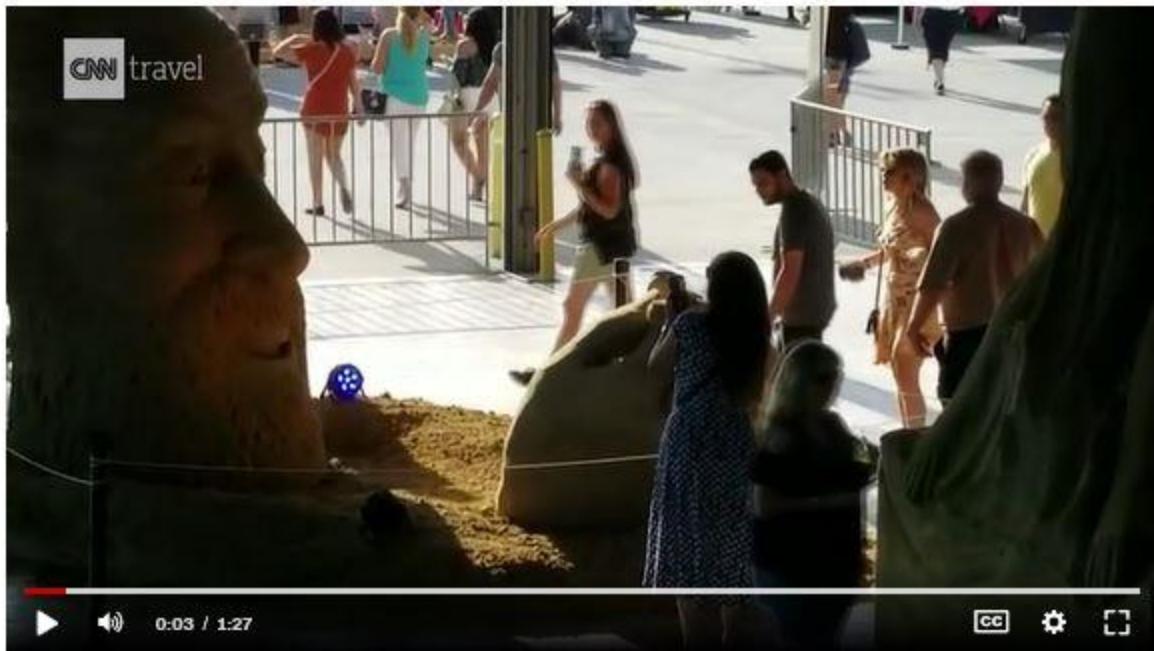


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# 8 of the best US Labor Day events for 2018

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**(CNN)** — Although held each year on the first Monday of September, Labor Day has become much more than a 24-hour celebration.

The public holiday, in honor of working people in the [United States](#), signifies the end of summer for many. So it is little wonder that the entire three-day weekend boasts festive events to which people [travel](#) from coast to coast.

Here are eight [destinations](#) that have some of the best Labor Day events, and click the links at the end of the article for more information on them:

## Chicago: Chicago Jazz Festival



This year's expanded Chicago Jazz Festival started August 24 with performances all over the city in various jazz venues and clubs. The main event is center stage in Millennium Park, where renowned jazz musician Ramsey Lewis, is slated to give his last performance.

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Speaking of music, the Chicago Jazz Festival is a Labor Day tradition in the windy city. Mary May with City of Chicago's marketing and communications, anticipates about 150,000 in attendance throughout the big holiday weekend.

Technically, though, the festival kicked off last week with jazz venues and clubs around the city offering performances during the dog days of summer.

The Millennium Park portion of the festival -- the main event -- will feature food trucks and places to buy wine and beer, the ultimate jazz-listening accessories.