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**Add Some Spark to Your Next Holiday**

Every November 5 we stop to remember the thwarted attempt of Guy Fawkes and his cronies to blow up the Houses of Parliament in England. Originating from the UK, major celebrations take place from late October through to the first week of November with fireworks or traditional bonfires ablaze in many towns.

With so many Kiwis based overseas, Flight Centre, New Zealand's largest travel agency, has put together some destinations for you to celebrate Guy Fawkes, whether you're at home or away!

*1. Bridgwater, England*

The annual Bridgwater Guy Fawkes carnival brings the town to life with a spectacular parade of floats, live bands and street entertainment. With the tradition dating back more than 100 years, one of the most anticipated events of the evening is the squibbing display. Watch as squibbers line the street and light their squibs all at the same time – the effect is a spectacularly bright light along the road in a long trail of fire. Just over an hour from London on the train, why not make a weekend of it – Bridgwater has plenty of accommodation, restaurants, bars and cafés making it an ideal centre from which to explore Somerset.

*2. London, England*

A number of fireworks displays take place throughout the capital to mark the occasion in traditional style. Often dubbed 'Bonfire Night', celebrations typically take place over the entire weekend with a range of spectacular public firework displays – Wimbledon Park traditionally puts on a great show, known as a 'fireworks extravaganza', including a traditional bonfire, stalls, music and entertainment. With an earlier show especially for children and a later show catering for all, this festival has options to suit everyone.

*3. Aberdeen, Scotland*

Despite its British origin, Scotland also recognises Guy Fawkes Night on November 5 – and is celebrated by bonfires and firework displays, both amateur and professional. Aberdeen's Winter Festival Fireworks Night is an organised celebration with entertainment and food stalls.

With Scotland just over an hour's flight from England, take a few days and explore what this beautiful country has to offer.

*4. Auckland, NZ*

If you're steering clear of a private function, Auckland provides a variety of options for celebrating Guy Fawkes with a number of festivals. The Waitakere Fireworks display at Trusts Stadium in Henderson promises heaps of exciting entertainment including acrobatic flying plane displays, a surf live saving demonstration, a marching band and a laser light and flame light show topped off by the grand fireworks finale.

*5. Wellington, NZ*

Wellington Harbour will light up this weekend to celebrate Guy Fawkes in the Pelorus Trust Wellington Sky Show. This fantastic free fireworks display starts at 9pm and lights up the skies for at least 12 minutes! The best vantage points to view the display are the waterfront, Queen's Wharf, Taranaki Street Wharf and Oriental Bay – but make sure you get in early; this is a hugely popular event.

## 6. Christchurch, NZ

The Christchurch City Council puts on a fantastic show at New Brighton beach on November 5. Kicking off at 9pm, the beach will be lit up by a spectacular fireworks display. Popular with both locals and tourists alike, there will be buses running to and from key destinations on the night. If you're planning on finding a spot on the beach it's best to get there early, thousands are known to attend.

Flight Centre has London holidays including return airfares with a bonus two nights free accommodation and continental breakfast daily from \$2,398\* ex Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, per person, twin share.

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