

What's happening across the Northwest

July

July 5 - September 12

Rhino Mania

Follow the trail of rhinos around Chester and its outskirts.

Various locations around Chester
www.rhinomania.co.uk

July 15 - August 8

Grosvenor Park Open Air Theatre

This Summer Grosvenor Park in Chester will play host to a brand new season of open air theatre. Audiences will be delighted by productions of Shakespearean comedy *Much Ado About Nothing*, and a family friendly adaptation of *Hercules*.

Grosvenor Park
Grosvenor Park Road, Chester CH1 1QQ
0843 208 0500
www.chesterperforms.com

July 21 - 25

RHS Show Tatton Park

The RHS Show Tatton Park takes place in one of Cheshire's Gardens of Distinction. Set in the striking countryside, the 2010 RHS Show offers a truly unique day out for all garden lovers.

Tatton Park
Knutsford WA16 6QN
01625 374400
www.rhs.org.uk

July 23 - 24

Titanic

A large scale spectacular theatrical performance presented in the majestic grounds of Carlisle Castle. Tickets required.

Carlisle Castle
Cumbria CA3 8UR
www.lakesalive.org

July 30 - August 15



Lake District Summer Music

Hear leading international artists perform intimate and live. Hear new collaborations on some of the best known works of classical music. Get under the skin of great musicians and hear their thoughts on musical performance in our Masterclass Series and pre-concert talks.

Various venues
0845 6442505
www.ldsm.org.uk

August

August 27 - 30

Solfest 2010

Solfest is a family friendly music and arts festival which takes place annually on a greenfield site nestling between the mountains and the sea in picturesque West Cumbria. Run entirely as a not for profit organisation, it is now entering its seventh year.

Tarnside Farm
Silloth, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 4NQ
01900 602122
www.solwayfestival.co.uk

September

September 2 - 5

Mintfest - International Festival of Street Arts

An exhilarating kaleidoscope of companies and artists from across the globe take over the town of Kendal for a packed weekend of performance fun.

01539 720252
www.lakesalive.org

September 3 - 5

The Big Switch On Weekend

Head to Blackpool for a weekend of top bands and artists performing live to celebrate the switch on of the town's famous Illuminations. The Big Switch On Weekend marks the start of 66 nights of dazzling lights!

Promenade
Blackpool FY1 5DW
01253 478222
www.visitlancashire.com



August 14 - 15

The Lakes Chilli Fest

Levens Hall and its lovingly kept gardens attract thousands of visitors each year. It also hosts The Lakes Chilli Fest, an entertaining annual celebration of this versatile vegetable.

Levens Hall
Kendal, Cumbria LA8 0PD
015395 60321
www.chillifest.co.uk

August 19 - September 19

Pennine Lancashire Festival of Food and Culture

The 2010 festival promises a veritable feast of a programme, featuring 60 events spread deliciously across 600 miles of Pennine Lancashire's finest restaurants, countryside and cultural attractions. Come rain or shine sample the delights of Lancashire's larder and famous hospitality.

Various locations
01254 688040
www.visitlancashire.com

August 27 - 29

UDO World Street Dance Championships

The world's top dance teams and crews from the USA, Asia, Europe and Africa will compete over three days of competitions, workshops and demonstrations from world renowned choreographers. The weekend features UDO live, a selection of concerts and shows including Alexandra Burke, Diversity and lots more.

Blackpool Winter Gardens
97 Church Street, Blackpool FY1 1HL
01253 292029
www.visitlancashire.com

August 27 - 30

Manchester Pride's Big Weekend & Manchester Pride Parade

Pride's Big Weekend is a fantastic four day party with community spaces, street entertainers, market stalls and amazing performances from great artists and DJs. The Parade is one of the weekend's big highlights with over 90 floats weaving through Manchester's streets.

Canal Street, Manchester M1 3EZ
0161 831 7700
www.manchesterpride.com





October

October 1 - 11

Manchester Food & Drink Festival

The nationally acclaimed festival takes over as much of the city centre and surrounding districts of Greater Manchester as possible, showcasing the rich diversity and talent in the region's restaurants, bars and producers.

Various Manchester venues
www.foodanddrinkfestival.com

October 8 - November 1

Farmageddon

Farmageddon is a truly chilling experience not to be missed, where you should expect the unexpected! Dare yourself to visit the ultimate interactive haunting experience, were you will visit two frighteningly haunted houses, each inhabited by countless bloodcurdling creatures and ghouls.

Farmer Ted's Farm Park
Flatman's Lane, Downholland,
Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 7HW
0844 8000 400
www.visitlancashire.com

October 13 - 15



In The City

The biggest city-based musical festival in Europe has an astonishing track record of helping launch the careers of bands like Oasis, Radiohead, Coldplay and the Foo Fighters. It's seen as an institution in the music industry.

Various Manchester venues
0161 839 3930
www.inthecity.co.uk

October 22 - 23

Up the Wall

Embark on a twilight promenade through Chester's Roman Garden and along the ancient city wall. Along the way discover a world of performance, music, projection, light and dance. All in one of Chester's most mysterious venues.

Chester Roman Garden
Pepper Street, Chester CH1 1DX
01244 409113
www.chesterperforms.com

September

September 4 - 5

British Gas Great North Swim

A 1-mile swim for all abilities, from beginners to Olympic heroes of open water. No walls, no lanes, no chlorine, just the great outdoors.

The Low Wood Hotel
Ambleside Road, Windermere, Cumbria LA23 1LP
0191 272 7033
www.greatswim.org

September 10 - 12

World Fireworks Championships

Gathering together the world's firework elite this champion of champions weekend promises jaw-dropping shows for all the family. Following on from the opening week of the Illuminations, pyrotechnicians from all over the globe will stage amazing pyrotechnic displays for all to see.

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Blackpool FY1 5DW
01253 478222
www.visitlancashire.com

September 11

BBC Proms in the Park

The world famous Last Night of the Proms celebrations spill out from London's Royal Albert Hall, as people come together at venues across the UK to be part of the magic of the Last Night.

Buile Hill Park, Salford
0844 815 7131
www.bbc.co.uk/proms/2010

October

October 1 - 3

The Manchester Weekender

Forty-eight hours of art, culture, music, film, food, literature, walks, politics, poetry, photography, theatre, spectacle and games all wrapped up into a single weekend. The Manchester Weekender promises the most unusual cultural experiences anywhere in the UK.

Various venues
www.creativetourist.com/weekender

