

HOT DATES



AUG. 19-26: Goin' Down Easy

Raise a glass during this week-long citywide cocktail competition. Mixologists at select local hotels including The Rittenhouse, Hotel Monaco and Le Meridien are each creating a unique cocktail, donating proceeds to their designated charities. The winning hotel is chosen based on how many cocktails they can sell and how much money is donated. Aqua Vitae, Tipping Tree and the Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association are joining forces for this exciting event. So grab a cocktail (or two) and make a difference! www.aquavitaeinstitute.com/gde

TOP SPOTS

Nothing says summertime quite like live music—and Philadelphia is full of great options for concerts and performances this August. Whether you're into the classics or opt for newer tunes, it's time to stop and listen to the music.

AUG. 19 CITIZEN COPE ACOUSTIC SHOW AT THE THEATRE OF THE LIVING ARTS

Join Citizen Cope for an acoustic set of their music presented by XPN. One dollar of each ticket sold will go towards purchasing instruments for students at Red Lake Middle School in Red Lake, MN. Theatre of the Living Arts, 334 South St., venue.tlaphilly.com

AUG. 21 BLUES TRAVELER AT THE MANN CENTER

This special performance at the Mann Center features Blues Traveler, with additional performances from The Wallflowers, G. Love and Special Sauce and Howie Day. Mann Center for the Performing Arts, 5201 Parkside Ave., manncenter.org

AUG. 27 JIMMY BUFFETT AT BB&T CENTER

Escape to the island with the ultimate vacationer, Jimmy Buffett during his live performance at the BB&T Pavilion in Camden, New Jersey. 1 Harbour Blvd., Camden, N.J., bbtpavilioncamden.com

5 Great Things Not to Be Missed



Academy of Natural Sciences



American Swedish Historical Museum

There's a lot more going on this month. Visit us online: wheretraveler.com

1 NIGHTSCAPE AT LONGWOOD GARDENS > AUG. 3-OCT. 20

This popular Longwood Gardens experience is back this year with more color, light and sound flowing through the gardens for an experience unlike any other. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Sq., 610.388.1000; longwoodgardens.org

2 BLACKSTAR FILM FESTIVAL > AUG. 4-7

This annual film festival celebrates the visual and storytelling traditions of the African diaspora and global indigenous communities with four days of programming. Multiple venues; blackstarfest.org

3 2ND STREET FESTIVAL > AUG. 7

Head to Northern Liberties for the annual 2nd Street Festival, a free event where seven

blocks from North Second Street between Germantown Avenue and Green Street have food, beer gardens, live bands and more. www.2ndstfestival.org

4 BUG FEST AT THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES > AUG. 13-14

Celebrate all things creepy and crawly at the annual Bug Fest. Learn about insects with a variety of kid-friendly activities, including face painting and a buggy show. 1900 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., 215.299.1000; anso.org

5 THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOE HILL AT THE AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM > THROUGH AUG. 23

Labor day is just around the corner, and to celebrate, view this exhibit honoring Joe Hill, a man (and activist, songwriter and cartoonist) who is known as being a martyr for the cause of organized labor. 1900 Pattinson Ave., 215.389.1776; americanswedish.org