

## European Festival Breaks

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If you're not frolicking at Glastonbury this weekend never fear; stunning destinations across Europe are about to burst forth with music, culture and all manner of festival fun.

Dance under the stars in an ancient Serbian fortress, delve into surreal alfresco treats on the grounds of a grand Irish estate or party beside the glistening Spanish coast: it's time to dust off that sleeping bag and head to the great outdoors because festival season has well and truly arrived.



#### T in the Park, Scotland: 10th-12th July

This popular Scottish musical shindig has a brand new home for 2015 in the shape of Perthshire's fairytale Strathallan Castle.

These tree-studded historic surrounds are set to host this jam-packed festival weekend from 10th-12th July, and will feature all the established T in the Park favourites such as the Slam Tent and King Tut's Wah Wah Tent.

Topping the bill at the historic new site are the likes of **Kasabian** and **Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds**.

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#### EXIT Festival, Serbia: 9th-12th July

Festival heavyweight EXIT knows how to put on a party, and with this year marking its 15th anniversary, it promises to be more exuberant than ever.

**Faithless**, **Emil Sandé**, **Motörhead** and **Róisín Murphy** are among the plethora of acts playing the exquisitely atmospheric Petrovaradin Fortress on the banks of the Danube from 9-12 July.

The crowds are friendly, the fireworks fantastic, and the riverside sunsets are worth the trip alone. Bus transfers from Budapest to the festival site in Novi Sad are available at affordable prices.

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#### Benicàssim, Spain: 16th-19th July

Sizzling sunshine and some of the best bands on the planet greet Benicàssim's happy throngs of revellers.

From 16-19 July, this resort on the Costa del Azahar will become a heady cocktail of bikinis, beach life and a wealth of musical talent - headlining this year are **Blur**, **Florence and the Machine**, **Portishead** and **The Prodigy**.

Music runs throughout the night, leaving the days to top up the tan.

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#### Positivus Festival, Latvia: 17th-19th July

Enchanting woodland strung with hammocks and fairy lights, glowing light installations and sparkling coastal views: Positivus is truly magical.

From Friday until Sunday in the third weekend in July, this upstart festival takes place in Salacgriva in Latvia, on the edge of the Baltic Sea.

This year sees **Plebein**, **Robert Plant** and **Sensational Space Shifters** take to the stage, as well as a host of other names in live and electronic music.

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#### Boardmasters Festival, England: 5th-9th August

Cornish party spirit is cranked up to the full at this action-packed event in early August.

Combining top live music with surf, skateboarding and BMX, Boardmasters attracts an eclectic crowd of all ages and is split between the powdery sands and sea views of Fistral Beach and Watergate Bay.

Running from 5-9 August, there's plenty of time to get stuck into the fun; musical headliners this year are **Faithless**, **Rudimental** and **Bastille**.

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#### Electric Picnic, Ireland: 4th-6th September

Often referred to as the Irish Glastonbury, Electric Picnic is a riotous medley of music, comedy, spoken word, global food and a good dose of the whimsical and surreal.

Set amid the rolling green grounds of Stradbally Hall, it's a picturesque spot less than an hour from Dublin.

This year the festival runs from 4-6 September and its big names include **Blur**, **Florence and the Machine** and **Sam Smith**.

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