

# Women's Gatherings, Music Festivals & Events Around the World

Women's gatherings have always been part concert, part refuge, part temporary republic. A field full of tents, guitars, drum circles, political debates, aging hippies, fresh heartbreaks, cargo shorts, silver-haired lesbians flirting beside coffee urns at sunrise. Civilization, but with better storytelling and fewer neckties.

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## United States Women's Gatherings & Festivals

### The Dinah

<https://www.thedinah.com>

The largest queer women's festival in the world, blending pool parties, concerts, DJs, comedy, and community events in the California desert.

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### National Women's Music Festival

<https://nwmf.info/>

Founded in 1974, one of the oldest and most historically important women's music festivals in North America.

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### Women's Week Provincetown

<https://womensweekprovincetown.com>

A week-long lesbian cultural gathering featuring comedy, literature, music, workshops, and beach-town magic.

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### Ohio Lesbian Festival

<https://ohiolesbianfestival.org>

A grassroots lesbian gathering focused on music, feminist culture, workshops, and community.

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## **Ladyfest**

<https://ladyfest.org>

A decentralized feminist arts and music festival born from riot grrrl culture.

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## **Mothership Weekend**

<https://www.mothershipweekend.com>

Founded by Brandi Carlile, blending music, queer joy, wellness, and community.

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## **International Women's Festivals & Gatherings**

### **ELLA Festival**

<https://www.ellafestival.com>

One of Europe's biggest queer women and non-binary festivals.

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### **International Eressos Women's Festival**

<https://eressoswomensfestival.com>

Held on the Greek island associated with Sappho, attracting queer women from around the world.

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### **European Lesbian Conference**

<https://europeanlesbianconference.org>

Part activist gathering, part cultural festival, part political movement.

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### **Velvet Ibiza**

<https://velvetibiza.com>

Luxury queer women's festival centered around beach culture and nightlife.

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# Historic & Legendary Women's Gatherings

## Michigan Womyn's Music Festival

Founded in 1976, MichFest became one of the most influential lesbian/feminist gatherings in the world.

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## Lilith Fair

Founded by Sarah McLachlan after promoters insisted audiences would not support multiple women artists on one bill. History disagreed magnificently.

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## Broader Women's Gatherings

### Women Deliver Conference

<https://womendeliver.org>

International conference focused on women's rights and leadership.

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### UN Commission on the Status of Women

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw>

One of the largest global gatherings focused on women's rights and feminist policy.

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The older women's festivals become, the more fascinating they are historically. Many were created because women simply got tired of asking permission to gather safely, loudly, creatively, politically, musically, spiritually, or queerly.

So they built parallel worlds for a weekend.

A field. A campground. A hotel takeover. A beach in Greece. A stage with women on it for once.

And suddenly thousands arrived carrying coolers, guitars, unresolved feelings, and extremely practical footwear.