



Kensington Private Guides Take You Into 2013's Top Festivals, Fiestas and Fetes

New Offerings Include Iceland's Summer Solstice, Myanmar's Phaung Daw Oo and Alaskan Fur Rondy

Wilmington, DE, January 30, 2013 – (www.KensingtonTours.com) From reindeer racing, midsummer pagan rituals and camel beauty pageants to crazy street carnivals, leg rowing races and even Ernest Hemingway's favorite fete, there is no end to the magical travel moments to be found at the world's most phenomenal festivals. Celebrations across the globe offer a unique way for adventurers to experience a country's culture, cuisine and spirit. This year, Kensington Tours, which stands apart for its privately-guided tours where "insiders" take you behind-the-scenes, is offering a collection of thrilling new celebratory trips.

So "Carpe Diem" in 2013 and make the most of every travel moment with an exclusive private guided Kensington adventure to one of the planet's most fantastic festivals.

Myanmar's Leg-Rowing Festival

Oct 5 – 22, 2013

Cruise the waters of time back to a celebration evocative of Southeast Asia centuries ago with a pilgrimage to Phaung Daw Oo – otherwise known as Myanmar's Leg Rowing Festival. Held upon the shores of Inle Lake, a trip to this spiritual 18 day pageant is true cultural nirvana. Watch as a golden barge holding four Buddhas is towed by ornamented leg-rowers from private boat with expert guide. Take part in the eclectic festivities, from magic shows, dancing, leg rowing races and fireworks to fortune tellers, spiritual blessings and Burmese banquets. To amplify your experience, plan your visit to coincide with Thadingyut, the festival of lights!

<http://www.kensingtontours.com/tours/asia/myanmar/myanmars-leg-rowing-festival->

Rio Carnival - Brazil

Feb 8 – 12, 2013

Give into a hypnotic fusion of glitter, dance, rhythm and culture at the highlight of Latin America's calendar, Brazil's intoxicating Carnival in Rio de Janeiro. Your expert private guide ensures you won't miss a beat as you join millions in the streets as they get the party out of their systems before Lent through outrageous outfits, mind blowing floats, pulsating music and seductive samba performances. Celebrate with friendly "blocos," opt for a dazzling samba makeover, dance lessons or even catch one of the extravagant balls held at Copacabana Palace!

<http://www.kensingtontours.com/tours/south-america/brazil/rio-de-janeiro-carnival>

Iceland's Summer Solstice

June 21, 2013

Celebrate the Summer Solstice in "the land of the midnight sun" on this exclusive tour to the top of the world. Honor this mystical ancient tradition marking the longest day of the year in Reykjavik, Iceland. From druid priests, live music, bonfires and culinary feasts with the locals to champagne toasts, drinking "Viking blood," carving sacred runes and unveiling legends of old with private Icelandic folklore guide, this northern adventure makes the most of all 24 hours of light.

<http://www.kensingtontours.com/tours/europe/iceland/iceland-summer-solstice>

Alaska's Fur Rondy & Iditarod Dog Race

March 2, 2013

Embark on a northern quest to Alaska's Fur Rendezvous Festival and Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. From this historic event's opening banquet in Anchorage across thousands of miles to Finger Lake, watch as the mushers and their teams vie for the "Golden Harness." Give into the grandeur of nature untamed on tours and scenic flights over this winter wonderland's mountains, glaciers, lakes and forests. Celebrate at the Fur Rondy, voted the #1 carnival in the world by National Geographic Traveler. Enjoy kennel visits, reindeer running, sled rides and more.

<http://www.kensingtontours.com/tours/north-america/united-states/alaska/alaskas-famous-iditarod-dog-sled-race>

Japan's Cherry Blossom Season

March – April 2013

Picnic under trees radiant with cherry blossoms and take part in the centuries old Japanese tradition of "hanami" on this private journey showcasing Tokyo and Kyoto during the most desirable time of year. Delve into this ancient spring custom and more, as you're swept into a land of kimono-clad geishas, zen gardens, sushi, samurai castles and shrines, all narrated by private guide. Stroll the flowery "Philosopher's Walk," tiptoe across nightingale floors, cruise the Sumida River, visit mountain temples and behold cherry blossoms season at its finest!

<http://www.kensingtontours.com/tours/asia/japan/japans-cherry-blossom-season>

Spain's San Fermin Festival

July 6 – 14, 2013

Not for the weak of heart, this wild Spanish fiesta is known for the Running of the Bulls which dates back to 14th-century Pamplona. Over time it has evolved into a daring weeklong fête where 2,000 people run in front of 15 charging bulls. Led by a real picador guide, behold the spectacle from a private balcony as Ernest Hemingway did and head to the country where the famous bulls are raised. Not ready to take life by the horns? Fireworks, gigantes y cabezudos, contests, dancing and spirited locals will keep any globetrotter on their toes.

<http://www.kensingtontours.com/tours/europe/spain/hemingways-spain>

Pushkar Camel Fair – India

Nov 6 -17, 2013

There's nothing quite as mind boggling exotic as a trip to India's Pushkar Camel Fair. Held every year in the desert of Rajasthan during the full moon, this spectacular event attracts over 300,000 people and up to 50,000 camels. Led by expert private guide, plunge into this cultural spectacle while staying at a whimsical luxury tented camp. From camel painting, beauty pageants, races, livestock trade, religious rituals to music, gypsies, mouth-watering feasts and other lively events, this exotic festival has it all!
<http://www.kensingtontours.com/tours/egypt-to-india/india/treasures-of-india-featuring-pushkar-camel-fair->

About Kensington Tours:

Kensington Tours offers custom and private guided tours to over 90 countries worldwide. The flexibility of Kensington's offerings results in tailor-made journeys that are carefully handcrafted to deliver personalized adventures like no other company. Kensington Tours was named to "World's Best Awards 2011" by Travel + Leisure Magazine and named one of the "Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth," by the editors of National Geographic Adventure Magazine.

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