

Be There!

Every year there are celebrations around the world billed as “can’t miss” events. Examine the list of events and their descriptions below. From the list, mark three that you would drop everything to attend if possible. Be prepared to share and defend your choices.

- _____ 1. **Tomorrowland in Boom, Belgium**—This is the world's largest electronic dance music festival, attracting over 100,000 visitors a year.
- _____ 2. **Mardi Gras in New Orleans**—This world-famous party of indulgence is held right before Lent, a period of abstinence before Easter.
- _____ 3. **Snow & Ice Festival in Harbin, China**—Carvings over 20 feet in height made from gigantic blocks of ice are on display.
- _____ 4. **Cheese Rolling Festival in Gloucester, England**—Hundreds of men run down a hill while chasing a wheel of cheese!
- _____ 5. **Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany**—About \$100 million worth of beer is served each day at this annual festival.
- _____ 6. **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain**—Men rush through the streets with charging bulls in this time-honored yearly festival.
- _____ 7. **Boryeong Mud Festival in Boryeong, South Korea**—Roll in the mud with hundreds of others, then jump into the ocean to rinse off!
- _____ 8. **Dia de los Muertos celebrated by Mexicans throughout the Western world**—The Day of the Dead celebrates those who have passed on before us each November 1.
- _____ 9. **Lantern Festival in Pingxi, Taiwan**—Thousands of floating lanterns light the night sky during this, the world’s largest lantern festival.
- _____ 10. **Songkran Water Festival in Chiang Mai, Thailand**—This giant water fight is held every spring!
- _____ 11. **La Tomatina in Buñol, Spain**—Beginning in 1945 when a few citizens began throwing fruits and vegetables during a parade, this tomato-throwing festival has become a yearly event.
- _____ 12. **Albuquerque International Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico**—This colorful spectacle is the largest gathering of hot air balloons in the world.