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50 N.J. festivals set for summer 2017: Music, hot air balloons, more



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Looking for something fun to do this summer that doesn't involve boarding a plane?

Maybe it's a destination as close as the shore. But maybe you want more: something to *do*. Lo and behold, there's plenty on the schedule this summer. The season is filled with events dedicated to art, music, theater, and well, the whole 'fest' experience.

We could've made a nearly endless list, but since we've limited ours to 50, tell us what other festivals you plan to attend in the comments.

And for a whole list of food festivals on tap this summer, visit our list of [50 summer food festivals in New Jersey](#).



July 28-30: QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning

The QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning returns to Solberg Airport in Readington for its 35th anniversary from July 28 to 30 with more than 100 hot air balloons and performances from Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo, Plain White T's and George Thorogood and The Destroyers. Look for 110-foot-tall balloons shaped like bumblebees, an 11-story pig balloon, the world's largest American flag and an 807-pound anniversary cake balloon; balloonfestival.com