

# Southeast Getaway Travel Newsletter

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## Cherry Blossom Festival, Macon GA



**Mar. 19-28**, [Macon, Ga.](#)

Fun and adventure is featured under a canopy of over 300,000 blooming trees in the Cherry Blossom capital of the world! The Cherry Blossom Festival was born in 1982 under the auspices of the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission, and was developed around the basic principles of "love, beauty and international friendship." Each March, Macon becomes a pink cotton-spun paradise of delight as over 300,000 Yoshino cherry trees bloom in all their glory. And for 10 days, festival-lovers are treated to one of the most extravagant displays of springtime color in the nation as they visit the town referred to by Congressional Records as the Cherry Blossom Capital of the World. For ten days each March, festival-lovers will be treated to one of the most extravagant displays of springtime color and blooms in the nation's Cherry Blossom Capital of the World. On March 19-28, 2010, The Cherry Blossom Festival features fun and adventure under a beautiful canopy of over 300,000 blooming Yoshino cherry trees. Thousands of visitors visit Macon during the festival giving the event over a 12 million dollar economic impact for Bibb County. Despite its humble beginnings, the festival has become one of the Top 20 Events in the South, Top 50 Events in the U.S. and Top 100 Events in North America. It has grown from a three-day festival with 30 events, to a 10-day celebration featuring hundreds of events planned to entertain all ages and backgrounds.

Visitors and locals will be treated to the 28th anniversary of Macon Georgia's International Cherry Blossom Festival! Delight in the splendor of hot-air balloons, colorful parades, historic tours, an unforgettable Sea Lion show, dazzling fireworks displays, and amusement rides that delight all ages. Nightly concerts feature top national and regional recording artists from every musical genre, and military bands. From Stylish fashion shows and gala balls to dancing in the streets of Macon at the street party,

Dear Harry,

Southeast Getaway will spotlight some of the winter festivals in the southeastern United States. Most of the festivals we have chosen are ranked in the top 20 for winter festivals. Since February has almost past we will center on March events. There is something here for everyone and I'm sure you will find one near you that you can not resist. [Book your reservations NOW.](#)

### • [Grilling on the Green Spring Fling, MS Gulf Coast](#)

"Grillin' on the Green Spring Fling" is a daylong festival featuring a grilling competition, food, 100's of arts & crafts vendors, live entertainment, & children's activities! This event continues to grow in popularity with over 7,000 in attendance. Events held throughout the Mississippi Gulf Coast! \*\*Awarded Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Winter Event 2010! **Date(s): 03/12/2010 - 03/14/2010 Location: Mississippi Gulf Coast**



[The Beau Rivage Hotel, Resort and Casino](#) is located approximately 20 minutes from the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport on the Gulf of Mexico. Hotel amenities include a 24-hour full casino, twelve restaurants, five lounges, an elevated cafe and bar, a shopping esplanade, a day spa, and a garden atrium. The marina has 31-slips and an Epic hardwood dock with observation decks with walking promenades.

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### • [Blue Ridge Food and Wine Festival](#)



Blowing Rock focuses on family vacations, honeymoons, romantic getaways, and group retreats. Outdoor adventure, dining in great mountain restaurants, fun-filled festivals, and excellent service make Blowing Rock one of the best vacation areas in the Southeast. The Blue Ridge Mountains surrounding Blowing Rock possess a rich history of a simpler time. Today, they provide the backdrop for the best vacation area in North Carolina. Spend the day with activities in Blowing Rock, then retire for the evening to our cozy accommodations that set the standard for comfort in North Carolina.

[The Meadowbrook Inn](#) is located on Sunset Drive in the heart of the Village of Blowing Rock. Only a short walk to Main Street shopping, restaurants and art galleries. The hotel features rooms, suites and cottages, complimentary pool access, some with fireplaces, full kitchens, and Jacuzzis. Complimentary continental breakfast is served daily. All guestrooms have refrigerators, coffee makers, hairdryers, and 30-inch flat screen TV

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br>Enjoy wine tastings, seminars, cooking classes, wine makers' dinner and much more! Estimated attendees-2500 Thursday, April 15, 2010: Uncork the Festival Party (fun theme to be announced!) Friday, April 16, 2010: Downtown activities and shopping Wine Seminars featuring various wineries and topics Cooking Classes Winemaker Dinners Meet & Greet with festival VIPs Gallery Stroll Downtown Late Night music and entertainment around town Saturday, April 17, 2010: Downtown activities and shopping Grand Wine Tasting in Downtown Blowing Rock Fire on the Rock Chefs Challenge VIP Fundraiser Gala Late Night music and entertainment around town Sunday, April 18, 2010: Fire on the Rock Finale Champagne Brunches

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