

CATCH SOME SUN AND SOUND WAVES IN LISBON THIS SUMMER

Sting, Blur, Muse, Florence & the Machine and Sam Smith lined up to perform



1st June 2015 – The city of Lisbon is gearing up for a summer full of good vibes. Whether it is *fado*, pop, rock, jazz, classical or reggae, the Portuguese capital has an outstanding line-up of music festivals scheduled for the coming months that cater for all sorts of tastes and travellers.

With pleasant summer temperatures in the early to mid-20s, Lisbon has established itself as one of the must-visit destinations for those wishing to catch some rays of sun and the best sound waves.

Below is a list of some of this summer's top events and music festivals, featuring acts as diverse as Sting, Blur, Muse, Florence & the Machine, Sam Smith and Lionel Richie:

Festas de Lisboa

Lisbon, 30th May – 4th July 2015

This June will see Lisbon hosting a series of events to celebrate the city's patron saint, Santo António. Day or night, visitors in the city should head to its famous old squares and neighbourhoods, such as Alfama, Mouraria and Bairro Alto, to witness street dancing and singing performances together with listening live to traditional *fado* sounds and enjoying the taste of the typical grilled sardines. The biggest party will be held on the eve of 12th June, when everyone in the city comes out to the streets to celebrate.

www.festasdelisboa.com

Festival de Sintra

Sintra, until 7th June 2015

The romantic town of Sintra is ready to host a new edition of its most popular music festival. A total of 13 classical music concerts, most of them piano recitals with violin and cello accompaniment, will wow audiences not only with their melodies but also with the locations where they will take place, as "stages" include the stunning Pena National Palace and Sintra National Palace. Now in its 50th year, the Festival de Sintra will pay tribute to the Marquesa de Cadaval, a figure who was linked to music, especially the piano, and who always showed support to young artists. Price: £7 per concert.

www.festivaldesintra.pt



Musa Cascais

Cascais, 3rd and 4th July 2015

Reggae is the main star of this festival that reaches its 15th instalment this year. Taking place in sunny Cascais, near Carcavelos Beach, Musa Cascais will be featuring well-known acts from the international reggae scene, including American bands Rebelution and Groundation, Italian group Mellow Mood, Jamaican singer Romain Virgo and Portuguese artist Xibata. Price: One-day ticket: £11; two-day ticket: £15.

www.festivalmusa.org

Festival ao Largo Millennium bcp

Lisbon, 7th – 25th July 2015

Launched in 2009, the open air Festival ao Largo Millennium bcp is one of the biggest celebrations of opera in Lisbon, with previous acts including some of the most prestigious artistic groups in the country such as the Portuguese Symphony Orchestra and the National Ballet Company. Held in the plaza in front of the central Teatro Nacional de São Carlos, the Festival will feature a variety of opera, ballet and classical music concerts throughout the month of July – all of them outdoors. Price: Free entry.

www.festivalaolargo.pt

Nos Alive

Algés Promenade (close to Belém Tower), 9th – 11th July 2015

Nos Alive, formerly known as 'Optimus Alive', is one of the leading music festivals in Portugal. Described by The Times as "Think Glastonbury with guaranteed sun", this year Nos Alive has an impressive line-up that includes Muse, The Prodigy, Sam Smith and Disclosure. A total of 130 acts will perform over six stages during the three-day event, which will be held at Algés Promenade near the famous Belém Tower, one of the city's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. One-day ticket: £40; three-day ticket: £79.

www.nosalive.com

Super Bock Super Rock

Parque das Nações, 16th – 18th July 2015

With a privileged location in Lisbon's modern Parque das Nações, the 21st edition of the Super Bock Super Rock festival is featuring some of the big international names in rock. Sting, Blur, Florence & the Machine and The Vaccines, amongst many others, are some of the artists confirmed for the three-day rock extravaganza. One-day ticket: £36; three-day ticket: £68.

www.superbocksuperrock.pt

EDPCoolJazz

Oeiras, 19th – 31st July 2015

EDPCoolJazz is a festival about music fusion in Oeiras, in western Lisbon. From blues and soul to jazz and funk, expect evening performances by British guitarist Mark Knopfler, jazz greats Chick Corea & Herbie Hancock, Brazilian songwriters Caetano & Gil, as well as Americans Lionel Richie and Melody Gardot. Price: Tickets from £18.

www.edpcooljazz.com



O Sol da Caparica

13th – 16th August 2015, Costa da Caparica (Almada)

O Sol da Caparica is a 'positive' festival which celebrates the art and culture of the Portuguese-speaking countries around the world. A total of 30 music performances, including Carlão, Miguel Araújo, Dj Marfox and The Legendary Tigerman, will be taking place during the four-day event. Due to its location, very close to the sea, revellers can also enjoy surf and windsurf in the nearby sandy beaches. Children are also welcome to attend the festival on its last day, as there will be many amenities for them, including a big inflatable area for kids to bounce. Price: One-day ticket: £11; four-day ticket: £25.

www.osoldacaparica-festival.pt

MEO Outjazz

Lisbon, until the end of September 2015

For its ninth year running, MEO Outjazz sees a variety of jazz groups and DJ performances taking over Lisbon's streets and squares every weekend for five consecutive months. Until the end of September, jazz bands will be playing on Saturdays from 5pm, while DJs will be livening up Sunday evenings in a wide array of 'stages', including Belém, Lisbon's Japanese Garden and even on the steep stairs of Bica district. Price: Free entry.

www.ncs.pt/outjazz.php

Direct flights to Lisbon operate from London, Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Bristol with TAP Portugal, British Airways, easyJet and Ryanair.

For more information on all these festivals and Lisbon please visit www.visitlisboa.com.

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About Lisbon

Portugal's national capital, Lisbon, boasts one of the longest histories, warmest climates and bustling nightlife of any major European city alongside its dramatic location sprawled along seven hills overlooking the river Tagus and the country's west coast. Famed for its year-round sunshine and beauty, Lisbon's grand architecture dazzles and its old-world charm mingles with chic streets, galleries, lively nightlife and a centre which gives way to sandy beaches just minutes away. It is also one of the most affordable capitals in Europe, perfect for a captivating city break or short haul escape.

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About Turismo de Lisboa

Turismo de Lisboa is a non-profit organisation established through an alliance of public and private bodies operating in the tourist sector. It now has 713 associated members. Since its inception in 1998, the main objective of this association is to improve and increase the promotion of Lisbon as a tourist destination and therefore enhance the quality and competitiveness of the city.