

PUMP UP THE VOLUME & EXPERIENCE EUROPE'S SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVALS

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Pump up the volume & experience Europe's summer music festivals

Summertime is the height of the festival season in Europe so plan your trip now and book a ticket to a top European music festival!

For some of the mainstream giants tickets are selling out quickly but with barely a day without a festival happening somewhere, there are still plenty of interesting places to go this summer. With festivals booming all over Europe, they offer something to suit every taste, from pop, jazz and electronic music to classical music.

The thing that makes festivals unique is the atmosphere. They offer the perfect breeding ground for unforgettable experiences; enjoying new music and exciting performances, and meeting new people. Plus, it's also a good opportunity to combine your love for travel and music and discover a festival's home town or surrounding places.

From a very long list, we've selected just a few for you to bear in mind. So let's see what's out there, and take a look at some of Europe's best music festivals in 2014.





Plunge yourself in the Swiss summer Jazz Festivals

Discover two beautiful areas of Switzerland: the Montreux-Riviera Region and the village of Ascona, while listening to the world's best jazz players.

"Nothing is impossible for dreamers." This motto drives an evolving Festival. Steeped in a rich heritage, the Montreux Jazz Festival is being a veritable anthology factory; this master stage still echoes with the voices of David Bowie, James Brown, B.B. King, Keith Jarrett, Carlos Santana, Massive Attack, Björk, Radiohead, Leonard Cohen, Deep Purple, or Prince. The brand-new Montreux Jazz Club is the touchstone of the Festival, where music lovers come for an absolutely unique musical experience. Showcasing major talents, songwriters, as well as the next generation of jazz, the Club provides impeccable service to guests and instruments alike in an intimate, cozy atmosphere. Free stages, clubbing, workshops: the variety is endless from the 4th to the 13th of July 2014.

JazzAscona is the place to be for jazz fans:

an exceptional program to celebrate the 30th edition, from the 20th to the 28th of June 2014. Internationally renowned artists perform live on stages located along the enchanting Ascona lake promenade and link the event directly with the city of New Orleans. Featuring The Duke Ellington Orchestra, Stacey Kent, Craig Adams & The Voices Of New Orleans, and over 240 concerts, of which over half are free of charge, the festival program consists of about twenty concerts each day, held on the five official festival stages.

[Montreux Jazz](#)
[Jazz Ascona](#)



SUMMER OF FESTIVALS

From Wagner to Wacken – Music is in the air

During summer, Germany's festival season is in full swing with events and celebrations everywhere. And with musical heavy weights like Beethoven, Bach, and Wagner being German, music is in our blood. Many concerts are happening outdoors, inviting visitors to fully relish the warm temperatures.

More than 150,000 music fans gather together to enjoy Germany's biggest rock festival, Rock am Ring in Eifel, with an international line-up of rock bands from June 5-8, 2014. The sister festival, Rock im Park, takes place on the same dates but in Nuremberg.

A classical highlight on the calendar is the annual Bachfest in Leipzig (June 13-22, 2014). The 300th anniversary of Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach in 2014 provides the opportunity to focus on the works of Johann Sebastian Bach's second oldest son.

Berlin goes all out on the longest day of the year and the official beginning of summer on June 21. Fête de la Musique includes more than 80 open-air stages, a street festival and

music variety from reggae to jazz to hip hop.

In July and August, as a tribute to 19th-century German composer Richard Wagner, the town of Bayreuth holds an annual festival playing his operas, including Parsifal. The event has been sold out since 1876!

Germany is also home to the world's largest open air Heavy Metal Festival taking place every summer in the small town of Wacken. The event, July 31-August 2, is so popular that in 2014 there is a waiting list and subsequent raffle for tickets.

Events in Germany

Rock am Ring

Bachfest Leipzig

Fete de la Musique

Wacken



AUSTRIA'S SUMMER FESTIVALS

Bregenzer Festspiele FOTO Anja Köhler

Where to go for first-rate Classical Music experiences

The history of classical music sometimes reads like a cultural history of Austria itself. Austrians celebrate their musical legacy with numerous outstanding festivals. Here is a list of five great annual summer events:

- Salzburg Festival - The Salzburg Festival is the most important festival dedicated to opera and theater in Europe. Today it hosts many startling and invigorating opera productions, staged specifically for the Salzburg Festival. July-August.
- Vienna Festival - Established in 1951, Vienna's top festival is an ideal combination of sublime musical performances and avant-garde experiences including opera, theater, and dance. The Festival kicks off every year at City Hall. May-June.
- Bregenz Festival – The famous lake stage on Lake Constance provides an utterly unique setting for astounding opera productions.

July-August.

- Styriarte - Founded in 1985, Graz's splendid Styriarte festival focuses on a single composer every year and supplements the many performances with lectures and other educational events. The festival is closely linked to the great Styrian conductor Nikolaus Harnoncourt. June-July.
- Schubertiade - The roots of the Schubertiade go back to Schubert's own lifetime, when chamber musicians would gather informally in salons to perform. These events came to be known as Schubertiades. Today, Vorarlberg's annual Schubertiade is a more formal affair - all the more charming for occurring in a pleasant rural setting.

[Top 12 Music Festivals in Austria](#)



FESTIVALS IN SLOVENIA

Open your heart and enjoy a number of new experiences in sLOVEnia

Cherry Press Visit: the traditional Cherry Festival in Brda.

People in Brda are already counting down the days until the Cherry Festival that will take place between 6 and 8 June. Stop in Dobrovo in the idyllic Brda hills and enjoy in the sweet and merry atmosphere that attracts thousands of visitors to the culinary south-west of Slovenia every year. All interested tourism media that would like to cover the story about Cherry Festival are invited to come to the site of the event.

The 8th International Wild Flower Festival in Bohinj

In Bohinj, the mountain paradise in the heart of the Slovenian Julian Alps, the 8th International Wild Flower Festival will be held between 24 May and 8 June. This is the first of its kind event in Europe and it last year received a special recognition among the EDEN destinations. It was also ranked among the best 10 European festivals in

2014 by the British travel agency Inghams. Feel Bohinj when it becomes the capital of unique alpine flowers between 24 May and 8 June!

51st Jurjevanje, the oldest folklore festival in Slovenia

The 51st festival takes place at seven different locations and it is visited every year by Green George, a traditional character that chases away winter and announces the beginning of spring. This year the organisers expect tambura groups, folk singers and bands from all over the world. 51st Jurjevanje in Bela Krajina folklore festival will take place from 18th – 22nd June 2014 in Crnomelj.

[News from Slovenia May 2014](#)

[Cherry Festival in Brda](#)

[Jurjevanje Folklore Festival](#)



SONG AND DANCE FESTIVAL

Visit our majestic National Song and Dance Festival

Since 1924, every four or five years, Lithuanians from all over the world join the majestic National Song and Dance Festival. Held over several summer days, open-air dances, songs and music unite up to 40,000 craftsmen, singers and dancers dressed in traditional costumes, and more than 300,000 spectators in an authentic expression of their identity. In the 20th century mass choral singing acquired widespread popularity as a means of asserting Lithuanian cultural identity through the tradition passed down from generation to generation. With the collapse of the Soviet Union a new national awakening took place, historically known as the Singing Revolution.

The Lithuanian Song Celebrations having become an indisputable tradition praises the individual's creative self-expression, vitality of the national culture, love for the homeland and solidarity of its people. The celebration joins different generations, contributes to the nurturing of the nationally shared values. The Lithuanian Song Celebration is an overall national cultural phenomenon and a continual

purposeful creative process spiritually equal to ancient Greek Olympic Games.

On the 7th of November 2003, UNESCO has proclaimed the tradition of the Song and Dance Celebration in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity and in 2008 it has been inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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[Song and Dance Festival Dainu Svente](#)



FEEL THE MUSIC IN ESTONIA

Estonia's white nights hide many outstanding festivals

Even though the absolute top event that takes place in Estonia this summer is inarguably the 26th Estonian Song Celebration and 19th Dance Celebration "Touched by Time. The Time to Touch", there are many other events that are well worth a visit.

Magical Käsnu captains' village calls all music fans for a visit on nights in June. Eight concerts, food prepared by the captains and the fresh ambience of the sea coming in off of Käsnu Bay.

The Saaremaa Opera Days' headliner in 2014 is Ukrainian National Opera with Verdi's "Don Carlos", Lössenko's "Natalka Poltavka" ja Bellini's "Norma".

Viljandi Folklore Festival, a traditional music festival held amidst Viljandi's castle ruins and various other places around town presents exciting foreign artists, the best Estonian folk groups, the Green Stage, handicraft courtyard, runo song stage and much more.

The Leigo Lake Music Festival is a perfect example of how to bring together nature and music to create unique and truly memorable experiences. Concerts on a variety of stages showcase music from classical to rock, with the summer's evening culminating in a Leigo-style display of fireworks - both traditional and of the floating tea light variety.

Birgitta Festival 2014 joins together the dark charm of medieval monastery and the latest news of nowadays' musical theatre. The performances will take place between the ancient walls of Pirita monestary.

XXVI Song Festival and XIX Dance Festival



NORWAY'S SUMMER FESTIVALS

Summer in Norway has many exciting festivals and events.

June

Grieg in Bergen

Bergen's largest event for classical music, with some 40 concerts taking place between June and August.

Norwegian Wood Festival

Norway's top rock music festival – and a highlight of the summer calendar in Oslo.

Risør Chamber Music Festival

This festival presents a broad range of music and the best of Norwegian and contemporary music.

Oscarsborg Akustiske

This acoustic festival takes place in picturesque surroundings in Drøbak and has a strong focus on domestic bands.

July

Hove Festival

One of the largest rock festivals in Norway, this takes place on an island just outside Arendal on the southern coast of Norway.

Kongsberg Jazz Festival

One of Scandinavia's top jazz festivals. The festival

focuses on contemporary jazz, and many events are free

Førde International Folk Music Festival

Scandinavia's main festival for folk, world and acoustic traditional music.

Molde International Jazz Festival

Norway's largest jazz festival, attracting the biggest names in the field. 100 concerts, many of them free.

Slottsfjell Festival

Major international names are booked on a yearly basis to this festival, set amid the ruins of a medieval fortress.

August

Notodden Blues Festival

This festival attracts well over 20,000 visitors every year, and is the largest of its kind in Scandinavia.

Øya Festival

Featuring top rock and indie acts, this event is the largest outdoor music festival in Oslo.

Summer Festivals and Events in Norway



ITALIAN SUMMER MUSIC

Classical and Opera from Florence to the Dolomites

A Florentine Musical May (Maggio Musicale Fiorentino) has begun at the Florence Opera House (l'Opera di Firenze).

Guests from Italy and around the world can expect an elaborate programme, this year enhanced by the new location's acoustics.

Concerts, coral exhibitions, and ballet performances run till July 4th, as do workshops for young people, conferences and encounters, and even cinematographic events speaking to the themes of opera.

This year's edition of the Musical Weeks Festival at the Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza opens May 25th and runs to June 25th. On offer are thirteen events, ranging from opera and chamber music performances.

Opening night sees an interesting musical fusion that blends Vivaldi and Astor Piazzolla, an event that follows a Conversation with Luis Bacalov, and Oscar-winning composer responsible for

a number of successful film soundtracks.

The 20th season of Sounds of the Dolomites, marked by world-class music and crowds both Italian and foreign, brings two months of art and music to those rose-hued rocks, spectacular and astounding natural setting, also an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Jazz and Classical music harmonize with the dramatic local background, as do tango performances and singer-songwriter hymns, and jam and chamber sessions. Guests can participate in readings and mountain bike tours that alternate with high-altitude concerts given by the likes of Paolo Fresu, Youssou N'Dour, and Cristiano De Andrè. The event runs June 29th to August 28th.

[Maggio Musicale Fiorentino](#)
[Sound of the Dolomites](#)
[The Musical Weeks Festival](#)



MUSIC UNDER THE CYPRUS SUN

Cyprus NTO

June and Music

Temperature is on the rise and both locals and visitors don their swimsuits and head to the closest beach. But summer is not just about the beach as there is plentiful other exciting outdoor activities and special events. June is the month of music since the 21st of June is celebrated as the International Music Day. Cyprus celebrates summer with an array of music events both in open-air theatres as well as in numerous cafés, clubs and bars.

Probably the most notable event in June is the religious and very popular fair of “Kataklysmos” (Festival of the Flood). The most prominent celebrations take place in the seaside towns and include various games, traditional music, folk dances, boat competitions and swimming. During June the Municipal Garden Theatre of Lemesos hosts the Great Ballet Companies Festival which ranks among the major events of Cyprus, offering to the aficionados of classical music and arts an unforgettable spectacle.

Nevertheless music fills the air in every corner of the island as almost every bar, café, club or restaurant offers live bands shows and features

famous Greek singers. Various villages organize musical events and the Cyprus International Performance Art Festival in Lefkosia, the capital of Cyprus, promotes the participation of international artists both known and amateur to express themselves in public and outdoor spaces around the city in an effort to enhance international art and networking. Come to Cyprus and enjoy the music of the sun!

[Visit Cyprus](#)



HOT SUMMER FESTIVALS IN GREECE

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Are you ready?

Bob Dylan, Lady Gaga, Manu Chao, Eric Burdon, Kasabian, Placebo, James, Calexico, Simple Minds, Boy George and other great stars of the international pop and rock music scene will appear this summer in venues across the country. This summer's calendar is going to be marked with some hot and colourful music events!

The first shows will take place on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, during the 4th Plissken Festival which ranks high among the best summer festivals worldwide. Over 50 music projects from across the globe will perform on stage at the Hellenic Cosmos Cultural Centre (Building 56) in Athens, and the show will offer an unforgettable experience to everyone present. En Lefko Festival 2014 will take place on Friday, June 20, and Saturday June 21 in Technopolis, Municipality of Athens. Popular groups and artists will perform there, such as Simple Minds, Karuan & Band, Mike Simonetti (20/6), Boy George, Gramatik, Aeroplane and others (21/6). The 10th Ejekt

Festival will take place on June 25, in Nerou Square, Neo Faliro, and famous musicians will participate such as the Kasabian, Editors, White Lies, Darkside, Paul Kalkbrenner and others. The legendary RockWave Festival will be organised for the 19th time, during July 10 – 13, in the Terra Vibe concert space. The musicians announced so far include Eric Burdon, Calexico and Woodkid, and the list of famous participating artists will soon grow longer. Read more...

Hot Summer Events

Plissken Festival

Rockwave Festival

EJEKT Festival

CROATIA'S MUSIC FESTIVALS



CNTB, Vetrinar Metelko

Top festival destinations, all summer long

Croatia has become one of THE music festival destinations, establishing its name over the last decade for independent, different and outstanding events, with some of the biggest names and a free, welcoming spirit and stunning locations.

All summer long great events take place along the coast, but also on the continent. The season sets off with FOR Festival on the island of Hvar (June 19-22) and continues with Zagreb's INmusic, the perfect festival to combine with a long weekend in Croatia's capital (June 23-25).

Novalja on the island of Pag and Tisno are contestants for the title of the party capital, with several events during summer. In Novalja you can attend Hideout (June 30-July 3), Fresh Island (July 23-25) and Sonus Festival (August 21-25), while Tisno is the home to the Croatia's oldest festival – Garden Festival (July 2-9), Electric Elephant which takes place immediately after (July 10-14), Soundwave Croatia (July 17-21), SuncéBeat (July 23-30) and Stop Making

Sense (July 31-August 3).

Istria is not falling behind with some great events: Seasplash takes place in Pula (July 17-21), as well as Dimensions (August 27-31), an electro festival, and Outlook (September 3-7), with an opening ceremony in Pula Arena, one of the six largest surviving Roman arenas in the world. The Unknown Festival takes place in Rovinj (September 8-12) and one of the biggest events to be held this summer in Croatia is Ultra Europe which returns to Split for its second year (July 11-13).

www.Croatia.hr



MUSIC FESTIVALS IN LATVIA

Latvia's beaches host international stars

During the hottest month of the year in July, two of Latvia's largest annual music festivals Summer Sound in Liepaja and Positivus in Salacgriva will once again be held, which will gather the top musicians from Latvia and the Baltics, as well as many well-known international stars.

The seaside Summer Sound festival in the coastal city of Liepaja will take place July 11 and 12 this year. Headlining the festival will be British electro-pop kings Pet Shop Boys, British DJ, producer and musician Naughty Boy, as well as local singer Dons. Also performing will be Latvian hip-hop star Gacho, American rapper Mykki Blanco, Latvian band Otra puse, Latvian singer Jenny May, and Lithuanian music project Golden Parazyth.

Meanwhile, a week later, from July 18 to 20, the largest summer music festival in the Baltics Positivus will take place.

The festival will gather many international

music stars, like electronic music pioneers Kraftwerk, British pop singer Ellie Goulding, English vocalist and guitarist Anna Calvi, and many other local and foreign musicians.

Positivus bestows a delicious mix of musical genres and an inimitable atmosphere upon the 30,000 that pass through its gates every year. The breathtaking scenery of the festival's location, set in the woods next to the beach of a beautiful coastal town, together with a friendly and open crowd makes it a different experience even for experienced festival-goers.

latvia.travel [Positivus Festival](http://positivusfestival.com)

www.positivusfestival.com

www.summersound.lv



3 REASONS WHY DENMARK ROCKS

The Danes love live music

Denmark is a music festival nation, with more than 170 festivals. The Danes love live music, both indoors and outdoors, and the year is full of music events ranging from the small to massive, covering such diverse styles as jazz, heavy metal, classical and electronica. In Denmark you will find a festival exactly for your music taste, mood or if you are young, old or want to bring your kids. We have it all!

Big names in the big city:

The NorthSide music festival in the centre of Aarhus has quickly become one of Europe's best music festivals, attracting some of the biggest names. Combine a trip to Denmark's second city with the sights and sounds of NorthSide, taking place in 2014 from 13-15 June.

Northern Europe's biggest music festival: Join more than 80,000 others in a Danish right of passage – the Roskilde Music Festival. Five days in a field with some of

the biggest names in music, dancing with the happiest people in the world. This year, the Rolling Stones are headlining and they should feel right at home – their tour tent from 1976 was the first stage at Roskilde and is on the Roskilde Festival logo! 2014 dates: 29 June – 6 July.

Copenhagen and all that jazz:

The city of Copenhagen comes to life when the sounds of jazz ring through the streets, city squares, jazz clubs and unique concert halls during the summer's Copenhagen Jazz Festival. Enjoy live jazz on the street and at open-air venues, all in the very heart of historical Copenhagen. 2014 dates: 4-13 July.

[Music Festivals in Denmark](#)

[Northside Festival](#)

[Roskilde Festival](#)

[Copenhagen Jazz Festival](#)



ENJOY MUSIC SUMMER IN SLOVAKIA

Slovakia NTO

Festivals in Slovakia

Traditionally, there are many music festivals taking place during summer in the Slovak Republic. The most important one is the 60th Folk Festival in Východná (next to the High Tatras), which will take place from 4–6 July 2014.

The Východná Folk Festival is the oldest and largest nationwide festival with international participation and it is also the most complex show of traditional folk culture and its reflection in folk tradition. More than 2 500 participants from Slovakia and foreign ensembles from all over the world take part in the festival. Ensembles from the V4 countries (Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary) will also participate in the festival.

Because Slovakia has rich folk traditions, several folk festivals will take place from June through September with an accompanying programme consisting of workshops of Slovak crafts (Myjava, Helpa, Spišské Podhradie, Detva, Terchová...).

Contemporary music and world music can

be heard during summer in many places of Slovakia. The most important event is a Bažant Pohoda festival, which takes place from 10 – 12 July 2014 at the airport in Trenčín. Each year more than 30 000 visitors come to the festival with rich programme. Music festivals and concerts of domestic and foreign bands and performers take place during summer in several towns and tourist resorts.

[Vychodna Festival](#)

[Pohoda Festival](#)

[Slovakia.Travel](#)



LUXEMBOURG MUSIC FESTIVALS

Rock legends and more

Luxembourg never sleeps. Be it because of the famous Rock-a-Field festival, the more classical International Festival of Echternach or due to the Rock legends at the Rock Classics or the Summer in the City Festival, this is a country on the move.

Discover the broad and diverse programm that Luxembourg has to offer.

May 17 – December 5: International Festival

Echternach with Classic and Jazz concerts

June 7 – 9: All American Music Festival in Luxembourg-city

June 13 – 21: Fête de la Musique in Luxembourg-city

June 27 – 29: Rock-A-Field in Roeser

June 27 – July 27: Festival de Wiltz with Roger Cicero, Swan Lake, Don Quixote, La Traviata ...

July 5: Festival MeYouZik in Luxembourg-city

July 6: Rock um Knuedler in Luxembourg-city with bands like Mike & The Mechanics, Dreamcatcher, Angel At My Table ...

July 12: Blues Express in Differdange

July 19: Blues'n Jazz Rallye in Luxembourg-

city with 50 jazz and blues bands from the Grand Duchy and abroad

July 25 – August 9: Rock Classics at the romantic Beaufort Castle with James Blunt, Amy MacDonald, Chris de Burgh, Revolverheld, Manfred Mann's Earthband, J. Lees' Barclay James Harvest ...

August 1 – 30: Déifferdeng Live

August 8 – 10: e-Lake Festival at the lake in Echternach

September 7: Terres Rouges Festival in Esch-sur-Alzette with the following headliners Aloe blacc, Milow, Crystal Fighters ...

Don't miss it!

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[Summer in the City](#)

[Chateau Beaufort](#)

[Terres Rouges](#)



SUMMER FESTIVALS IN PORTUGAL

Miguel Leite

Summer festivals abound in Portugal

Music, sun and sea, partying every night and 450 miles of Atlantic beaches: this is the right combination, at summer festivals in Portugal.

You have great concerts, excellent beaches, welcoming people and nights that last until daybreak.

This year, as part of the itinerary of international tours, come hear great names in music, in the most varied styles.

Lisbon and Porto have been honored every year as the top destinations for city getaways and for nightlife, and in this festive atmosphere the music is very vibrant. The highlights are Optimus Alive Super bocl in Lisbon, Marés Vivas in Vila Nova de Gaia, and Super Bock, Super Rock festival in Meco.

In the countryside, Vilar de Mouros, the oldest Portuguese music festival, and Paredes de Coura are good examples of idyllic settings amid nature with a Woodstock buzz. Cycling, trekking, and

canoeing are just some suggestions to complement a few well-spent days to perfection.

As for the famous Meo Sudoeste and Músicas do Mundo festivals, both on the Alentejo coast, the Sumol Summer Fest in Ericeira, and the Maré de Agosto festival on the island of Santa Maria in the Azores, are all close to the sea, with all the advantages it brings. It's an excellent time for some surfing lessons... in the best spots on the Portuguese coast.

But the best is to have a look in the programs to see who's going to be there. Then, just recharge your batteries and follow the beat!

Summer festivals in Portugal

Optimus Alive

Mares Vivas Festival

Super Bock Super Rock Festival

Paredes de Coura Festival



SPAIN: MUSIC FOR EVERYONE

Spain NTO

Spain is pleasing to all 5 senses, including the hearing

Enjoy a concert in a majestic natural setting, attend a recital in a Renaissance palace, see a show in an emblematic place like the Alhambra in Granada, take master classes with musicians expert in their disciplines, or enjoy an improvisation session in a night club.

Whatever your musical tastes, you can enjoy them in Spain. The Santander and Granada International Festivals are some of the indispensable events for classical music lovers. Those who like jazz will not want to miss the Vitoria-Gasteiz Jazz Festival or the San Sebastián Jazzaldia; and for flamenco, you will love the International Cante de las Minas (Mine Songs) Festival and the Córdoba Guitar Festival. For pop/rock, new trends and alternative styles, there are huge gatherings like Sónar or the FIB (Benicassim International Festival), while world and folk music have their place at festivals such as Pyrenees Folk Festival, Etnosur, Grec, La Mar de Músicas and the Ortigueira Celtic Festival.

These are prestigious, established events with an international reputation. They encompass a variety of styles and attract not only a huge audience eager to listen to the best music, but also the most representative artists from the international scene. While the musical performances are the focal point at these events, the programs usually include other parallel activities in which those in attendance become active participants: from practical workshops to lectures, conferences, seminars and thematic courses.

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BRUSSELS & WALLONIA

From Jazz to classical, music traditions run deep in Belgium

Belgium provides the musically obsessed with the perfect destination to get their fix. In Brussels, the Forest National and Royal Center for Fine Arts, known as BOZAR, regularly host music festivals and performances from top international artists.

In June, Couleur Café is one of Brussels' most anticipated events. This festival celebrates the beginning of summer with concerts from Latin American, Caribbean and African music, markets and food.

This year is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Adolphe Sax, a Belgian musical instrument designer and musician, best known for inventing the saxophone. The Musical Instrument Museum is celebrating this genius inventor with an exceptional exhibition SAX200. The town of Dinant will also celebrate Adolphe Sax. He was born in this small city on November 6th, 1814. Several events are taking place like the "Mr. Sax' Sundays", where every Sundays in July and August, a band plays from terrace to terrace along the Meuse river or the world renowned

Adolphe Sax International competition, one of the most influential classical saxophone competition.

This competition, held every four years, is open to high levels of various nationalities young saxophonist (younger than 31 years old) and well-known musicians are the contest judges. The selection and semifinal are open to the public free of charge. The finale is held at The Collegial Church of Our Lady on November 8th 2014, tickets can be bought at the door. Dinant is 1h30 from Brussels by train.

www.bozar.be

www.couleurcafe.be

www.sax200.be

<http://sax.dinant.be>



40 YEARS OF SUMMER MUSIC IN MONACO

Monaco Press Centre Photos

Celebrating Monte-Carlo Sporting Summer Festival 2014

July 4 – August 20, 2014

[Le Sporting Club Summer Festival](#)

Since its beginnings in 1974, the Monte-Carlo Sporting Summer Festival has presented major international stars and the latest music sensations. This year is no exception. Once night falls, Monte-Carlo sparkles even brighter with fabulous summer concerts at the exclusive Monte-Carlo Sporting Club. Opening July 4th with Lana del Rey and closing on August 20th with Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, there will be many favorites gracing the stage. From Elton John to Robin Thicke, Julio Iglesias, Liza Minella, Tom Jones and Paul Anka – the festival delivers music to all. This experience under the stars, pulsates with the sounds of international recording artists and first-rate shows. This July 26th, be one of 800 guests to experience Elton John & Band, live, with seated dinner during the performance! As the saying goes, only in Monte-Carlo!



FESTIVALS IN HUNGARY

Lakeside and city festivals for warm summer nights!

What could be better than enjoying great live entertainment outdoors? Hungary has many very different festivals in summer 2014:

Budapest Summer Festival, Open Air Stage, Margaret Island, Budapest June-August 2014:

Ballet, opera, musicals and pop music concerts run every weekend through the summer, beneath the historic water tower.

Volt Festival, Sopron, July 2-6:

An early summer festival in Sopron, with a mixed east and west European crowd and music from jazz to electronic, rock and world, plus film screenings and exhibitions.

Balaton Sound: Zamardi, Balaton July 10-13: Lakeside Zamardi has warm lake water, a great vibe and now thousands of sun-loving music-fans too!

Sziget Music Festival, Óbudai Island, August 11-18 and B.My Lake Festival July 18-22
The largest of all Hungarian music festivals,

now in its 22nd year, the Sziget Festival covers 250 acres on its Island in Budapest, with 400,000 fans at this "Eurowoodstock". Its official after-party, winner of the Best new festival in Europe, moves the party down to Lake Balaton!

International Chamber Music Festival, Kaposvár, August 13-19:

The rare attraction here is that in addition to concerts, many skilled soloists come together in small groups, to jam and create unique music.

Jewish Summer Festival, Budapest, August 25- September 1:

Jews and non-Jews alike love this popular festival set in the heart of the Jewish district. The Kosher cabaret and concerts of Classical, Klezmer and Cantor Music are very popular.

[Festivals this Summer in Hungary](#)



MUSIC FESTIVALS IN POLAND

Polish Tourist Organisation

Kaleidoscope of Sound

Poland has many music festivals, many of which are famous worldwide and of international character.

The Jarocin Festival established in 1980 was without doubt the most modern music festival in the eastern block in the communist era. One could enjoy a multitude of music genres: rock, punk rock, heavy metal, blues and reggae. Nowadays the festival continues to attract Polish and foreign people and bands. It is two days of great fun with new and old bands.

Another popular modern festival is the Przystanek Woodstock (Woodstock Stop) festival, organized in different outdoor places, now mostly in Kostrzyn. The festival was first organized in 1995, as a response to the successful reactivation of the original Woodstock festival. During two summer days people can enjoy different types of rock, metal, folk and reggae bands. For those born in the 90' the Woodstock Stop has become an icon. The entrance is free.

While there are a lot of events connected to

Fryderyk Chopin's music in Poland, the one that stands out is the Chopin and His Europe (Chopin i jego Europa) festival. The event is organized by the National Fryderyk Chopin Institute and takes place in Warsaw, at The National Philharmonic. Each year the event has a different theme. These musicians play, giving a wonderful tribute, not only to Chopin, but also to classic music as a whole. For music lovers with sophisticated tastes this event is a must.

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SUMMER FESTIVALS IN ROMANIA

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Enjoy the summer sound of music in Romania!

The international folkloric festival the Romanian Calus will take place between 12-15 June in Caracal, Oltenia historical region, continuing a tradition of 44 years. It highlights the ancient dance of Calusari, listed as UNESCO intangible heritage.

In July, between 10-13, the City of Timisoara will host the Jazz Festival, one of the most important festivals of its kind in Eastern Europe. 23-27 July is the time for hiking in Bucegi Mountains to Padina Fest, where the day programme includes mountain specific activities and the summer nights are longer with the various concerts organised in this impressive landscape. The end of the month, will bring you in the heart of Transylvania, in Sighisoara (UNESCO site), where between 27-29 July the Medieval Festival will take place.

In August, between 15-17, in Mamaia resort, known as the pearl of the Romanian Black Sea Coast, the Sunwaves Festival will gather the house music fans. The long weekend of

21-24 August is the time for another festival by the sea - Callatis Fest 2013 - this time in Mangalia, the ancient Callatis. It brings together different genres of music: folkloric, pop, rock.

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