

Why travel far when there's a feast of fun at Swansea Bay, Mumbles and Gower?

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The Swansea Bay Summer Festival (<http://www.visitswanseabay.com/>) is just three hours away from many UK cities and towns

So come and share the feast and feel the beat. As the weather warms up, Swansea Bay will move to the music from May right through until September. Get a taste for what's going on (<http://www.visitswanseabay.com/events>)

Music to your ears

Treat yourself to one of our celebrity concerts. Superstar PINK brings her Funhouse Summer Carnival Tour to The Liberty Stadium on 23rd June. And the amazing Jools Holland with his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra are in Singleton Park on 8th August.

Savour the festival season

Feel the buzz at Escape into the Park on the 12th June, Wales' largest electronic music festival. Escape features the crème de la crème of artists from around the world for a sun-kissed soundtrack through the day and into the night.

Glorious Gower has its own music menu. If it's the folk scene that gets your foot tapping, the Gower Folk Festival (back for its 17th year) runs from 11th – 13th June. The Gower Festival from 17th July – 31st July offers a banquet of classical music performed in the churches of the Peninsula. While the Gower Rock Festival on 23rd & 24th July focuses on up and coming home produced British talent.

Or if your taste runs to Theatre

The medieval keep of Oystermouth Castle provides a brooding backdrop for Great Expectations on 16th and 17th June, while the National Waterfront Museum provides a nautical setting for The Tempest on 18th and 19th August.

Free fun (<http://www.visitswanseabay.com/index.cfm?articleid=35752>)

Swansea Bay Film Festival, 7th – 16th May

View FREE film screenings at the Dylan Thomas Centre, take part in Workshops in Acting, Producing and Screen Writing.

Mumbles Navy Days, 29th – 31st May

Mumbles Navy Days is an annual festival organised with a strong nautical theme.

Under Milk Wood' Vehicle Run, 19th June

Around 200 classic vehicles attend this annual run to Laugharne in Carmarthenshire.

Dance Days, 10th & 11th July

Throughout Swansea, a packed programme of free dance events – fast becoming a must-see in the Swansea festival calendar.

Swansea Bowls Festival 18th July – 7th August

Watch International and national bowlers, to become the Swansea Bowls Festival Champion 2010.

The Gower Peninsula Triathlon, 24th July

Come and watch the 'British Triathlon Event of the Year'

SeaSwansea, 14th & 15th August

A free weekend of activities with a new twist for 2010. See 'The Matthew' ship from Bristol – a replica tudor merchant ship, plus lot's of free entertainment for the whole family.

Mumbles Raft Race, 15th August

This is the 26th raft race and as last year is being held in support of the "Money for Mumbles" fund raising campaign.

World Party Weekend, 28th & 29th August

A free world music weekend with high quality main stage entertainment supported by globally themed attractions

Bae Fest, 4th& 5th September

A diverse and colourful festival with a multifaceted activity schedule of water and land-based events, live music, seafood and shanty, extreme sports, children's entertainment and much, much more.

BBC Big Screen Events

Swansea's Big Screen in Castle Square is a fantastic addition to the city centre and the Swansea Bay Summer Festival.

Clyne in Bloom, 1st – 31st May

See the award winning Rhododendrons and Azaleas in all their magnificent colourful splendour.

Botanics in Bloom 1st – 31st August

Visit Singleton Botanical Gardens in August and see the gardens when they are at their most spectacular.

Local Produce Markets

A must for visitors would be a trip to one of the local produce markets across Swansea – an opportunity to see an array of local fresh vegetables, meat, fish, dairy and craft products.

What else can you do while you're here?

Coastline and countryside, beaches and bistros, walking and watersports – so don't make your break too short!

For all the info on planning your visit (<http://www.visitswanseabay.com>)

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