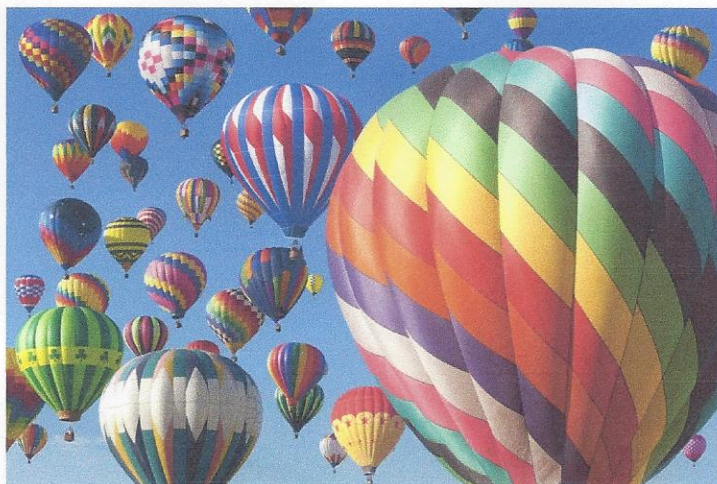
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Summer fun: 5 fab festivals

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Travel, festivals and summertime go together like bacon, lettuce and tomato. Many of America's biggest and best festivals are in the weeks ahead in places that are also a delight to explore in the days before or after festival dates. Here are five summer festivals worthy of a trip.



Balloon festival — Readington, New Jersey

Over its 33 years, the [New Jersey Festival of Ballooning](#) (July 29-31) has ascended to become America's biggest summertime hot-air balloon festival, attracting about 50,000 balloon lovers per day. Besides pointing their cameras skyward to capture the spectacle of 100 sport and specialty balloons, which lift off twice daily at 6:45 a.m. and 6:45 p.m., there is a plethora of other entertainment: take balloon rides, enjoy live music (2016 headliners: Third Eye Blind and KC & The Sunshine Band), take the kids to the carnival rides and family shows, admire Friday fireworks, and lace up for the Running With the Balloons 5K on Sunday. It all happens at Solberg Airport, a 90-minute drive from either New York's JFK Airport or Philadelphia International Airport.

If you go

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