

Spruce Meadows Masters

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 7 to Sunday, Sept. 11
WHAT: The best athletes from the world's top show jumping nations compete for the top prize money and international acclaim. Also, family entertainment and shopping opportunities.
WHERE: Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce Meadows Way S.W., sprucemeadows.com.

Artcity Festival

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 9 to Saturday, Sept. 17
WHAT: The 20th annual celebration of visual art, architecture and design. For 10 days, new artworks, installations and projects will be temporarily inserted into the urban landscape for discovery and engagement by Calgary's citizens and interested parties.
WHERE: Events take place all over town and are open and free to the public. For more info see artcityfestival.com.

Subaru Banff International Triathlon

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 10
WHAT: One of the most picturesque races in the world. Swim in the pristine waters of Two Jack Lake and bike around the beautiful Minnewanka Loop Road and then into the town of Banff finishing the run on Banff Ave. and Central Park.
WHERE: Town of Banff and Banff National Park. banfflake Louise.com/triathlon.

Calgary Produce Marketing Association Harvest Sale

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11
WHAT: Fresh fruit and veggies at old-fashioned prices. Bring a dolly or wagon to load up on the year's best deals on produce in the city. All money raised goes to support local charities.
WHERE: Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive S.W. 403-268-8500, heritagepark.ca.

Calgary ArtWalk

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 18
WHAT: More than 30 participating galleries showcasing artwork by thousands of artists.
WHERE: Various public, commercial and artist-run galleries and studios in and around Calgary. Printable map and listing of artist talks, demonstrations and other events at calgaryartwalk.com, or call 403-263-6500.

Waterton Wildlife Weekend

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 23 to Sunday, Sept. 25
WHAT: Take part in Alberta's most spectacular wildlife experience, including tours, wildlife writing, sketching, drawing, wildlife photography and the International Wildlife Festival.
WHERE: Waterton, Alberta (about 2.5 hours south of Calgary). Participants meet at Tamarack Outdoor Outfitters on the main entrance road to the Waterton Park townsite. Information at 403-859-2663.

Calgary International Film Festival

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 23 to Sunday, Oct. 2
WHAT: A 10-day celebration of visual arts

and cinema, screening over 200 films from around the world and highlighted by a series of gala events, award ceremonies and special presentations.

WHERE: Screenings at various theatres around the city. calgaryfilm.com.

Heritage Park's Railway Days

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25
WHAT: Presented by Canadian Pacific. Two days of fun with turntable demonstrations and cab tours to fantastic model railway displays and a train pull competition. Free pancake breakfast for the first 500 paying guests before 10:30 a.m.
WHERE: Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive S.W. 403-268-8500, heritagepark.ca.

Alberta Arts Days Festival

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 2
WHAT: A weekend celebration of the arts in Cochrane and in celebration of both national and Alberta Arts Days.
WHERE: Downtown Cochrane, Centennial Plaza and other arts areas in Cochrane. Call 403-851-2535 for more info.

Multicultural Impressions: Art and Literary Exhibition

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 2
WHAT: The works of local adults and youth, including immigrants living in Calgary, focusing on the artistic interpretation or impression of Calgary's cultural diversity. Includes a gala night and public art workshops.
WHERE: Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre, 197 1st St. S.W. calgarymulti.com.

Okotoks Pumpkin and Scarecrow Festival

WHEN: October 2011
WHAT: Experience the magic of fall in the country with pumpkins, a corn maze, contests, live music, entertainment, kids activities and on-site cafe.
WHERE: Kayben Farms, about three km north of Okotoks. For more information and directions call 403-938-2857 or visit kayben.com.

WordFest

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 11 to Sunday, Oct. 16
WHAT: Readers and writers come together in a six-day literary festival that takes place annually in Calgary, Banff and the Bow Valley. WordFest features more than 70 writers from local, national and international stage and hosts more than 65 events.
WHERE: Various venues in Calgary, Banff and the Bow Valley. Call 403-237-9068 or visit wordfest.com for more info.

Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 13 to Saturday, Oct. 15

TRIRWAY TOUR Whether it's your first try at a tri or you're a contender, you'll appreciate that the Subaru Banff International Triathlon is held in one of the finest competitive playgrounds in North America. Push your body by swimming Two Jack Lake, biking the Minnewanka Loop Road and racing to the finish through downtown



Banff. Or just cheer from the sidelines and partake in the post-race celebration. **Sept. 10, banfflake-louise.com/triathlon.**

WHAT: Sample from an extensive variety of wine, scotch, import beer and premium spirits, along with gourmet food samples from local restaurants and hotels. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to SAIT's culinary school.
WHERE: rockymountainwine.com.

Calgary Tattoo and Arts Festival

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 14 to Sunday, Oct. 16
WHAT: Over 200 national and international artists, retail vendors, tattoo competitions, educational seminars and after-parties. Featuring Dan Smith of L.A. Ink and BJ Betts.
WHERE: Calgary Stampede BMO Centre. calgarytattoos.com.


WinterStart Festival & Christmas in the Rockies

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 30 to Sunday, Dec. 4
WHAT: Holiday celebrating starts early with festive lights on the streets of Banff, world-class ski races, wagon rides, cookie decorations. Santa Clause parade and more.
WHERE: Town of Banff and Banff National Park. banfflake Louise.com/winterstart.

GIRAFF

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 2 to Sunday, Nov. 6
WHAT: An animation festival presented by the Quickdraw Animation Society featuring independent, underground and experimental animation in an eclectic mix of styles from claymation to CGI from around the globe.
WHERE: The Plaza Theatre, 1133 Kensington Rd. N.W. 403-261-5767, giraffest.ca.

Virtuosity! A Festival of Extreme Classics

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 22 to Saturday, Dec. 3
WHAT: Maestro Roberto Minczuk has pulled out all the stops to bring the world's best soloists and music to Calgary for a festival of full-on symphonic spectacle. Thrilling orchestral works, including Stravinsky's massive Rite of Spring, and performances by Jan Liseicki, Yamandú Costa and Yi-Jia Susanne Hou.
WHERE: Various locations throughout Calgary. CPO Concerts in Jack Singer Concert Hall, Epcor Centre. Tickets at cpo-live.com or 403-571-0849. 

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