



Excerpted Listings from *AtNight Tokyo*

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ACE (formerly Zinc)

Club/Lounge
Gay/Lesbian
Shinjuku 2-14-6, across from Shinjuku Park
Phone: (3352- 6297)
Hours: Daily 8 p.m.-4 a.m.
No cover,

Formerly known as Zinc, Club Ace models itself after the American Gay/Lesbian scene. Not your usual casual Tokyo cruising ground, Ace is a bit more for the party-minded, with a relaxed conversational vibe.

Afromania

Black Ayoyama Bldg. 5f
3-2-7 Minami-Aoyama, Minato-ku
Telephone: 34081546
Hours: M-Sa 9pm-5am
Cover: 2,000 yen (M-Th, includes two drinks); 2,500 yen F-Sa (includes two drinks)

Bar Drop

Club
Ichibe Bldg 2F, 1-29-6 Kichijoji-Honcho, Musashino-shi
Telephone: (0422 20 0737)
Hours: Daily 9pm-5am daily.
Cover: Varies nightly.

Bar Drop DJs spin an eclectic range of US and UK pop hits on the club's two dance floors all week long. There's also ample room to lounge, and a drink menu featuring 50 different types of libation. Admission is ¥2,000, with drinks starting at ¥500. The decor aims at post-modern, with flashing psychedelic splashes from the light system—providing a great backdrop for the regular video exhibitions.

BauHaus

Bar/Live Music
Reine Roppongi Bldg. 2F,
5-3-4 Roppongi, Minato-ku
Telephone: 3746-0244
Hours: M-Sa 8pm-

This dimly-lit live music venue has a definite hard-rock feel to it. From Led Zeppelin to Metallica, BauHaus features mostly 70s and 80s hard rock jams. From 9pm until 12 am nightly, live shows come on in 30-minute intervals for a Yen 1,800 cover.

Birdland

Bar/Live Music



Square Bldg. B2
3-10-3 Roppongi Minato-ku
Telephone: (3478-3456)
Hours: Daily 5:30pm to 2am (Closed Thursdays)

This cozy basement bar offers quality jazz performed by local Japanese musicians. The décor exudes old school Tokyo, as in circa 1950, with the occasional influence from other Pacific Islands splashed here and there. The lights are low, the lounges comfortable and the entertainment worth the cover.

Blue Note Tokyo

Live Music
F5-13-3 Minami Aoyama
Minato-ku
Telephone: 3407-5781

Approaching its 10th Anniversary, the Blue Note Tokyo is becoming as important to this city's blues and jazz scene as its namesake is to New York. World famous jazz and blues musicians perform nightly as you and that special someone dine beneath candlelight. Make sure to call ahead for reservations.

Club Acid

Club
Telephone: 3352-3338
Cover: 2,000 yen w/ 1 drink.

Though you may have some difficulty finding the front door at this hidden funky little club, it's well worth the trip—especially if it's techno and live electronica you seek. They also offer everything from ska to hip-hop, Latin to drum n' bass. Call ahead to check out the schedule.

Club Asia

Club
1-8 Maruyamacho, Shibuya-ku
Telephone: (5458-5963)
Hours: F-Sa 10pm to 4 am
Cover: 2,500 yen w/ 1 drink.

This is one of Tokyo's best venues for techno, drum 'n bass, trip-hop and trance shows. Some of the city's top promoters regularly host events, so make sure to check the schedule at the door, or call ahead. This hi-octane venue features multiple bar areas and dance floors, with Friday nights being the most popular—albeit insanely crowded. Note: The Internet terminals scattered about provide quite the diversion.

Club Tatou

Club (Disco)
7-6-2 Roppongi, Minato-ku
Telephone: 5411 4433
Hours: Daily: Th-Sa 9pm-5am
Cover: Th Men ¥3,000 (incl two drinks), women free; F-Sa ¥3,000 (incl two drinks), free before 10pm.



Formerly a tony French eatery, Tatou has been reincarnated as a popular disco. However, these days they seem to be just as strict when it comes to the door policy, so dress to impress. The sounds here are mainly of the soul variety, with the occasional live performances on Friday.

Club Vivian

Club

Azabu Palace Bldg B1, 2-25-18 Nishi-Azabu, Minato-ku

Telephone: 3406 8477

Hours: 10pm-5am Mon-Sat.

Cover: ¥2,000 Mon-Thur (incl one drink); ¥2,500 Fri, Sat (incl two drinks).

You could check this venue out most evenings for its regular mix of NY house, techno and dance tracks, but we suggest you drop by for the uber-popular NY House Night 'Bump' held two Saturdays per month. It's not the largest venue, but there's still plenty of room to grove, and even ample space for lounging. Drinks are all ¥500.

Club Way

Club (Hip-Hop)

Dai 6 Star Bldg. 8F, 1-16-6 Kabukicho, Shinjuku,

Telephone: 3203-0294

Hours: 8 pm-5 am.

Cover: 1,000 yen w/ 1 drink (ladies free on Wed.)

Club X

Club

Hisako Bldg. B2

1-9-1 Kabukicho, Shinjuku-ku,

Telephone: 5273-8444

Hours: Daily 8 pm-5 am

Cover: ¥1,000 with one drink. Every Monday ladies night.

Code

Club

Shinjuku Toho Kaikan 4F, 1-19-2 Kabuki-cho, Shinjuku-ku

Located across from Liquid Room in Koma Gekijo, Kabukicho

Telephone: 3209-0702

Hours: Varies with events

Cover: ¥2,500 Mon-Thur (incl two drinks); men ¥3,000 Fri-Sun (incl two drinks); women ¥2,500 Fri-Sun (incl two drinks).

Perhaps the city's largest nightlife venues, this mammoth club offers three dance floors with a capacity to serve some 2,000 nightlifers. Formerly the Xenon disco, the space has since been rededicated to house, garage, trance and drum 'n bass sounds. They host a variety of events and parties at Code, some on the same evening. The largest dance floor, En-Code, with its capacity of 1,000 and four huge video screens, is frequently used for live performances. The second dance space, De-Code, with a moderate 120 capacity, offers Internet terminals for surfing. Then there's the main bar room, Ba-Code, offering more of a lounge atmosphere.



Core

Club

MT Bldg B2, 3-8-18 Roppongi, Minato-ku

Telephone: 3470 5944

Hours: Daily 9pm-5am

Cover: Varies with events.

The Dubliners

Shinjuku Lion Hall 2F, 3-28-9 Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku

Telephone: 3352 6606

Hours: M-Sa 11.30am-11.30pm; Su 11.30am-10pm

Credit Cards: AmEx, MC, V.

Part of the wave of Irish pubs that have sprung up around the city in recent years, The Dubliners effectively captures the Celtic ambiance, while offering reasonably priced pub fare. Owned and operated by Sapporo, downstairs you'll find a branch of the brew giant's Sapporo's Lion Hall, a serving decent Japanese food and plenty of Sapporo beer.

The Galway

Bar

6F Yamagawa Bldg.

4-9 Misaki-cho, Hachioji-shi

Telephone: 0426-25-0890

Thanks to the painstaking attention to detail, the proprietors effectively captured the Irish spirit in this authentic pub. The Galway is divided into various sections, each designed to facilitate groups of varying sizes. The menu boasts 40 different dishes, with prices starting at ¥. There are no less than 88 different drinks, including 30 that hail directly from Ireland. Prices range from ¥400 to ¥500 for most beer and cocktails, with additional reasonably priced top-shelf specialties. .

Garam

Club (Reggae)

Dai 6 Star Bldg. 7F, 1-16-6 Kabukicho, Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku

Telephone: 3285-8668

Cover: 1,000 yen w/ 1 drink.

Geronimo

Bar

Yamamuro Bldg 2F, 7-14-10 Roppongi, Minato-ku

Telephone: 3478 7449

Hours: Daily 7pm-6am daily.

No credit cards accepted

Branch: Mogambo, Osawa Bldg 1F, 6-1-7 Roppongi, Minato-ku (3403 4833), Roppongi station.

Geronimo, and its sister branch, Mogambo, are two of the more popular, foreigner-friendly bars the Tokyo. This spot is a bit more upscale, though not nearly as pricey as some of its neighbors. Note: Those daring enough to sample 20 different shots here are immortalized on the bar's Hall of Fame plaque, receive a free T-shirt and one nasty hangover.



Hanezawa Beer Garden

Bar (Beer Garden)
3-12-15 Hiroo, Shibuya-ku
Telephone: 3400 6500
Hours: Daily 5-9 pm daily in summer.
Credit Cards: AmEx, MC, V.

Originally converted into a public beer garden by the feudal lord that owned it, this virtual Tokyo institution retains much of its Meiji era authenticity. This spot, which is actually a real garden, complete with carp pond, is a local favorite during the summer. Arrive early, because they close by 9pm.

Harlem

Club
2F, Dr. Jeekahns, 2-4 Maruyamacho
Telephone: 3461-8806
Hours: 9pm-5am daily.
Cover: Varies with events.

Based in Tokyo's main clubland district, Harlem offers nightcrawlers a premium master mix of hip hop, rap, soul and R&B, Harlem nightly. This spot boasts two spacious dance floors, with the lower level dominated by hip-hop. Drink prices start at ¥500.

Heaven's Door

Club/Live Music
Keio Hallo Bldg B1, 1-33-19 Sangenjaya, Setagaya-ku
Telephone: 3410 9581
Capacity: 300

Kaga-ya

B1, 2-15-12 Shinbashi, Minato-ku
Telephone: 3591 2347
Hours. M-Sa 5.30-11.30pm
Cover: ¥500
No Credit Cards

Kaga-ya offers one of the most original approaches to nightlife we've seen in quite a while. Upon entering, patrons receive a drink menu listing a number of countries. Not wanting to spoil the surprise, let's just say the actual drinks are a pleasant surprise. This spot is particularly effective with small groups, as you are encouraged to play games and even dress up between rounds of drinking. Small portions of delicious food are included in the ¥500 cover charge. Call ahead to make reservations.

Keets

Karaoke Bar (More than 3,000 English songs.)
4F, 2-4-9 Roppongi
Telephone: 3584-3262
Hours: M-Sa 6 pm-5 am; Sun. and holidays 6pm-12am.
Cover: 2,000 yen, w/ food and drink tickets..



Kind House Ruins

Theme Bar

B1, 1-8-5 Kichijoji Honcho, Musashino-shi

Telephone: 0422 21 6269

Hours: 5pm-2am daily (last orders 1am).

Credit Cards:V.

In a city packed with theme bars, Kind House Ruins is in a class all its own. We could tell you all about this Jurassic-themed bar and eatery which boasts everything from triceratops to trilobites—but we suggest you check it out for yourself.

Kinsmen

Bar (Gay and Lesbian)

2F, behind BYGS Bldg.

Telephone: 3354-4949

Lexington Queen

Disco

Daisan Goto Building

3-13-14 Roppongi

Telephone: 3401-1661 Hours: Daily 8 pm-5 am.

Cover (including 12 tickets for food—including ushi—and drinks); ¥3,000 (\$27) for women,

Men unaccompanied by women are not allowed.

Hours: Daily 8pm-midnight (sometimes as late as 5am)

A popular disco on the Tokyo nightlife circuit for over two decades, Lexington Queen continues to draw a fabulous, and often famous, following. Dress to impress and prepare to pose as this is where many of Tokyo's most beautiful residents and visitors prefer to party.

Liquid Room

Club/Live Music

Shinjuku HUMAX Pavilion

7F, 1-20-1 Kabukicho

Telephone: 3200-6831

Hours: Varies with events.

Cover: Varies with events.

Liquid Room is a large club space that feeds of the fast-paced Kabuki-cho nightlife scene. While it often hosts regular events, usually the space is rented out to promoters, so make sure to call ahead. Events range from hip-hop to house, with plenty of high-profile parties and live acts thrown into the mix. There are two full bars at this trendy locale, and expect to pay at least ¥2000 at the door. Tip: Check local media and flyers since it also hosts one-off club events.

Loop

Club/Lounge

Nihon Fudo Bldg B1, 2-1-13 Shibuya, Shibuya-ku

Telephone: 3797 9933

Hours: Daily 10pm-5am daily.

Cover: Varies with events.



This hard-to-find small club has a definite laid-back atmosphere to it, due in large part to the effective mood lighting and friendly hipster crowd. They feature all kinds of dance music here, of both the fast-paced and mood inducement varieties.

Maniac Love

Club

Tera-Oasis Omotesando Bldg

B1, 5-10-6 Minami-Aoyama, Minato-ku

Telephone: 3406 1166

Hours: M-Sa 10pm-5am; Su 5am-noon

Cover: ¥2,000 Mon-Thur (incl one drink); ¥2,500 Fri, Sat (incl one drink); ¥1,000 Sun from 5am (incl free coffee).

For the serious nightclubbing aficionado, Maniac Love is an explosion of sound and lighting, orchestrated to a powerful pulsating soundtrack. This space hosts a number of popular parties, each featuring an impressive line-up of top Tokyo and imported DJ talent. The after-hours early morning Sunday raves here have developed quite the following. Downside: Drinks are expensive here, even by Tokyo standards, starting at ¥800.

Mars Bar

Bar (Lesbian)

Shinjuku 2-15-13 3F,

Telephone: 3354-7923

Hours: M-Th 8 pm-3 am, F-Su 8 pm-5 am

Mission

Club

Jule A Bldg., B1

1-10-10 Azabu Juban, Minato-ku

Telephone: 3583-6332

Hours: 8 pm-

Cover: 3,000 yen (male); 2,500 yen (female).

Mix

Club

3-6-19 Kita Aoyama

Telephone: 3797-1313

Organ Bar

Kuretake Bldg., 3F, 4-9 Udagawacho

Telephone: 5489-5460

Hours: 9 pm-

Cover: 1,000 yen w/ 1 drink (Fri. & Sat., 2,000 yen).

Paddy Foley's Irish Pub

Bar (Irish Pub)

B1, 5-5-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku



Telephone: 3423 2250
Hours: M-Sa 5pm-2.30am; Su 4.30pm-12.30am Sun.
Credit Cards: AmEx, MC, V.

Paranoia Café

Bar (Theme Bar)
Victory Bldg 3F
4-12-5 Roppongi, Minato-ku
Telephone: 5411 8018
Hours: M-Th 7pm-midnight; F-Sa 7pm-5am Fri, Sat.
No Credit Cards

Co-owner Crazy George was a make-up master for the cult classic Dawn of the Dead—which explains the scores of props and masks adorning the walls at this novel bar. If you've the nerve, they'll even add an extra eye or open wound or two to your nightlife ensemble when you visit.

Piga-Piga

STM Ebisu Bldg.,
1-8-1 Ebisu-minami, Shibuya-ku
Telephone: 81 3) 3715 3431
Hours: M-Th 6pm to 12 am; F-Sa 6pm to 2 am.
Cover: M-Th ¥1,000; Fri.-Sat. ¥2,000

This chic African-style club serves up a menu of authentic African food and drink, while bands from such faraway locales as Kenya, Tanzania and Zaire perform live for your entertainment. This spot is a bit more pricey than your average Tokyo nightspot. There are four to five sets nightly, and it's usually crowded, so arrive early.

Radio Bar

2-31-7 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku
Telephone: 3405 5490
Hours: 7pm-2am Mon-Sat.
No credit cards

Smash Hits

5-2-26 B1, M2 Bldg., Hiroo, Shibuya
Telephone: 3444-0432
Hours: M-Sa 8 pm-3 am, Su 7 pm-midnight
Cover: Yen 3,000 includes one drink and karaoke

Smash Hits is Japan's largest English Karaoke stage bar featuring more than 10,000 English songs from standards, jazz, rock, gospel to the newer tunes. In addition to the large stage, they even offer a selection of props, including guitars, for added authenticity.

Tableaux Lounge

Lounge
Daikanyama Sunroser Bldg., 11-6 Sarugakucho, Shibuya-ku



Telephone: (81 3) 5489 2202
Hours: Daily, 6 pm to 4 am
Cover: ¥1,000, plus ¥2,000 minimum order per person

From the open fireplace, to the baby grand, the Cuban puffing sophisticates to brandy sniffing swells, everything about this classic lounge oozes opulence and sophistication. The subtle lighting perfectly complements the atmosphere—as does the light jazz tunes. This is an ideal pre- or post-event spot with that special someone.

Tip Top

Bar (Shot Bar)
B1, Fragment MIB Bldg.
2-53-10 Ikebukuro
Telephone: 3590-5017
Cover: ¥600 table charge (per seat)

This chic shot bar is a sophisticated vision of crystal, glass and chrome with just a touch of well-placed neon. Sample from over 600 different drinks served with assorted French cheeses and other delectables. This spot is ideal for making just the right impression—evident by the throngs of couples that descend on Tip Top in the late evening.

Uplink Factory

Yokoyama Bldg.
5F, 1-8-17 Jinnan
Telephone: 5489-0750

Velfarre

Disco
Velfarre Bldg, 7-14-22 Roppongi, Minato-ku
Telephone: (81 3)3402 8000
Web-site: velfarre.avex.co.jp/
Hours: Th-Su 6pm-Midnight
Cover: ¥4,000 men, ¥3,000 women

At ¥4 billion, this is the most ambitious, and expensive disco ever conceived in Asia. With a capacity to host some 2,000 nightcrawlers, Velfarre opened in 1998 with a futuristic design which includes marble staircases, several underground levels, two automated movable dance floors, a buffet and an impressive VIP lounge overlooking the excitement. Looking to avoid the crush on the main dance floor, you can retreat to one of the various bars and mini-clubs spread throughout the complex. While it's mainly a disco, Velfarre has been known to feature the occasional live techno or pop performer.

What The Dickens

Bar
Roob 6 Bldg., 1-13-3 Ebisu-nishi, Shibuya-ku
Telephone: 81 3 3780 2099
Hours: Tu-Sa 5 pm to 2 am; Su 3pm to 12 am
No cover



Since 1995, this popular two-story British-style pub has serving a steady stream of expats and area locals alike Guinness and Bass on draught and passable pub-fare. Obviously, this spot is more foreigner-friendly than most, and the décor here is of the well-executed Dickensian sort. Entertainment includes everything from live music to poetry readings. No cover, but it packs up quickly.