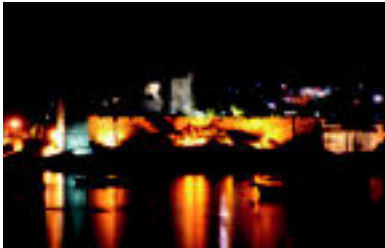


FUN IN THE SUN

ADRIAN GILLAN gives the low-down on some top hot places to party this summer and autumn.

**ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAYS:
BODRUM, TURKEY
(24 SEPT - 1 OCT)**



IT'S getting hotter! Yes, it's that Alternative Holidays' Summer Spectacular time again!

This year's sensational event takes place 24 September - 1 October in Bodrum, on Turkey's glorious Aegean Coast. Known as the Pearl of the Aegean, Bodrum is an exotic mix of ancient and modern: narrow white-walled streets, ancient ruins and a stunning castle sit alongside fabulous shops, modern restaurants and hot

bars and clubs. Set in front of a vista of a deep blue sea with islands stretching to the horizon, it's a stunning location for what looks set to be Alternative's best event ever!

Gabriele Neroni of Alternative Holidays said, "We recognise that our clients have choice and our aim is to provide them with just that. Bodrum is an incredible destination. We are securing internationally renowned performers and the food this year will be from chefs to tempt all tastes. We provide first-class facilities and a celebratory ambience. It's up to our clients to do as little or as much as they want!"

The luxury 4-star deluxe holiday village is all-inclusive! Free drinks at the bar - both alcoholic and non-alcoholic - plus all meals and snacks! These are available at most times. There's also a private beach for sunbathing, with its own bar, and masses of on-site sports and leisure activities including a pool and gym, sailing and canoeing, wind-surfing, tennis, football, archery and volleyball - plus all the fit instructors come free with the package too!

And the partying! Sounds from some of the coolest DJs from across the planet will turn this idyllic resort into a Gay Musicfest. The line-up includes Wayne G, Stewart Who?, Steve Pitron, Paul Heron, Mikey D, Jamie Head, Dave Cross and Ben Jammin, plus DJ Scotty T, from the Roxy Nightclub in New York and DJs from Brazil, Spain and Holland.

Then there's some incredible surprise live acts. And the pièce de résistance - the legendary Masquerade Ball - has an Arabian Nights theme this year: so loads of Eastern Promise on show and hopefully a few hunky chunks of Turkish Delight on the side! Unmissable!

Places are selling fast with a waiting list for some of the rooms, and from £395 per person this has to be the deal of Summer 2006. Another reason not to delay: flights get more expensive the later you leave things. To book, call 0208 902 7177 or visit www.alternative-holidays.com

**RESPECT:
BIGGER SPLASH, GREEK ISLAND OF
EVIA (23 - 30 SEPT)**

A Bigger Splash from Respect Holidays! Have they got a treat for you? An all-inclusive party-holiday, 23 - 30 September - on the beautiful Greek island of Evia. The hotel is stunning, from the well-appointed bedrooms through to its own private beach: an ideal setting for an exclusively gay holiday for gay lads and lasses who simply want to enjoy Med sun and have bucket-and-beach loads of fun.





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► There'll be a top entertainment line-up and some amazing parties are planned - all managed by top London club promoter Spike Rhodes who definitely knows how to lay on a good show. Raves he: "It's a fun week, designed to suit all tastes. We've a line up of hot DJs who've played at Heaven, Love Muscle, Fiction, DTPM, Sleaze, RVT, Meat, Chunks and other top places - namely Mark Westhenry, Craig Daniels, Rich B, Sean Sirrs, Simon Wallis, Chris Reardon and Moley".

Big dance parties include the Slag-Tag Ball ice-breaker; the Gaywatch-Baywatch-meets-Jaws-themed Butch Bitch Beach Party, complete with Bigger Splash's own Baywatch Bitches and Hunks in Trunks; the end-of-week Bright White Party, to show off that fresh tan in something white; the QX-sponsored Masquerade Ball, where fab masks or cozzies spell prizes and it's all for a local charity; the Trouble with Bubbles pool-side foam party; the Sunset Beach Party; the classic hands-in-the-air Anthems in the Sun party; the After-Hours Party and the climatic trashy Last Dance Party.

Entertainers include The Drag with No Name, The Fleurettes, top singer-pianist Paul Burton, Ebb-on-knee and dynamic Jazz singer S-J. Plus: Titti Le Camp, Sandra, singer Nicolette Street, comedienne Jen Brister and more.

Shows specially crafted for the event include a tribute to The Sound of Music, and Spike Rhodes' own "serial killer of a musical": Dream a Little Dream - A Nightmare on Elm Street, the Musical!

"The best thing about this style of holiday is the people you meet and the new friends you make," flows Spike. "We have people coming from South Africa and across Europe! So book now before you miss out on this fantastic, fun-packed week in Greece. See you there!"

An amazing low price of £599 for singles or £499 per person for two sharing a room gives you return flights; transfers; a double or twin room; late breakfast; buffet style evening meal; and free use of sauna, gym, beach or poolside sun beds and parasols. Also included are free use of tennis courts, ping-pong, and other games; plus free entry to all the day and evening entertainment and dance parties. For more info or to book, visit: www.a-bigger-splash.co.uk or call Respect Holidays on 0870 770 0169.

**GAYDAR DAYS:
THORPE PARK
(9 SEPT)
& ALTON TOWERS
(29 SEPT-1 OCT)**



THE UK's answer to Disney's US Gay Days? For the first time ever, the UK's number one adrenalin-filled theme parks, Alton Towers and Thorpe Park, have teamed up with the UK's leading dating and lifestyle portal, Gaydar.co.uk, to offer two exclusive, thrill-seeking weekends!

Gaydar Days - at Thorpe Park on Saturday 9 September and at Alton Towers on Saturday 30 September (or Friday 29 September - Sunday 1 October for those enjoying the special hotel package, see below) - will be crammed with top DJs, dance tents, VIP lounges and, of course, the best thrill rides in the UK! In addition to Gaydar Radio's own fab DJs and their guests, Salvation, will finish a UK club tour celebrating its 8th birthday at Alton Towers, on Saturday 30 September.

Day tickets to both events are a mere £27.50 (£32.50 after 17 July), including booking fee and charity donation - for one long day of fun from 10am 'til 10pm. For those who want to indulge their every whim, enjoy the best Gaydar

Days has to offer and be first in the queue, 500 VIP tickets are being made available at £80. VIPs will be served chilled champagne on arrival and have access to the beautiful VIP lounges, plus receive a Q jump pass to get in first at all the top rides. Note: Anyone who buys a standard ticket before 17 July will be entered into a Golden Ticket Draw and will find out at the end of July if they and a mate have been upgraded to VIP!

On top of that, there's an exclusive Gaydar Weekend two-night hotel package at Alton Towers, exclusively available through Gaydartravel.com. For just £99 per person (based on four people sharing), revellers can arrive at the hotel on Friday 29 September. They'll have free entry to the exclusive Beach Party, being held in the Water Park, with a top DJ line up and performance from a secret guest PA. On Saturday they'll enjoy a continental breakfast in order to gather some energy for a day riding coasters such as Rita Queen of Speed, and shakin' their asses in the Gaydar dance tents. Note: Tickets to the park need to be purchased on top of the £99 hotel package.

Michael Aldridge from The Tussauds Group, owners of Alton Towers and Thorpe Park, said: "It's the perfect marriage of music, fun and entertainment. It'll be better than Disney's events over in the US! Disney keeps the park open to all ages of the general public whereas we're opening exclusively for 18+ gay guys, girls and their friends."

Can't decide between Thorpe Park and Alton Towers? Thorpe Park is just outside the M25 and may be closer to London. But you could just as easily buy into the weekend hotel package to Alton Towers in Staffordshire. Whichever, both events will be fantastic!

Tickets for Thorpe Park can be booked on: 0870 460 7496. Tickets and hotel bookings for Alton Towers can be booked on: 0870 460 7498. Tickets and packages are subject to a booking fee and inclusive of VAT. Gaydar Days will be making a lump sum donation to a LGBT charity. The parks will be closed to the general public on both of these days and only open to 18+ gay guys, girls and their friends - proof of age may be required on entry. More at www.gaydardays.co.uk.

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