

# The Non-Christmassy Festivals of Winter

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Getting festive at the end of the year doesn't have to be all about mulled wine and Santa photo ops. These festivals may fall over the holidays, but there's nothing Christmassy about them.

—*Kristy Alpert*



Taste of Auckland

## TASTE OF AUCKLAND

**When:** November

**Where:** Auckland, New Zealand

New Zealand's breezy spring season is the perfect setting for the annual [Taste of Auckland](#) festival. 2016's line-up included hands-on cooking sessions with world-class chefs, exclusive tastings from local restaurants, live music, special VIP experiences, and a marketplace showcasing the best products from New Zealand's top fine food producers, wine makers, distillers, and craft brewers.