



It's Party Time

Not just the season to be merry and festive, December has plenty of parties that'll rock you all the way to 2010. Here we spotlight three of the very best.

DID YOU know:

The first ZoukOut attracted a mere 9,000 partygoers. In 2008, that number rose to over 23,000 – a record turnout spread over an area of about 56,000 sq meters of sand. Around 30 to 35 percent of these attendees come from the region, mainly from Malaysia, Australia and regional cities like Bangkok, Jakarta and Hong Kong. And there were also visitors from as far off as the US and Europe.



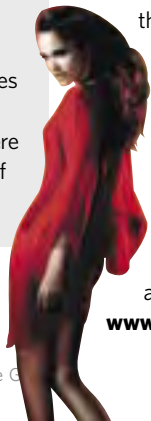
ZoukOut

5 Dec
Singapore's biggest outdoor dance party

returns to shake the shores of Sentosa this December. Established in 2000, ZoukOut has grown in stature over the years and now ranks as among the best musical festivals in the region.

Apart from featuring a slew of big-name international DJs, dance outfits and even indie, pop and alternative-rock bands, ZoukOut's biggest draw is its easygoing and chilled-out vibe.

www.zoukout.com



Jewel Box Sky Symphony

31 Dec
Send the year off with a bang and

a burst of colour at this hilltop extravaganza. You'll not only be treated to a wonderful fireworks display, you'll also be serenaded by a world-class live band. When you can tear your eyes away from the pyrotechnics, you can ogle the dazzling lights on one of the world's largest artificial Christmas trees. Adding to all the magic is a full half hour of "snow" showering down on you at midnight. It's a truly enchanting and fitting way to welcome in the second decade of the new millennium! www.mountfaber.com.sg

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Marina Bay Singapore Countdown

With its prime location smack in the middle of the city, the Marina Bay Floating Platform – a 27,000-seat grandstand a stone's throw away from the Esplanade – is perfect for hosting the nation's grand welcoming-in party for the New Year.

Choc-full of musical and dance numbers by both local and international artists, this is an ideal chance to join in with the locals and get a feel of a good old Singapore-style party.

For prime views of this extravaganza, and of course, the rip-roaring fireworks thereafter book into one of the numerous 5-star hotel in the vicinity. www.marinabaycountdownparty.com



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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

MUST do:

Head down to the Padang and the Esplanade Bridge for great views of the fireworks – always a crowd favourite. Roads in the vicinity will be closed to traffic before, during and after the party, so it's best to take the MRT (City Hall) and soak in the bubbling atmosphere of the evening. New Year's Day is one of only a few times in the year when MRT services are extended till after 1am.



Siloso Beach Party

If you'd like to get away from the city, trot over to Sentosa where you can usher in the New Year at an outdoor fun-filled beach party boasting a line-up of world-renowned DJs, plus local and international bands. What's more,

a colourful collection of fire-eaters, stilt-walkers and pyrotechnic displays will keep one all entertained until the wee hours of the morning – letting you usher in the first sunrise of the New Year with your feet in the sand.

www.sentosa.com.sg/silosobeachparty



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Pick A Perfect Party!

High-energy nights filled with the thump of bass on the dance floor, or kicked-back hours soaking up the vibe in chic cocktail lounges. However you like to spend your nights, Singapore has all the right spots to satisfy ...

Get Physical

Shake your groove thing to the sounds of world-class DJs at our wide range of clubs. **Zouk** (17 Jiak Kim St., ☎ 6738-2988) is the granddaddy of them all where a variety of venues and an eclectic showcase of talent keeps things fresh and invigorating. **The Butter Factory** (#02-02/03/04 One Fullerton, 1 Fullerton Rd., ☎ 6333-8243) manufactures a smooth blend of hip hop, R & B and other urban grooves while **Zirca** (The Cannery, Clarke Quay, 3C River

Valley Road, ☎ 6235-2292) is a mega-outlet with three separate clubs ranging from retro to house. Also, check out **Home Club** (#B1-01/06 The Riverwalk, 20 Upper Circular Rd., ☎ 6538-2928) a place with a reputation for cool DJ sets and an indie vibe.

Content with Cocktails

Get up and away from it all, at **Loof** (#03-07 Odeon Towers Extension Rooftop, 331 North Bridge Rd., ☎ 6338-8035) - a chic rooftop lounge caressed by the breeze and the sounds of captivating downtempo music. For sci-fi-style cocktails in a pastoral setting, hit **The Tippling Club** (8D Dempsey Rd., ☎ 6475-2217) where master mixologists will easily earn your respect. Or get your very own cocktails custom-made at **Klee** (#01-04

Wessex Estate, 5B Portsdown Rd., ☎ 6479-6911).

Alive and Kicking

There's nothing like live music to create a night to remember. At **Jazz@Southbridge** (82B Boat Quay, ☎ 6327 4671) visiting artists tickle the ivories and toot their horns in a cozy, family-like setting while over at the chi-chi **Bellini Grande** (#01-01 The Foundry, 3B River Valley Road, ☎ 6336-7676) 5 Series and Alia d'Melda get you swinging. With three locations, **Timbre** (Timbre @ The Arts House #01-04 The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane, ☎ 6336-3386; Timbre @ The Substation 45 Armenian St., ☎ 6338-8277; TIMBRE@Old School, #01-05 Old School, 11a Mount Sophia, ☎ 6338-0800) is great for enjoying live acts outdoors.

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