

# Fêtes de Genève

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Geneva's summer festival incorporates lakeside parades, pumping techno nights and numerous other performances, as well as ten days' worth of spectacular firework displays.

Highlights of the event include a lake parade with fantastic floats, a techno night, live concerts featuring international stars, opera performances, a dancing parade, a children's day, stages featuring rock, classical and country music performances, street performers and food from all over the world.

An annual highlight of the Geneva summer, the festival (or *Fêtes*, as it is known locally) draws the crowds in increasing hordes - over two million people attended last year and numbers seem to rise annually. Since most events are outdoors, this is an excellent way to enjoy the midday heat and balmy evenings. ■



## Nantwich International Cheese Show

The Nantwich International Cheese Show, held every year at Cheshire showground, Dorfold Hall, is generally accepted as the definitive cheese show in the British Isles. The Supreme Championship - the National Westminster Cup - is a hotly-contested event, with thousands of entries from over 19 countries.

Housed in a vast air-conditioned marquee, the show provides the opportunity to experience the best traditional cheeses, from Stilton to Camembert, Cheshire to Wensleydale, incorporating both organic and vegetarian varieties. Attendees and exhibitors can evaluate the developments, innovations and trends in cheese making and other dairy produce. ■

## The legacy of Genghis Khan

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art brings the blockbuster exhibition about the legacy of Genghis Khan from New York's Metropolitan Museum to Los Angeles. The first complete survey of the artistic achievements of the 13th century Mongol empire, it features a walk-in royal tent with fantastic embroideries of silk made from

gold-wrapped thread, miniatures, manuscripts, jewellery and ceramics.

Though Genghis Khan forged his empire through brute force and legendary genocide, his descendants established their administrative control over a vast tract of central Asia, with Mongol power stretching across Iraq, Iran, western Afghanistan, southern Russian and western Turkey. ■

