

**Travel: 100 Beach Holidays: Party..... 2**

Guardian **Travel** Pages  
**Travel: 100 Beach Holidays: Party**

1,178 words  
24 May 2008  
The Guardian  
10

English  
© Copyright 2008. The Guardian. All rights reserved.

## 72 Los Lances Beach Spain

Ten minutes from Tarifa on the southern tip of Spain's Costa de la Luz, Playa de Los Lances is a 3km stretch of beach stretching west from the town's outskirts. As the beach reaches the sand dunes at Punta Paloma, the Hotel Arte Vida's terrace and chill-out bar emerges beyond the camber. Restaurant favourites include fresh tuna carpaccio and grilled daily catch, but the bar is the big attraction, coaxing scores of sunbathers and kiteboarders from the beach as the sun sets. And once the party is over, each of the hotel's simple but stylish rooms opens on to a veranda facing the sea - an ideal spot for a nightcap.

\* [hotelartevidatarifa.com](http://hotelartevidatarifa.com), doubles from euros 100pn over the summer. Fly to Cadiz or Malaga.

## 73 Bloemendaal Holland

On hot summer days in Amsterdam, flocks of beautiful monied types flee the city centre for their retreats in Bloemendaal aan Zee, the wealthiest town in Holland, 30km from the capital. The savvy clubber will follow them, even if this means having to catch the bus. By night, a handful of discerning bars and clubs on Bloemendaal beach ratchet up the music from daytime chill-out to thumping house and disco, completing a money-plus-music scene that has been dubbed the "Ibiza of the Netherlands". Favourites include the wooden terrace at Bloomingdale ([bloomingdaleaanzee.com](http://bloomingdaleaanzee.com)) and the bohemian, south-east Asian vibe at Republiek ([republiekbloemendaal.nl](http://republiekbloemendaal.nl)).

\* Bloemendaal has no hotels, but De Lakens campsite ([kdc.nu](http://kdc.nu)) is a few metres from the beach. There are plenty of hotels in Zandvoort ([hotels.nl/zandvoort](http://hotels.nl/zandvoort)), 3km to the south. Train to Amsterdam.

## 74 Bacoli Italy

Fifteen minutes from the bustle of Naples, the beach at Bacoli undertakes a yearly transformation at the beginning of May when it becomes destination of choice for the Italian clubberati. The exact date is dependent on when Nabilah ([nabilah.it](http://nabilah.it)), the beachfront club, decides to open for the season. This year, the party

started three weeks ago, when their trademark white decking was rolled out on to the large wooden terrace on the sand, overlooking the Gulf of Pozzuoli. The grill is fired up as the

sun sets and the cocktail waiters

crank into action. As the evening progresses, DJs set up on booths constructed on the sand, beckoning guests on to the beach.

\* Portalba 33 ([portalba33.it](http://portalba33.it)) in Naples has doubles from euros 150. Fly to Naples.

## 75 Baltic Beach Party Latvia

The Baltic Beach Party at Liepaja on the Latvian coast is something of a monster. More than 40,000 revellers from across the Baltic states descend on the beach for two days of dancing in the sand, with hundreds of acts stretched across five stages and interspersed with football tournaments, fashion shows and, ahem, bikini contests. While beach parties conjure images of Ibiza-style electro and house, this beach fest has a distinctively guitar-driven vibe, meaning the average punter is more likely to be a beach bum/surfer dude than part of the immaculately coiffured, super-sized sunnies crew.

\* July 25-6, [beachparty.lv](http://beachparty.lv), camping available on site. Fly to Riga with [ryanair.com](http://ryanair.com).

## 76 Cascais Portugal

With a sizeable Brazilian population, it is unsurprising that Cascais, an hour from Lisbon on the Portuguese coast, knows how to party. Guincho beach is one of the more lively night-time options, where the action is focused on the Guincho Bar, where parties spill on to the sand. For those on a budget, there are two superb hostels nearby, both with private options. The apartment in the Sintra National Park belonging to the brand new Guincho Surf Beachhostel sleeps up to eight for euros 850 per week during peak season, and is minutes from the beach.

\* [guinchosurfbeachhostel.com](http://guinchosurfbeachhostel.com). Fly to Lisbon.

#### 77 Praia Mole Brazil

There are 42 beaches on **Florianopolis**, a beautiful island an hour's flight from Sao Paulo or Rio. Among their number, Praia Mole

- a 20-minute cycle from the lakeside town of Lagoa de Conceicao - is the most excitable, lined with dozens of caipirinha-soaked beach bars and restaurants that hum with samba and reggae. Flanked by two superb left-handers the beach is something of a mecca for local surfers, but the flirting on the sand can be just as active - Praia Mole has a reputation for attracting the most beautiful boys and girls

in Brazil.

\* The Praia Mole Eco Village ([praiamole.com.br](http://praiamole.com.br)) has doubles from pounds 70. Flights with Tam from Heathrow to **Florianopolis** via Sao Paulo, booked with Journey Latin America ([journeylatimamerica.com](http://journeylatimamerica.com)), from pounds 669 rtn.

#### 78 Water Taxi Beach New York

Harry's restaurant and bar, neighbouring the Hunters Point ferry stop on Long Island, is surely one of the world's most obscure destinations for a beach. But 400 tonnes of New Jersey sand has been transplanted on to a wharf overlooking the East River with spectacular views of midtown Manhattan across the water. OK, you can't actually swim here, but the crowd is game for the illusion, playing volleyball in their swimwear as the barstaff churn out cocktails and cold beers. Over the weekends, top DJs turn up after the kids have been whisked home, pushing the entertainment into the wee hours.

\* [watertaxibeach.com](http://watertaxibeach.com). The Ravel ([ravelhotel.com](http://ravelhotel.com)) is Long Island's first boutique hotel, with doubles from pounds 92pn.

#### 79 Taganga Colombia

Backpackers have been flocking to the remote village of Taganga, on Columbia's stunning Caribbean coast, for years, drawn by its reputation for excitable nocturnal activity and some of the cheapest diving courses in the world. Until recently, accommodation has been a little rough around the edges, but with the arrival of the Ballena Azul, a gorgeous French/Colombian-owned guesthouse with 33 open-plan rooms with ocean views, things are beginning to change. Getting to Taganga is half the fun; taking a scenic, winding coastal road from the bustling city of Santa Marta, through the rainforest and awesome beaches of Tayrona national park, you pass some of the country's most idyllic, lesser-visited coastline.

\* Book the Ballena Azul through Journey Latin America ([journeylatimamerica.com](http://journeylatimamerica.com)). Three-night packages from pounds 1,56pp half board.

#### 80 Big Beach Boutique Brighton

The BBB Party has so far confirmed only one act for the September 26-27 event on the Brighton seafront. But it's a good one - the Brighton beach party spiritual leader himself, Fatboy Slim. Previous summer events hosted by

Mr Slim in his home town have been out of control, attracting crowds of more than 200,000, but strict measures are being put in place by the local council to ensure that numbers are limited to 22,000 per night. Little information has been released so far, but the event is likely to be hugely popular. To avoid the pre- and post-fest crowds, stay at the George IV guesthouse on Regency Square, well away from the festival site, with

sea-view doubles from pounds 80pn.

\* [georgeivhotel.co.uk](http://georgeivhotel.co.uk).

Document GRDN000020080523e45o000hw