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June 2006

Summer is here! With so much to do in and around NewcastleGateshead in the coming months, we have pulled together some great offers and ideas to help you choose what to do when the sun is shining. There's never been a better time to join in and take part.

## Events

### Sunderland International Kite Festival (FREE)

Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington, Tyne and Wear  
Saturday 1 July - Sunday 2 July 2006

The Sunderland International Kite Festival, this year celebrating its 21st birthday, is a free two day event that will see a spectacular programme of famous national and international artists from the world of kites, from as far away as Japan, China, USA, India, Ghana every part of Europe. [Find out more on Kite Festival...](#)



### ¡VAMOS!

Venues throughout NewcastleGateshead  
Friday 7 July - Sunday 16 July 2006

A fusion of carnival sounds celebrating Spanish and Portuguese speaking cultures, including music, literature, theatre, film, food, fashion and sport. ¡VAMOS! will bring the dazzling colours and vibrant sounds of Latin America to North East England.

[Find out more on ¡VAMOS!...](#)

### Mouth of the Tyne Festival (FREE)

South Shields, North Shields and Tynemouth  
Saturday 15 July - Sunday 16 July 2006

The Mouth of the Tyne Festival is a joint celebratory event combining the spectacular riversides of North and South Tyneside. The weekend festival will highlight exclusive contemporary entertainment including a spectacular pyrotechnic show and world music concert in Tynemouth Priory as well as art and community displays for all the family! [Find out more about Mouth of the Tyne...](#)

### SummerTyne

The Sage Gateshead and Gateshead Quays,  
From Friday 21 July 2006

SummerTyne is a vibrant programme of events to celebrate the long lazy days of summer in and around The Sage Gateshead. Starting with the *Americana Festival (21st – 23rd July)* including performances by Randy Newman, Tony Joe White, Dwight Yoakam and Solomon Burke. [Find out more on SummerTyne...](#)



## Tyneside Powerboat Grand Prix (FREE)

Sandhaven Beach, South Shields  
Saturday 22 July - Sunday 23 July 2006

The UK's premier powerboat championship, the Honda Formula 4-Stroke series, is set to race on Tyneside for the first time ever this summer. [Find out more on Powerboats...](#)

## Future Events - Dates for the Diary

*Imagine - Official opening of Northern Stage - Sunday 27 - Monday 28 August.* Performances throughout the weekend and a late night party. [More...](#)

*L'Afrique a Newcastle - Monday 18 September – Saturday 23 September.* A week long festival of African music and culture bringing live music, workshops, a city centre carnival and a film and debate to the North East. [More...](#)

## Offers



## Win tickets to the Mouth of the Tyne Festival Open-Air Evening Concert

Tynemouth Priory and Castle, Tynemouth  
Saturday 15 July 2006

The Mouth of the Tyne Festival presents an amazing open-air concert as part of the weekend-long Mouth of the Tyne Festival. We have **ten pairs of tickets to give away** for this concert featuring; Natacha Atlas and the Afro Cuban All Stars. [Find out more and chance to Win Tickets...](#)

## 2 for 1 entry at Segedunum Roman Fort, Baths and Museum

Wallsend, Tyne and Wear

Discover what life was like at the last outpost of the Roman Empire as Segedunum is once again the gateway to Hadrian's Wall. See stunning views of the excavated fort, reconstructed bath house and the surrounding area from the spectacular viewing tower. **2 for 1 entry offer...simply quote NGI offer when booking** [Find out more on Segedunum...](#)

## Win one of five family tickets to The Alnwick Garden

Denwick Lane, Alnwick


The Alnwick Garden is one of the most exciting contemporary gardens to be developed in the last century, mixing eclectic gardens, planting, structures and features, and bringing them to life with water. Eat in one of the world's largest wooden tree houses, hear fascinating and gruesome plant stories on a Poison Garden tour, and enjoy the uniquely beautiful landscape. [Find out more about Alnwick Gardens and Win family tickets...](#)



## Win tickets to see Solomon Burke

The Sage Gateshead  
Saturday 22 July 2006

Performing as part of the Americana festival, Solomon Burke was proclaimed "The King of Rock 'n' Soul" when his song Got To Get You Off My Mind went to the top of the rhythm and blues charts in 1965. He was a pioneer of the soul music that blends R 'n' B and gospel, but his songs include elements of jazz, country and rock too. We have **a pair of tickets to give away** for this extraordinary performer. [Find out more and chance to Win Tickets...](#)

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