

Warsaw

Regular Events

January - Great Orchestra of Christmas

January brings the Great Orchestra of Christmas charity drive to its grand finale. Visitors can enjoy an extravaganza of free musical performances, auctions and shows all dedicated to the cause of disadvantaged children.

February - Fat Thursday

Food lovers can indulge themselves on Fat Thursday, a one day festival that marks the coming of Lent. Warsaw's bakeries and confectioneries cook up a storm of donuts and Faworki – a sweet pastry that is traditionally eaten on this day.

March - Warsaw Carnival

Warsaw carnival time arrives each year before Easter. Thousands gather on the city's streets to celebrate and be entertained by a colourful array of parades, live music and dance performances.

April - Ludwig Van Beethoven Easter Festival

The biggest of its kind in Poland, the festival celebrates the life and works of Beethoven in a series of breathtaking concerts. Music lovers can enjoy performances by world class virtuosos, choirs and orchestras in some of Warsaw's finest venues.

May - International Book Fair

The International Book Fair, held at the Palace of Culture & Science, is an annual event that links East and Western publishers. Attracting authors, agents and sellers from all over Europe, book lovers can enjoy lively readings, discussions and debates.

June - Midsummer's Eve

In June thousands of revellers flock to the Salska Noc Swietojanska or Midsummer's Eve festival. Celebrations include fancy dress competitions, live music performances and a spectacular fireworks display.

July - International Street Arts Festival

Millions of onlookers gather in Warsaw's streets each July to enjoy Poland's biggest outdoor festival. Clowns, acrobats, mime artists and musicians put on an eclectic display of vibrant performances. Popular locations around the city include the New and Old Town Square, Agrykola Park, Pole Mokotowskie Park and Plac Zamkowy.

August - Jazz in the Old Town Square

August attracts thousands of jazz enthusiasts to this exciting event in Warsaw's Old Square. The festival features a number of open air concerts by top musicians and international groups.

September - Warsaw Autumn Festival

September brings one of the biggest events in Warsaw's musical calendar. Visitors can enjoy a blend of contemporary and classical music from all over the world. Concerts are held at the National Philharmonic Hall and other city venues. Lectures, conferences and exhibitions all accompany the festival.

October - Warsaw International Film Festival

The Warsaw film festival is the key international film event in Poland, and one of the largest in Europe. Film fans can enjoy an array of art house offerings from both international and home grown talent. Films are screened in their original language with Polish subtitles.

November - Piano Festival

November brings the acclaimed Piano Festival to Warsaw. The event presents some of Poland's finest pianists performing in breathtaking locations such as the Philharmonic Hall and the Royal Castle.

December - Christmas Markets

Warsaw celebrates the Christmas season in style, with festive markets springing up around the city. Perfect for all the family, visitors can enjoy Christmas carols whilst browsing stalls offering cured meats, cheeses, breads and traditional handicrafts.