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OUTLET	KEY MESSAGING	MARKET	DATE	UMV CIRCULATION	AD VALUE/ EAV (USD)
The Leeds Guide	Travel from your armchair	UK	9.06	30,000	212
Lonely Planet	9 of the most remote glamping spots around the world	UK	15.06	17,000,000	875
Daily Express (Online)	7 remote escapes for your travel inspiration after lockdown	UK	16.06	39,618,314	1,621
Daily Express	The bear necessities for the great escape	UK	16.06	289.393	6,532
Daily Record	Splendid Isolation	UK	20.06	102,906	3,118
Sunday Mirror	Splendid Isolation	UK	20.06	353,375	10,957

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The Sentinel	Splendid Isolation	UK	20.06	19,476	950
The Star	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	19.06	23,238	2,230
Viestra	10 musica travel experiences	UK	21.06	28,411	855
Travel Weekly	Caribbean hotels plan reopenings, here's the latest	UK	22.06	152,160	300
Liverpool Echo	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	27,796	2,328
The Bath Chronicle	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	7,682	667

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Birmingham Mail	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	12,341	2,642
Birmingham Post	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	6,667	1,031
Cambridge News	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	5,794	885
Derby Telegraph	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	15,029	958
Evening Chronicle	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	26,811	1,445
Evening Gazette	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	12,887	1,361

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Gloucestershire Echo	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	13,221	583
Grimsby Telegraph	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	10,629	8,331
Hull Daily Mail	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	16,873	1573
Manchester Evening News	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	31,050	3,651
Nottingham Post	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	10,261	1,361
South Wales Echo	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	10,355	2,465

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The Herald	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	18,191	1,147
The Journal	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	9,083	968
Bristol Post	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	9,774	837
Burton Mail	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	5,872	520
Western Mail	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	10,341	1,970
Newcastle News	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	14,336	898
Wales Sun on Sunday	Sounds like a great holiday	UK	24.06	7,147	748

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Rough Guides	Coronavirus: Chatting to Brad Dean CEO of Discover Puerto Rico	UK	25.06	7,000,000	1,400
Lonely Planet	Puerto Rico is reopening to visitors next month	UK	25.06	17,000,000	3,500
Yahoo! Finanzen	Puerto Rico Golf Courses, resorts prepare for tourism resumption	Germany	25.06	11,490,000	3,000
ADVFN	Puerto Rico Golf Courses, resorts prepare for tourism resumption	UK	25.06	n/a	n/a
Le Zizard	Puerto Rico Golf Courses, resorts prepare for tourism resumption	Canada	25.06	13,200	6,500
Best Travel Tale	Seven remote escapes for your travel inspiration after lockdown	UK	26.06	20,584	1,750

OUTLET	KEY MESSAGING	MARKET	DATE	UMV CIRCULATION	AD VALUE/ EAV (USD)
London Ontario Golf	Puerto Rico welcomes visitors July 15	Canada	30.06	2,220	n/a
Lonely Planet	These Caribbean countries are reopening for tourists this month	UK	30.06	17,000,000	700
TOTAL CLIPS: 39				TOTAL UMV: 110,123,113	TOTAL EAV: \$80,889

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TRAVELS FROM YOUR ARMCHAIR.....

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TO THE BEST DOZEN DREAM DESTINATIONS



If lock-down is getting you down then here's some inspiring travel experiences for 2021, to keep wanderlust alive whilst at home, include celebrating 2021 anniversaries in Abu Dhabi and Nashville, brand new entertainment experiences in Las Vegas and Puerto Rico and exciting events in Baltimore and Qatar.

Experience the Caribbean's new entertainment district, **Distrito T-Mobile**, in Puerto Rico in 2021



(<https://www.leedsguide.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Puerto-Rico-Salsa-2.jpg>)

Globetrotters from around the world can start to prepare themselves for the Caribbean's ultimate venue for premier entertainment in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Distrito T-Mobile is Puerto Rico's new five-acre business and entertainment complex. The project, opening in 2020 (date TBC), is set to be one of the most vibrant settings for events, conventions and performances in the Caribbean. Boasting a multisensory, audio-visual and technologically advanced experience, Distrito T-Mobile offers visitors one dynamic location to wine, dine, meet and unwind. Amenities include an exhilarating urban zip-line; a 6,000-spectator performance and events hall; a micro-distillery; an eight-screen cinema multiplex; the Island's first 24-hour nightclub and specialty retail and dining. The complex also boasts an Aloft boutique hotel by Marriott, which opened its doors in 2020, providing 177 loft-like guest rooms over seven stories. www.discoverpuertorico.com (<https://www.discoverpuertorico.com/>)

9 of the most remote glamping spots in the world

ANNEMARIE MCCARTHY *Lonely Planet Writer* 15 JUNE 2020



Pitahaya Glamping Retreat, Puerto Rico

[Puerto Rico's first official upmarket camping experience](#) enjoys some of the darkest skies in the country, making it possible to see the Milky Way at night. You'll have access to five acres of nature reserves around you, as well as spectacular beaches on the southwest coast some 20 minutes away. Too relaxed to move? There's also a pool to cool off during the day. It has recently reopened.



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Seven remote escapes for your travel inspiration after coronavirus lockdown

KEEN to keep your social distance after lockdown? Jane Memmler suggests seven inspiring remote escapes for you

By **JANE MEMMLER**

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El Yunque, Puerto Rico (Image: DEA / S. AMANTINI/Getty Images)

PUERTO RICO

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Follow the La Coca trail and trek down to one of several ponds along the route. For fun in the form of a rope swing, the El Angelito trail, offers a 4km hike ending with a an optional plunge into its lagoon.

Info: DiscoverPuertoRico.com

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ALASKA

The vast open spaces of Alaska's national parks are a haven for all manner of flora and fauna, and nowhere encapsulates this more than Katmai National Park and Preserve. It has thousands of square miles of pristine wilderness and the world's largest population of grizzly bears.

There are some spectacular viewing opportunities at Brooks River, where they congregate each summer to catch salmon on the falls and bathe. Katmai tours and wildlife safaris are offered all summer, culminating in a trip to Brooks Lodge with special platforms overlooking the river.

● *Info: visittheusa.co.uk*

NAMIBIA

One of the least densely populated countries in the world, Namibia is the ideal place for a remote adventure. It is home to desert pans, towering dunes and rugged coastlines.

Skeleton Coast, an apt name for the other-worldly stretch of sand on Namibia's northern coast is a photographer's dream, peppered with historic shipwrecks, fascinating whale bones and a wild ocean.

Despite the dramatic harshness of Namibia's environment, an array of wildlife species have managed to make it their home. Visitors are likely to spy black rhinos, lions, hyenas, oryx, giraffes and the

odd giant shadow of a desert elephant, looming dark and mysterious on the horizon.

Guests can stay at luxury oasis, Shipwreck Lodge, nestled within the dunes with views of the Atlantic Ocean.

● *Info: namibiatourism.com.na*

MAURITIUS

At the tip of the westerly peninsular of Mauritius is the astonishing sight of Le Morne; the stand-alone mountain which overlooks an exceptionally beautiful lagoon, famous for its sunsets.

Le Morne proudly represents resistance to slavery. It formerly stood as a shelter for escaped slaves, and so its incredible universal values led it to being inscribed a Unesco World Heritage site.

Just south of Le Morne lies Black River Gorges, a national park and magnificent area for spotting native species.

Formerly the prime hunting ground of Mauritius, the area has been a protected reserve since 1994 after an incredible 300 species of flowering plants, nine endemic species of bird and an overwhelming population of fruit bats which numbered over 4,000 were recorded.

● *Info: tourism-mauritius.mu*

ITALY

Perfect for getting off the grid and in the Dolomites mountain region of the Trentino

region in northern Italy, the Treehouse has no wi-fi or TV, allowing visitors to get back to nature and surround themselves with pure wilderness.

This new accommodation is located near the town of Val di Fassa from where visitors can embark on the Dolomiti Panorama Trek, a 200km circular trekking trail linking Val di Fassa with Val di Fiemme and Primiero that takes in the Marmolada glacier.

The Treehouse sleeps two and has a bathroom with jacuzzi and a sun terrace with spectacular mountain views.

● *Info: fiore.it/en/eco-green/treehouse/visittrentino.info*

CANADA

Canada's oldest provincial park, Algonquin, is Ontario's most famous, yet remains pristine and tranquil. Located just over a three-hour drive north of Toronto, the park offers plenty to keep visitors entertained too with hiking trails, canoe

routes, SUP boards, boating, fishing, mountain biking and lots more.

The Arowhon resort, thanks to a ban on TVs and mobile phones, is a place to digitally detox too. It sits on the idyllic Little Joe Lake and is one of a handful of resorts within Algonquin's protected lands.

● *Info: ontario.net*

QATAR

South from Qatar's capital city, Doha, is Khor AlAdaid (the Inland Sea) natural reserve.

This inlet of the Persian Gulf lies on the border with Saudi Arabia, surrounded by a vast unspoiled desert landscape and is a Unesco-listed natural reserve.

It's one of the few places on earth where the sea encroaches deep into the heart of the desert and boasts its own indigenous ecosystem, with a wide variety of marine life, including turtles and dugongs as well as long-distance migrant waterfowl in winter and ospreys.

It can only be reached by 4x4 on a desert safari. Tours can also include camel rides, quad biking and sandboarding

before spending the night in a desert camp under the stars, enjoying a delicious Bedouin-style barbecue at the Regency Sealine Camp.

The camp includes a traditional Arabian lounge where guests can immerse

themselves and enjoy meals under the night sky.

● *Info: regencysealinecamp.com/visitqatar.qa*

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PUERTO RICO: Rainforest waterfall at El Yunque



NAMIBIA: Other-worldly coastline



MAURITIUS: Exceptionally beautiful beaches

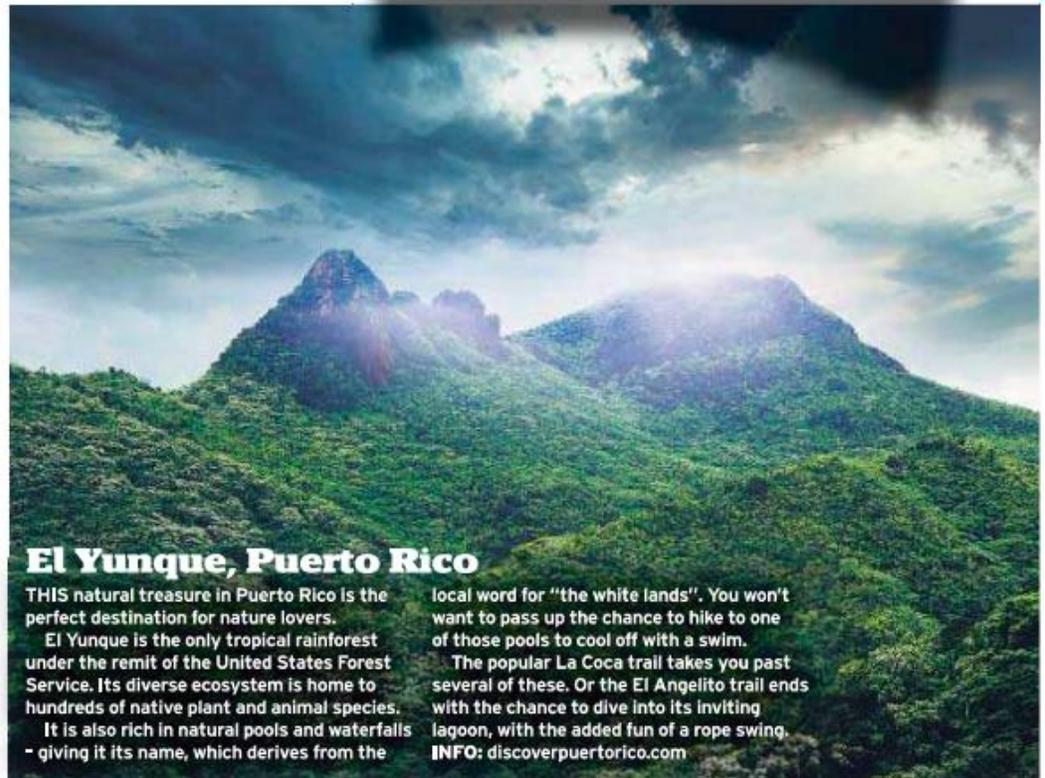
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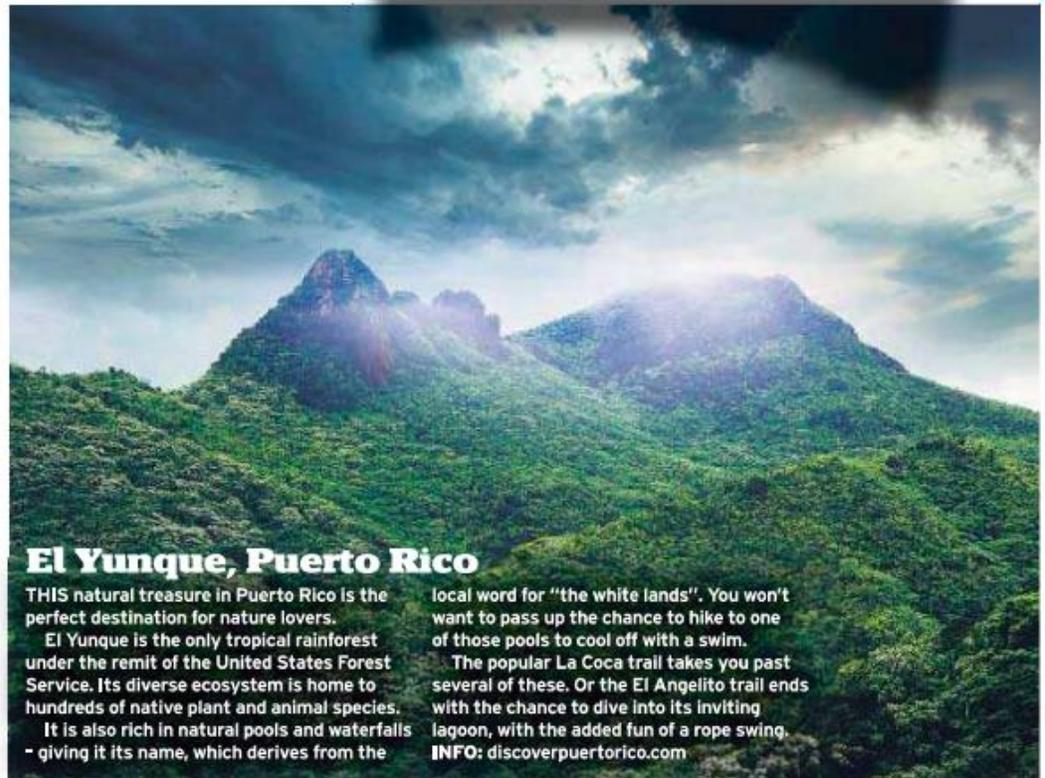
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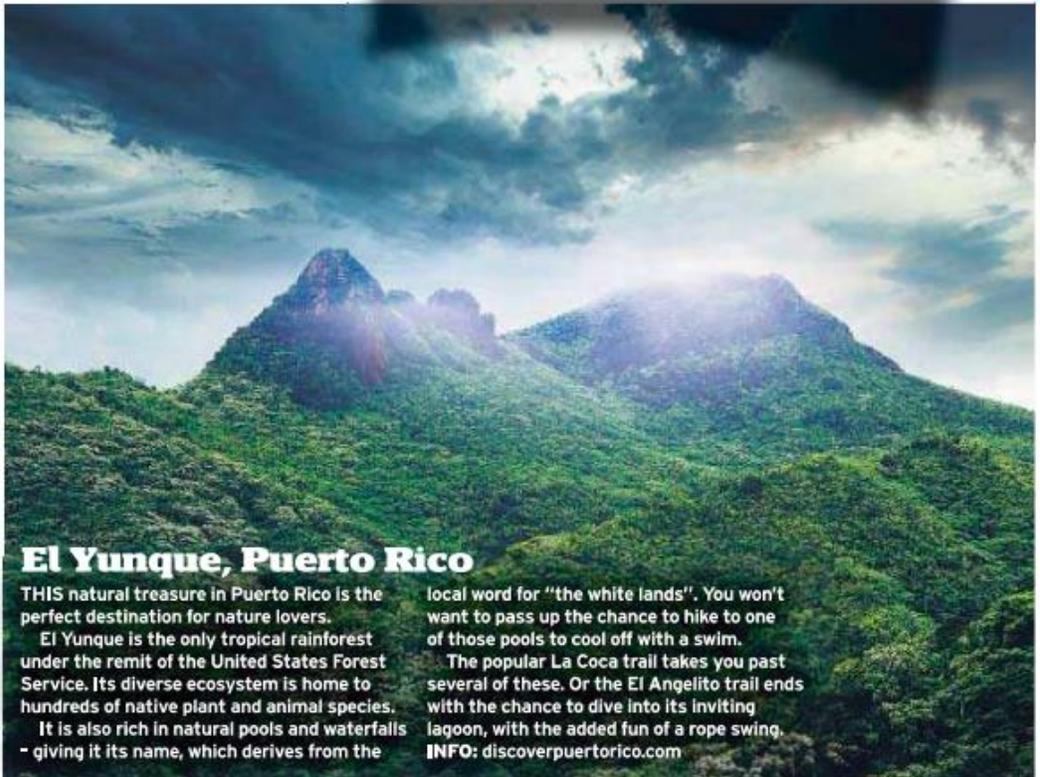
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Explore a world of music with these top travel tips

From stepping in time with Salsa beats in Colombia to watching live opera performances in Italy, the world is full of musical delights for travellers. And to mark World Music Day on June 21, here's a selection of vibrant musical travel experiences waiting to be enjoyed ...

1 COLOMBIA
Discover the diversity of 1000 rhythms. Hailed as the Land of 1,000 Rhythms, every corner of Colombia moves to a distinct and vibrant sound. Rich local cultures are reflected in the various music genres waiting to be discovered on the dance floor. Travellers can feel the rhythm from the beats of Cartagena on the Caribbean coast, to the city sounds of Salsa in Medellin and Bogotá. Details: www.colombia.travel/feel-the-rhythm/en

2 VERONA
Experience the iconic Verona Opera Festival. Visitors to the city of Verona will discover one of Italy's undiscovered gems, dotted with pretty palazzi and medieval sites. Each year the city welcomes opera aficionados from across the world who attend the Verona Opera Festival which takes place in the Arena di Verona, one of the world's most remarkable opera houses located inside a 2,000-year-

old Roman amphitheatre. Details: www.onetraveller.co.uk

3 NASHVILLE
National Museum of African American Music. Nashville's much-anticipated National Museum of African American Music will open its doors on September 3 followed by the official opening of Music City's new Fifth & Broadway complex, a 200,000 square foot development comprised of shops, bars and restaurants as well as the new museum. In Spring 2021, NMAAM will be the first and only museum dedicated to promoting the legacy of African American Music in the US. Details: www.visitmusiccity.com

4 ONTARIO
Explore Canada's music mecca. Ontario has a diverse and dedicated music scene, thanks largely due to Canada's most populous province being the birthplace and home to some of the world's most celebrated artists including Drake, Justin Bieber, Shania Twain and Bryan Adams. Details: www.ontariotravel.net

5 VIENNA
Austria's world capital of music. Vienna is regarded as the world's capital of music, where more famous composers have lived than any other city. It is a place that boasts

120 music and theatre venues and over 15,000 performances each year. Vienna is a melting pot for a plethora of genres, with a pulsating jazz and electro scene. Details: www.vienna.info

6 PUERTO RICO
The island's sounds are the island's soul. Music, rhythm and dance are ingrained in Puerto Rico's DNA and as such, is essential when describing the energy and vibrancy of the island. Music was traditionally used as a means of expression on the island, with music and dance being so intertwined, they often shared the same name, like the Bomba and Salsa. Details: discoverpuertorico.com

7 DETROIT
Motown's hometown. In the 1960s, Barry Gordy, Jr. founded Motown Records, the first African American owned recording company to feature African American musicians, such as Stevie Wonder, The Jackson 5, The Temptations and The Supremes. The Motown sound led to the crossover of African American soul and rhythm and blues music into popular culture and visitors can see how this all happened at The Motown Museum in Detroit, which is the former Motown recording studio, known as Hitsville USA. Details: www.visittheusa.co.uk

8 BALTIMORE
The home of Hairspray. Home to the feel-good, smash-hit musical, Hairspray, Baltimore city is bursting with musical soul and to quote the musical, it's a place where 'You Can't Stop the Beat'. This rhythmic city is not only where the renowned musical is based but also where the original Hairspray film's director and producer, John Waters, grew up and still resides. Baltimore's platform for live music also stretches further than the theatre stage, with

jazz, funk, soul and rock being played across a range of venues from intimate clubs for underground performances, to huge venues staging national acts.

9 CRUISES
Take to the decks on an Electric Sunsets '90s vs '00s music cruise. Cruise and dance music may seem an unusual combination, however, lovers of both can hop aboard the three-night Electric Sunsets '90s vs '00s Cruise with Planet Cruise. Cruisers can dance to music from both decades as they cross the channel. Confirmed acts include Scouting for Girls, The Vengaboys, a Dutch Eurodance group, DJ Sash, The Artful Dodger and Gals Allowed, a celebrated drag act who pay tribute to Girls Aloud. The cruise sets sail on September 5 2020 from

Newcastle to Rotterdam, the home of The Vengaboys, then to Amsterdam, Bruges and back to the UK, docking in Southampton. Tribute acts also feature as part of the itinerary.

10 DEEP SOUTH
Tour the musical hotspot that is the USA's Deep South. Riviera Travel offers the ultimate musical road trip through the deep south of America. Weaving through a selection of cities known for their music heritage including Nashville, Dallas and New Orleans, music lovers will discover the history and culture of some of America's favourite genres from jazz and rock 'n' roll to country and blues.

Details: www.rivieratravel.co.uk

List is compiled by travel experts at Hills Balfour



The French Quarter in New Orleans is part of Riviera Travel's Deep South tour (Photo: Creative Commons/Robert Harding)



10 MUSICAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



Colombia

From stepping in time with Salsa beats in Colombia, to watching live opera performances in Italy, we are marking World Music Day (21st June 2020) by reflecting on the ways in which travellers can look forward to exploring the world through music.

Music provides opportunities for travellers to immerse themselves in a destination's cultural heritage, engage with local people and discover emerging talent – as well as simply letting loose on a dancefloor!

This year, audiences around the world can celebrate World Music Day and tune into Make Music Day's global livestream and day-long worldwide music celebration, with music maestros from 120 countries.

Here, we highlight a selection of vibrant musical travel experiences, including tracing the history of African American musical genres in Nashville, jetting off on a 90s vs 00s dance music cruise with Planet Cruise and exploring Ontario, Canada – the home of Drake and Justin Bieber.

6. Puerto Rico – The Island's sounds are the Island's soul



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www.discoverpuertorico.com

CARIBBEAN

Caribbean hotels plan reopenings; here's the latest

Jun 22, 2020

As borders reopen, so too do resorts and villas throughout the Caribbean. Here's the latest among the brands and in the destinations for what's opened and still to open.

Aruba: Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino opens June 30.

In the Bahamas, Cuvee's Royal Island off the coast of Eleuthera and Riu Palace Paradise Island reopen July 1.

In the Cayman Islands: Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman, plans to reopen Sept. 1.

Dominican Republic: Riu Palace Bavaro reopens July 1; Dominican Fiesta reopens July 27; and Grand Palladium Palace Resort & Spa Casino and TRS Turquesa Hotel will reopen Aug. 1.

In Jamaica: Riu Ocho Rios is open. Sunset at the Palms plans to reopen July 9; Grand Palladium Lady Hamilton Resort & Spa, July 10; and Royalton Negril Resort & Spa, Hideaway at Royalton Negril and Grand Lido Negril, July 15.

Puerto Rico: Margaritaville Vacation Club-Rio Mar reopened June 22.

Sounds like a great holiday

News that we may soon be able to start travelling again is music to our ears. **PAUL COLE** suggests some tuneful trips

FROM waltzing wizards to Motown's greatest hits, and from salsa to soul, music offers opportunities for travellers to immerse themselves in a destination's culture. As well as simply embarrassing yourself on a dancefloor, that is...

Sunday (June 21) marked World Music Day so here's a top ten tuneful travel treats to book into your diary for when life gets back to

normal.

LAND OF 1,000 RHYTHMS
EVERY corner of Colombia moves to a distinct and vibrant sound, which is why it is hailed as the Land of 1,000 Rhythms. Rich local cultures are reflected in the many forms of music waiting to be discovered.

Travellers can feel the rhythm, from the beats of Cartagena on the Caribbean coast, to the city sounds

of Salsa in Medellín and Bogotá. Explore the sounds of traditional Cumbia folklore or jump on the Joropo bandwagon, the distinctive "Cowboy Style" genre of the Andean plains.

With a music scene as diverse as its landscapes, Colombia sets the stage for celebration and storytelling through song which can be discovered through the 'Feel The Rhythm' website.

See: colombia.travel/feel-the-rhythm/en



HIT THE HIGH NOTES

VERONA remains one of Italy's undiscovered gems, dotted with pretty palazzi and medieval sites, and home to that famous Romeo and Juliet balcony.

Each year the Verona Opera Festival welcomes visitors from around the world to the Arena di Verona, located inside a 2,000-year-old Roman amphitheatre, above.

One Traveller, a solo holiday specialist for mature travellers, offers a five-day Festival tour which includes recitals from Turandot and Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci to La Traviata and Aida. In addition, the tour offers sightseeing in Verona and Lake Garda, a wine-tasting lunch at a Valpolicella winery and private tours of picturesque towns across the Lake Garda region.

See: onetraveller.co.uk

NOT JUST COUNTRY

NASHVILLE'S National Museum of African American Music, below - the first of its kind - opens its doors on September 3. Exhibits and shows will explore the legacy of African American music in the US, exploring its



here than in any other city.

The romantic destination boasts 120 music and theatre venues and more than 15,000 performances each year. It's even home to the oldest 'boy band' in the world: the Vienna Boys' Choir (est. 1498).

But there's more than classical charm - the city is a melting pot for a plethora of genres, with a pulsating jazz and electro scene, as well as welcoming musical legends including Beyoncé, Lenny Kravitz and award-winning Hollywood film composer, Hans Zimmer (The Lion King, Gladiator), to enjoy renowned recording studio Synchron Stage Vienna.

See: vienna.info



Puerto Rico's love of music is in its DNA

SIMPLY BOMBASTIC

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This traditional dance is just one example of Columbia's varied musical heritage



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DON'T STOP BELIEBER
ONTARIO has a diverse and dedicated music scene, and is the birthplace of, and home to, artists including Drake, Justin Bieber, Shania Twain and Bryan Adams.

Those wishing to tick off key hotspots will be kept busy in Stratford - the home of Justin Bieber - where Beliebers can take a walking

ON THE MUSIC MAP

CALL in at all the iconic high note hotspots with escorted tour and river cruise company Riviera Travel, which offers Deep South USA Plus Texas for Solo Travellers. Weaving through music cities such as Nashville, Dallas and New Orleans, music lovers will discover the history and culture of some of America's favourite acts.



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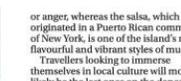
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EVERY corner of Colombia moves to a distinct and vibrant sound, which is why it is hailed as the Land of 1,000 Rhythms. Rich local cultures are reflected in the many forms of music waiting to be discovered.

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HIT THE HIGH NOTES
VERONA remains one of Italy's undiscovered gems, dotted with pretty palazzi and medieval sites, and home to that famous Romeo and Juliet balcony.

Each year the Verona Opera Festival welcomes visitors from around the world to the Arena di Verona, located inside a 2,000-year-old Roman amphitheatre, above. One Traveller, a solo holiday specialist for mature travellers, offers a five-day Festival tour which includes recitals from Turandot and Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci to La Traviata and Aida. In addition, the tour offers sightseeing in Verona and Lake Garda, a wine-tasting lunch at a Valpolicella winery and private tours of picturesque towns across the Lake Garda region.

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Puerto Rico is reopening to international visitors next month

ANDREA SMITH *Lonely Planet Writer* 1 DAY AGO



Puerto Rico is popular with travellers for its colourful buildings © Saribeth Rios/500px

The Caribbean island of [Puerto Rico](https://www.lonelyplanet.com/puerto-rico) (<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/puerto-rico>) is gearing up to welcome international travelers again on 15 July, after it closed to visitors when the [COVID-19](/landing/covid-19) (</landing/covid-19>) pandemic struck. It is now in the third phase of its economic reopening, which takes in recreation and tourism.

Puerto Rico is popular with travelers for its colorful buildings, sandy beaches and coral reefs, and museums celebrating everything from failed revolutions to classical European paintings. Local residents can enjoy its popular attractions and natural and cultural resources again immediately, while the tourism industry is readying itself to welcome international travelers again.

The government's tourism ministry, the Puerto Rico Tourism Company (PRTC), has designed a strict set of health and safety standards that businesses in the industry must comply with before restarting their operations.

6 ways to stay safe next time you travel



Visitors arriving at the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport will have their temperature checked and will undergo a quick health check-up. Free and voluntary COVID-19 testing is also available on site. The government is also working on exceptions to the mandatory 14-day quarantine that remains in place, for those who can provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test. Further details as it relates to these requirements will be provided in the coming weeks.



Travelers are attracted to Puerto Rico's natural resources © Brian Overcast/Alamy Stock Photo

Hotels in Puerto Rico have remained open throughout the pandemic, and common spaces, such as pools, bars, restaurants and shops within hotels, are currently permitted to operate at 50% capacity in order to promote social distancing. Tour operators and businesses that rent equipment used for activities related to travel activities are also authorised to resume their operations.

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Follow the La Coca trail and trek down to one of several ponds along the route. For fun in the form of a rope swing, the El Angelito trail, offers a 4km hike ending with a optional plunge into its lagoon.

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These Caribbean countries are reopening for tourists this month

ALICIA JOHNSON *Lonely Planet Writer* 8 DAYS AGO



As COVID-19 restrictions ease all over the world, a few Caribbean countries have begun the process of reopening to tourists for the summer months. Each country has instituted a series of strict guidelines to protect not only its citizens, but visitors to the respective island as well.

As a whole, the Caribbean responded quickly to the [COVID-19 pandemic](#) and as a result, infection numbers have remained fairly low.



Puerto Rico

As part of the four-phase reopening plan, Puerto Rico is officially reopening its borders to tourists on July 15. The country has eased restrictions for its citizens to go to beaches, dine at restaurants and visit retail stores (by appointment only). Puerto Rico's island-wide curfew (10pm - 5 am) remains in effect through June 30.