

Festival hopping is summer's most entertaining vacation

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Over the past decade, music festivals have reached a fever pitch of popularity for artists and attendees alike: they're a cash machine for the industry, a social-media feeding frenzy and the best destination for fans to discover new artists. Plan your summer in the U.S. around these eclectic collections of acts, from stadium headliners to local bands, playing at venues from sea to shining sea.



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Janet Jackson, the Weeknd and the Arctic Monkeys are three of the major artists slated to perform multiple headline sets at festivals this summer.

JUNE

FIREFLY

When: June 14–17

Where: Dover, Del.

Headliners: Arctic Monkeys, Eminem, Kendrick Lamar

Also check out: Vance Joy, SZA, Betty Who, Big Gigantic

ELECTRIC FOREST

When: June 21–July 1

Where: Rothbury, Mich.

Headliners: Bassnectar, the String Cheese Incident, Marshmello

Also check out: Rūfūs du Sol, Zhu, Bonobo, Keys n Krates

SUMMERFEST

When: June 27–July 8

Where: Milwaukee

Headliners: Imagine Dragons, Halsey, Shawn Mendes

Also check out: James Taylor, J. Cole, Kesha, Bishop Briggs

JULY

ESSENCE FESTIVAL

When: July 5–8

Where: New Orleans

Headliners: Erykah Badu, Mary J. Blige, Janet Jackson

Also check out: Snoop Dogg, H.E.R., Daniel Caesar, Ella Mai

FORECASTLE

When: July 13–15

Where: Louisville, Ky.

Headliners: Chris Stapleton, Arcade Fire, Modest Mouse

Also check out: Berhana, Matt Maeson, Morgan Saint

PITCHFORK

When: July 20–22

Where: Chicago

Headliners: Tame Impala, Fleet Foxes, Ms. Lauryn Hill

Also check out: Lucy Dacus, Kelela, Noname, Smino

NEWPORT FOLK FESTIVAL

When: July 27–29

Where: Newport, R.I.

Headliners: Sturgill Simpson, Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real

Also check out: St. Vincent, Courtney Barnett, Khruangbin

MO POP

When: July 28–29

Where: Detroit

Headliners: Bon Iver, The National, Portugal. The Man

Also check out: Dermot Kennedy, Billie Eilish, Brockhampton

AUGUST

LOLLAPALOOZA

When: Aug. 2–5

Where: Chicago

Headliners: Arctic Monkeys, Bruno Mars, the Weeknd

Also check out: Jack White, Dillon Francis, Lykke Li, Khalid, Kali Uchis

OUTSIDE LANDS

When: Aug. 10–12

Where: San Francisco

Headliners: Janet Jackson, the Weeknd, Florence + the Machine

Also check out: Carly Rae Jepsen, Lauv, Perfume Genius, Lizzo

HOT 100 FEST

When: Aug. 18–19

Where: Long Island, N.Y.

Headliners: DJ Snake, Future, Rae Sremmurd

Also check out: Kehlani, Kim Petras, Krewella, Daya

AFROPUNK

When: Aug. 25–26

Where: Brooklyn

Headliners: Janelle Monáe, Miguel, Erykah Badu

Also check out: Jacob Banks, Jaden Smith, Ibeyi

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