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# Smells like summer

It's holiday time and you've got ten minutes in duty-free: what to choose? From straight-from-the-garden scents to perfumes that smell like sunscreen (yes, really), here are the best fragrances to buy now

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## The statement scent

We get it, you want to turn heads by the pool. There's nothing sweeter and subtler here. Like the "fun" one in your holiday gang, these fragrances are loud, proud and guaranteed to get you attention for all the right reasons.

**1 Exotric Molecules Exotric 05, £50 for 100ml** With fig, bergamot and orange, this unique scent is an olfactory whole-stop tour of the Med. It's not all about the slow life, though; the woody bits of cypress and piney warmth from cedarwood give it an anything-could-happen edge. And, like the original Exotric Molecules perfume, it smells different on everyone.

**2 Veronique Gabai Ready for Road, £245 for 85ml EDP** Don't worry, your holiday companions won't think you've spilled the Whispering Angel — this smells more like the flower with a hint of lemon. Think balmy Provencal nights sipping chilled wine on the terrace, to a soundtrack of cicadas.

**3 Jo Loves Mango Thai Lime, £40 for a fragrance paintbrush** Name a more refreshing combination than fresh mango and lime juice — sure, but a little bit tart and the

pepper layer adds a hint of spice too. One of Jo Loves's bestselling summer fragrances, it's now available in a handy paintbrush format, so you can glide through security.

**4 Gucci Flies Gorgoson Jasmine, £111 for 100ml EDP (free tomorrow)** There's no need for a kaban since the heavenly jasmine essence cloaks you in your own scent zone.

## After hours

If dancing barefoot on the tables is high on your holiday hit list, these heady scents will see you through from dusk to dawn.

**5 Louis Vuitton Fleur Du Desert, £290 for 100ml EDP** Take a trip to the Middle East with this seductive mix of jasmine, orange blossom and rose over oak. Uncharacterly fiery, this is a scent for a special night out.

**6 D'Arnyne Jayne Gatsby 22, £110 for 50ml EDP** Inspired by the jazz age, this sexy, leatherly fragrance smells like a speakeasy-soaking socialite: expensive and a little bit saucy.

**7 Byredo Vanilla Antique, £235 for 50ml extrait de parfum** There's nothing sweet

about the greater neutral fragrance house Byredo's first vanilla scent. Smoky and musky, this hypnotic perfume matches the anticipation that fills the night air.

**8 Dior Miss Dior Rose Essence, £136 for 200ml EDT Spray** This if romance is on the cards, or you want it to be. Vivid and lush, woody notes keep this rose on the right side of sexy.

## New-gen ouds

Oud perfumes are often heady and heavy but the newest offerings are altogether lighter and brighter. "I've noticed more weightless and elegant oud fragrances that hint at those deep, mysterious, lacquered flowers," says the fragrance expert Alice du Parcq.

**9 LilaNue Parfums Agre Épicé, £225 for 100ml EDP** Soft and warm but utterly addictive, this Indian oud scent is curiously rosy and lasts for days.

**10 Edeniste Oud Mystique, £190 for 100ml EDP** Scent notes abound in this new take on oud from Edeniste. Following neuroscientific research on fragrance and emotion, this luminescent





all-consuming scent is formulated to help regulate stress levels, and has a sweet smokiness. Stress-free travel while smelling totally divine? We win.

**11 Miller Harris Oud F&at, £20 for 100ml EDP** Less intense than a traditional oud, the smokiness you might expect is balanced with sweet, spicy notes.

**12 Zara Bohemian Oud, £20 for 80ml EDP** One of four new oud fragrances from the high street retailer, Bohemian Oud is the sweetest of the bunch with vanilla and cocoa floating through the spiciness.

## Herb appeal

"I've noticed a shift towards more airy scents that play with vegetal and bitter plants," Du Paris says. These citrus, earthy fragrances are a far cry from the traditional summer florals and citrus.

**13 Hermès Eau de Basilic Pourpre, £87 for 100ml EDC** A fresh, clean scent centred on the most intoxicating of all garden herbs — basil. It encapsulates that feeling you get when you've just showered away the salty stickiness of a day at the beach.

**14 Parfumerie H Bergamot, £400 for 100ml EDP** In a hand-blown bottle sparkling lemon and oak leaves are cut through the earthiness. Think of the cool, crisp scent that lingers in the air after rain.

**15 Bay Scent Italian Kush, £105 for 100ml EDP** Caprese salads and tailcoats in the bay — with notes of basil and limoncello — this scent from the now-binary fragrance brand brings on the back lanes of Capri.

**16 Chanel Les Éaux De Chanel Paris-Paris, £114 for 125ml EDT** A little bit breezy, a little bit peppery — this will take you from woodland in the city to weekends in the country.

## Smells like suntan lotion

Is there anything more likely to transport you straight to your deckchair than the smell of warm suntan lotion? Now there is a slew of fragrances that bring the holiday back home.

**17 To the Fairest Cecilia, £85 for 50ml EDP** The perfect accompaniment to lazy days reading in the sun. You'll be cocooned in a cloud of powdery tuberose and amber.

**18 Nivea Sun, £21 for 30ml EDT** How many times have you wished you could bottle that holiday feeling, the smell of suncreamed limbs and happy, lazy smiles? Well, now you can. Thank you, Nivea.

**19 Sol de Janeiro Cheirosa '62 Perfume Mist, £29 for 90ml** Grab your soulmate bikini, we're taking you from an Copacabana beach, Pina colada and tubed caramel favour to be exact, the winning combo in this sunny hair and body mist.

## Hot man summer

Guys, put away the dark smokes, late club-sessions and use the summer months to try something altogether juicier and fruitier.

**20 Coach Open Road, £52 for 100ml EDT (from tomorrow)** Wind down the windows and turn up the music, you're on a West Coast road trip with this crisp, apple, fresh-silky scent, woody (sandalwood) fragrance.

**21 Kilian Cologne, Shield of Protection, £185 for 50ml perfume** Like the first sip of a short, stony-cocktail — a burst of bitter citrus with a slice of orange and sprigs of rosemary and rose — this hits the spot.

**22 Armani Code Pour Homme, £71 for 75ml EDT** This traditional fragrance has the classic woody muskiness you'd expect, but the addition of bergamot makes it brighter, sunnier and perfect for summer.

## Light my fire

Fire candles with lighter, brighter scents to burn this summer.

**Jo Malone Violet Leaf & Bergamot Candle, £63** Avant-garde chef Jean-Philippe Pige is the brain behind this curiously addictive sensory accord candle. His recipe? The smell of rice steam (from his, bergamot and green violet leaves. Chef's kiss.

**Laure Cocooner, £70** Stay as cool as a cucumber over the summer with this nice new addition to the fashion house's home scents collection.

**Aether Meet in the Greenhouse, £40** Fresh greenery and sweet fig, the perfect accompaniment to a lazy afternoon whiling away the hours.

**Diptysme Citronnelle Summer '21, £51** Flight to the Med cancelled? Light this, close your eyes and let the lemongrass, orange blossom and verbena aromas fill your home.

**Aromatherapy Associates Forest Therapy, £48** In need of a little grounding after a winter of socialising? Pure essential oils including cypress and juniper berry will have a calming effect and help you feel at one with nature. \*

