

It's nearly June and if you live in the Portland area you know what that means; it's time for the Rose Festival. Every year Portland offers a plethora of activities and events to satisfy anyone's tastes to celebrate the City of Roses. Here are twelve to check out:

**Rose Festival Queen's Coronation**  
Thursday, May 30. 8 p.m.  
Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall

Portland teenagers have been vying for the Rose Festival Queen since 1907. Fourteen court members will be chosen from Portland area high schools, but only one will be Queen.

**Rose Festival Fireworks Spectacular**  
May 30-31, fireworks begin at 9:55 p.m. both nights  
Waterfront Park

Immediately following the Queen's Coronation the Rose Festival kicks it up a notch with the opening fireworks. The celebration begins Thursday at 8 p.m. with live music, followed by fireworks. Catch the second fireworks show on Friday.

**Rose Festival Waterfront Village**  
May 30-June 9.  
May 30 gates open at 5 p.m. May 31-June 9, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Waterfront Park

From crazy rides and live entertainment to the kids kingdom (not to mention scoping out the Navy guys during Fleet Week), this eleven-day event offers a variety of activities for the whole family.

**Rose Festival Starlight Parade**  
Saturday, June 1. 8:30 p.m.  
Downtown Portland  
Free

About 350,000 spectators are expected to turn out for this event, which helps kick off the annual Rose Festival. The parade begins at 8:30 p.m., traveling downtown from Burnside to 4th, 4th to Salmon, Salmon to Broadway, Broadway to Stark, Stark to 10th and 10th to Taylor before disbanding at Lincoln High School. Don't want to fight the crowds? Catch a live broadcast beginning at 9 p.m. on KGW-Channel 8. Another option is to check out the parade close up. The parade is organized in the North Park Blocks at 2 p.m., an ideal opportunity to chat with the entrants and take pictures.

**Rose Festival Junior Parade**  
Wednesday, June 5. 1 p.m.  
Hollywood District, NE Portland  
Free

The Junior Rose Festival Parade is America's oldest and

largest children's parade. The parade starts at NE 51st and Sandy Blvd, turns north on 40th, west on Tillamook and disbands at Grant High School.

**Rose Festival Fleet Week**  
June 5-10  
Pepsi Waterfront Village Westside Seawall  
Waterfront Park  
Nine ships will drop anchor for this year's fleet week.

parade starts at Memorial Coliseum, travels south on MLK, crosses the Burnside bridge and winds through downtown before ending at Lincoln High School. If you want to avoid the crowds, you can catch it live on KOIN-Channel 6.

**Rose Festival Dragon Boat Races**  
June 8-9. 8 a.m.  
Waterfront Park  
Free

Following ancient legend, the beautifully painted dragon boats are thought to bless the city and provide prosperity and safety for all its citizens. The race starts at the south end of Waterfront Park.

**Rose Festival: Portland Arts Festival**  
June 14-16. 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. Fri-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun.  
Eastbank Esplanade  
Free

The Portland Arts Festival showcases more than 150 national and regional artists. Aside from booth upon booth of artwork and crafts, there's a music stage, food and spirits tents and a hands-on activity area kids.

**Rose Festival Rose Cup Races**  
June 7-9.  
Portland International Raceway

The Rose Cup Races, which feature Sports Car Club of America's Regional and National Championship point races, bring over 300 racers in all kinds of cars to Portland International Raceway.

If you like fast cars, you won't want to miss this weekend-long event.

**Rose Festival Airshow**  
Aug. 17-18. Starts at 12 p.m. Sat., 5 p.m. Sun.  
Hillsboro Airport

There will be heart-stopping wing walkers and acrobatic maneuvers, but the highlight of this year's Rose Festival Airshow will be the Northern Lights Jet Team, which consists of former members of the Canadian Snowbirds. The elite team of pilots will take to the skies above the Hillsboro Airport and guide their crafts through powerful, acrobatic maneuvers and fast-paced, high-performance drills. For more information contact the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce at (503) 648-1102.

It's best to remember that these events can be crowded so get there early and be patient. Also no matter what the weather be sure to bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Besides that, get out there, enjoy the city and kick start your summer with these events.

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# Rose Festival takes over Portland



Get an up close and personal look at life aboard one. Beware however, when the ships come to town the bridges go up making for some heavy traffic. Plan accordingly.

**Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade**  
Saturday, June 8. 10 a.m.  
Memorial Coliseum

Portland's Grand Floral Parade is the second largest all-floral parade in North America, and Oregon's largest spectator event. The 4.3-mile parade route will also include marching bands, equestrian teams and more. The



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The wait is a traditional part of the Grand Floral Parade. Be sure to get there early to secure prime sidewalk space and don't forget your chalk for pre-parade entertainment.

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Special: Fresh Halibut tacos w/ Pico de gallo cabbage & corn pepper saute  
Grill: Guacamole & Pepper Jack burger w/ chips & salsa

**Thursday:** Budget: Provencale pasta salad  
Special: Chicken pot pie style w/ sun dried tomatoes  
Grill: Grilled Chicken Caesar sandwich w/ side salad

**Friday:** Budget: Vegetable Tempura cooked to order & served w/ stir-fried rice  
Special: Sweet & Sour Pork w/ savory brown rice  
Grill: Garlic & Onion Italian sausage topped w/ Provolone cheese

**Special**  
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