

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

APRIL 24-26, 2015

**THIRD ANNUAL  
LAS CRUCES  
COUNTRY MUSIC  
FESTIVAL & RODEO**

A three day celebration of country music featuring live concert performances by up and coming country music acts from Nashville and around the country.  
[lccountryfest.com](http://lccountryfest.com)



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Learn more about  
the 2015 Las Cruces  
Country Music Festival

**JULY 3-4**

**ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY  
ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE**

Celebration & fireworks commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Las Cruces celebrates with a parade of floats decorated with electric lights. Experience live entertainment throughout the day plus a spectacular fireworks display at night. 575-528-3170. 575-541-2200. [las-cruces.org](http://las-cruces.org)

**AUGUST 30-31**

**HATCH CHILE FESTIVAL**

The Mesilla Valley is the chile capital of the world, and what better way to celebrate than with a chile festival. Sample some of the finest chile while you enjoy food, crafts, an auction, live music and more. Hatch. 575-267-5050. [hatchchilefest.com](http://hatchchilefest.com)

**AUGUST 30**

**NEW MEXICO WINE  
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Celebrate New Mexico's wine harvest with grape stomping, wine tasting, live entertainment. Festival features arts & crafts vendors, children's activities, hourly wine seminars and a great relaxed atmosphere. Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, 11 miles west on I-10 exit 132. Noon - 6pm each day \$13 adults 21 and older, under 21 free but must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. \$3 discount for active duty military on Monday. 575-522-1232. [wineharvestfestival.com](http://wineharvestfestival.com)

**SEPTEMBER 20-21**

**WHITE SANDS HOT AIR  
BALLOON INVITATIONAL**

A collection of colorful balloons filling the air over the white gypsum dunes of White Sands National Monument. 575-437-6120, 800-826-0294. [alamogordo.com](http://alamogordo.com)

**SEPTEMBER 3-7**

**WHITE SANDS INTERNATIONAL  
FILM FESTIVAL**

Intended to screen outstanding short and feature length documentaries and narratives of all genres from around the world, but also retain a special focus on Latino and New Mexican film-making, as well as celebrate outstanding cinema that has been shot in the amazing back drop of Southern New Mexico. The festival also includes film making and acting workshops, and the presentation of the Enchantment Award. Cineport 10, Mesilla Valley Mall. 700 S. Telshor Blvd. S30-150. 575-522-1232. [wsiff.com](http://wsiff.com)

**SEPTEMBER 13**

**ANNUAL FRONTIER DAYS**

Take a trip back in time with a visit to Fort Selden State Monument as they honor the civilians and soldiers who lived at the fort and protected the residents of the Mesilla Valley after the Civil War. Among the groups honored are the Buffalo Soldiers who, were some of the first soldiers assigned to the Fort. Fort Selden State Monument. 575-526-8911, 800-429-9488. [nmculture.org](http://nmculture.org)