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10 Underrated Music Festivals in the U.S. and Canada



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Coachella. Bonnaroo. Lollapalooza. These music festivals are legendary, but if you've already been there and done that—or if you need even more live music in your life—why not add a few less famous festivals to your must-visit list?

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Each of the following underrated music festivals offers something special, from concerts in a canyon to wine- and bourbon-tasting bars. And they're all located in American or Canadian destinations with plenty of other attractions for travelers, such as vibrant cities or nearby national parks.

Festival de Musique Emergente (FME): Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec



Louis Jalbert

The founders of this late-summer music festival describe it as “inclusive,” an apt label for an event where about half the shows are free and genres range from folk-rock to rap and electronica. As its name suggests, the [Festival de Musique Emergente](#) (or Emerging Music Festival, locally known as FME) focuses on up-and-coming artists, many from Quebec. Some performers sing in French, others in English, and the venues are scattered around the small city of Rouyn-Noranda, including intimate halls, outdoor stages, and even the shores of Lake Osisko.

If you go: Make time for a hike in nearby Aiguebelle National Park.