

Try these top January events

From jazz festivals and fashion fairs to desert expeditions and winter treks, there's plenty to enjoy around the network this month

Winter Jazzfest

9-18 January

New York's blues-busting midwinter showcase (*right*) returns as the world's finest contemporary jazz artists take to the stage for solo shows and multi-venue marathons across the city. winterjazzfest.com

The Road Junky Sahara Retreat

12-18 January

Escaping to the desert might be a dramatic way to start 2020, but in the dunes outside of Marrakech, a calming week of yoga, camping,



dance and meditation awaits (*bottom left*).

roadjunkyretreat.com

Berlin Fashion Week

13-17 January

The German capital rolls out the runway for the autumn/winter edition of its biannual fashion week, with technology and sustainability a heavy focus again. It's a hot industry event, but some parts are open to all. fashion-week-berlin.com

Vilnius International Short Film Festival

16-19 January

The 13th edition of this growing Lithuanian festival features 32 works from all across the globe, in the fields of fiction, documentary and animation. filmshorts.lt

Slapstick Festival

23-26 January

A star-studded lineup of comedians gather in



Bristol for a celebration of classic clowning and silent comedy, with events dedicated to Chaplin, Laurel & Hardy and other stars. slapstick.org.uk

Arte Fiera

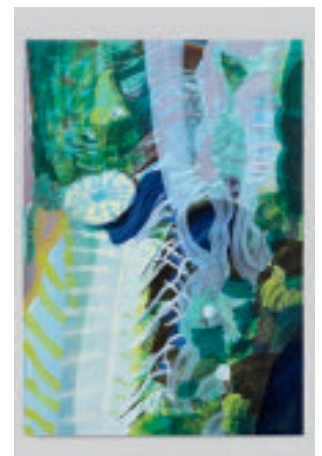
24-26 January

Head to Bologna for one of Italy's longest-running contemporary art fairs (*right*). Don't miss new sections *Focus* and *Pittura XXI* which showcase the best of post-war artists and 21st-century painting. artefiera.it

Burns Night

25 January

Celebrate Scotland's favourite poet in typical



tradition – with haggis, whisky and... dumplings? Expect a special cross-cultural twist this year, as the festivities fall on the first day of the Chinese New Year, for the first time since 1982.

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