

Music Tourism Convention Liverpool, UK | 5-6 September 2019 Event Report

Music Tourism Convention is the world's most extensive conference bringing together the music and tourism sectors to explore how music impacts, benefits and improves tourism offers.

Sound Diplomacy, alongside Marketing Liverpool and Visit Britain, were proud to bring Music Tourism Convention back to Liverpool for its fourth global edition. Held on September 5-6, the event featured panels, presentations, roundtables, live music and receptions across two days and saw 170+ delegates attend from all over the world.



Music Tourism Convention in Detail



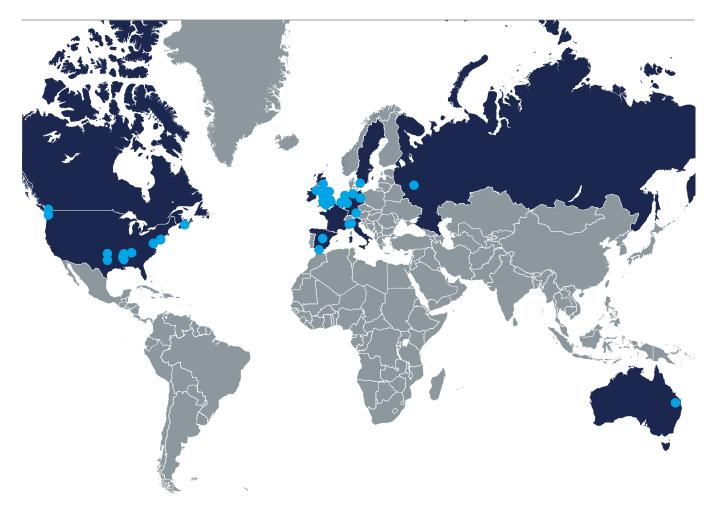
The 4th global Music Tourism Convention started on September 5th with an opening reception held at The Museum of Liverpool, where attendees also got the chance to visit the John Lennon & Yoko Ono Double Fantasy exhibition.

On September 6th, 170+ delegates met at the British Music Experience for a full day of talks, panels and presentations on the intersection between music and tourism.

The Convention ended with the unveiling of the first UK and third European Mississippi Blues Trail Marker and an evening reception with drinks, live music and the possibility to explore the unique exhibition at The British Music Experience. This edition's theme was "Value of Music on Tourism & Destination Marketing" and some of the topics we dealt with include:

- UK Music Tourism
- Venue Operators & The Need For Community Legacies
- Using Music To Divert Tourism
- U.S.A Music Tourism
- Collaborating With The Music Industry To Promote Tourism
- Increasing Collaboration Between The Music and Tourism Industries
- Importance of a Thriving Music Ecosystem
- Developing Heritage Tourism
- Festival Operators & The Need For Sustainable Legacies
- Better Harnessing Content Creators Around Music.

Cities & Countries Represented



Europe in focus



IT WAS MY FIRST TIME PARTICIPATING IN MUSIC TOURISM CONVENTION AND IT WAS A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT WITH OTHER PEOPLE, AS WELL AS BOTH LEARN ABOUT AND FORGE NEW PATHWAYS IN THE INTERSECTION OF MUSIC AND TOURISM.

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Aaron Wodin-Schwartz, Vice President Public Policy & Public Affairs, Brand USA (USA)



Our Speakers & Panelists

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Arfa Butt, Cultural Strategist, Sounds Like London Ambassador & Music Industry Leader (UK)

Brandt Wood, Co-Founder & Producer, Pilgrimage Music and Cultural Festival & Principle, WoodHouse (USA)

Brendan McGoran, Economic Development Officer (Creative & Digital), Belfast City Council



IT'S GREAT TO HEAR THAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME CHALLENGES AS WE HAVE AND SHARE IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS. SOMETIMES IT'S JUST A SMALL IDEA OR SOLUTION, BUT IT REALLY OPENS YOUR EYES.

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MUSIC TOURISM CONVENTION HAS BEEN A GAME CHANGER FOR MUSIC TOURISM IN DÜSSELDORF. WE WERE VERY HONOURED TO BE PART OF THE EVENT LAST YEAR AND IT'S BEEN VERY INTERESTING FOR US TO RETURN AND HEAR ALL THE GREAT PRACTICAL EXAMPLES THAT PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT TODAY.

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