

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF KITES & AIR CREATIONS

Celebrating 23 Years of Flying High

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2009 Bristol International Kite Festival - Dates Announced

The 23rd annual Bristol International Festival of Kites & Air Creations will take place in Ashton Court Estate, Bristol over the weekend of **12th and 13th September 2009**.

Organizers are promising an action packed aerial extravaganza featuring spectacular flying displays, kite fighting battles, breathtaking synchronised routines flown to music and awesome power kites as well as colourful ground-based inflatables and air sculptures of all shapes and sizes.

International kite guests will be winging their way from across the world to join flyers and enthusiasts from the UK and Europe. The Festival will also welcome a spectacular array of air creations including original air sculptures and a collection larger-than-life inflatable creatures including 25 metre long dragons and a walk through coral reef.

Festival highlights will include:

- a 30 metre long multi-coloured manta ray and a gaggle of geckos designed and made in New Zealand by festival favourite Peter Lynn
- the brute power of vast man-lifting kite surf wings and the thrills and spills of kite-propelled buggies and land boards
- spectacular and colourful sea-themed kites including swirling octopi, a flying scuba diver, a giant mermaid and Roly the mega killer whale
- aerial combat with traditional Japanese fighting kites each vying to be the last one in the sky
- free children's kite-making workshops

The Festival programme runs on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September from 11.00am to 5.00pm. To add to the festive atmosphere there will also be fantastic play structures and children's attractions, selected specialist kite traders, a licensed bar and an array of appetising food and drink.

All the information can be found on the Festival's website, which will be updated throughout the year – www.kite-festival.org.uk. The website has been sponsored and designed by local Bristol web firm Sandbox UK (www.sandbox.uk.com).

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