

Riviera Pool Parties attract Beijing's sexiest



Making Waves

We find the summer's **best pool parties**

Nothing puts us in the summer mood more than the smell of sunscreen, the feel of a floppy hat and the subtle tinting of the world through dark sunglasses. Throw booze, beautiful people and bikinis into the mix and you've got the perfect Beijing day. Dive into these upcoming pool parties and let the water wash away your workweek worries.

Riviera hosts a now-legendary monthly **Riviera Pool Party**. The next installment is on July 23 from 1-8pm at I.O Spa. ¥100 gets you entry plus one Binboa vodka drink. Dress to impress in swimwear glam and be prepared to rub elbows with Beijing's beautiful people. DJ Maxwell provides dance tunes and the fun continues into the night with an after-party at The Beach. Go all out and book a table for ¥2,000 (includes a bottle of vodka and a bottle of Champagne).

On July 23, the Shangri-La Hotel in Xicheng hosts a **Bikini Brunch**, where you'll enjoy all-you-can-eat imported barbecue, select wines and Stella Artois for ¥300 from 12-5pm. The ticket gets you access to their swimming pool, jacuzzi and sauna so you can sweat out the chow. Sexy DJ Juliana spins hip-hop and soul beats while you wine, dine and splash around in the pool.

DoubleTree by Hilton puts on a lovely summer pool-side bash called the **Hot & Wet Party** every Sunday from 12-4pm. The event comes complete with burgers, hot dogs, and of course free-flow beer for ¥178 (plus surcharge). Chow down around the open-air pool set in a green garden. Kids are half price, making this a family-friendly drinking activity.

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For a more adult pool party, the fiesta-themed **Sexy & Wet** bash at I.O Spa on July 24 from 11am-4pm promises Latin tunes spun by Argentinean DJ Plomo that will inspire all varieties of sexy Latin dance. A delicious barbecue buffet starts at noon and of course there will be an ample supply of booze. A swimsuit competition is the climax of the event, and we expect sun-kissed bodies in gold swimsuits to be dancing the merengue all afternoon. The party costs ¥200, including food.

While we're bummed that the annual Great Wall Beach Party has been canceled, you can still play a little beach blanket bingo of your own at these wet and wild parties.

■ Lauren Johnson

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Proud of the Capital

Despite killer tics, noxious pesticides, torrential rains and humidity so thick I feel like I'm being water boarded every time I inhale, this week I'm proud to be an (adopted) *Beijinger*. With the **Jing Pride** events launching this month, I'm reminded of the multitude of reasons Beijing has to be proud of its nightlife scene. Five years ago, there was a relatively young bar and club scene, and 10 years ago there would not have been much to write home about. Now, we have several lively bar districts and a non-stop parade of international bands and DJs tearing through Beijing's hottest nightlife venues. We have aquatic drinking with the monthly **Riviera Pool Parties** and this month's **Sexy & Wet Party** at I.O Spa. We even have a music festival in Huairou this month at the **Goose & Duck Ranch**. And the **Yen 7-Year Anniversary Bash** will likely be the best Yen party to date. Yes, this city's nightlife scene has evolved tremendously, and we applaud the openmindedness of the capital. In other news, **Aluss**, half-art space, half-bar, has closed its doors for good. When one door closes another opens, and **Revolution**, a new bar by the men behind Fubar, has opened in Sanlitun.



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Parties

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Sherlock Groove

DJ Wang Bei keeps the sounds of the basskillvilles at bay with a groove-oriented mix of nu sound, soul, and electronica. Other mysteries await when he cracks open the record case in this second edition of July Sherlock Groove. 10pm

Q Bar 6595-9239, party@qbarbeijing.com
www.qbarbeijing.com

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Wet T-Shirt Contest

Yet again Club Juicy hosts a wet T-shirt contest with prizes for the top two performers (what that means, we're not sure). ¥30 (women)-¥60 (men) gets you access to the open bar from 9pm-late. If you'd like to join the throng of women ready to shake what their mamas gave them, call Star Lee to register at 187-0138-8123. 9pm

Club Juicy 187-0138-8123
clubjuicy@126.com, www.clubjuicy.com

Kid Fresh + Pat Drastik

Kid Fresh returns with an arsenal of slamming new mixed-genre tunes after several months on European tour. Canadian Pat Drastik joins him for a memorable night of real world spinning talent and excellent music he describes as "musical ADD." 8:30pm

Punk 6410-5222, info@barpunk.com
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Wasabi Sound + WengWeng Birthday

The master of Beijing techno, WengWeng of Acupuncture, celebrates

his birthday with Wasabi Sound. DJs ShenYue, Kaize and Johnny Z bring all the best techno tunes to Mo Lounge in honor of WengWeng. Free. 10pm

Mo Lounge 131-2667-5612
shenyue312@gmail.com

DJ Choyce Kutz

DJ Choyce Kutz brings everything from hip-hop to reggae, electro, R&B and funk. With a great sound system, diverse music and a fun crowd, this is going to be one wild night. 10pm

Mix 6506-9888, mixclub@sohu.com

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Meiwenti Medley

Meiwenti Sound Project's DJ Mat takes to the Q Bar decks, mixing up the most righteous funk, reggae and rare grooves all night long. 10pm

Q Bar 6595-9239, party@qbarbeijing.com
www.qbarbeijing.com

Hotpot

Three years on, and Hotpot continues to impress. The monthly event is run by DJ Wordy and Soul Speak, who throw everything from hip-hop to funk, soul, rock 'n' roll and electro. Free entry before 11pm, then ¥50. 10pm

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SATURDAY, JULY 23

★ Riviera Pool Party

The epic Riviera pool party is back in Beijing with an even bigger party than last month. ¥100 includes a free Binboa drink. ¥2,000 includes a table with four entry tickets, two bottles of Binboa and a bottle of Champagne.

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