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Today in History: <u>In 1991, the World Wide Web made</u> <u>its public debut</u>

White House Unveils America's AI Action Plan

Jul 23, 2025

The White House today released "Winning the AI Race: America's AI Action Plan ", in accordance with President Trump's January executive order on Removing Barriers to American Leadership ...

Who were the Picts of ancient Scotland?

Some 2,000 years ago, Scotland was home to a group of people known as the Picts. To the Romans who controlled much of Britain at the time, they were but mere savages, men who fought completely naked, armed with little more than a spear. But the Picts were fearsome warriors.



Every time the Roman Empire tried to move into their territory, the Picts successfully fought back. The Roman legions were the greatest military force the world had ever seen and the only people they couldn't conquer were this wild clan.

Yet despite their formidable warrior culture, the Picts mysteriously vanished during the 10th century. The wild men the Romans could not conquer faded away and barely left behind a trace of their existence. Today, historians still struggle to piece together a glimpse into who the Picts were and what happened to their mighty culture.

The Picts were so named by the Romans who observed and record them, but as was the case with many ancient peoples, the Picts did not refer to themselves that way. "Pict" is believed to be a derivation of "The Painted," or "Tattooed People," which described the blue tattoos with which the Picts covered their bodies.

Julius Caesar himself was fascinated by the culture. Upon meeting them in battle, he recorded that they "dye themselves with woad, which produces a blue color, and makes their appearance in battle more terrible. They wear long hair, and shave every part of the body save the head and the upper lip."

According to other Roman sources, the only clothing the Picts wore were iron chains around their waists and throats. Iron was considered to them a sign of wealth and a material more valuable than gold. In addition, iron also served a practical use, the Picts could use these chains to carry swords, shields, and spears.



Their bodies were otherwise adorned head to toe with colored tattoos, designs, and drawings of animals. Indeed, these designs were so so intricate and beautiful that the Romans believed the reason the Picts didn't wear clothes was to show them off.

In the end, it wasn't the drums of war that toppled the Picts: it was the cross. In 397 AD, Christian missionaries started moving into the Picts' territory and spread the message of Jesus Christ. One of the most successful individuals in converting the Picts was Saint Columba, who famously won over the clans by banishing a monster they thought dwelled in the River Ness – a story that's believed to be the basis for the legend of the Loch Ness Monster.

time.com/7306611/chief-of-war-true-story-hawaii-jason-momoa/?utm_source=firefox-newtaben-us

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Improving the Search

By Madeline Schill & Kathy Jones

As digital collections grow, how can museums tackle the lack of standardization and moral code that have historically plagued internal cataloguing practices? That's the challenge staff at the Harvard University Herbaria are taking on, as they work to remove derogatory language and increase searchability of their collections. Here's why AI has become their secret weapon.

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Saka Museum in Bali shines a light on often-overlooked aspects of Balinese culture. Photograph by SAKA Museum

TRAVEL

7 of the best new museums to visit this year

From the world's largest archaeological space dedicated to a single civilisation to a fascinating deep dive into regional BBQ, these new museums are worthy of your attention in 2025. Here's where to visit this year.

ByDaniela Toporek

May 20, 2025

This article was produced by *National Geographic Traveller* (UK).

Whether it's getting in touch with different cultures, finding creative inspiration or even sinking your teeth into the history of a specific subject, museums can be intimate and interactive spaces that conjure new trains of thought while transporting visitors into other worlds — even if just for a brief moment. And 2025 is a great year to wander collection-filled halls, get lost in exhibitions and stimulate the senses with new interactive experiences — here's where to do it.

1. Grand Egyptian Museum, Egypt

A massive 11-metre, 3,200-year-old statue of Ramses II greets visitors at the long-awaited <u>Grand Egyptian Museum</u> in Cairo, the largest archaeological museum in the world. This highly anticipated space dedicated to Ancient Egyptian civilisation has been in the works for over a decade, with multiple pushbacks due to rising costs and the pandemic, but the first galleries finally opened in late 2024.

The grand staircase that leads to the main galleries is a statue-stacked celebration of Egypt's gods and kings, holding over 60 significant pieces from the museum's collection. Once upstairs, visitors can peer through the floor-to-ceiling windows that face the Pyramids of Giza before admiring the museum's 100,000-strong collection. Tours are offered every hour in Arabic and English and last 90 minutes, but that's not nearly enough to cover the entire museum. This July will finally see the museum's official grand opening, when the King Tutankhamun collection will be unveiled.

An old-school jukebox, curated by DJ and activist Honey Dijon, plays inspirational hits that capture the Stonewall community's rebellious spirit and joy. Photograph by Stephen Kent Johnson

2. Stonewall National Monument Visitor Centre, US

Last June — on the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion on the 28th of the month — marked the opening of New York City's Stonewall National Monument Visitor Centre, a cultural hub dedicated to all things LGBTQ+. It's set in what was one half of the original Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, which was raided by police in 1969, sparking a series of protests. The visitor centre plays host to a variety of talks, live performances, on-site tours and exhibitions highlighting LGBTQ+ history while a modern revival of the original bar occupies the other half of the building next door. A rainbow-coloured Wall of Solidarity greets guests and unveils Stonewall's global legacy while highlighting the voices of revolutionary hope while an old-school jukebox, curated by DJ and activist Honey Dijon, plays inspirational hits that capture the Stonewall community's rebellious spirit and joy. Entry to the visitor centre is free of charge.

3. Nintendo Museum, Japan

Giant brick blocks and green pipes decorate the courtyard of the Nintendo Museum, which opened last October in Kyoto, Japan, conjuring up the imaginary world of the global entertainment brand. The museum, spread across three buildings, is dedicated to the history of Nintendo, from its humble roots — founded in 1889 as a maker of *hanafuda* ('flower cards', traditional Japanese playing cards) — to the company's latest games and consoles, including special editions and concepts that were never publicly released.

The main attraction, as expected, is the collection of interactive games, featuring Nintendo's famous characters, from Kirby to Super Mario. End the nostalgia with a visit to the museum gift shop for Nintendo memorabilia, followed by the Hatena Burger restaurant, where visitors can choose from over 270,000 possible ways to build a burger. Tickets are made available by lottery and must be bought at least three months in advance through the museum's website.

The striking brutalist building in Kristiansand in southern Norway houses the largest collection of Nordic modern art.

Photograph by Alan Williams

4. Kunstsilo, Norway

The sleek, white brutalist building that houses <u>Kunstsilo</u>, Norway's latest museum of contemporary Nordic art, might seem like a recent construction, but it's actually a repurposed flour mill built in 1935. Recognised for its modern, functionalist architecture, the silo is now home to prestigious collections that showcase 8,000 pieces of Nordic art. The Tangen Collection, the largest collection of Nordic modern art, gathers work from Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland from the late 1890s to present-day. Kunstsilo also offers digital contemporary art and temporary exhibitions, along with lectures, concerts and workshops. There's also a brasserie on the ground floor and the Panorama bar on the ninth, for views of the fjord and archipelago outside the southern port city of Kristiansand.

5. Women Artists of the Mougins Museum, France

British collector Christian Levett closed his museum of antiquity in Mougins on the French Riviera and reopened it as a dedicated space to art created entirely by women of the 19th to 21st

centuries. Femmes Artistes du Musée de Mougins, or Women Artists of the Mougins Museum, holds Levett's personal collection of over 100 paintings and sculptures created by more than 80 artists such as Frida Kahlo, Blanche Hoschedé-Monet (stepdaughter of Claude Monet), Joan Mitchell, Jenna Gribbon, Leonora Carrington and dozens more. The ground floor is dedicated to painters of the impressionist and surrealist movements, while the first floor showcases abstract work from the 20th century. The second floor embodies figurative art and various depictions and expressions of the human body while the basement level is dedicated to 21st-century women artists and their legacies in the art world. The museum is open daily and tickets can be purchased in advance online.

Visitors to the Museum of BBQ can dive into a ball pit resembling a can of BBQ beans at the end Photograph by Ben Pieper of their visit.

6. Museum of BBQ, US

A museum dedicated entirely to flavour, the Museum of BBQ allows guests to get lost in the sauces of America's four main barbecue regions: Kansas City, Memphis, Texas and the Carolinas. Opened by food writer and BBQ judge Jonathan Bender, this Kansas City-based museum dives deep into every step of the sizzling practice, from meat cuts and dry rubs to how smoke, wood and fire affect the final result. Visitors can also soak up the history of the craft while enjoying some 'rib ticklers' (BBQ-themed dad jokes) and photos with the championship mustard belt — an ode to South Carolina's famous mustard-based sauce. After the culinary history, it's time to dive into a can of beans — or at least into the giant ball pit that resembles one.

7. Saka Museum, Indonesia

Shining a light on often-overlooked Balinese culture and history, the Saka Museum in Bali weaves the island's intimate connection to nature into its state-of-the-art architecture and design. Opened in 2024 by Ayana Bali, a destination resort with four award-winning hotels, the Saka Museum is free for hotel guests and open to others for a small fee.

Named after the Hindu solar calendar, the museum showcases preserved ancient texts, gamelan instrument ensembles, stone statues and ogoh-ogoh sculptures from local Balinese communities as well as offers a deep dive behind Nyepi, Bali's annual, island-wide Day of Silence. Saka offers tours, seminars and exhibitions, along with vast indoor and outdoor spaces for weddings and special events.

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/article/best-new-museums-to-visit-this-year

Powwows - August

60th Annual Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival 2025

Grand Entries: Thursday 7:00pm (no points) Friday 7:00pm (contest points) Saturday 1:30pm & 7:00pm (contest points) Sunday 2:00pm (contest points) Singing...

Meskwaki Annual Pow Wow 2025

Tama IA

Pocatello ID

Everyone Welcome! Grand Entries Daily: 1:00m & 7:00pm Admission: \$10 Adults; \$5 Children 6-12; 5yrs & under free Dancing & Singing; Native...

Aug 8 - 9 38th Annual Bell Pow Wow 2025

Stilwell OK

Bring your lawn chairs and your family! Friday: Gourd 6pm Grand Entry 8pm Saturday: Gourd 2pm Supper 5pm Gourd 6pm Grand...

Aug 8 - 11 49th Annual Mohican Pow Wow 2025

Bowler WI

Save the Date! Traditional pow wow with rough camping on site.

Aug 9 - 10 9th Annual King City Pow Wow 2025

King, NC

Rain or Shine! Admission: Children 0-5 & Veterans Free Ages 6-12 & Seniors \$5.00 Ages 13-62 \$10.00 (\$8.00 with 2/cans of food)...

Aug 9 Back to School Pow Wow 2025

Albuquerque NM

Please join us for our "Back to School Pow Wow" to celebrate our students and staff returning to our 20th year at the Native...

Aug 13 - 19 Crow Fair 2025

Crow Agency MT

Please see all attached flyers for pow wow details, contest information and list of specials! Wednesday August 13th - Youth Pow Wow...

Aug 14 - 16 47th Wichita Annual Dance 2025

Anadarko OK

August 14, 2025 Wichita Night 8:00 am - Flag Raising 6:00 pm - Supper 7:00 pm - Wichita Songs &...

Aug 15 - 17 Mille Lacs 59th Annual Traditional Pow Wow 2025

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Save the Date! https://www.millelacsband.com/

Aug 15 - 17 Neyaashiinigmiing Annual Traditional Pow Wow 2025 Wiarton ON

Admission: \$5 (for ages 5-55) everyone else FREE Friday: Family Fun & Music Night First 4 drums: \$1500 At least 5...

Aug 15 - 17 Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi 2025 Shakopee MN Grand Entry: Friday 7:00pm Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday 1:00pm Public Welcome Free Admission Fireworks 10pm Saturday Live streaming 3212 Dakotah Parkway...

Aug 22 - 24 Zhiibaahaasing 29th Annual Pow Wow 2025

Zhiibaahaasing ON

An event in celebration of our proud and growing First Nation. All welcome. Friday, August 22nd Welcome fish fry 6pm - 8pm or While supplies...

Aug 23 - 24 11th Annual Spirit of the Wolf Native American Festival & Pow Wow 2025

Johnstown NY

All drums, dancers, public welcome Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm Grand Entry: Noon 12:00pm Aztec Fire Dancers, Exhibition Dancing, Birds of Prey...

Aug 23 - 24 Annual Little Shell Veteran's and Elder's Pow Wow 2025 Great Falls MT

Grand Entries: Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm; Sunday 1:00pm See flyer for Dance Categories, Dance Specials and rain venue information. Host Drum:...

Aug 23 - 24 Hawaiian Gardens Robert Canada Friendship Pow Wow 2025

Hawaiian Gardens CA

Honoring Jimi Castillo and Benjamin Hale Native American Arts & Crafts, Frybread All drums & dancers welcome! Free Admission Open to...

Aug 23 Lake Granbury Intertribal Pow Wow 2025

Tolar TX

Free to Attend! Indoor, Air Conditioned Event venue. Carefully curated vendors. Dancers, Artisan Vendors, Indian Tacos, Fry Bread Over 15 Sovereign Native...

Aug 23 - 24 Nulhegan Abenaki Heritage Gathering 2025

Eden Mills VT

The Nulhegan Abenaki Heritage Gathering will be held at Mount Norris Scout Reservation on August 23 - 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Throughout...

Aug 28 - Sep 1 109th Annual Spokane Tribe of Indians Labor Day Celebration 2025

Wellpinit WA

Grand Entry: Thursday - Camper's Night; 5:00pm Royalty Contest; 7:00pm Tiny Tot Pow Wow Friday 7:00pm - Contest points start...

Aug 28 - 31 77th Annual Northern Arapaho Pow Wow 2025 A

Arapahoe WY

Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday 1:00pm Marion Scott Memorial Gourd Dance - Friday Royalty Warm Up -...

Aug 29 - 31 Heart Lake First Nation 22nd Annual Competition Pow Wow 2025

Save the Date! MC: TBA Arena Director: TBA Host Drum: TBA

Lac La Biche AB

Aug 29 - 31 Numaga Indian Days Pow Wow & Hand Games 2025 Hungry Valley NV Nevada's Largest Pow Wow! Free Admission; Family Friendly Event; Open to the Public Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday...

Aug 29 - Sep 1 White Mesa Bear Dance & Contest Pow Wow 2025 White Mesa UT Contest Pow Wow August 29-September 1, 2025 - Bear Dance Vending Info will be posted soon. Updates will be announced as...

Aug 30 - 31 23rd Annual Santa Rosa Days Pow Wow & Gathering 2025 Lemoore CA
Honoring First Responders Grand Entries: Saturday 12:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday 12:00pm Dance
Specials: Committee Special: Women's Southern Traditional Pete Baga Memorial...

Aug 30 - 31 64th Annual Tecumseh Lodge Pow Wow 2025

Tipton IN

Participant Fees: Adults \$10: Children Under 13 \$5: Age 4 & Under – Free Spectator Fees Per Day Adults \$7.00: Children...

Aug 30 - Sep 1 Fall Harvest Celebration (Waverly, OH) 2025 Waverly OH General Admission \$5.00 Adult, child 6 and under FREE \$3.00 Senior/ Disabled/ Veterans and Children 7-17 (Cash Please) Enjoy...

Aug 30 - 31 Special Event: 42nd Annual Iroquois Arts Festival 2025 Howes Cave NY 10:00am - 5:00pm Celebrate Haudenosaunee creativity at this vibrant event, which features an all-Iroquois Art Market showcasing traditional,...

Click on each title to see a wide variety of powwow posters.

Sorry I didn't get to the announcements for last weekend.....

Senate confirms Trump nominee Brian Nesvik to lead the US Fish and Wildlife Service

Millions are flocking to grow virtual gardens in a viral Roblox game created by a teenager

Grow a Garden, created by a 16-year-old in a few days, <u>has shattered records for the most concurrent players of any game in history</u>, beating out video games that take years and millions of dollars to develop. And there's no one to shoot, fight or race.

Yurok Tribe, Farmers Ditch Company, and California Trout break ground on Scott River Restoration Project

"The Yurok Tribe, Farmers Ditch Company (FDC), and CalTrout kicked off construction today on a project that will restore degraded fish habitat, improve fish passage, and enhance river flows within a section of the Scott River, all while balancing agricultural needs. The Scott River is one of the largest and most significant tributaries of the Klamath River, and following dam removal on the Klamath, this project will help achieve recovery across the entire Klamath River watershed. The project, which is the culmination of an agreement between FDC, CalTrout, and the Yurok Tribe that was signed in June 2024, aims to improve the FDC point of diversion and to improve surface flows and fish habitat that connect the Sugar Creek coho salmon stronghold to cold water in the headwaters of the Scott River. ... "Read more from Cal Trout.

Every last drop: water scarcity and winegrape vineyard expansion in Arizona and Colorado

"The rapid expansion of winegrape cultivation in Arizona and Colorado presents a complex intersection of water law, agricultural policy and economic development that demands immediate attention from policymakers and industry stakeholders. Both states face mounting pressure to balance agricultural growth with increasingly scarce water resources, creating regulatory challenges that test the limits of existing legal frameworks. Arizona's wine industry has experienced remarkable growth, expanding from approximately 75 licensed wineries in 2015 to 159 as of 2023, producing more than 700,000 gallons of wine (according to 2023 TTB data). However, this expansion occurs against the backdrop of severe groundwater depletion, particularly in the state's most productive wine regions. The Willcox Basin, home to the established Willcox American Viticultural Area (AVA), exemplifies the regulatory tensions facing the industry. ... "Read more from the Wine Industry Advisor.

Podcast: New report highlights concerns over water, power usage in data centers across the West

"For years, officials in Nevada have courted the tech industry as a way to diversify the state's economy. And now it appears, they could get their wish in the form of data centers. The facilities used to power AI and store the exponentially growing amount of digital data have sprung up across the West. However, some are concerned that the amount of water and power they use could increase strain on drought-stricken areas. Those concerns were outlined in a report from the nonprofit Western Resource Advocates, pointing to policies it says states and utility commissions should consider to better regulate an emerging industry it warns could devastate natural resources. ... "Read more from KNPR.

Tribe, environmentalists seek ruling against Oak Flat copper mine as deadline nears

"A federal judge will hear arguments Aug. 6 from the San Carlos Apache Tribe and a group of environmentalists who want to halt a land exchange that would allow the construction of a huge copper mine at Oak Flat, a site held sacred by Indigenous communities. San Carlos asked the court to stop the exchange in response to the Trump administration's June 20 publication of a final environmental impact statement that set a 60-day deadline for the U.S. Forest Service to trade 2,200 acres in the Tonto National Forest for private lands owned by Resolution Copper. A 2014 law requires the Forest Service to trade Oak Flat to the mining company within 60 days of publication of a legal environmental impact statement. ... "Read more from Arizona Central.

Colorado's entire congressional delegation, Democrats and Republicans alike, tell Trump to release water project funds

"Colorado's entire congressional delegation, Republicans and Democrats alike, is calling for the release of \$140 million in frozen funds for Colorado River water projects. In January, the last days of the Biden administration, the Bureau of Reclamation awarded funding for 17 projects as part of the federal drought-response effort in the overstressed Colorado River Basin. Three days later, President Donald Trump issued sweeping executive orders that aimed to reshape federal spending priorities to match his administration's policies. The Colorado projects were caught in the maelstrom. Colorado water managers were thrown for a loop. It stalled hoped-for progress on everything from irrigation ditch repairs to fish passage projects. Supporters of the Western Slope's effort to purchase powerful Colorado River water rights at Shoshone Power Plant saw the promise of \$40 million evaporate. The state's federal lawmakers want that to change. ... "Read more from the Colorado Sun.

Never say die': KUNR, PBS Reno carry on as federal funding agency announces closure



Scholarships with September 15-27 Deadlines

ACHE Student Grant Program	\$3,000	September 15, 2025
Alaska Space Grant Program- Undergraduate	\$500	September 15, 2025
Breakthrough Junior Challenge	\$250,000	September 15, 2025
Catching The Dream Program	\$5,000	September 15, 2025
Chickasaw Nation Scholarships	\$1,000	September 15, 2025
Heart Warrior Achievement Scholarship	\$5,000	September 15, 2025
J.C. Cote Scholarship	\$1,000	September 15, 2025
Luce Scholars Program	\$500	September 15, 2025
Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grants	\$2,500	September 15, 2025
Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers & Firemen Scholarship	Full- Tuition	September 15, 2025
Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant	\$1,000	September 15, 2025
New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant	Full- Tuition	September 15, 2025
RERF Veteran Stipend	\$10,000	September 15, 2025
Sponsoring True Advocacy for Challenged Youth Scholarship	\$1,000	September 15, 2025
The Gates Scholarship	Full- Tuition	September 15, 2025
Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program	\$12,750	September 15, 2025
College Photographer of the Year Award	\$5,000	September 16, 2025
Balanced Man Scholarship- University of Virginia	\$1,000	September 18, 2025
Girl Up STEM Scholarship	\$10,000	September 18, 2025
Community Services Block Grants Scholarships for Chicago Residents	\$5,000	September 19, 2025
Cause San Diego's Social Impact Scholarship Program	\$3,000	September 20, 2025
UT Austin Acacia Fraternity Fall Leadership Scholarship	\$1,000	September 20, 2025
UT Austin Acacia Man of Faith Scholarship	\$1,000	September 20, 2025
Marshall Scholarship	\$85,000	September 24, 2025
The ALKU Scholarship	\$30,000	September 25, 2025
Acorn Equality Fund Scholarships	\$4,000	September 26, 2025
QuestBridge National College Match	Full- Tuition	September 26, 2025
Tedric A. Harris Bearing Internship Scholarship	\$2,500	September 26, 2025
Albers-Alexander LGBTQ Law Scholarship	\$10,000	September 27, 2025