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5 Hottest Summer Tours of 2017

Unless you're a roadie, concert photographer or have endless amounts of time and money, you probably won't see more than one or two of the hottest summer tours of 2017. So how do you choose?

There are safe bets in headliners like Jason Aldean and Luke Bryan, and hot new acts like Sam Hunt and Chris Stapleton. Often you've barely heard of the opening acts, or maybe you're not so sure about the new music. This list of the five hottest country summer tours of 2017 cuts through the clutter to spell out which shows are worth the investment.

Of course, seeing an artists that just missed our list is rarely a waste of money. Some — like Thomas Rhett and Miranda Lambert — aren't headlining official tours, but playing select fairs, festivals and one-stop shows. This list focuses on named tours, of which there are about a dozen traveling across the country this summer. Tour previews, or in some cases witnessing a full set, helped us compile this list. Past experiences with each headliner and opening act also made the job easier, but our Top 5 probably won't line up with yours. Tell everyone which tour you can't wait for in 2017 in the comments section below, and look for Taste of Country at select festivals, including the ToC Music Festival and Country Jam Colorado in June, and WE Fest in August.

5 Jason Aldean's They Don't Know Tour

With Chris Young, Kane Brown and Dee Jay Silver



Aldean is as sure as a full moon once a month. The "They Don't Know" singer builds his albums with his live show in mind, and on his most recent release, he returned to great country-rock. Opener Chris Young is as steady, while not quite as rowdy. Keep an eye on Dee Jay Silver, Aldean's longtime friend and tourmate. All that energy a typical show loses between sets grows when he's spinning hits.