

FUN IN THE SUN

Part 2. OTHER HOTTIES! Still not sure where to spend your summer break? Here's Adrian Gillan with QX's Top 5 gay destinations this summer...

PROVINCETOWN, US: Bear Week (8th – 15th July)



BEARS can be sure of a good time at one of North East America's most famous gay resorts – Provincetown, in lovely New England. As well as a week of parties, there will also be plenty of free time to enjoy the town, restaurants, cabaret shows, National Seashore park, nearby Pilgrims' Monument, beaches, and other daily gatherings at hotel pool decks and the like. Traditional highlights of Provincetown Bear Week in summer include the daily T-Dance and nightly 1am Pizza-Plus-Cruising at Spiritus. Other key events include the gloriously dubbed Woof on the Wharf (8th July); the Leather & Chrome Nite (9th July); the Crisco Disco (10th July); the Dancing with Bears barn dance (11th July); the Vault at Large leather dance (12th July); the Fireman's Ball (14th July); and the boxers-and-briefs Under-bear Party (15th July). There will also be Bear Picnics, shindigs on Herring Bone Beach, and whale-watching. The hotels, pools and clubs are mostly within a short walk, and Commercial Street itself becomes one of the primary venues as a place to see and meet new hairy fairies. Registration is available online until 30th June, and tickets for most individual events will be available at the door. Some hotels are fully booked, but many rooms are still available in Provincetown's many guest houses. Full details at: www.ptownbears.org

BARCELONA, SPAIN: LoveBall (2nd – 6th Aug)

BARCELONA, the undisputed Mediterranean queer capital, is getting ready to host the second LoveBall, a major new European gay clubbing festival. It will be a week of leisure and culture: music, cinema, theatre, visual arts - even sport. Altogether, the fun fest will offer ten parties and expects to attract more than 20,000 people. LoveBall will have up to 40 artists in its list of guest stars, with the legendary DJ-cum-icon Boy George as special head line-up at Saturday night's main shebang. Although LoveBall is basically a great gay clubbing event, it will also host ArtLove, an exhibition of sculptors, painters and photographers whose works are thematically connected with the gay world. Many local restaurants, bars, saunas and hotels are offering LoveBall guests special deals. More info at: www.loveball.info

TORONTO, CANADA: Leather Ball (mid-Aug 2006)

TORONTO'S Leather Ball weekend is strictly for the boys. And the butcher the better. The party takes place at the Opera House in Toronto, 10pm-5am, one night in mid-August (precise date tbc). The leather dress code is strictly enforced, so forget those girly Air Nikes. Also note:

However scantily clad the 2500 party-goers are, nudity is not tolerated – so show some class! The line-up features a host of top DJs and the party rocks until dawn. The rest of the weekend features a full programme of events including cocktail parties, a recovery brunch and cruises. Precise dates still tbc, so keep 'em peeled at: www.mrlt.com/Lb/leatherball.htm

NEW ORLEANS, US: Southern Decadence (30th Aug – 4th Sept)

THE 35th annual Southern Decadence celebration with occur 30th August – 4th September 2006, in New Orleans. The 2005 celebration was cancelled in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, so expect an extra special event for 2006. This year's theme, primary colour and torch song, are still to be announced – keep 'em peeled at www.southerndecadence.com

SAN FRANCISCO, US: Folsom Street Fair (23rd – 24th Sept)

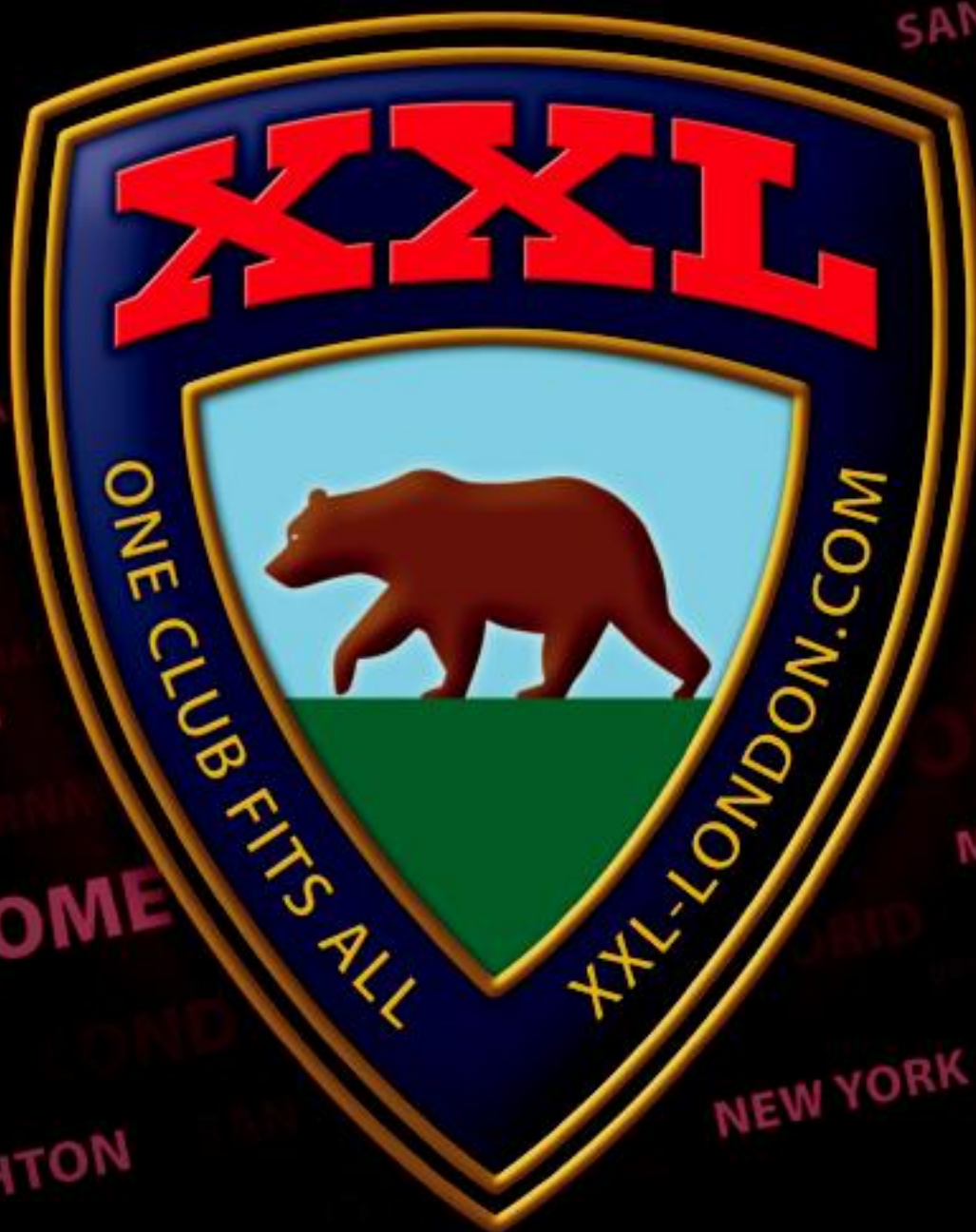
FOLSOM STREET FAIR is the largest leather, alternative and fetish street fair in the world, with over 400,000 attendees annually, enjoying a parade, entertainers and stalls. Organisers aim is to create a volunteer-driven leather event that provides the adult alternative lifestyle community with safe venues for self-expression whilst emphasizing freedom, fun, frolic and fetish. This year marks the 23rd event, with all proceeds raised going directly to local San Francisco charities. Last year over \$285,000 was donated. The famous Sunday Fair is preceded on the Saturday night (23rd September) by massive leather club night, Magnitude. More at www.folsomstreetfair.com



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IBIZA 2006: LET THE PARTY BEGIN...

FOR well over 20 years party kids from around the world have flocked to the Spanish island of Ibiza. For many, the island's offer of sex, drugs and house music has proved too tempting and no matter what your priority, Ibiza will cater for all.

To help you on your hedonistic way, QX tracked down Ibiza survivor and regular **James Mulrennan** to give us his guide to the best, if mentally damaging, week on the island. – He strongly advises against free gay cocktails and San Antonio!

LA TROYA AT SPACE



IBIZA regulars may be saddened or overjoyed, depending on your level of taste, to know that LaTroya is no longer at Amnesia. The famed gay night has found a new home at Space. Whilst resident DJ Oliver will carry on playing his amazing sets, host Baby Marcelo will keep you entertained, if a little frightened with his world-renowned shows. Try to imagine a 15-strong Egyptian cast, in full custom, doing an act for over 20 minutes. It's a night not to be missed.

Check out www.homeoflatroyaibiza.com for further details

JEZEBEL AT PACHA

THE "queens" among you will be happy to finally have an excuse to wear those fake Jimmy Choos and that God-awful diamante jewellery, as Jade Jagger's night Jezebel returns to Pacha. Expect a "who's who" on the dance floor whilst sounds will be an unusual mix of rock, hip-hop and dance, brought to you by the likes of Groove Armada, Trevor Nelson and resident Jaguer Skills. Expect drugged up, I mean, drug free models aplenty! www.pacha.com

NUDE AT SPACE

THE so-called 'bastard child' of Terry Hart (Go!Zilla) and, perfection in its finest form, Smokin Jo (NastyDirty SexMusic), Nude is one of the greatest things to hit the London scene this year and will no doubt make its mark in Ibiza

as they play host to the new terrace at We Love Space on selected dates throughout the season (the next event being 27th August). The dirty electro beat will be met with Nudes' sexy, yet freaky performers. Nude will also host four beach parties during the summer @ the Blue Marlin (Cala Jondal) on 7th, 19th and 28th August. www.clubnude.org

AZULI AT EL DIVINO

EL DIVINO boasts one of the most stunning terraces on the island. Your night could simply be spent lounging in the white VIP, staring back on to Ibiza Town's marina and wondering which boat your night's shag may own. However, more likely your night will be spent on the dance floor and with great DJ's such as David Piccioni and Jo Mills who could blame you. Mr Piccioni is something of a rarity in club land and his unique take on electronic and soulful house will make this night one to die for. www.azuli.com

CIRCO LOCO AT DC10



IF you could only spend one day in Ibiza, then Circo Loco is where it should be spent. The Monday afternoon party is an experience to behold, with DJs such as Jose de Divinia and Circo newcomer Luciano playing an electro style, that will have you begging for more in the blazing sun. The crowd is as unique as the experience. Be prepared to dance with some of the hottest men the island has to offer mixed with some of the freakiest; from fully dressed nuns to superman wannabes. www.circolocoibiza.com

IBIZA ROCKS

FROM July, Ibiza will come alive with a different sound as 'Ibiza Rocks' returns to the island for the second year running. Manumission's newly converted Bar M is the new location for the event

that will showcase some of the biggest bands of 2006. Playing host to everyone from Goldfrapp to Boy Kill Boy. All giving you the chance to dance or rock away the night on San Antonio's golden beaches, perhaps even witnessing the sun set. www.ibiza-rocks.com

WE LOVE AT SPACE



WHILST Nude may be hosting the Terrace at We Love Space this summer, it's still important to highlight one of the best clubs on the island and the only place to be on a Sunday. The party that kicks off in the day and moves through the night has a beat to match, progressing funkier through the night. The party plays host to a variety of top DJs from Jeff Mills to Nic Fanciulli and if you're lucky, Miss Smokin Jo.

Other great nights on the island include; **Hed Kandi** @ El Divino, **Matinee** @ Space and **XTRAVAGANZA** @ Privilege. For those days and nights between clubs, head down to **Bora Bora** by Playa d'en Bossa. After a day lazing on the beach, everyone gathers around the bar, which plays seriously great music and has a vibe to match. Best of all, it's free! If you don't rock down to Ibiza Rocks make sure you still head over to San Antonio to witness the sun se. However as mentioned earlier, San Antonio is not somewhere to frequent.



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