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Singapore wins global award for best festivals

The U.S. International Festivals and Events Association has given its Pinnacle Award to the city-state of Singapore for the second year.

Singapore organizes one festival after another to lure visitors to the "Lion City." For example, it is currently inviting tourists to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Singapore, where bars and restaurants include "Father Flanagan's," "Molly Malone's," "The Dubliner," and "Shamus O'Donnell's," which the Singapore tourism authority swears is locally known as "SOD's."

The Singapore Food Festival begins March 29 and the World Gourmet Summit will be held there again starting on April 17. Singapore is a popular tourist destination for vacationers from Australia, New Zealand, India and China. Though Singapore is located at the bottom of the Southeast Asian peninsula and is closer to Bangalore than to Beijing, the majority of its residents are ethnic Chinese.

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