

## DJ listings

### How to use this section

Our selection of clubs, bars and lounges changes each issue. Venues are listed alphabetically.

### If you want to be listed

Submit information by mail (*Time Out*, No 5 & 6, Jal Bhavan, 1st Stage, Ground Floor, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Road Bengaluru - 560029), email (listings@timeoutbengaluru.net) or fax (4111-4109) to Neha Mujumdar. Include details of event, dates, times, address of venue, nearest landmark, telephone number and any entry fee. *Time Out* is a fortnightly publication, appearing on the stands every other Thursday. **Deadline for information is ten days before publication.** Listings are free, but inclusion cannot be guaranteed due to limited space.

\* denotes agenda pick.

### Fri Nov 26

**Diva Nights Blue Waves, 6pm.** Call 96201-34428 for details. The new rooftop discotheque promises a fun night out for the girls, and DJ TT is at the decks.

**DJ Blaise White Tiger Lounge, 7pm.** Call 4094-2227 for details. The Chennai-based DJ specialises in funky hip-hop tunes.

**DJ Vanshi Ice, 8pm.** Call 99863-65067 for details. Vanshi favours hip-hop and commercial tunes. Drinks for women are on the house.

### Sat Nov 27

**Smirnoff Nightlife Exchange Lalit Ashok, 6pm.** Head here to sample the best of Canadian nightlife, as well as theme cocktails. The event features DJ Sultan and DJ Max Graham, as well as vocalist Sara Taylor.

**Moog Conspiracy Pebble, 8pm.** Call 99166-95200 for details. The

owner of the Elektrotribe label comes down from Berlin to play trance and progressive music. The party also features a set by DJ Breger, also from Berlin, who will play techno and house.

**Anoop Absolute Blue Waves, 7pm.** Call 4043-0000 for details. Expect all the best Bollywood remixes at this party.

### Sun Nov 28

**Astrix Eden Gardens, 12.30pm.** Call 98863-40569 for details. Avi Shmailov has been playing since 1995, and is known for his bass-heavy psychedelic trance music.

### Mon Nov 30

\* **DJ Villz Blue Bar, 8pm.** Call 6660-5660 for details. He's playing chilled out house tunes to help you beat Monday madness.

**DJ Dev Bacchus, 8pm.** Call 4033-3888 for details. DJ Dev plays techno, Latin and commercial tunes.

### Wed Dec 1

**Midval Punditz and Shai'ir + Func+ Blue Bar, 6pm.** Call 6660-5660 for details. In this Hennessy Artistry event, two of Indian electronica's biggest acts share stage.

**DJ Vachan Bacchus, 8pm.** Call 4033-3888 for details. Every Wednesday, Vachan Chinnappa shows the city what drum 'n' bass is all about.

### Fri Dec 3

**DJ Feel Pebble, 8pm.** Call 99166-95200 for details. This gig features Russian DJ Philip Belikov, who is the man behind the Trancemission festival and record label.

## Venues A-Z

**Bacchus F&B, Papanna Street, off St Mark's Road (4033-3888).**

**Blue Bar The Taj West End, Race Course Road (6660-5660).**

**Blue Waves 73, Church Street Entrance, MG Road, (4043-0000).**

**Eden Gardens Princess Academy Gate, Palace Grounds (98863-40569)**

**Ice Taj Residency, MG Road (6660-4444).**

**Lalit Ashok Golf Course Road, Kumara Krupa High Grounds (3052-7777).**

**Pebble Princess, 3 Palace Grounds, Ramana Maharishi Road (2361-4109).**

**White Tiger Lounge Fifth Floor, 30, 4th cross, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar (4094-2227).**

## Call a cab

**Cel Cabs 6060-9090**

**Central City Cabs 2235-5554**

**City Safari 6453-9999**

**Classic City Cabs 2238-6999**

**Easy Cabs 4343-4343**

**Manasa Cabs 2543-0790**

**Meru Cabs 4422-4422**

**Pragati Travels 4117-2222**

**RR Taxi 2666-6662**

**SJB City Taxi 3243-2369**

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### Amoeba

The main reason to visit Amoeba is to bowl, beers close at hand to celebrate strikes or dull the shame of gutter balls. The bowling charges range from ₹100-150 per person depending on time and day of the week. Also available are video games and pool and air hockey tables.

The attentions of the courteous wait staff are usually focussed on the bowling alley. Etiquette be damned - the only one way to catch the eye of a waiter from the commodious couches in the lounge area is to raise an arm and wave frantically. That technique mastered, the evening should unravel itself without any major hiccups, except literal ones resulting from the flaming-red, highly addictive crispy chilli potatoes and the chillies in the five-spice chicken. The whiskey cocktails include the whiskey sour, Manhattan and old fashioned, which make up for any slight deficiencies in taste by being generous in alcohol. The window that separates the lounge from the bowling alley acts as a screen through which to view the proceedings within; alternative entertainment is provided by adages on the menu, such as "Vodka has caused many a lady to be loved, otherwise she would have died single," and "Love makes the world go round, whiskey makes it go round twice as fast."

While Amoeba is ideal for groups of people who love their alcohol with games on the side, its boisterous atmosphere makes it a less than ideal choice of space for couples looking for privacy.

**B-22, The Galleria, The Leela Palace Hotel, Airport Road (4125-5467). Daily 11.30am-11pm. All major cards. ₹₹**

### Bling

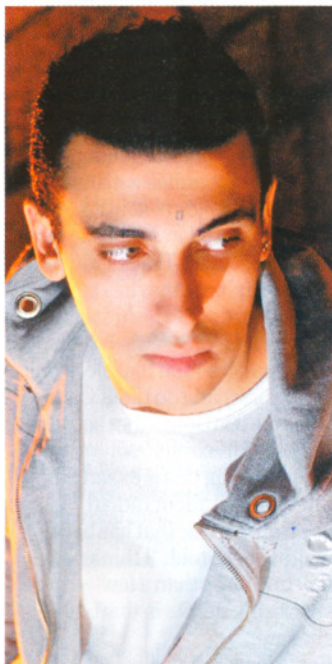
Bling is tucked into a corner of the luxury hotel Zuri's lobby, next to a customary handicrafts boutique. The interiors here seem a result of designers working in disjunction, with black-and-white furniture set against green walls and a ceiling with embedded pink lights. As for the food, try the seafood platter and tandoori braised ribs, or the clay oven picks of malai til bhuttia (baby corn) and lal mirch paneer tikka (spiced cottage cheese chunks).

The drinks menu bears martinis called bond with the best (vodka-based of course, just like Double O preferred) and the Q (with blue Curacao and lime juice). There's a "dirty" version with gin and olive brine, a melonopolitan, one called Florida Keys, with Jack Daniel's, and an espresso martini with vodka and Bailey's Irish cream. The headiest cocktail here is the "kulant affair", comprising vodka charged with champagne. They also have a newly-added range of Belgian Beers, but the star here is the wine list, which includes names from Argentina, Australia, California, Chile, Italy, Portugal, South Africa and France. If you're a wine connoisseur, the drive to Bling is definitely worth it.

**The Zuri, Rajpalya, Hoodi, ITPL Road, Mahadevapura (6665-7272). Daily 6pm-11.30pm. All major cards. ₹₹₹₹**

### NEW REVIEW Couch

At Couch, you'll find that the drinks occasionally arrive with a stirrer imprinted "NASA" - a nod to the city pub scene's now-departed veteran. After a respectful silence, if you so choose, you should quickly scan the hefty menu, which carries an agreeably sized list of cocktails. Unless you're looking specifically for a sugar high, stay away from the mojito; instead pick the Long Island iced tea, which may initially register as somewhat more miserly in quantity than anticipated - it comes in a sleek glass deserving of a size-zero stamp. But a sip will reveal its vigour, and all is sure to be forgiven. You could also pick the Mai Tai, with pineapple juice, orange juice, and dark and white rums; it is smoothly blended and manages to steer clear of overdoing the sugar factor. The fabled food does not disappoint, and makes Couch a



**Astrix and treats** Trance major



**Couching classes** The nightclub is on MG Road