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*British summers are not always well-suited to standing in a field with thousands of other festival-goers, as fans of the Glastonbury Festival in south-west England have often discovered. So these days, thousands of music-lovers head for mainland Europe for sunnier festival experiences. Here are some of the most popular destinations.*

### **BELGIUM**

Rock Werchter started in 1975 and always attracts big headline acts, like Kings of Leon and Coldplay. The location in the centre of Belgium isn't exactly exotic, but it's a short journey from London to Brussels by train, and then on to Leuven where shuttle buses will take you to the site. The festival takes place in early July and lasts for four days.

### **CROATIA**

The T-Mobile INmusic Festival in late June is a 20,000-capacity event beside Lake Jarun in the centre of Zagreb. One of the many festivals in the Balkans, it always has a strong line-up, including acts like Jamiroquai and Arcade Fire. Elsewhere in Croatia, there's a dance music festival called The Garden Festival in Petrčane in July. The site is a beautiful location overlooking the Adriatic Sea. It's a small festival, catering for just 2,000 clubbers, but with over 80 top DJs playing over two weekends.

### **SPAIN**

In mid-July, Fiberfib is basically a big party by the beach in Benicassim, near Valencia. The town is usually popular with Spanish tourists – but this is one of the most popular festivals with Brits, so don't expect too much local culture. There's always a huge line-up of top acts. And there are excellent beaches about twenty minutes' walk from the campsite. But be warned – it reaches up to 40°C in the day, so the music plays from 6 p.m. – 8 a.m. and there's little chance of sleep. Finally, Sonar is a festival that takes place in Barcelona at the end of June. It attracts all the best artists and DJs from the dance music and techno scenes.

Are these sentences true or false?

- 1 Many British music fans go to European music festivals because the weather is better.
- 2 Travelling from the UK to the Rock Werchter is not difficult.
- 3 The Rock Werchter festival takes place in Brussels.
- 4 The Garden Festival is much bigger than the T-Mobile INmusic Festival.
- 5 Both festivals in Croatia take place near water.
- 6 A lot of Brits travel to Fiberfib for a taste of Spanish culture.

What are the best and worst things about music festivals, in your opinion?

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What other kinds of festival interest you?

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