

The grass is greener

Party with a conscience this summer at these eco-friendly outdoor music festivals

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OUTSIDE LANDS

SAN FRANCISCO,
UNITED STATES
10–12 AUGUST

At the city's largest music festival, compostable cutlery and food containers will help divert over 90% of waste away from landfills and towards recycling initiatives. Concertgoers can refill reusable bottles at water stations, pick up organic produce at the farmers' market and learn about how to compost at urban gardening workshops. Festival headliner and environmental campaigner Janelle Monáe will certainly approve. sfoutsidelands.com

GREEN MAN FESTIVAL

WALES, UNITED KINGDOM
16–19 AUGUST

Two party essentials will be given an eco-makeover at Wales' biggest festival: All the craft beer and cider served will be sourced locally, and only biodegradable glitter will be allowed. Social media addicts will love the bicycle-powered phone chargers on site, while fitness fanatics can bliss out with outdoor yoga. Welsh singer Cate Le Bon's return to Green Man's solar-powered stage will mark her only festival performance this year. greenman.net

SHAMBALA

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE,
UNITED KINGDOM
23–26 AUGUST

This pint-sized electronic music festival, which will feature artists like Koldinga and Old Baby Mackerel, preaches and practises radical sustainability. Here, you'll find solar panels and composting toilets, as well as organic and plant-based fare (including vegan beer). About the only carbon emissions Shambala generates come from travel, so public transport and carpooling are encouraged. shambalafestival.org

FUJI ROCK FESTIVAL

YUZAWA, JAPAN

27–29 JULY

The festival's stages will be fuelled by biodiesel and solar energy, while waste will be sorted by hand. Plus, everything from pamphlets to staff jackets will be made from recyclable materials where possible. It's fitting, then, that Bob Dylan – who has long inspired eco-activists with his socially conscious songs – will be taking to the stage for his 101st performance in Japan. fujirockfestival.com

ART EDUCATION

More of a visual arts connoisseur than a music lover? Check out some of this month's best exhibitions

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Ed Ruscha – Very, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen

Ruscha is known for his cinematic interpretations of modern visual culture. This exhibition will showcase his works from the 1960s onwards. Until 19 August.

Susan Meiselas: Mediations, SFMOMA, San Francisco

Some of Meiselas' most iconic visuals – including images of the aftermath of the Kurdish genocide – will be on display. 21 July to 21 October.

Sun Xun, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney

Sun's solo show will explore the relationship between memory, history, culture and politics via his unique animations, which meld drawings, woodcuts and sketches. 9 July to 14 October.

Frida Kahlo: Making Her Self Up, V&A Museum, London

A remarkable collection of the Mexican artist's personal belongings will be on display, alongside her paintings and photographs. Until 4 November.

Wind Walkers: Theo Jansen's Strandbeests, ArtScience Museum, Singapore

Marvel at Strandbeests – “beach animals” that utilise wind power to walk in a lifelike fashion – at Jansen's first Southeast Asian exhibition. Until 30 September.

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SUNNY SIDE UP TROPICAL FESTIVAL

BALI, INDONESIA

20–21 JULY

With its palm trees and radiant sunsets, Potato Head Beach Club is a sensational setting for this festival. But the event won't just look and sound good – it will also do good by tackling issues such as waste management. For instance, the festival stage will be made from recycled plastic bottles, drinks will be served in biodegradable cups and eco-minded art installations will dot the grounds. fb.com/sunnysideupfestival

SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS

BYRON BAY, AUSTRALIA

20–22 JULY

Kendrick Lamar and Lorde will surely steal the spotlight, but the festival's eco-friendly initiatives – from its zero-trace campground to its rainwater roof collectors – are pretty impressive, too. There'll even be voluntary Eco Cops and Waste Warriors patrolling the grounds. Festivalgoers can get nerdy at different workshops on sustainability, or get their hands dirty by planting trees around the North Byron Parklands. splendourinthegrass.com