

Britain's Musical Culture

Eurovision and Beyond

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Britain's cities are welcoming, dynamic and diverse, packed with surprising and unique experiences. Visit Liverpool in 2023 to discover the excitement of the myriad of music scenes, gigs and festivals. Travel nearby to Leeds, Manchester or even down south to Bristol to explore even more exciting musical experiences around Britain.

This May, Liverpool plays host to the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest, on behalf of Ukraine. For the full 10 days, the city will feature artists, creatives, makers, musicians and performers who will create an inclusive, thought-provoking, entertaining and diverse cultural Eurofestival. You'll get a chance to see behind the scenes,

enjoy music tours, meet key players in the industry and experience the vibrant music, social and food hangouts that attract music lovers from across the globe in the host city of Liverpool, a UNESCO City of Music.

Join us for the returning of festivals old and new, like Sound City, Creamfields electronica festival, On the Waterfront festival with local – now global artists, and even international festivals of Africa Oye (largest free celebration of African music and culture) and Brazilica. With a celebration around every corner this year, there is sure to be a festival experience fit for everyone. Music is a cultural experience which can be shared by voices from every generation.

Why Liverpool is the place to be in 2023



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Sound City

28 – 30 April 2023

Finally making its return to the vibrant city of Liverpool, Sound City pulls together musical talent from all backgrounds. The stage will welcome established headliner Maisie Peters and up and coming artists like alt-pop star Beren Olivia and indie-pop vocalist SOFY.

www.soundcity.uk.com

Bootle Music Festival

9 – 10 June 2023

With headliners local artist Michael Head and The Zutons who emerged from Liverpool's 'Cosmic Scouse' scene back and are Scouse indie rock royalty with their soulful, funky sounds described as 'psychedelic cartoon punk with a unique blend of rock pop, jazz, funk, and general eclecticism.

www.explore-liverpool.com/events/bootle-music-festival-2023

Africa Oye

17 – 18 June 2023

The Largest free celebration of African music and culture in Britain which highlights the fantastic range of cultures, foods, and music reflects the diverse and vibrant city of Liverpool.

www.africaoye.com



On the Waterfront

29 June – 2 July 2023

After a successful launch in 2021, On the Waterfront is returning to the city's famous Pier Head in summer. The fantastic location, the stunning production, an engaged crowd and world-class talent such as the Liverpool natives Jamie Webster and CamelPhat headlining will make this a must-visit event this summer.

www.onthewaterfrontfestival.com

Liverpool Biennial

10 June – 17 September 2023

The largest contemporary arts festival in Britain returns with its 12th edition. Taking over buildings, art venues and leading Liverpool destinations to transform the city to take visitors on a visual journey of the buzzing cultural arts scene.

www.biennial.com

The 151st Open

16 – 23 July 2023

Experience the 151st Open with a view of the coast as the best golf players in the world swing for a grand slam at Royal Liverpool.

www.theopen.com/royal-liverpool-151st-open



Brazilica Festival

5 August 2023

Britain's festival scene becomes international when Brazilica comes to town. The samba Carnival, a celebration of Brazilian arts and culture floods the streets of Liverpool!

brazilica.co.uk

International Beatle week

23 – 29 August 2023

The biggest Beatles celebration of the Beatles over 7 days held across the city with seventy of the finest Beatles tribute bands from 25 different countries and fans from all over the world.

www.internationalbeatleweek.com

Creamfields

24 – 27 August 2023

The festival has an almighty line-up featuring the biggest names in electronic music and an exciting array of new talent. Dance with fellow music lovers to over 300 acts performing across 4 days..

creamfields.com



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Homotopia Festival

November 2023

Originated in Liverpool, Homotopia Festival proudly promotes local, national and international LGBTQIA+ artists, taste makers, and creatives. As a champion of the unheard, Homotopia aim to give a platform to socially engaged artists to create a cultural impact.

www.homotopia.net/festival

British Musical Experience

Look no further than the British Musical Experience to dive into the history of Britain's greatest rock & pop idols. Learn the uncommon secrets about the Beatles, The Spice Girls, Bowie and so many more. Explore the exclusive collections devoted to each idol featuring concert fashion, memorabilia, and even behind-the-scenes footage.

[www.britishmusicexperience.com/
plan-your-visit](http://www.britishmusicexperience.com/plan-your-visit)

Britain's Culture and Music Festivals



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Forest Live

8 – 11 June 2023

Jack Savoretti and Tom Grennan have been the first two acts announced to play against the spectacular backdrop of Westonbirt Arboretum as part of Forest Live in 2023. More acts to be announced soon.

www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/forest-live

Bristol Sounds

21 – 25 June 2023

Set on the Harbourside, the iconic Bristol Sounds returns in June. The line-up includes rising stars like Jacob Collier, James, and The Levellers and many more.

visitbristol.co.uk/whats-on/bristol-sounds-p2611913

Bristol St Paul's Carnival

1 July 2023

This summer, St Pauls Carnival will finally return to the streets of Bristol celebrating African and Caribbean culture for the first time in three years. The theme will be honouring legends from the past, present and future. Enjoy Carnival culture and heritage with talented musicians, delicious food, creative costumes and much more.

www.stpaulscarnival.net



Northern Ireland Stendhal Festival

6 July – 8 July 2023

Northern Ireland's biggest and best loved independent music and arts festival since 2011. It will feature singing, dancing and all modes of merriment courtesy of a stellar cast of performers from all artistic walks of life.

www.stendhalfestival.com

Glasgow TRNSMT

7 – 9 July 2023

In a country already renowned for having the best audiences in the world, TRNSMT, set within the city's Glasgow Green, shows artists from around the world that there's nothing better than a Scottish crowd.

trnsmtfest.com

Siren Bristol

27 – 29 July 2023

The first night kicks off with drum and bass godfathers Fabio and Grooverider with Sean Paul taking the stage on Friday night and Hospitality on the Harbour will host chart-topping drum & bass DJ and record producer Wilkinson.

www.sirenbristol.com



Valley Fest

3 – 6 August 2023

Featuring a stage built from a Rolls Royce jet engine surrounded by flaming metal trees, Valley Fest brings a line-up to match with performers like The Kooks, Banarama and Scouting for Girls, the Krafty Kuts, Hippo Soundsystem and so many more.

www.valleyfest.co.uk

Bristol FORWARDS Festival

1 – 2 September 2023

After its hugely successful inaugural event in 2022 on Clifton Downs (with acts such as Little Simz, Self Esteem, Chemical Brothers and Charlie XCX) FORWARDS festival is returning in 2023 to bring together music, social action initiatives, discussion and debate to inspire positive change.

www.forwardsbristol.co.uk

Bristol Beacon

Autumn 2023

Bristol Beacon has undergone a complete refurbishment and redevelopment and is set to reopen in Autumn 2023. Bristol's largest concert hall is being turned into a modern, accessible, state-of-the-art facility. The venue will feature two international standard performance venues, a bright new restaurant and event space in its cellars in use for the first time.

bristolbeacon.org



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Glasgow Sightseeing Music Tour

Discover decades of music history on the new tour, narrated by the singer-songwriter, Eddi Reader.

Learn about the history of the Scottish bagpipes with a tour at their museum and even try your hand at the bagpipes. Check seasonal tour dates ongoing.

citysightseeingglasgow.co.uk/tours/music-tour

Edinburgh Silent Adventures

The Silent Adventures Team will take you on a Silent Disco journey of song and dance through the famous streets of Edinburgh. That is one of the best dancing, singing and walking tour in town with some Polka on Princes Street and Macarena on the Mound.

silentadventures.co.uk/edinburgh

North Shields Coastella Festival

30 June – 2 July 2023

A brand-new coastal music festival nestled in the heart of North Shields. Headliner act Futureheads with more to be announced.

newcastlehead.com/events/coastella



London DIVA, V&A South Kensington

24 June 2023 – 7 April 2024

DIVA celebrates the power and creativity of iconic performers, from Victorian opera goddesses to today's global megastars. Through fashion, photography, design, costumes, music and live performance, the exhibition looks at what it means to be a diva and how divas have driven societal change through the ages.

www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/diva

Yorkshire Bradford Live

Autumn 2023

A magnificently renovated art deco building – formerly the Bradford Odeon – will re-open as a grand new entertainment venue with a 3,800-person capacity. As well as music, the events venue will host a full-to-bursting calendar of comedy and family entertainment, making it a vibrant cultural centre for Bradford and beyond. Bradford will be UK City of Culture in 2025.

www.bradfordlive.co.uk

Brighton Valley Concert Series

5 – 9 July 2023

This July, Stanmer Park in Brighton will play host to Brighton Valley Concert Series. This stunning venue surrounded by beautiful hills and woodland will play host to some of the biggest names in pop, rock, dance, and everything in between.

www.brighton-valley-series.co.uk



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Brighton Fringe Brighton

5 May – 4 June 2023

Fringe is the largest multi-arts festival in England and a completely open-access platform for events. Brighton Fringe runs alongside (and beyond!) the Brighton Festival with cabaret, comedy, classical concerts, club nights, theatre, and exhibitions, as well as street performances throughout the city.

www.brightonfringe.org

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www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/media

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assets.visitbritain.org/site/welcome.me

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