



## PIRATE RECORDS Croatia The Garden Festival

**When** 2-11 July

**What** Currently in its fifth year, The Garden Festival, held on an idyllic peninsula, is strictly limited to 2,000 people. Highlights this year include the 1960s-style club Barbarella that opens on to a shore-front deck with day beds, an outdoor stage with a beach bar, and yoga and meditation classes. The real treat, however, is the Bacchanalian Argonaughty boat parties, a twice-daily trip on a pirate ship over the Adriatic to Zadar, where a party awaits at the Garden Bar overlooking the marina.

**Where** The picturesque 900-year-old fishing village of Petrcane on the Croatian coast: expect sugary white beaches and palm trees, DJs

spinning in wooden huts and people dancing in the sea.

**Line-up** 2020 Soundsystem, Crazy P, Henrik Schwarz and The Cuban Brothers, as well as over 70 DJs, including El Diablo's Social Club and Sean Brosnan (Pierce's son) playing dubstep, house and soul.

**Where to stay** The four-star Hotel Pinija ([hotel-pinija.hr](http://hotel-pinija.hr)) has an outdoor pool and disco. The festival doesn't offer camping, but if you prefer to sleep under the stars, try Campsite Pineta.

**Costs** £80 for a three-day pass, or £130 for the entire ten days. Tickets don't include boat trips.

**Info** [thegardenfestival.eu](http://thegardenfestival.eu)



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## MAGYAR MOSHPIT Hungary Sziget Festival

**When** 11-16 August

**What** The Sziget Festival started life in 1993 as a low-key student event organised by music lovers, but in the intervening years it has grown into one of the biggest music festivals around, with 390,000 visitors last year. In addition to music, it boasts diversions such as miming and puppetry, poetry readings, circus acts, art exhibitions, literary events with prestigious Hungarian authors, classical music concerts and pottery-making. There are also 150 food and drink stalls, with local delicacies such as rooster testicle stew. A pint of beer only costs £1.35.

**Where** The festival takes place on the Obudai-sziget (Obuda Island), a leafy 266-acre island in the Danube next to Budapest.

**Line-up** Gorillaz Sound System, Kasabian and The Specials.

**Where to stay** Camping on site is the best option if you don't want to miss a moment. The four-star Ramada Plaza Hotel ([ramada.com](http://ramada.com)) is close to the island and offers more civilised surroundings.

**Costs** If you book before the end of this month, advance weekend tickets including camping will cost £153. Non-camping tickets are £127 and day passes £40.

**Info** [szigetfestival.com](http://szigetfestival.com)



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