

> The Garden Festival

Petrcane, Croatia, July 2-11.
www.thegardenfestival.eu



The Garden Zadar, set on a pine tree-covered peninsula, has already established itself as one of the best-loved and most musically adventurous

additions to Croatia's nightlife and cultural scene. This intimate boutique festival boasts the ultimate setting. Live bands and DJs entertain the crowd while they swim in the glistening Adriatic, relax beneath the pines and dance under a canopy of stars.

From £595 for a seven-night package

> Gilles Peterson's Worldwide Festival

Sète, France, July 8-11.
www.worldwidefestival.com



Come July, Sète, in the south of France, is home to an array of the world's most outstanding and cutting-edge artists, musicians and DJs.

Gilles Peterson has united the world's greatest music talent, with this genre-defying, all-embracing festival. The music offers a global extravaganza of up-front sounds, blurring the division between jazz and hip-hop, funk and electronica, house and soul, dubstep and techno. This year's festival features artists such as Peterson, Norman Jay (pictured), dOP and Joy Orbison.

£541 for a four-night package

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Go rockin' - all over the world

International festival round-up:

Forget flailing about in mudbaths and flooded tents, these days you're spoilt for choice with musical fun in the sun **BY DAN HIPGRAVE**



Summer is on its way, which for music lovers means one thing – festivals. With more and more overseas 'boutique' festivals popping up each year, it's important you choose the right one. Adding travel to your festival mix only enhances the experience and certainly

broadens your cultural compass. Having toured the world performing at and reviewing festivals I decided to put my knowledge to some use by creating Original Music Travel, a company offering a one-stop package to the very best festivals around the world.
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www.originalmusictravel.com

› SunSplash

Antalya, Turkey, May 23-30.
www.sunsplash-antalya.com



Pack your dancing flip-flops for some world-class partying in the sun. Turkey's

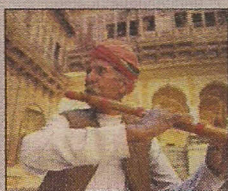
fabulous boutique music festival returns to the beautiful Mediterranean coast. Describing itself more as a private party than a large festival, SunSplash takes place in the grounds of the luxurious Hillside Su Hotel and simply oozes class. The music comes from the likes of Gilles Peterson, Norman Jay and Phil Asher. Headlining the live stage will be sonic hurricane Jamie Lidell.

From £866 for a seven-night package

› RIFF

Jodhpur, India, October 18-28.
www.jodhpurfolkfestival.org

Jodhpur RIFF (Rajasthan International Folk Festival) is India's leading international folk music



festival. For five days in October, the festival brings together more than 150 musicians and performing artists from across Rajasthan and around the world to celebrate their musical heritage and create new sounds through innovative collaborations. The festival is in the majestic Mehrangarh Fort (pictured), which towers over the beautiful city of Jodhpur and the sands of the Thar Desert.

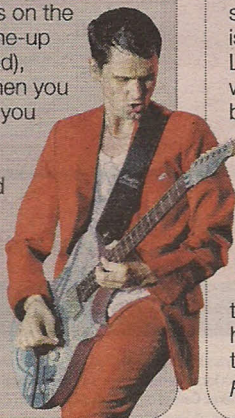
From £2,295 for a ten-night package

› Coachella

Indio, California, April 16-18.
www.coachella.com

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Colorado Desert offering near-perfect weather and a stellar line-up, Coachella is often hailed as one of the greatest festivals on the planet. This year the line-up includes Muse (pictured), Gorillaz and Jay-Z. When you get tired of the music, you can play Spot The A-lister – Coachella's proximity to Hollywood always ensures a glamorous crowd.

£1,540 includes two nights in the five-star Santa Monica hotel, five-day car hire, flights and VIP AAA festival passes



› Brengenz Festival

Austria, throughout July and August.
www.brengenzfestspiele.com

Giuseppe Verdi's opera Aida appears on the Brengenz Floating Stage this summer. Brengenz is located at Lake Constance, which is nestled between Germany,



Switzerland and Lichtenstein, and boasts stunning views over the Swiss Alps and the Allgäuer Alpen range. The festival was made famous with a show-stopping inclusion in James Bond's last outing, The Quantum Of Solace. This year's thrilling new production, reported to have cost £10million, promises to be the most spectacular show on Earth.
From £559 for a two-night package

At Glastonbury, the daddy of British festivals, an average of 800,000 million gallons of human waste are collected every year



The first Glastonbury Festival was held the day after Jimi Hendrix died in September 1970



The heat is on: Dan Hipgrave includes the sun-drenched Coachella in California in his pick of the best festivals around the world

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