

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010



In 'True Caribbean' style, the vibrant twin island destination of Trinidad & Tobago will be buzzing during 2010 with a calendar full of exciting events taking place on its shores. Although every month is crammed with spectacle, traditional culture and the party spirit, the following events in particular are not to be missed:

Leatherback Turtle Season, Trinidad and Tobago [01 March - 31 August](#)

The beautiful beaches of Trinidad & Tobago are among the few places left on earth where the Leatherback Turtle comes ashore to nest. Endangered and fiercely protected by law, these fascinating creatures can be observed on the beaches between the months of March and August as they lay their eggs and as their hatchlings emerge. Visitors can also learn more and can raise awareness of the importance of turtle conservation projects underway on the island.

Jazz Artists on the Greens [20 March](#)

A 5 hour, open air concert featuring local and international jazz artistes, this popular event explores the unique, varied and exotic rhythms and beats of the Caribbean. This informal, festival-styled concert exposes patrons to both new and established jazz acts.

TTGFA Game Fishing (TGFT) Tournament [21-24 March](#)

Each year the Trinidad and Tobago Game Fishing Association organizes several exciting fishing tournaments. Popular tournaments scheduled for 2010 include the Wahoo Tournament on March 6 and 7, the Marlin Madness Tournament which runs from April 21 to 24 and the Tarpon Thunder Tournament from August 13 to 15.

Buccoo Goat Race Festival [06 - 07 April](#)

In the beautiful surroundings of Mt. Pleasant and Buccoo, Tobago, the exciting Buccoo Goat Race Festival is an event featuring goat races, crab races and many more unique, recreational sporting activities.

Tobago Jazz Experience [22 – 25 April](#)

For the second instalment of the Tobago Jazz Experience, Grammy award-winning R&B divas Chaka Khan and Erykah Badu will be the headline performers for the four-day music festival taking place Thursday, 22 April – Sunday, 25 April 2010. Tobago is no stranger to having celebrities grace its shores, and Chaka Khan and Ms. Badu will walk the path of a long list of musical icons such as Stevie Wonder, Sir Elton John, Sting, Diana Ross and George Benson who have all visited the popular tourism destination in recent times for unforgettable musical performances.



Taste TNT [May](#)

The annual Taste T&T is the most delicious weekend in Trinidad and Tobago's calendar, one that will leave your taste buds tingling! The premier culinary event on the island brings together some of the country's top chefs to whip up gourmet fusion cuisine, using indigenous ingredients to create mouth-watering dishes. During the event which displays Trinidad and Tobago's unique cuisine, influenced by the cultural fusion that the islands represent, the visitors can not only taste delicious dishes but also learn the secrets of the chefs at the Demonstration Kitchen, where they explain the food preparation process and their kitchen techniques.

Rainbow Warriors Triathlon Grafton Beach [22 May](#)**Tobago Culinary Festival Pigeon Point Heritage Park [23 May](#)****Tobago Underwater Carnival [11 – 18 June](#)**

This week-long dive festival is hosted by the Tobago House of Assembly's Tourism Division, the Tourism Development Company and the Association of Tobago Dive Operators. Activities during the event include: Daily diving off the northern and southern parts of Tobago, amateur underwater photography contest with special prizes, seminars on photography; marine biology; equipment care; fish identification as well as testing and demonstrations of Scubapro dive gear and Scubapro Kids snorkel gear and SeaLife cameras.

We Beat Festival [04 -12 June](#)

Celebrations begin at the We Beat Festival, right in the heart of Trinidad, to commemorate the incorporation of St. James into the City of Port of Spain and showcase activities that highlight the history and culture of Trinidad & Tobago, including, the Steel Band Concert and Parade, Health Day, Talent shows and a live showcase of local music.

Dwight Yorke Golf Classic [28 May - 2 June](#)**Signal Hill Alumni Choir Classic Concert [27 June](#)****Charlotteville Fisherman Weekend [25 - 27 June](#)****Tobago Powerboat Regatta Scarborough Waterfront [TBD](#)****Tobago Heritage Festival [11 July - 01 August](#)**

Locals and travellers flock to Tobago to join in the celebration of Tobago's heritage with a variety of cultural displays and attractions at the Tobago Heritage Festival, culminating on Emancipation Day. Tobagonians treasure their heritage and have united annually since 1987 to celebrate the colourful history that has shaped the culture of this beautiful and diverse island, which includes a mix of Amerindian, African and European influence. Each of the island's communities stages their own production, which is a song, dance and oral extravaganza, including 'Ole Time Tobago Wedding', 'Heel an' Toe', 'Bele' and the recitation of folk tales and superstitions.

Great Fete Weekend [28 July - 02 August](#)

A week of beach parties, with the most popular DJ's and sound systems in the country. The event features Welcome Wednesday, Retro Thursday, Fantastic Friday, Wet Fete Saturday, Insomniac Sunday and Bar Code Monday.

Tobago International Muhtadi Drumming Festival [07 - 08 August](#)

Tobago's 5th Annual star-studded Tobago International Muhtadi Drumming Festival, taking place at the Dwight Yorke Stadium. This not-to-be-missed event showcases the unique artists and drums from diverse cultures around the globe in a forum which incorporates an eclectic mix of rhythms and percussion.

The Carib Great Race [28 August](#)

This race features an exciting line of activities including power boat racing and beach parties in the gorgeous sandy beaches of Storebay, Tobago.

Panyard Sensations, Trinidad & Tobago [September](#)

Feel the rhythm at this 2-week long concert series that highlights Trinidad and Tobago's national instrument, the steel pan, as well as the practitioners of this remarkable art form. In addition to the extensive and varied musical repertoires of the bands, fans can look forward to a few surprises from guest artists and special performers who will be incorporated into steel bands' nightly line-ups.

Tobago International Cycling Classic [31 Sept to 5 Oct](#)

Steelman & Jazz Festival Trinidad [October](#)

A high-profile charitable event hosted by the Queen's Royal College Foundation featuring famous local musicians, artists and steel pan bands.

The Blue Food festival [17 October](#)

This famous annual event in Tobago features entertainment and cooking skills with delicious local food with particular emphasis on blue food. This year 15 local cooks vie for prizes in the cooking competition and showcase their creativity in designing and producing dishes using the root vegetable Dasheen, the major ingredient. Dasheen, known in USA as Taro, is also called 'blue food' by the locals as some versions of the vegetable turn varying shades of blue and indigo when cooked. The festival committee aims to attract food lovers of all ages and families to the event. There will also be a mini zoo and entertainment by popular local performers throughout the day.

Scarborough Cup Golf Tournament (TBD)

National Tourism Week (TBD)

Tobago Flying Colours Plymouth Recreational Grounds [26 Dec](#)

