

Events in North East & West this summer

Coast to coast, the North of England has more than you could need for a summer like no other.

From the Northumberland shoreline to the bustling cities of Liverpool and Manchester, the north has it all – and our unique range of hotels across the region mean you really can enjoy your summer, your way.

Here's our pick of the best events taking place across the North West and North East over the coming months...

2 July

Chester Raft Race, Chester

Homemade rafts race 400 metres down the River Dee in this annual event. The Best Western Forest Hills Hotel is a great base from which to explore the historic city.

10 September

World Black Pudding Throwing Championships, Ramsbottom

Try your luck at this quirky sport and see if you can set a new world record. Relax after at the Best Western Old Mill Hotel & Leisure Club.

23 - 29 August

International Beatleweek, Liverpool

Head to the home of the Fab Four for this week-long series of events celebrating Beatlemania. The Richmond, BW Premier Collection sits in the vibrant hub of Liverpool centre.

29 - 30 July

Manchester Comic Con, Manchester

Get dressed up and head to this must-attend event for comic geeks across the country. Check in to the nearby Best Western Plus Manchester Airport Pinewood on Wilmslow.

All year round

Llama Treks at Llama Karma Kafe, Lake District

What better way to see the Lake District than with a Llama for a guide. The Best Western Glenridding Hotel makes a great base to explore the national park.

28 August

World Gravy Wrestling Championships, Lancashire

There are few things more northern than gravy – so experience true life in the north with this refreshingly odd event. Get cleaned up after at the nearby Best Western Old Mill Hotel & Leisure Club, Bury.

15 - 17 September

World Gurning Championship, Cumbria

Part of the 750th Egremont Crab Fair, this contest has to be seen to be believed (and never forgotten). Check in to the Best Western Glenridding Hotel, located in the heart of the Lake District.

28 - 30 July

Kendal Calling, Lake District

Few festivals have such stunning surroundings as this laidback event jam-packed with live music and much more. Afterwards, treat yourself with a stay at the Castle Green Hotel in Kendal, BW Premier Collection.

1 July - 16 September

Kynren, Durham

This spectacular open air show at Auckland Castle takes you through 2,000 years of British history. The Best Western Whitworth Hall Hotel is just a few miles from the venue.

30 June - 2 July

North East Chilli Fest, Northumberland

From live music to the best chilli recipes in the region, this event is a must for foodies and festival fans alike. Stay just down the coast at the Best Western The Sea Hotel, South Shields.