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Simple and classic Italian food



Diavola Pizza



Funghi Bruschetta

Italian

Cornerstone 薏

Trendy yet comfortable, the new Cornerstone specializes in Italian “feel-good food,” a designation that includes thin-crust pizzas, homemade pasta, and a variety of entrées, from codfish and salmon to lamb chops and grilled spring chicken. Located in the CBD near luxury residence Central ` , the restaurant offers family-friendly service and reasonably priced set meals – office professionals can enjoy two- or three-course set lunches (RMB 58-68), which are updated weekly. Cornerstone also has an impressive selection of traditional cocktails and reasonably priced New World wines. Fans of the food will also be happy to hear that owner Damon and his crew hope to offer weekend brunches soon.

Daily 10am-late (last order 10.30pm). Unit 105, World Financial Center, 1 Dongsanhuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5981 7578/79)

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Signature dishes include creamy pumpkin and codfish soup (RMB 38), saffron and porcini mushroom and truffle risotto (RMB 48), sautéed spaghetti with fresh clams (RMB 38), spicy salami pizza (RMB 58).

Perfect for refreshing and relaxing business lunches or for satisfying your cravings for authentic Italian cuisine.

While you're in the neighborhood, stop by Pekotan in Central Park for freshly baked bread and pastries as well as iF Juice Shop for fresh organic juice.



The Presidents' Chef in Shangri-La Hotel, Beijing

PHILIPPE EGALON

Shangri-La Hotel, Beijing has just welcomed the arrival of new Executive Chef **Philippe Egalon**.

For much of his career, chef **Philippe Egalon** has operated in five-star surroundings, cooking for the great and good of global cities like Paris, Tokyo, Singapore and Washington D.C. Presidents, prime ministers, business leaders and other dignitaries have dined at Egalon's tables. But this master of his kitchen has never forgotten his roots.

"It all started in my mother's kitchen," says the Shangri-La Hotel, Beijing's new Executive Chef of his lifelong love affair with food. Born in Provence to Moroccan parents, Egalon soaked up the North African influence that he brings to his cuisine today, but more importantly, the chef's formative years imbued him with a sense of the simple joys of food. "At an early age," he explains, "my parents taught me the importance of each meal. Back home in France, every meal is a ritual."

As a child, Egalon was steeped in Provence's incomparable food culture. Growing up around village markets, surrounded by the freshest produce, the chef developed an instinctive respect for artisanal values and an uncompromising commitment to the highest standards of quality.

By his early teens, Egalon was itching to get involved. The chef remembers how "At the age of 14, during the school holidays, the smell of the fresh breads from the bakery nearby our house pushed me to apply for a summer job. That gave me some of the most precious times of my life. I learned very quickly that I could touch people's hearts by giving them what they needed, and that it was up to me to exceed their expectations."

Within a few years, Egalon was in Paris, sharpening his culinary wits under the tutelage of the "Chef of the Century," the legendary Joël Robuchon. A stint in Nice followed, where Egalon was mentored by renowned chefs like Jacques Maximin and Jacques Torres – ideal



preparation for a career in some of the world's finest hotels.

Egalon's career highlights to date include cooking for former U.S. President George W. Bush, serving as principal chef for the 2009 Summer Davos Forum in Dalian, and receiving the Chevalier dans l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole award from French President Nicolas Sarkozy. With such experiences behind him, it would be easy for Egalon to be blasé. But, as Egalon stresses, he's not cooking for the sake of awards or celebrity diners, but out of pure passion – the same passion he learned all those years ago as a boy in Provence. Egalon concludes: "My love for food is based on memories, colours, smells and happy times. Joie de vivre!"

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Classic Mediterranean dining near the Liangma River



Apricot Pancakes



Berry Tiramisu

Mediterranean

Mana

For most of us, the mention of Mediterranean cuisine evokes images of Greek salad, lasagna, and seafood pasta. Sanlitun's Mana, however, mercifully rescues us from this narrow conception of Mediterranean food by boldly fusing dishes from across the region. The well-organized menu provides diners with just the right amount of choice. To describe the food and its presentation as appealing would be a massive understatement – dishes are masterfully composed of imported ingredients and beautifully arranged, leaving your senses more than satisfied. Dinner entrées run RMB 25-38, and main courses range from RMB 39-169. Three-course set lunches are RMB 78. To accompany your meal, Mana features a full spirit and cocktail selection as well as wines by the bottle or glass at a range of prices.

Daily 11.30am-10.30pm. 2 Sanlitun Beixiaojie (next to Liangma He), Chaoyang District. (6460 6721)
 朝阳区三里屯北小街2号

Signature dishes include French style shrimp-polenta soup (RMB 38), rucola lasagna (RMB 88), sauteed rabbit in mustard-garlic sauce with shallots, green olives and red wine comfit (RMB 142), apricot pancake with cream cheese cake (RMB 40)

Perfect for Mediterranean food from different regions

While you're in the neighborhood, stop by the Showboat bar on Liangma River for a drink, or pick up some ingredients at Jenny Lou's or April Gourmet and mix your own.





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Daily 11am-11pm. Unit 0925, 2/F, Jianwai Soho, Bldg 9, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 8112)
 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外Soho9号楼1楼0925

Signature dishes include the Edomae Set Meal (RMB 70), plum and shisho roll (RMB 12), grilled ginkgo (RMB 25), tuna and quail egg sushi (RMB 12) Hokkaido crabs (RMB 220 and up) and rolls too numerous to mention (RMB 58 and up)

Perfect for an affordable CBD sushi lunch or dinner

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BEIJING EATS

by Eileen Wen Mooney

A Food-Lover's Companion to China's Culinary Capital

It's all been said now. And, as far as food goes, the rest of us writing Beijing guides might just as well hang up our chopsticks.

— Peter Neville-Hadley

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Milan Style Risotto with Ossobuco



Seared foie gras



Foie gras terrine

Italian

River Club 中意汇北京餐厅

A meal at the riverside castle of Michelin-starred chef Marco Sacco will make you feel like nobility. The hexagonal dining rooms are translucent, allowing both for a little privacy and a glimpse of what's going on in the open kitchen. River Club's entrees seem innovative but as you listen to the well-trained waitstaff describe the dishes, you'll realize that they are basically permutations of Italian classics that incorporate elements of French and Chinese cuisine, such as foie gras and jasmine. Balsamic vinegar marries perfectly with bread; ricotta gnocchi enriches the pure sweetness of pumpkin puree; the taste of the marrow in the ossobuco risotto is a real indulgence. Business lunches run RMB 158 for two courses, RMB 258 for three courses, and RMB 318 for four courses (15 percent service surcharge). A "Lovers' Menu" (RMB 999) for Christmas will be offered from December 18 to 26.

Daily 11.30am-10.30pm. 53 Maizidian Xijie (east side of FX Hotel), Chaoyang District. (6508 0667)
 朝阳区麦子店西街53号(富驿时尚酒店东侧)

Signature dishes include homemade jasmine and cypress-smoked Atlantic salmon (RMB 158), three variations on foie gras (RMB 208), pumpkin soup with ricotta dumplings, grilled chestnut and vanilla oil (RMB 116), Carnaroli saffron risotto Milan-style with veal ossobuco (RMB 186)

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The new Kro's Nest will be "Kro-er" than ever

First things first. Why did you decide to open up a pizza place in Beijing of all places? Well, in China everybody sits around and eats one thing together. With pizza, it's the same deal. You get one massive pizza and everyone shares it. You can satisfy any type of appetite with a well-made pizza.

When I first came here, all Beijing had was Italian-style pizza. Frankly speaking, Italian pizza is pansy pizza. Americans took pizza and perfected it, made it hearty. There wasn't any American pizza here at the time. It was a gap that needed to be filled, so I just went for it.

So what did it take to get everything set up in China? Yelling, screaming, smoking, and drinking. Which are all things that I'm good at. (laughs) But seriously, it just took a lot of patience. Trying to find a place was difficult, staying in budget was difficult. And at the end of '05 when I opened the first Kro's Nest, getting the right ingredients was next to impossible. I put everything I had into doing things right, and when all was said and done, I only had a thousand *kui* in my pocket.

How did you go from there to making pizza that drew a crowd?

A lot of it was trial and error. Most of my experience here has been one big experiment in doing things yourself. You don't have to learn everything from a book. You can learn a lot by just going out and doing things, and in that process you'll discover a lot of do's and don'ts. I've discovered a lot of don'ts.

So you went from nothing to three successful restaurants. And as a lot of people have heard, your partner later tried to steal it all from you. What happened there?

At the time, business seemed to be going pretty well. Then, out of the blue, my partner at the time started firing all the employees that I had originally hired. Most of the foreigners left, and

THE ONE AND ONLY KRO'S NEST

Olaf Kristoffer Bauer talks about his comeback

For many expats, The Kro's Nest has been a sanctuary of sorts from all the ketchup- and mayonnaise-covered abominations that pass for Western food here in China. You've probably noticed, though, that the old locations near Peking University and the Worker's Stadium have recently changed their names. Unbeknownst to many late-night bingers, Beijing almost lost this slice of home to some legal shenanigans just a few months back. But fear not, The Kro's Nest is here to stay.

Olaf Kristoffer Bauer (better known as Kro), the man at the heart of these

legal battles, invited us to the new Kro's Nest location on Xiaoyun Lu to discuss what went down. Amid a flurry of construction workers in the new 1000-square-foot establishment, which comes complete with its own hydroponic wall for growing fresh herbs and a tree that's bigger than The Tree's, this laid-back Georgia native sat back in his army fatigues and an old hoodie to tell **Agenda** about how Kro's Nest got started, how it almost got destroyed, and how it's now better than it's ever been before.

"Frankly speaking, Italian pizza is pansy pizza. Americans took pizza and perfected it. Made it hearty"

he started saying that we were losing money.

I wanted to see the books, and he wouldn't show me. So I hired a new accountant and we performed an audit. We checked how much money we made on a daily basis. After a few months' time, we put all the numbers together and found out that we weren't losing money at all. Based on those numbers, my partner actually owed me about RMB four million in profits.

Everything came to a head on May 8. My partner was ignoring me, so I figured if he wasn't going to give me the money he owed me, I'd keep on making pizzas and earn the money back myself. I'd take what I earned with my own hands, remove the signs and leave. But when I went into the restaurant that day, some employees came up to me and said that my partner had held a meeting and told everyone that I left the company. I went in the kitchen to make pizza anyway, and they called the cops.

“Honestly, to me the most important thing was to get back up and show foreigners that, even if you get screwed over, you can pull yourself off the ground and there's still something to hope for”

the real world they'll say, “Well, I'll take your case ... maybe.” With these types of lawyers, even printing up paper costs a ton of money.

Honestly, to me the most important thing was to get back up and show foreigners that, even if you get screwed over, you can pull yourself off the ground and there's still something to hope for. So I sold everything, hired some lawyers, and went after the guy.

So now you completely own Kro's?

Yes, and that's one thing that I want to make very clear: There is one and only one Kro's Nest in Beijing, and that's at Xiaoyun Lu. Only one. All the old restaurants in Gongti and Beida, they've already changed their names. They've already changed their regis-

trust. Business is business, friends are friends, and you have to protect yourself. Never take too many chances, especially with your name.

And that's not to say that you shouldn't trust people. I haven't lost my faith in humanity. I'm just more careful and more sensitive about who and how I trust now, and what steps I take to protect myself.

Do you have any advice for people looking to start their own business here?

Get everything put down in writing. The only time you want to bring out a contract is when you're having problems. And when I had problems, all I had was an outdated contract that lacked two very, very important words: “Kro's Nest.” My partner and I had signed everything before we settled on a name.

What would you say to people who knew about your legal troubles and continued to patronize the old Kro's Nest?

I'd say come to Xiaoyun Lu. Come try some real pizza.

Are you bringing anything new to the Xiaoyun Lu location?

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Interview by Zachary Overline. Photo by Mishka Photography.

Kro's Nest Sun-Thu 11am-1am; Fri-Sat 11am-late. 35 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District (8391 3131) 朝阳区青云路35号

“I came barreling in here at 22 with all guns blazing, and I should have scouted the area first. I should have checked to see if there were any potholes or booby traps”

Was that even legal? How did things play out?

That's the best part. The cops came and they knew that I was partners with this guy. Everybody knew. And they didn't want to touch it at all. My partner finally came barreling in himself and told me to get the heck out. He pushed me up against the wall and started roughing me up, then got sent to jail for three days. And when he got out, boom – he just disappeared.

And then? Well, I was flat broke. I sold everything I owned just to get by. Pursuing things legally, starting up a new shop – that all takes money. You see all these TV shows where lawyers are like, “I'll do it pro bono.” But let me tell you: No one does it pro bono. In

trations and their menus. I still haven't gotten my 50/50 cut from them, but I have the name, the recipes, and the logo. And that's enough for now.

In retrospect, what would you have done differently?

If I could do things again, I would put the time and the effort into knowing my surroundings. I came barreling in here at 22 with all guns blazing, and I should have scouted the area first. I should have checked to see if there were any potholes or booby traps.

Having courage, being willing to try something, and then going out and getting it is great. But in retrospect, I know I should have done things the formal, legally established way rather than having so many oral agreements based on friendship and



Holiday spirits are high at the Westin Chaoyang

CHRISTMAS IN BEIJING

A million reasons to be merry

Spending the holidays away from home can be depressing for expats, but Beijing's hotels and restaurants have made sure that those staying behind won't have a chance to be homesick. **Agenda** put together a list of the best holiday events around the city.

All month

Delicious December at Cabare

At Cabare, Christmas is not about one day – it's a month-long celebration. During December, enjoy a five-course menu for RMB 348 per person. The meal features white wine-poached turbot with roasted oyster mushrooms and champagne sauce and filet mignon with truffle mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and thyme sauce. December 1-31. Cabare European Bar & Restaurant. Daily 9am-2.30am. 15-1, Bldg 15, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 1760) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾15号楼15-1号

Weekends in December

The Longest Christmas Table in Beijing

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Daily 10am-10.30pm. 15-2, Solana (5905 6906) 蓝色港湾国际商区15-2

3) Water 水子

Daily 10am-2am. 15-4, Solana (5905 6008/9, 137 0113 1533) 蓝色港湾国际商区

4) Café Bellissimo

Daily 10am-10pm. Unit 567, Bldg 15, Bar Street, Solana (5905 1780 ext 802) 蓝色港湾酒吧街15号楼567商铺

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Daily 10am-2am. Unit 567, Bldg 15, Bar Street, Solana (5905 1780 ext 804) 蓝色港湾酒吧街15号楼567商铺

Christmas Eve, December 24

Casino Royale Magic, cancan dancers, a buffet and great raffle prizes. RMB 888, RMB 1,088, RMB 2,088, depending on seat location. 6.30pm. Grand Ballroom, Doubletree by Hilton, 168 Guanganmenwai Dajie, Xuanwu District, Xuanwu District (6338 1888) 宣武区宣武门外大街168号

Christmas Eve Buffet

Savor favorites like roasted turkey with gravy and cranberry sauce, fresh oysters, honey-baked ham and other traditional Christmas treats. Includes free-flow

champagne, door gifts and live entertainment from a swing band. And Santa will also drop by. RMB 568+15%, RMB 284+15% (children). 6.30pm-11pm. Vasco's, Hilton 89 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District (5812 8888 ext 8411) 东城区北京王府井希尔顿酒店

Candy Wonderland A candy wonderland with magical prizes and festive bubbles. RMB 1,588+15% (free-flow champagne). 6.30pm. Also available on Christmas Day. Westin Chaoyang. 7 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5922 8880) 朝阳区东三环北路7号

Starry Christmas Explore an international seafood buffet of tempting options prepared by a team of culinary artisans. An evening of exhilarations complete with fun-filled performance and lucky draw surprises as well as free-flow champagne, wine and beer. 6.30-11.30pm. RMB 2,888 (premium seating), RMB 1,488 (children); RMB 2,488 (general seating), RMB 1,288 (children). Westin, 9B Jinrong Jie (Financial Street), Xicheng District (6629 7777) 西城区金融街9号

Northern Lights A set-meal Christmas dinner with live entertainment, bespoke service and luxury prizes. Reservations recommended. RMB

2,688. 8.30pm. Great Hall Ballroom, St. Regis 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6460 6688) 朝阳区建国门外大街21号

Aroma Christmas Eve Dinner

Indulge in a sumptuous Christmas Eve with international delicacies at Aroma. All diners will enjoy one complimentary drink at the Ritz-Carlton Bar. Diners may also win exciting lucky draw prizes. RMB 988 (free-flowing beer and wine), RMB 1,188 (free-flowing champagne). 6-10pm. Christmas Day Brunch also available. Aroma, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 83A Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District (5908 8777) 朝阳区华贸中心建国路甲83号丽思卡尔顿酒店

Barolo Christmas Eve Dinner

Let Chef Massimo pamper you with a magnificent five-course dinner. All diners will enjoy one complimentary drink at the Ritz-Carlton Bar. RMB 1,088, RMB 1,288 (includes wine). 6-10.30pm. Christmas Day Brunch also available. Barolo, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, China Central Place, 83A Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District (5908 8888) 朝阳区华贸中心建国路甲83号丽思卡尔顿酒店

Di Napoli Christmas Menu

This holiday season this Lucky Street Italian restaurant serves up two different set menus. Choose from a seafood menu (RMB 388) or meat menu (RMB 338) featuring traditional Italian dishes. Both set menus are accompanied by flowing wine from the Capania region, and a glass of Piedmont Moscato to go with the traditional Panettone Christmas dessert. Also available for lunch on Christmas day. Di Napoli Daily 10.30am-11pm. C-10, Lucky Street, 1 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5867 0263) 朝阳区朝阳公园路好运街C-10号

Elements Christmas Eve Seafood Dinner Buffet

Join in the merriment of the season with a luxurious buffet. Indulge in a delightful selection of fresh, premium seafood and a wide array of international festive favorites including roast turkey, Christmas ham and mouth-watering desserts. Tickets include entry into the Hilton Beijing's Elements super raffle. RMB 498+15% includes one glass of Mumm Champagne on arrival and free-flow of soft drinks, beer, Korean *soju* or Japanese *sake*. 6pm. Elements, 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District (5865 5000 ext 5020) 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

East 33 Buffet Feast on an opulent buffet with delicacies such as Boston lobster, poached whole salmon and

turkey with tropical fruits. Santa will be there with his helpers to perform tricks and magic to the delight of young and old alike. RMB 688, RMB 488 (kids under 12). 6pm. East 33, Raffles Beijing Hotel, 33 Dongchang'an Jie, Dongcheng District (6526 3388 ext 5171) 东城区东长安街33号北京饭店莱佛士

Hilton Christmas Eve Treat your loved ones with a sumptuous holiday feast and live entertainment in the stylish surrounds of Hilton Beijing's circular Infinity Ballroom. Chefs will be preparing an exciting holiday menu featuring gourmet Christmas specials from around the world. Tickets include entry into the Hilton Beijing's Christmas Eve Celebration super raffle. RMB 1,188 to 1,888+15% for dinner buffet includes one glass of sparkling wine on arrival, *Glühwein*, and free-flowing beer and wine. 6pm. Infinity Ballroom, 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District (5865 5000 ext 5030) 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

Intercontinental Hotel Christmas Gala

Experience a sumptuous international seafood buffet in the Xi'an Ballroom, amazing live entertainment, and the chance to win a holiday to the US. 5.30pm. Intercontinental Hotel, 11 Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District (5852 5888) 西城区金融街11号洲际酒店

Lily's American Diner This little diner is serving up big portions for Christmas. Set meals are RMB 99 per person and include soup, salad, turkey, mashed potatoes, and four kinds of pies. Turkeys and pies are available for takeaway for RMB 65 per kg and RMB 80, respectively. Also available on Christmas day. Daily 8am-midnight. 2-18 Tianzhijiaozhi, 31 Guangqiu Lu, Chaoyang District (6592 5548) 朝阳区广渠路31号院天之骄子2号楼 2-18

One East Christmas Eve Celebrate a merry Christmas and welcome in the exciting New Year in traditional American style at Hilton Beijing's award-winning One East. Their culinary team has prepared a decadent set menu filled with American favorites with a creative modern twist. RMB 588+15% for a five-course dinner including a glass of Mumm Champagne on arrival; add RMB 288+15% for wine pairing. 6pm. One East, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District (5865 5000 ext 5030) 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

Steak Exchange Christmas Eve

Celebrate Christmas Eve in luxury at this award-winning restaurant. Enjoy a five-course set dinner featuring 250-day-aged Australian Angus beef, live entertainment, and a lucky draw

for three night's accommodation at InterContinental Yokohama with round-trip airfare for two. 5.30pm. Steak Exchange, InterContinental Hotel, 11 Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District (5852 5888 ext 5916) 西城区金融街11号洲际酒店

Zen A specially designed Chinese set menu will be served on Christmas Eve at Zen, where you can enjoy a stylish Christmas in an elegant and private environment. Zen, Intercontinental Hotel, 11 Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District (5852 5888) 西城区金融街11号洲际酒店

Zeta Christmas Eve Party Get your holiday groove on with music and people at Zeta Bar's party. RMB 199 for three hours of free-flowing house spirits and wine, local beer and finger food. Zeta, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5050) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号希尔顿饭店2层

Christmas Day, December 25

Christmas Family Brunch

Enjoy foot-tapping festive tunes from the jazz band as you indulge in a delectable spread including scallops with aioli, foie gras, Bavarian meat and sausages – there's even roast goose with all the trimmings. RMB 458, RMB 229 (children). 11.30am-3pm. Kranzler's, Kempinski. Beijing Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6465 3388 ext 4200)

朝阳区亮马桥路50号

One East Christmas Day RMB

288+15% for a three-course traditional American Christmas set lunch menu including turkey carved tableside and flaming puddings; add RMB 148+15% per person for unlimited Mumm Champagne. Noon. One East, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District (5865 5000 ext 5030) 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

Vasco's Christmas Day Christmas Day will be so much more jolly when celebrated with an abundance of scrumptious holiday offerings from Executive Chef Yu Xiang Gu and his team. That includes a colorful spread of Christmas delights and desserts and a visit from Santa Claus. RMB 468+15%, RMB 234+15% (kids 6-12). Dec 24 and 25. From 11.30 am. Vasco's, Hilton Beijing Wangfujing, 8 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District (5812 8888) 东城区王府井东街8号希尔顿北京王府井酒店5层

Compiled by Millicent Malcolm



Jaime Pastor represents more than a hundred years of tradition

THE MAN WITH THE GOOD PIGS

Jaime Pastor of Sanchez Romero Carvajal "Cinco Jotas"

*Pigs may not be the most respected animal on the planet, but somewhere in the southwest of Spain there is a breed of pigs that feasts on nuts and herbs, roams freely, and produces some of the most highly valued pork on the planet. Iberico ham is not only unique in its marbling and flavor, but also because it's chock full of oleic acid, which lowers cholesterol. **Agenda** met with Jaime Pastor, the Asia Area Manager for "Cinco Jotas" to learn more about the traditions behind the healthiest ham on Earth.*

Tell us a little bit about your company. Sanchez Romero Carvajal 5J, or "Cinco Jotas," was founded in 1879 in Jabugo, which lies in the southwestern part of Spain. It is the oldest Iberico ham factory in the world and belongs to one of the ten oldest family companies, the Osborne Group.

Because our company has a history of more than 130 years, we place a great deal of importance on quality standards, and are committed to sharing not only our product,

but our culture and history with our customers. This is particularly important internationally, and we place great efforts on listening to the needs of our customers

So what makes Iberico pigs special?

This breed of pig is characterized by dark skin and black hoofs, in addition to a gene that allows fat to grow in its muscles. This is what makes 5J hams so succulent. Iberico pigs are actually called "olive trees with legs" because their meat contains high levels of oleic acid, which means that eating Iberico ham is healthy, as it actually produces good cholesterol!

At our company, we individually select the pigs and they go through rigorous quality controls. The pigs are then fed a diet of acorns and herbs, which gives the meat its sweet and

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nutty flavor. They are bred in Jabugo, which possesses a special microclimate and pasture land crucial for the curing of Iberico Ham. The mountains of Aracena, located next to Jabugo, have been declared a special biosphere by UNESCO.

Your company employs Master Carvers – why is that? Our master carvers, or “Maestro Cortador” in the original Spanish, are trained in the best way to slice the ham, so as best to feature its unique texture, aroma, and flavor. Our company is unique in that we offer both whole pieces and hand-sliced and packaged ham to our customers.

We also work with forwarders and logistic companies that make sure that it is consistently kept cold throughout the transportation process.

Have your ham products been well-received in Beijing? Initially it was challenging to prove how special our ham was to Chinese consumers, but we’re becoming more and more popular with them. At present we are stocked at all Spanish restaurants in Beijing, gourmet shops, and other fine dining spots around the city

5J Pure Iberico 100% Bellota Ham has won the highest award in the “Superior Taste Awards” organized by the International Taste & Quality Institute (iTQi) in 2009 and 2010. iTQi gave 5J’s ham three bright stars – a competition record. Our product has also satisfied the most important culinary institutions of Europe, including: Maitres Cuisiniers from France and Belgium, the Academy of Culinary Arts, the Federación de Asociaciones de Cocineros in Spain and Jeunes Restaurateurs d’Europe. China, a nation of gourmards, is sure to fall in love with it as well.

Iberico ham has been called “the best culinary ambassador Spain can have.” Would you agree? Meeting the top chefs in the world has given me the chance to taste dishes from the most imaginative minds, many of whom have their own way of enjoying the ham.

Spain, along with other European nations, has been in the news for its financial problems. How has the economic situation impacted your business? There has been no major impact to date, but since financial problems have caused many Spanish farmers to stop slaughtering their pigs, we will experience a shortage of this type of ham in about three years.

Why five J’s? Sanchez Romero Carvajal 5J is founded on five principles. First, we guarantee that our ham comes from 100% pure-bred Iberico pigs. Second, we make sure that those pigs have a healthy diet and lifestyle – they feed on acorns and are free to roam – that allows their fat to filter into their muscle tissue, giving our 5J ham a uniquely rich flavor and juiciness. Third, since 1879, our Iberico ham factory – the oldest in the world – has used only traditional methods to cure and season our hams. Fourth, we produce our ham locally in a small town called Jabugo, located in the Sierra de Aracena and Picos de Aroche Natural Park, a UNESCO-designated biosphere reserve. Last but certainly not least, we hope that our company embodies the ethic and tradition of the “Maestro Jamonero,” an exceptional figure who guarantees quality throughout the entire production process. To us, the production of Iberico ham is more than a business – it is an art that has been passed down from generation to generation for more than 120 years.

How is the ham prepared? The Iberico ham curing and seasoning process is much more extensive and arduous than that for white ham. The three-stage process – salting with sea salt, natural drying, and approximately three years of curing in a cellar – is carried out using only traditional methods.

Where can we find Iberico ham in Beijing? Our ham is currently available at most of the Spanish restaurants around town – Agua, Migas, Ole, and Nijajo all offer Iberico ham, as does

gourmet shop Taste of Spain. Some fine dining venues like The Room also serve our products.

What are your personal favorite places around town? Because my job involves traveling a lot and eating out most of the time, when I am in Beijing, I love staying in and enjoying a simple, home-cooked meal (with some 5J Iberico Ham, of course – I think I am addicted!). I also love listening to live music; some of my favourite venues are CD Blues Café, East Shore Jazz Club, and Yugong Yishan.

Interview by Sarah Isabel Lavers

Agua Daily noon-2:30pm, 6-11pm. 4/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6188/98) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园4层

Migas 米家思 Daily 10am-3pm, 5-11pm. 6/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6061) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园6层

Ole Sun-Wed 11am-midnight, Thu 11am-2am, Fri-Sat 11am-4am. Courtyard 4 Gongti Beilu (next to Salsa Caribe), Chaoyang District. (6595 9677) 朝阳区工体北路4号院(卡利宾旁边)

Nijajo Daily 11am-3pm, 6-11pm. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6052) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层 www.nijajo.com

Taste of Spain Daily noon-9pm. 1/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6431 2663) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园1层

ROOMbeijing ROOM 北京 Sun-Wed 11am-2am (kitchen closes midnight), Thu-Sat 11am-4am (kitchen closes 2am). Rm 301-302, 3/F, ParkLife, Yintai Centre, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (8517 2033) 朝阳区建国门外大街2号银泰中心301-302室 www.room-beijing.com

CD Blues Café and Bar Daily 4pm-late. Nongzhanguan Lu (south of the Agricultural Exhibition Hall), Dongsanhuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (6506 8288) 朝阳区东三环路农展馆大门往南300米

East Shore Live Jazz Café 东岸咖啡 Daily 3pm-2am. 2/F, 2 Qianhai Nanyanlu (just to the west of the post office on Di’anmenwai Dajie), Xicheng District. (8403 2131) 西城区地安门外大街前海南沿2号楼2层

Yugong Yishan 愚公移山 Daily 7pm-late. 3-2 Zhangzhizhong Lu (100m west of Zhangzhizhong Lu subway station), Dongcheng District. (6404 2711) 东城区平安大道张自忠路3-2号(地铁五号线张自忠路站往西100米)www.yugongyishan.com



MEALS WITH A CONSCIENCE

Beijing's best places to take a break from holiday gluttony

Years ago, finding a proper Thanksgiving turkey or Christmas ham was a real challenge – nowadays, the challenge is to find a place to hide from the rich assortment of meat-heavy holiday meals. **Agenda** went out in search of the best places to rediscover vegetables.

Cafe de la Poste A stone's throw from the Confucius Temple, this neighborhood favorite may be famous for their steak, but they also have superb vegetarian options. Beijing's French community pack the place every night, drawn by the casual atmosphere and friendly staff. Daily noon-3pm, 6pm-late. 58 Yonghegong Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6402 7047) www.cafedelaposte.com.cn 东城区雍和宫大街58号

Caomu Jian This vegetarian restaurant and tea house features seven different private rooms, a variety of Chinese teas and an assortment of vegetable, tofu and "mock meat" dishes, as well as *guzheng* and tea ceremony performances. Daily 10.30am-2pm, 5-10pm. 2/F, Huateng Plaza, A-302 Jinsong San Qu (3km south of China World on Dongsanhuan), Chaoyang District. (8773 0135) 草木间. 朝阳区劲松三区甲302号华腾大厦二层(东三环国贸往南3公里)

Elaine's Vegetarian Restaurant and Bar Elaine's quaint little garden

supplies generous portions of Chinese vegetarian fare. The imitation meat dishes are popular with both vegetarian and non-vegetarian diners. Daily 10am-9.30pm. Walk 800m along the banks of Luoma Lake, 100m north of Luoma Roundabout, Houshayu, Shunyi District. (8048 5088) 素心小筑. 顺义区后沙峪镇罗马环岛向北100米左转. 沿罗马湖畔800米

Gongdelin Faux meat items like vegetarian "pork" balls and BBQ "lamb" kebabs with cumin are just some of the treats on the menu at this historic two-story vegetarian restaurant. Daily 11am-9pm. 58 Qianmen Dajie, Chongwen District. (6702 0867) 功德林. 崇文区58 前门大街

Lotus in Moonlight A large array of meatless and fishless dishes, made from tofu and related products. You can tell it's the real deal by the number of monks who dine here. Hard to find, but worth the search. Voted "Outstanding Vegetarian" in the *Beijinger's* 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Mon-Fri 11am-2pm and 5-9.30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-9.30pm. 12 Liufang Nanli, Chaoyang District. (6465 3299); 2) Mon-Fri 11am-2pm and 5-9pm, Sat-Sun 11am-9pm. 3/F, Disanji Creative Space, 66 Beisihuan Xilu, Haidian District. (6268 0848/1318) 荷塘月色素

食. 1) 朝阳区柳芳南里12号楼; 2) 海淀区北四环西路66号第三极3层

Mirch Masala Tasty, authentic and affordable Indian curries in a pleasant, well-lit environment. Vegetarian- and vegan-friendly. Delivery available. 1) Mon 5-10.30pm; Tue-Sun 11am-2.30pm, 5pm-10.30pm. 130 Ritan Highlife (across from the north gate of Ritan Park), Chaoyang District. (8563 6304); 2) Mon-Sat 11am-2.30pm, 5-10.30pm, Sun 11am-10.30pm. 60-2 Nanluogu Xiang, Dongcheng District. (6406 4347) www.mirchmasala.com.cn 马沙拉之香. 1) 朝阳区朝阳雅宝路日坛公园北门日坛上街2号楼130号; 2) 东城区南锣鼓巷60-2号

Pure Lotus Vegetarian Voted "Best Vegetarian Fare" in the *Beijinger's* 2009 Reader Restaurant Awards. Run by monks, their creative dishes will leave you with a full stomach and a clear conscience – and a considerably lightened wallet. Daily 11am-11pm. 1) Tongguang Bldg, 12 Nongzhanguan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6592 3627, 8703 6669); 2) 3/F, Holiday Inn Lido, Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District. (8703 6668, 6437 6288) 净心莲. 1) 朝阳区农展馆南路12号(通广大厦内); 2) 朝阳区丽都假日饭店三层, 首都机场将台路

Sea of Lotus Vegetarian From simple dishes to imperial cuisine, this tranquil spot caters to vegetarians. Also carries a great selection of fresh tea. Daily 9.30am-9.30pm. 12 Cheniandian Hutong (across from the Hebei Hotel), Andingmennei Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6403 6169) 莲花海素食. 东城区安定门内大街车辇店胡同12号

Sea of Mercy The biggest vegetarian restaurant in Beijing features a wide array of mock fish and meat dishes made from mushroom, vegetables and beans. Daily 8.30am-10.30pm. 103 Di'anmen Xidajie, Xicheng District. (6657 1898) 慈海素心. 西城区地安门西大街103号

Still Thoughts Vegetarian Restaurant A clean, calm and cozy vegetarian oasis that forgoes the hype and high prices in favor of thoughtfully prepared mock meats and other vegetarian dishes. Daily 11am-10pm. 1) 18A Dafosi Dongjiejie, Yuqun Hutong (turn right onto Yuqun from Dafosi, which continues from Meishuhuan Dongjiejie), Dongcheng District. (6400 8941); 2) 30A Gaoliangqiao Lu (inside the Meiyuan Hotel), Haidian District. (6225 5792) 静思素食坊. 1) 东城区大佛寺东街甲18号育群胡同(美术馆东街往北); 2) 海淀区高梁桥路甲30号(梅苑饭店大院內)

Tianchu Miaoxiang Tucked into the Qinghua Science Park, this pleasant restaurant is well worth seeking out for its delicious mock-meat versions of classic and more unusual Chinese fare. Great teas and a large picture menu. Daily 10am-10pm. 1/F, Chuangye Bldg, Qinghua Keji Yuan, Haidian District. (6279 7078) www.liaofan.com 天厨妙香素食馆, 海淀区清华科技园创业大厦一层

Vanilla Garden A great place to enjoy vegetarian cuisine, sip imported organic coffees and herbal teas, or just hang out. Also has helpful and attentive staff, an English menu, desserts, and Wi-Fi. Location 2 calls itself Lily Vegetarian but it's run by the same people. 1) Daily 11am-10pm. 23 Caoyuan Hutong (west off Dongzhimen Beixiaojie), Dongcheng District. (6405 2082); 2) Daily 9am-10pm. South of the Xijian Gongmen (New) Gate of the Summer Palace, Haidian District. (6287 8726) 百合素食香草园, 1) 东城区东直门北小街草园胡同23号; 2) 海淀区颐和园新建宫门南

Vegan Hut Simple vegan eatery serving fast and delicious set meals with no MSG. Unit 0912, 2/F, Bldg 9, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 9856, 139 1172 9610) 维根小屋, 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外Soho9号楼2层0912

Veg-On Modest black-and-white decor, yummy vegetarian dishes and sweet Taiwanese desserts will have you back for more. Set lunches available. Does not use MSG. Voted "Outstanding Vegetarian" in *the Beijinger's* 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-10pm. Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6301/6) 家乡素食, 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区

Xiangyang Xiaozhu Classic Chinese dishes rendered guilt-free – no wonder they draw a crowd of regulars. Daily 11am-2pm, 5-9pm. Beisanhuan (20m west of Dazhong Si), Haidian District. (8211 2104) 香阳小筑, 海淀区北三环大钟寺西20米

Xu Xiang Zhai Vegetarian Restaurant Vegetarian gormands delight at the glorious all-you-can-eat buffet – wear pants with an elastic band to take full advantage of the offerings, which include veggie twists on Chinese classics, sushi, dumplings, hot pot and more. Monk sightings are common. Daily 11.30am-9pm; lunch buffet 11.30am-2pm, dinner buffet 5.30-9pm. 26 Guozijian Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6404 6568) 叙香斋, 东城区国子监大街甲26-1号



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Aria

This stylishly decadent award-winning bar is nestled in the China World Hotel. Tastefully decorated with expressionist paintings, the cozy seating and dim lighting generate a warm and friendly environment, perfect for an intimate evening with friend or lover. The lush furniture and booth seating create secluded and private areas to enjoy a quiet evening with excellent drinks. The recipient of *the Beijinger's* 2009 "Outstanding Wine List" award, this bar draws a steady crowd of CBD professionals. The weekday happy hour offers half-price drinks from 6-9pm.

Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10pm; bar 11am-midnight. 2/F, China World Hotel, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 2266 ext 6644)
[朝阳区建国门外大街1号中国大饭店2层](#)

Signature drinks include anything grape!

Perfect for a quiet, intimate evening with friends and colleagues

While you're in the neighborhood, the innovative and expertly executed dishes of Chef McCool will keep you well-sated at Aria. For an equally delicious and creative dining experience, Michelin-starred chef Brian McKenna's new restaurant ROOMBeijing will do the trick. Finish off the evening with a massage at Beijing's highest spa, Qi, located on the 77th floor of the China World Summit Wing.





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Whiskey and Cocktails

Kura Kura 藏藏

Imagine the modern whiskey-focused version of Ichikura. Kura Kura's funky red-and-white color scheme is a far cry from the stately decor of its sister bar, but the atmosphere is equally chill. This quiet destination may seem a bit out of place on Sanlitun North Street until you think of it as a haven from the noise of the surrounding bar scene. The fully stocked Japanese bar offers generous pours of whiskey for RMB 80 and the Moscow Mule with ginger-infused vodka is a must. Their list of classic cocktails (average RMB 50-60) may not be innovative, but they do hit the spot. With its pedigree and its flair, Kura Kura might become Sanlitun's new favorite cocktail bar.

Daily 10.30am-1am. Unit 1-101, 29 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6415 1550)
 朝阳区三里屯路29号楼1-101

Signature drinks include the Ginger-infused vodka Moscow Mule (RMB 60)

Perfect for a contemplative whiskey or a quiet cocktail

While you're in the neighborhood, head over to Herbal Café to sober up with a medicinal soup. If you're feeling a bit peckish, Mosto will satisfy with its casual-chic "small plates." Top it all off with a massage or manicure at Kocoon.



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Drei Kronen The largest microbrewery in town stays faithful to its German roots by making *Glühwein* – a popular winter drink made of heated red wine, cinnamon sticks and vanilla – for RMB 58-68 a cup. Sun-Thu 11.30am-midnight, Fri-Sat 11.30am-late. 1/F, Bldg 5, China View, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang District. (6503 5555) 朝阳区工体东路中国红街5号楼1层

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Mao Mao Chong The winter cocktail menu features decadent drinks such as the Adult Chai (black cardamom, fresh ginger and cinnamon-infused vodka), French Toast (Advocaat, Rum, warm milk, cinnamon and honey), or the lighter but equally sensuous Gold-En Lady (warm Amaretto with orange juice and cinnamon) and mulled wine. Daily 5.30pm-late (closed Tuesday). 12 Banchang Hutong (east off Nanluogu Xiang), Dongcheng District. (159 9264 6024) www.maomaochongstore.com 毛毛虫。东城区板厂胡同14号(南锣鼓巷往东走)

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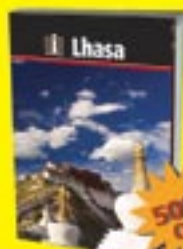
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Wang Lei hits the slopes on World Snowboarding Day

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Professional snowboarder Wang Lei mixes work with pleasure

Over the past decade, snowboarder Wang Lei has been a noteworthy influence on the sport's evolution not only in China, but throughout the world. Though snowboarding remains a budding sport in China, Wang Lei has helped lead a movement to increase its popularity. This December, Wang Lei will use his fame to encourage others to explore the sport in a global event called "World Snowboard Day." **Agenda** broke the ice with this award-winning sports star by asking him how he was able to carve a profession out of a great hobby and how he plans to share his passion with others.

Your job sounds pretty cool. Can you tell us a little bit about it? As a professional snowboarder, a typical season for me consists of traveling across China to do demos, ride with friends and film. Trips to Europe usually happen around February or March. During the summer, I sometimes spend a few weeks in New Zealand to stay in shape.

How would you describe your riding style? My favorite discipline is slopestyle, in which riders are judged on the variety, difficulty and height of jumps they perform. I'd like to say that

my riding style is smooth. I usually land on my feet!

At what point did you think to turn this hobby into a profession? When I was still small, around seven years old, I started to train as a gymnast. I had no interest in winter sports, but shortly thereafter, my coach picked me to become a ski jumper and an aerial skier.

Even then, I hadn't really heard of snowboarding. It was still a new sport that had gained most of its popularity only in the US and Europe, so I was startled when I saw snowboarding on TV for the first time in 1994.

It was so interesting to me that I tried to learn everything I could about the sport. Three years later, I learned how to ride at Yabuli, China's largest ski resort, with little guidance from others and without a trainer. I just knew that snowboarding was all I wanted to do for the rest of my life. So, I decided to make a career out of it. After a few years of training and a decent amount of hard work, I finally got sponsored and turned pro. I've been with Burton since 2006.

What does the average snowboarder look like? Snowboarders, like all board sports enthusiasts, usually have a strong individual sense for music, art, and fashion, and that is often how they express themselves. I'm personally just getting into photography. It's an amazing thing and my favorite camera at the moment is a Leica R5.

How has this sport evolved in China over the years? In the late '90s there weren't very many people trying to snowboard at all. But now, the annual growth rate of the sport is around 30 percent.

More and more resorts are starting to understand the need for good rental gear and service in addition to well trained snowboard instructors, which has been fundamental in the sport's development.

"I'd like to say that my riding style is smooth. I usually land on my feet!"

This season, Jundushan opens the first Burton Learn to Ride center in China, which is a very important step in furthering the popularity of snowboarding here.

Do you consider yourself one of the history-makers in this industry? I consider myself very blessed to be able to do something that I am really passionate about as a job. It's great to remember the first local contests. For a few years in a row, I was ranked number one, but I think that snowboarding is more than just medals and contests.

I'd like to continue to teach, promote and introduce the sport of snowboarding to people across China for many years to come.

"Snowboarders, like all board sports enthusiasts, usually have a strong individual sense for music, art, and fashion"

What is "World Snowboard Day" and how are you involved in it?

WSD helps to reach out to a broader audience and in essence builds a new customer base by offering a free day of snowboarding, lessons, fun contests, raffles, snowboard movie screenings, parties, concerts and much more. It is a globally staged event made possible by individual organizers.

We started to hold WSD in China last year at local resorts including Jundushan, Dolomiti and Changchun Lianhuashan. For this year's edition, we already have seven resorts signed up! Additionally, a really cool club in Sanya called Dolphin Bar has agreed to put on a "Snowboard Movie Night" to serve the board sports community of Hainan.

This will be the fifth World Snowboard Day, but the event was relatively unknown when it was first introduced to China in 2009. This is where I come in. We help by acting as intermediaries, uniting resorts and local clubs to help catalyze the organization of an event near them.

"I think that snowboarding will continue to grow rapidly and China can expect a few Olympic medals at the games in the years ahead, for sure"

Additionally, my company supports World Snowboard Day in China with logistics and allocating funds.

How can someone participate in World Snowboard Day? The participating resorts will grant all snowboarders free access to their slopes on Sunday, December 19. The additional programs that are offered differ for each resort, so you should check online for all instructions.

The official website of WSD is www.world-snowboard-day.com.

I think that snowboarding will continue to grow rapidly and China can expect a few Olympic medals at the games in the years ahead, for sure.

Where is your favorite place in the world to ride? Austria has a couple of great runs, but I actually like snowboarding anywhere that has good snow. Near Beijing, I like riding at Jundushan. It's a neat and small resort which boasts a beginner's park and that brand-new Burton Learn to Ride center. A few other places just get too crowded, which makes riding not nearly as much fun.

When you're not off riding, what are some of your favorite things to do in the city? I'm into photography and in the summer I go horseback riding, kite surfing and skimboarding.

Do you have any advice for budding snowboarders in China? If you want to learn how to snowboard, you should definitely go and check out the new Burton Learn to Ride Center that is due to open this season. There, you will find all the support and equipment you need to get started.

Interview by Sarah Isabel Lavers

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Drew Campbell and Ivy Leung from World Health Store

For the past three years, the World Health Store (WHS) has been making the capital a little bit healthier, and will make it even easier to keep your new year's resolutions with mini-shops opening all around the city. **Agenda** sat down with founder Drew Campbell and Marketing Director Ivy Leung to muscle up on how to get healthy – and stay sane – in the upcoming year.

Why did you decide to open a health store in Beijing?

DC: I was exposed to the world of health and wellness at a very young age and I am a social entrepreneur who likes to create businesses that genuinely help people. I had 15 years of experience working in health focused firms such as GNC, and when I saw that there were no Western-style health stores in China, I set out to create one. It was an obvious decision from the get-go.

Why did you think China is a great market for health products?

DC: Between 1959 and 1969, 20 million people died from famine. Now, meat, milk and oil, sweets are all abundant, and one out of every 70 people in China is obese. What's more, six to ten million people are set to join those ranks each year.

That being said, what I see and truly admire is that people here want to take control of their health. Five years ago, there were few gyms in Beijing; now they are uniformly spread across the city. People are definitely becoming more and more health-conscious.

IL: At our store, the proportion of Chinese customers has significantly increased and I think it is a result of Chinese consumers becoming more familiar with imported health products.

What do you tell people who are looking for quick solutions?

DC: If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. I have tried many "fat loss pills" myself and not one of them has made a huge difference. There is no substitute for fat loss than what we have learned: a nutritious diet and regular exercise.

IL: I think we live in a quick-fix society where everyone wants everything now, but health is a long-term commitment. If you lose weight too quickly, you will most likely put the weight on fairly quickly too.

Any weight-loss tips?

DC: To stay healthy, we need to stick with a health program. My recommendation is to take it easy on yourself if you slip from the regular schedule and just get back into it without punishing yourself. Set realistic goals with realistic timelines.

IL: I think it's about making a choice, starting something that brings you closer to your goal and being consistent. If you choose to become a healthier person, start by writing down the goals you want to achieve, like exercising again or eating five servings of vegetables and two servings of fruits a day. Then start an exercise that you enjoy, preferably with an exercise partner. You need to constantly remind yourself why you want to live a healthy life. It might be hard to make the change, but you will love the way you feel and look.

Do you have any tips for sticking to your exercise routine?

IL: I discovered a fun way to exercise on the weekend, and it is really cheap! It's called Heyrobics, and I have been going for months in Chaoyang Park. It is a form of aerobics from Sweden and it is so much more fun than traditional aerobics! It combines strength, sprints and agility exercises. In the winter, there are indoor locations in Chaoyang Gymnasium and in Renmin University.

DC: Make sure that your gym is close to you. My gym is not a five-star one,

"Between 1959 and 1969, 20 million people died from famine. Now, one out of every 70 people in China is obese"

but it is close to my home so that going to the gym is not an inconvenience – it's just part of my life.

Do you encourage people to take dietary supplements?

DC: Supplements bridge the nutrition gap of what our bodies are missing in our modern diet. In a busy city, many people are not eating a nutritious diet, and also, modern food does not perform as well as it did before. Tomatoes, for example, often taste watery and weak due to quick ripening techniques that encourage picking from the vine before maturing so that they last longer on supermarket shelves. Some studies in

“I tried a technique that required consuming 25 fish oil pills a day. It didn't work and I ended up with fish oil breath for the day”

DC: Our water ionizer. Ionized water is inherently filtered, and it tastes lighter due to the smaller molecules that allow for deeper hydration.

IL: The shower filter. Because Beijing water is heavily chlorinated, it's extremely drying for the skin and hair. The WHS shower filter uses nano-KDF balls and active carbon, which effectively filter out those things. You can really tell the difference in your skin and hair after using the shower filter.

DC & IL: For an indulgent night, there is no place like L'Isola. For a “zen” night, Pure Lotus is our top choice, and Q Bar's outdoor patio has a great atmosphere and relatively smoke-free air. For massages, Kocoon Spa and Dragonfly are the best choices. Always clean and beautiful, they bring you an immediate sense of peace

Interview by Karen Yvon

Heyrobics See www.heyrobics.com

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the West indicate that the nutrients in bananas have decreased by as much as 85 percent. So in today's world, it is widely recommended to take some kind of supplement even if you have a perfect diet, as the raw ingredient in itself is not as robust as in the past.

How can you convince people to eat healthy when unhealthy food is so appetizing?

DC: There are appetizing healthy meals out there, especially in the Chinese diet. Steamed dishes instead of deep-fried, tofu instead of red meat, deep-green leafy vegetables instead of oily noodles and starchy white rice. It is doable. You just need to be committed to putting your health first.

Some people may dismiss raw food as unappetizing. However, our raw food chef, Jennifer McClelland, creates raw food recipes that are bountiful with health and taste. She has cultivated a following of raw foodies who have prioritized their health without sacrificing taste.

What's your favorite product at WHS?

What's the weirdest weight loss trick you've ever heard about?

DC: I tried a technique that required consuming 25 fish oil pills a day. The rationale was that by overloading the system with Omega-3 fatty acids, you would get rid of the bad fat. It didn't work and I ended up with fish oil breath for the day.

IL: A weird trick that may actually work for some people is eating with your non-dominant hand – it should really slow you down when eating. It takes about 20 minutes for your stomach to tell your brain that it's full – so when you slow down, you give it that time to recognize you've actually taken in some calories.

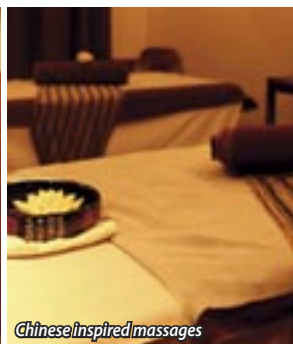
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MeiLi Autumn makes beauty her business

BEAUTY AND BRAINS

Freelance make-up artist and stylist MeiLi Autumn

Some say that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Freelance makeup artist and stylist MeiLi Autumn prefers to think that feeling beautiful is what makes you look beautiful. Since coming to China, she's been involved in all aspects of styling, from one-on-one consultations to big screen productions. **Agenda** met with MeiLi to brush up on beauty, the world of freelance consulting, and Beijing's best-kept beauty secrets.

Tell us a little bit about MeiLi Autumn. Are you just about make-up? My company, MeiLi Autumn, is geared towards styling in general, so it includes personal shopping, hair styling, one-on-one consultations, and I also do corporate training for hotels and restaurants that want their staff to look a certain way. This often includes grooming, style standards, teaching local Chinese different ways

of dressing and doing their hair and makeup. Then there's the fashion part that includes editorials, photo shoots and magazine work. I can honestly say I work across the board.

What made you decide to come to Beijing and start working as a freelance stylist? I studied Chinese in college and I've always been interested in makeup. After college, when I was living in Shanghai, I told myself that if I didn't drop everything and focus on becoming a makeup artist, then shame on me because there was nothing holding me back. I left China, went back home and found a job working for M.A.C. Cosmetics. After two and a half years there, I felt that I had learned everything I needed to start a venture on my own. That's when I decided to come back to Beijing and start my freelance career here.

Why not go back to Shanghai where you lived before? I think it was the timing of the Olympics; I knew that Beijing was going to be a big focus internationally and I liked the idea because Beijing hasn't always been in the spotlight like Shanghai. I just saw the opportunity that it was going to become a city of interest, a focus city. I came a year before the Olympics and I knew if I had to do anything, it was make it through that year.

How did you go about establishing yourself as a freelance makeup artist? I just hit the ground running. I contacted various magazines and now I even write my own fashion blog, which helped get my name out there. Once people found out that there was a foreign makeup artist in town who could cater to their needs, whether it be a makeup lesson, a one-on-one consultation, or just getting their makeup done for an event, a lot of my jobs became referral work. After three years here, I'd have to say that this last one has just been the pinnacle of a lot of successes.

What were some of your favorite past projects? My last project was really neat – I got to do the fashion show for the launch of *The Knot*, which is a wedding network from the US that's launching in China. It was probably the biggest fashion show I've ever done. I also worked on a full-featured film this summer and learned about special effects makeup, which was really interesting but a lot of hard work.

I really love doing one-on-one classes with women and helping them feel beautiful. Being able to do that is a great feeling. I would have to say all of my clients are always highlights for me.

Do you draw from your heritage for inspiration? I am from Maui, Hawaii, and having done a lot of weddings there, I am definitely influenced by it. The natural, beachy, glowy look has been ingrained in me since the

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beginning of my career and I work to perfect that natural, flawless beauty. Skin has always been my focus and I work to give that “no-makeup” look for brides.

Does your Western training influence the way you approach your work? It definitely does. There are certain things that I notice are missing in the Chinese industry. For example, a lot of my foreign clients complain that when they get their makeup done by a Chinese stylist, they always end up a shade whiter and it looks like a mask. My approach with makeup is to never make it look like a mask but rather to accentuate a natural feature. Many Chinese makeup artists are taught to do it one way and they try to apply that to every person. But every face is different with such different characteristics and you have to be able to know how to bring out someone’s best feature.

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In your experience, can Eastern and Western styles complement each other? I think that as we become more of a globalized society with a one-world view, our concepts of beauty also start to merge. You can see Western models with the drawn out cat-eye makeup and you’ll see Chinese models with wide-eyed, smokey look. Even on the runways today, you can absolutely see Western models with an Asian influence. I can see a definite merging and cross-inspiration of different concepts of beauty.

In your opinion, what makes fashion or style important in the first place? Self-expression. Makeup and fashion are a method of self-expression. That’s why when women ask me whether a color of lipstick

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suits them, I ask them if it suits their personality. If that’s going to be your calling card, if that’s what fits your personality, then by all means go for it. It’s the same thing for wearing a bright-colored hat or scarf. Personally, when I want to make a statement, I go for purple eyeshadow.

How can one’s overall style affect their daily life? I know this might sound clichéd or shallow, but sometimes all I need to do is make myself look good in order to feel good. If you can look in the mirror and feel good about yourself, it really helps with your self-confidence and how you approach life. I think women all over sometimes get stuck in a

There’s no look you can pull off if you have crackly, flaky skin. Sothys, which is a French brand, has some incredible facial products which makes your face feel like every cell is moisturized from the inside out.

For nails, Eric Paris Salon has this great new technology called “Shellac” – the polish will last two weeks on your nails without having to change it. It’s great for someone like me who is busy. Now I don’t have to get my nails touched up every few days.

I think doing yoga or other circulation exercises are also really important, so I go to Pacific Century Club and do Bikram Hot Yoga with Huiping Mo.

When you’re not busy styling clients, what else do you like to do around town? I enjoy cooking, so you can often see me at Sanyuanli Market buying ingredients. When I go shopping, I like to find signature boutiques. I also love going into the little shops in the Gulou area – you can find some funky stuff there. Sanlitun is my home. You’ll definitely find me strolling around the Village North or biking around the area.

Interview by Sarah Isabel Lavers

Eric Paris Salon Daily 10am-8pm. 43 Sanlitun Houjie, Chaoyang District (135 0137 2971) 朝阳区三里屯后街43号

Pacific Century Club Daily 10am-6.45pm. 5/F, Bldg E, Pacific Century Club, 2A Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District (6539 3434, 139 1051 3285) 朝阳区工体北路甲2号盈科中心会所F座5层 www.bikramyoga.com

M.A.C. Cosmetics Daily 10am-10pm. L120, 1/F, Bldg C, The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6587 1598) 朝阳区光华路9号C座L120

Sanyuanli Market Daily 5am-7pm. Shunyuan Jie (opposite Jingkelong Supermarket, west of Sanyuan Dongqiao), Chaoyang District 朝阳区顺源街 (三元东桥往西京客隆超市对面)

Do you tend to favor certain brands? I’m a M.A.C. girl, because they trained me so I am very familiar with their products. It’s a solid brand, but there are definitely others out there that I love using, like Nars. Currently, I’m loving Vincent Longo because they have really nice lip products. Smash-box is another good brand.

Can you give us a few beauty insider’s tips? Definitely use a good moisturizer, especially here in Beijing.



Lily's Antiques specializes in antiques, restorations and reproductions

FURNITURE THAT LASTS FOREVER

Frederic Derbaudrenghien, Store and Marketing Manager of Lily's Antiques

Lily's Antiques, one of the largest furniture dealers in Beijing, is well-renowned for both its restoration of real antiques as well as its stunning reproductions. The store has maintained its original Gaobeidian location for over ten years, though the space was recently torn down and refurbished. Lily called in a new man to tighten up management and help with the transition. **Agenda** paid Frederic Derbaudrenghien a visit to discuss his vision for the company, and how he hopes to breathe new life into Beijing's local furniture district.

What inspired you to move from Belgium to Beijing? It's a bit of a love story, actually. I've always wanted to leave Belgium. By coincidence, I was

backpacking throughout China eight years ago when I met a girl here. She had plans to study in France very close to where I lived. So I waited for her to finish her studies, and then we moved back to China together.

Describe the process of restoring or reproducing antiques. Lily's is actually more famous for real furniture. Wholesalers can get decent reproductions from the south of China. But if they want good antiques that have been restored without the antique value being destroyed, they come to us. We leave our pieces in their original form. All antiques need restoration, but of course, some require more than others. For

instance, if you have a table with only three legs and you need to custom-make a fourth leg, the value is much lower.

Where do you find most of your authentic antique furniture? Lily has been in the business for such a long time, she has built her own network of sources. They know what she wants. She has the experience to see which ones are good and which ones aren't. Then she brings the pieces she wants to our big factory here in Beijing. A quarter of the space in this warehouse is devoted to storing unrestored antiques. So if there are foreigners or wholesalers who are choosy about the way they want a piece restored, they can look there. But for most pieces, we use our own discretion.

What do you look for in antiques? Where I come from in Europe, we love culture, we love history.

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Antiques need to look used. I don't like a 1,000-year-old cabinet that looks just like new. I appreciate wear and tear. I want to be able to see that something has been used by five generations of people from five different families.

What are some of the changes you're bringing to Lily's Antiques?

First, I'm putting more emphasis on presentation. When we create a nice display, we show customers how they can make their interior nice. Lots of stores here look like warehouses, with three different types of furniture stacked on top of each other. We don't. We have a showroom. Lily has wonderful taste in item selection; I am simply helping her present it in a better light.

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I've also created different departments – like Lily's Living, Lily's Antiques and Lily's Museum Collection – to make a clear distinction between real antiques and reproductions. I want to make sure we develop with the local market, so we've recently begun offering styles other than traditional Chinese furniture. Just five years ago, that wouldn't have worked in Beijing. But now Chinese people are getting a taste of different cultures, and are more open to it.

We're also the first place in Gaobeidian to start using FSC wood, which is 100 percent green and comes only from controlled forests. No other stores do that yet; they aren't ready for it. I'm sure that by next year some people will follow us.

And when that time comes, we'll help them. When other business owners in the area seek our help, we're there. We hope to help the area develop as a whole. We are do-

ing more than just concentrating on ourselves.

How has Gaobeidian changed over the last few years? Ten years ago, Gaobeidian was a village disconnected from Beijing. But Beijing is growing, and absorbing more areas in the process.

Gaobeidian is a furniture street. Before, maybe half of all the Chinese antiques you could buy abroad came from this area. Hundreds of containers were exported from Gaobeidian.

At the same time, only wholesalers from abroad came here to buy full containers. But then, because the city was growing, they decided we couldn't have factories here anymore – we had to move them outside the Fifth Ring Road. So that's what Lily had to do. And we transformed our Gaobeidian space into a retail shop.

Now we're trying to market Gaobeidian, develop it as a shopping area. We held a street fair a while ago, where we blocked off the whole street and threw in some music and dance. All the shop owners participated. A couple months ago they also opened a parking lot, so they could clear the street of cars and make it more accessible for people coming

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from further away. As a foreigner, I don't understand too much about Chinese politics, but we're trying our best. The government and furniture association are working together to move forward.

What are your thoughts on other furniture retailers, like Ikea? I have nothing against Ikea – some of the furniture in our office even comes from Ikea. What I don't like is that when some customers think about where they ought to buy furniture, they automatically think of Ikea.

There is an alternative, and it's called Gaobeidian. People assume it's only antiques here, but in fact, there are stores with modern furniture. Instead of being just an antique village, Gaobeidian is becoming more of a furniture and interior design village.

When I go to Ikea, I see there are Chinese families who like to go there just to sit on the tables and chairs and beds. That's great, I love that. I love to see people going to Ikea for entertainment purposes. But it hurts me that there, it's overcrowded, and in Gaobeidian, there's still a lot of space. More people need to know that we can provide that here as well.

Interview by Tiffany Wang

Lily's Antiques 1) Daily 8:30am-6pm. Gaobeidian Showroom, 6 Gaobeidian Furniture Street, Chaoyang District (8579 2458) www.lilys-antiques.com 华伦古典家具, 朝阳区高碑店家具一条街69号 2) Factory and warehouse visits by appointment. Baimiao industry area, Songzhuang Town, Tongzhou District (138 0139 6309) 通州区工厂地址, 通州区宋庄镇白庙村工业大院

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● FRIDAY, DEC 17

The Cypher

B-boys, graffiti, and hip-hop. Free. 9.30pm. 2 Kolegas. 21 Liangmaqiao Lu (inside the drive-in movie theater park), Chaoyang District. (6436 8998) 两个好朋友, 朝阳区亮马桥路21号(燕莎桥往东1500米路北汽车电影院内)



● TUESDAY, DEC 21

Volleyball

Competitive volleyballers play once a week near Houhai. Details at beijing_volleyball@hotmail.com.

● WEDNESDAY, DEC 22

Jazz Night

What goes well with pad thai and green chicken curry? Jazz, obviously. Rotating musicians entertain weekly. Purple Haze Courtyard. 1, Dongsi Liutiao (east exit), Dongcheng District. (6501 9345) 紫苏庭, 东城区东四六条1号

● THURSDAY, DEC 23

One Kilo of Brisket and Ribs

Slow-cooked brisket and ribs, courtesy of Louisiana chef Max Levy. RMB 300 (2-3 people can share). 6pm-midnight. Apothecary. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6040) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层

● SUNDAY, DEC 26

Peking Opera Workshop

Want to learn how to enjoy a Peking opera performance? Here's your chance to gain a better understanding of the history of this unique art form. RMB 150, RMB 120 (children under 12). RMB 40. 6-8pm. China Culture Center. 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6432 9341) 朝阳区亮马桥路29号安家楼肯特中心院内



● MONDAY, DEC 27

◀ Fondue Feast

Curb the wintry cold with traditional favorites ranging from melted cheese with bread cubes to tender meats in heated olive oil. For dessert, it's Valrhona chocolate with seasonal fruit. Starting from RMB 280 for two. Blu Lobster. Valley Wing 1/F, Shangri-La Hotel, 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, Haidian District. (6841 2211 ext 6727 / 6728) 蓝韵, 海淀区紫竹院路29号北京香格里拉饭店新阁一层

● SATURDAY, DEC 18

◀ The M-Ed Banger Weekend

See Boys Noize in October? Expect more of the same, with electro from Vicarious Bliss and Mr. Flash. More info at www.the-m.asia. RMB 100, RMB 80 (advance). 10pm. Yugong Yishan. 2-3 Zhang Zizhong Lu (former Duan Qirui government building, east of Ping'an Dadao), Dongcheng District. (6404 2711)
愚公移山, 东城区张自忠路2-3号
段祺瑞执政政府旧址西院

● SUNDAY, DEC 19

Violin/Piano Recital: Hugo Ticciati & Michael Tsalka

The violin and piano virtuosos play Mozart, Schubert and more. RMB 30-380. 7.30pm. Forbidden City Concert Hall. Inside Zhongshan Park, Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District. (6559 8285) 中山公园音乐堂, 西城区西长安街中山公园内

● MONDAY, DEC 20

Fondue Feast

Curb the wintry cold with traditional favorites ranging from melted cheese with bread cubes to tender meats in heated olive oil. For dessert, it's Valrhona chocolate with seasonal fruit. Starting from RMB 280 for two. 11.30-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. Blu Lobster Valley Wing 1/F, Shangri-La Hotel, 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, Haidian District. (6841 2211 ext 6727 / 6728)
蓝韵, 海淀区紫竹院路29号北京香格里拉饭店新阁一层

● FRIDAY, DEC 24

Live Music: Let It Be

30 anniversary concert of the album. A tribute to John Lennon and the Beatles. RMB 60 (RMB 50 in advance). 8pm. MAO Livehouse. 111 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (6402 5080) 光芒, 东城区鼓楼东大街111号



● SATURDAY, DEC 25

◀ Candy Wonderland

Fulfill your candy dream with an extravagant surprising and delightful night. Everything is about candy - candy themed abundant buffet of hearty international cuisines with lovely Ms. Candy Cane's help. And kids will be amazed with Christmas candy store in Daily Treats and candy world with special buffet at Touch. RMB 1588 + 15% per person including free flow soft drinks, local beer, select wine. 11.30am-9.30pm. Westin Chaoyang, 7 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5922 8880) 朝阳区东三环北路7号

● TUESDAY, DEC 28

"Love Is Blue"

A concert in memory of the French music legend Paul Mauriat. Includes his own work and fitting tributes. RMB 180-1,280. 7.30pm. Beijing Exhibition Theater. 135 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Xicheng District. (6835 4455) 北京展览馆剧场, 西城区西直门外大街135号

● WEDNESDAY, DEC 29

Wicked Wednesdays

Buy-one-get-one-free on all classic cocktails. Free. The Stumble Inn. S3-31, 3/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层S3-31

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DEC 16

THURSDAY

→ 9.30AM ←

Ladies Golf Beijing's avid lady golfers play weekly at a local course. RMB 290 (includes green fees, caddy and lunch). Tee-off time is 9.30am. Details at beijingladiesgolf@yahoo.com or www.beijingladiesgolf.org

→ 10AM-NOON ←

Cooking Class: Longevity Peach Pastry Live longer. Make shoutao (peach-shaped longevity buns) and other traditional Chinese pastries that are usually prepared for Chinese New Year or for elderly relatives on their birthdays. RMB 150. China Culture Center. 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6432 9341) 朝阳区亮马桥路29号安家楼青特中心院内

→ 5PM ←

Jubbly Bubbly Two-for-one on champagne by the glass. Free. Terra. 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

No Ties After Five Discounts on beer and selected cocktails. Join the No Ties Club and collect stamps to receive free buckets of beer, wine and spirits. Free. Mix, Westin Chaoyang. Dongsanhua Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8000) 朝阳区东三环北路威斯汀酒店

→ 6PM ←

Wind Down at the Wine Club Discover some of the world's finest wine regions. Five wines and one cocktail accompanied by expert commentary and canapes. RMB 150+15% per person. One East. 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District. (8655 5030) 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

→ 6-10PM ←

Bodega Fever Fill up on as much tapas as you can from Scarlet's wide-ranging selection. Scarlet. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极栈内

→ 7-9PM ←

Handball Men, women, beginners, pros are all welcome to join or just try the game at Beijing City International School in CBD area. Contact Marcus at m.wachtmeister@gmx.de or 152 1027 1497. More info at www.handball-inchina.org.



lonely China Day at YGYS

→ 7.15PM ←

Beijing Devils Training Rugby training out at Dulwich Legend Gardens, Shunyi. Free bus leaves The Den at 7.15pm. The Den. 4 Gongti Donglu (next to City Hotel's main entrance), Chaoyang District. (6592 6290) 敦煌. 朝阳区工体东路4号城市宾馆正门旁边

→ 7.30PM ←

Art Dinner: Get Closer to Art An exclusive evening tour and dinner with exhibiting artists Liu Xiaodong, Yang Yong and Lu Zhengyuan. Discover a story of small-town China, find out what "Punjabi Baroque" really looks like, be dazzled by a lightscape in the Nave, and learn what it means to produce 84 artworks in 84 days. Reservations essential; contact members@ucca.org.cn. RMB 200, RMB 100 (members). UCCA. Dashanzi 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (8459 9269) 尤伦斯当代艺术中心. 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区

Drama: Zero Hour ZiRu Productions returns to Beijing with Modern Dance, music, and art to create East/West cultural fusion. Tickets and more information at 135 2045 0019 or www.ziruproductions.com. Penghao Theater. 35 Dongmianhua Hutong (South Gate of the Central Academy of Drama, between Nanluoguxiang and Jiadaonan Jie), Dongcheng District. (6400 6452/ 72) 蓬蒿剧场. 东城区东棉花胡同35号(中央戏剧学院南门. 南锣鼓巷和交道南街之间)

→ 9PM ←

Live Music: Lonely China Day Join the musical experiment with the "readily assimilative people." RMB 79.9, RMB 59.9 (advance). Yugong Yishan. 2-3 Zhang Zhong Lu (former Dun

Qirui government building, east of Ping'an Dadao), Dongcheng District. (6404 2711) 愚公移山. 东城区张自忠路2-3号段祺瑞执政政府旧址西院

Tightarse Thursdays Carlsberg for RMB 20, Tsingtao for RMB 10. The madness of the Beijing darts league? Priceless. The Stumble Inn. S3-31, 3/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层S3-31

→ 9.30PM ←

Liu Yue Guitar Trio Jazz lines read by classic guitar. Free. East Shore Live Jazz Café. 2 Qianhai Nanyanlu (just to the west of the post office on Di'anmenwai Dajie), Xicheng District. (8403 2131) 东岸咖啡. 西城区地安门外大街前海南沿2号楼2层

→ 10PM ←

Girls' Night Out Free vodka drinks from 10pm-1am for the ladies. Free. Xiu. Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5867 1108) 秀. 朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街2号

→ TIMES VARY ←

Martini Night All martinis are RMB 40 all night, and there's free pizza from 9-10pm. Free. George's. Near Gate 12, east side of Workers' Stadium, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang District. (6553 6299) 朝阳区工体东路工人体育场东门内12号进口

Flamenco Night Enjoy a glass of Sangria with Tapas at RMB 58 or RMB 200 for a bottle to flamenco guitar live band. Water. Store 15-4, Solana, 6 Chaoyangongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6008/9, 137 0113 1533) 子水. 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际南区15-4

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FRIDAY

5.30-9.30PM

Greenfish Seafood Extravaganza

Get wrecked in a briny sea of crabs, scallops, oysters and lobster, where the wine flows like the tide. RMB 328+15% (including free-flowing wine and soft drinks), kids half-price. Greenfish, Ritz-Carlton Beijing Financial Street. 1 Jinchengfang Dongjie, Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6601 6666 ext. 6255) 四季汇, 西城区金城坊东街1号北京金融街丽思卡尔顿酒店

6-10PM

Seafood Carnival

Dive into king crabs, oysters, lobster, caviar and salmon – have it steamed, fried or roasted to your taste at live cooking stations. RMB 328+15% (including beer and wine). Elements, Hilton Hotel. 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5865 5020) 希尔顿酒店, 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

Thank God it's Friday All standard drinks for RMB 25. TGIF Coupons are

on sale buy 5 coupons and get the 6th drink for free! Coupons can be used every Friday. Scarlett. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极线内

6.30PM

Kunqu Opera: The Peony Pavilion

One of the most ancient forms of Chinese opera, Kunqu dates back to the Ming dynasty. The Peony Pavilion – a mythical tale of true love battling conservative feudal ethics – is one of its definitive pieces. RMB 380-1,980 (includes dinner). Nanxincang Imperial Granary. Nanxincang, 22 Dongsishi-tiao, Chaoyang District. (6409 6477/99) 皇家粮仓, 朝阳区东四十条22号南新仓

7.30PM

Dance: The Fire of Anatolia

The Turkish version of Riverdance. In a way. RMB 180-1,280. Beijing Exhibition Theater. 135 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Xicheng District. (6835 4455) 北京展览馆剧场, 西城区西直门外大街135号

Drama: Zero Hour See Thursday, Dec 16 listing.

8PM

Chill Out

Out with the laptops, in with the cocktails and jazz. Free. 8-11pm. The Bookworm. Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6586 9507) 书虫书吧, 朝阳区工体北路4号院

9PM

Live Music: Influential Sound & Vision

The second part of this event features Buddhist rock band Nanwu's album release. RMB 59, RMB 49 (advance, students).. MAO Livehouse. 111 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (6402 5080) 光芒, 东城区鼓楼东大街111号

Live Music: Acid Live

You can't ever have enough acid jazz, but this is their last show of the year. RMB 60, RMB 50 (advance). Yugong Yishan. 2-3 Zhang Zizhong Lu (former Duan Qirui government building, east of Ping'an Dadao), Dongcheng District. (6404 2711) 愚公移山, 东城区张自忠路2-3号段祺瑞执政政府旧址西院

Birdstriking, Chuiwan, Zhang Shou-wang

How energetic, how ahead-of-your-time can you be? They'll show you. RMB 20. What Bar. 72 Beichang Jie (just north of the west gate of the Forbidden City), Xicheng District. (159 0123 6743) 什么酒吧, 西城区北长街72号(故宫西门往北)

9.30PM

The Cypher

B-boys, graffiti, and hip-hop. Free. 2 Kolegas. 21 Liangmaqiao Lu (inside the drive-in movie theater park), Chaoyang District. (6436 8998) 两个好朋友, 朝阳区亮马桥路21号(燕莎桥往东1500米路北汽车电影院内)

DJ Night at Luga's

DJ Tommy plays alternative tunes. Free. Luga's Basement. 1/F (below Luga's Villa), 7 Sanlitun Houjue (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District. (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号1层(离3.3购物中心西北角10米)

Live Music Night

Robbie Hennebry entertains with a mix of covers and his own tunes. Free. Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

10PM

Hip Drop

Big Squeeze drops funky bombs all night long. Free. Q Bar. On the top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 100m south of Beer Mania, Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6595 9239) 朝阳区三里屯南路麦露啤酒吧南100米

Hot Pot

The latest installment of Wordy and Lomang's journey into sound. Free. Punk. B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, The Village at Sanlitun, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6410 5222) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼瑜舍地下1层



Influential Sound & Vision at MAO Livehouse

D E C
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SATURDAY

→ ZAM-6PM ←

Skiing/Snowboarding Class: Nanshan Resort Ski Trip A multinational and expert team will take you on a full day of skiing – with at least two full hours of training – in the best ski resort in the Beijing area. RMB 500, RMB 450 (Culture Yard students). Register @ contact@cultureyard.net or call 8404 4166. Culture Yard. 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District. (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

→ 1PM ←

Field Hockey Ice hockey minus the fights and ice. For more info, e-mail bjhockeyclub@hotmail.com. 1pm. Olympic Sports Center Stadium. 1 Anding Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7845) 奥体中心体育场。朝阳区安定路1号

→ 1-7PM ←

Architecture Tour Are Beijing's modern architectural marvels really all that? Discuss on this free tour. Meet at the pavilion at the top of Jingshan Park. Free. Ninety Percent Travel (151 1791 6648, info@90percenttravel.com) www.90percenttravel.com

→ 1-4PM ←

Black Sesame Gourmet Learn the secrets of Chinese cooking in a courtyard kitchen with the master chefs. Class includes a demonstration, hands-on cooking, plus lunch. RMB 300, RSVP required. Black Sesame Kitchen. 3 Heizhima Hutong, Dongcheng District. (136 9147 4408) www.blacksesamekitchen.com 东城区黑芝麻胡同3号

→ 7. 30PM ←

Opera: Farewell to Cambridge A Peking-based opera that's not Peking Opera. Based on the love triangle between a few of modern China's most beloved intellectuals – architects Lin Huiyin and Liang Sicheng, and the poet Xu Zhimo – when they were students abroad in the 1930s. RMB 200-320. NCPA. 2 Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District. (6655 0000) 国家大剧院。西城区西长安街2号

Dance: The Fire of Anatolia See Thursday, Dec 17 listing.

Drama: Zero Hour See Thursday, Dec 16 listing.



Nike 6.0 "Five Gates" Jam #2: The Canon

→ BPM ←

DJ Party DJ Joe Gauthreaux presents his party-goers through peaks and valleys of soulful funk, progressive rhythms, tribal drums, disco house, and melodic, driving trance. RMB 100 (include one drink). Destination. 7 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 8180) 目的地。朝阳区工体西路7号

→ 10PM ←

The M-Ed Banger Weekend See Boys Noize in October? Expect more of the same, with electro from Vicarious Bliss and Mr. Flash. More info at www.the-masia. RMB 100, RMB 80 (advance). Yugong Yishan. 2-3 Zhang Zizhong Lu (former Duan Qirui government building, east of Ping'an Dadao), Dongcheng District. (6404 2711) 愚公移山。东城区张自忠路2-3号段祺瑞执政政府旧址西院

Made in Ningxia Wu & The Side Effects and Buyi tell you stories about the northwest. Rock it up and folk it down. RMB 40, RMB 30 (students). 2 Kolegas. 21 Liangmaqiao Lu (inside the drive-in movie theater park), Chaoyang District. (6436 8998) 两个好朋友。朝阳区亮马桥路21号(燕莎桥往东1500米路北汽车电影院)

Sherlock Groove DJ Wang Bei plays soul, electronic and other mysteries. Elementary. Free. Q Bar. On the top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 100m south of Beer Mania, Sanlitun Nanlu,

Chaoyang District. (6595 9239) 朝阳区三里屯南路麦露啤酒吧南100米

→ TIMES VARY ←

Brazilian Film Festival Eight documentaries cut through Brazil's image as the land of sun, sea and samba. Free. Club Loop. 1F, Bldg 5, 78 Baiziwang Nan Er Lu, Chaoyang District. (8772 5713) 朝阳区百子湾南二路78号

Nike 6.0 "Five Gates" Jam #2: The Canon Jam session #2 to celebrate the unveiling of the second "unique" obstacle of the NIKE 6.0 Nanshan Park. NIKE 6.0 Nanshan Park, Nanshan Ski Village. Shengshuitou Cun, Henanzhai Town, Miyun County. (8909 1909) 南山滑雪度假村。密云县河南寨镇圣水头村

World Series of Boxing Beijing Dragons take on the Astana Arlans in a fight to the bell. Price, time and venue TBD.

The TREK Peloton Road Bike Cycling Club Rental bikes are available. Riders are divided into groups based on speed and distance. More information at tom@cyclospportschina.com or 139 1028 0053.

I Cabare Live Dinner music 3 courses menu at RMB 248. Come, dine, drink and dance. Cabare. 15-1, Bldg 15, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 1760) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾15号楼1-1号

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SUNDAY

11.30AM

Bubbly Sundays Caviar, live seafood, tartare stations, make-your-own sushi rolls, teppanyaki ice cream and much more. RMB 368+15% (includes free flow of Pommery Pop champagne), RMB 148+15% (kids younger than 12), free (kids under 6). Senses. 1/F, Westin, 9B Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6606-8866 ext. 7810) 味·西城区金融大街乙9号北京金融街威斯汀大酒店1层

FIZZtastic Champagne Brunch Premium Taittinger Champagne on free-flow and a lip-smacking array of international gastronomy. The "Kidz Paradise" features a special food buffet, cartoons and toys for the tots. RMB 368+15%. Penta, Hilton Wangfujing. 8 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District. (5812 8888 ext 8411) 东城区王府井东街8号希尔顿北京王府井酒店

Sunday Champagne Brunch Get your bubbly on at Greenfish's lavish Sunday brunch featuring pan-fried foie gras, seared beef medallions and grilled lobster served tableside. RMB 348+15%. Greenfish, Ritz-Carlton Financial St. 1 Jinchengfang Dongjie, Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6601 6666 ext. 6255) 四季汇·西城区金城坊东街1号北京金融街丽思卡尔顿酒店

Lazy Weekend Brunch Get up late and treat yourself to an international brunch. Prices start at RMB 20. Water. Store 15-4, Solana, 6 Chaoyang-gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6008/9, 137 0113 1533) 子水·朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商务区15-4

NOON-3PM

American Sunday Roast Lazy Sundays of prime beef rib cut tableside with all the trimmings plus traditional puddings and pies. RMB 178+15%, RMB 98+15% extra for wine buffet. One East, Hilton Hotel. 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6466 2288) 希尔顿酒店·朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

1PM

Women's Soccer The Odds and Ends are Beijing's only amateur 11-a-side football team for women. Suitable for all skill levels. Matches or practice every week. Free. Beijing Geological University. Contact Wenhui at 8526 2420 ext 111 or wf7788@hotmail.com.

2-4PM

Christmas Polymer Clay Making Put your creativity to work and make your own Christmas presents this year. Students will learn to work with colorful polymer clay to design their own unique "antiques." Information and reservations at 136 5134 8956. RMB 100. Art center in Lily's Antique. 6 Gaobeidian Furniture Street, Chaoyang District. (8575 5557) 朝阳区高碑店家具一条街69号



Farewell to Cambridge at NCPA

3PM

Drama: Zero Hour ZiRu Productions returns to Beijing with Modern Dance, music, and art to create East/West cultural fusion. Tickets and more information at 135 2045 0019 or www.ziruproductions.com. Penghao Theater. 35 Dongmianhua Hutong (South Gate of the Central Academy of Drama, between Nanluoguxiang and Jiaodaonan Jie), Dongcheng District. (6400 6452/ 72) 蓬蒿剧场·东城区东棉花胡同35号(中央戏剧学院南门外·南锣鼓巷和交道南街之间)

Flag Football The only American football group in Beijing plays flag football for weekend fun. Contact Yoyao Hsueh at yoyao@gmail.com or 159 0120 2499. Chaoyang Park. 1 Nongzhan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. 朝阳公园·朝阳区农展馆南路1号

3.30-5.30PM

Tea at Tiananmen Enjoy a luxurious afternoon – nibble on an array of freshly baked scones, finger sandwiches, delectable cakes and pastries. RMB 138. Capital M. 3/F, 2 Qianmen Pedestrian Street (southeast of Qianmen), Chongwen District. (6702 2727) 崇文区前门步行街2号3层

5.30 & 7PM

Samba Intermediates Intermediate class on every Sunday by native Brazilian and professional dancer and fitness instructor Renata Secco who has over 10 years of performing and teaching experience in Brazil, USA and Asia. RME 80 per lesson. J-Ballet Studio. 1/F, Bldg D, Jingxiu Yuan, Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (8453 3003) 朝阳区幸福村中路景绣园D座1层

7.30PM

Violin/Piano Recital: Hugo Ticcianti & Michael Tsalka The violin and piano virtuosos play Mozart, Schubert and more. RMB 30-380. Forbidden City Concert Hall. Inside Zhongshan Park, Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District. (6559 8285) 中山公园音乐堂·西城区西长安街中山公园内

TIMES VARY

World Snowboard Day China by Burton World Snowboard Day (WSD) is the largest snowboard event in the world. All participating resorts will grant free access for all snowboarders, the program and WSD activities vary from resort to resort. Resorts in Beijing include Jundushan, Dolomiti, Wanlong. See page 26.

DEC 20 MONDAY

11.30AM-2.30PM

Hungry for Hummus? Middle Eastern favorite Rumi is offering a lunch buffet that includes many of their most popular menu items. RMB 88. Rumi, 1A Gongti Beilu (opposite Zhaolong Hotel), Chaoyang District. (8454 3838) 入迷·朝阳区工体北路甲1号兆龙饭店对面

11.30-2.30PM, 5.30-10PM

Fondue Feast Curb the wintry cold with traditional favorites ranging from melted cheese with bread cubes to tender meats in heated olive oil. For dessert, it's Valrhona chocolate with seasonal fruit. Starting from RMB 280 for two. Blu Lobster. Valley Wing 1/F, Shangri-La Hotel, 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, Haidian District. (6841 2211 ext 6727 / 6728) 蓝韵·海淀区紫竹院路29号北京香格里拉饭店新阁一层

2PM

Lakeside Afternoon Tea Daily afternoon tea at RMB 98 including a pot of your favorite tea and tea pastries include classic sandwiches and freshly baked scones served every afternoon before 5pm. Water. Store 15-4, Solana, 6 Chaoyanggongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6008/9, 137 0113 1533) 子水·朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区15-4

4PM

Burger, Burger Mondays Come hungry. Two-for-one on all signature burgers. Blue Frog, 3/F, Bldg 4, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 4030) 蓝蛙·朝阳区三里屯北路19号三里屯Village南区4号楼3层S4-30(6417 4030)

5.30-7PM

Wine Ritual All month. Had a rough day? Unwind in sophisticated surroundings with free-flowing wines and cocktails, including some featured wines. Canapes and snacks also provided. RMB 198+15%. Press Club Bar, St. Regis Hotel, 1/F, St. Regis Hotel Beijing, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6460 6688 ext 2360) 记者吧·东城区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店1层



Cindy Chavez at Centro

6PM-MIDNIGHT

Monday Pizza Night Buy any pizza and get the second one for free. Ciro's Pomodoro, 81 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6008) 波莫多洛·朝阳区三里屯北路81号

7PM

Chinese Language and Culture Club The Chinese teachers will teach you stuff you really want to know, like slang and cursing, pick-up lines, what the popular music is nowadays and more. Register at contact@cultureyard.net. RMB 75, RMB 250 (4 workshops). Culture Yard, 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District. (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

7.30-9PM

Calligraphy Beginners Course Conducted in English, the class is designed for Western learners, covering everything from the meaning to the evolution of the characters. You don't have to be able to write Chinese – just be enthusiastic and able to hold a brush. RMB 160, RMB 480 (four classes). China Culture Center, 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6432 9341) 朝阳区亮马桥路29号安家楼青特中心院内

8PM

Live Music: Cindy Chavez Cindy Chavez, a jazz singer of Latin heritage who blends jazz rhythms with her tender voice and soft piano accompaniments. Free. Centro, 1/F, Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6561 8833) 炫酷·朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心饭店1层

9.30PM

The Boardroom Buy-one-get-one-free Moët champagne cocktails, 20 percent discounts on all bottles of Johnnie Walker and Hennessy VSOP, and a free glass of sparkling wine for secretaries. If only all offices were like this. While Tia and The KnutZ heat up the dance floor with R&B, hip-hop, jazz and more. Free. Xiu. Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5867 1108) 秀·朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街2号

TIMES VARY

Happy Mondays All-day happy hour. The Stumble Inn. The Stumble Inn, S3-31, 3/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层S3-31

Temptation Mondays Get over the Monday blues with 30% off any bottle of wine. Mosto, 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6030) 摸石头·朝阳区三里屯北路81号那里花园3层

Beijing City Bus Tour This daily bilingual city tour offers a brief introduction to Beijing's sights and planning. RMB 380, free (children under 1.2m). Day tour (3 hours) bus departs at 9.30am, 10am, 2pm and 2.30pm. Night tour (1.5 hours) bus departs at 7pm and 7.30pm. Tour departs from Guomao Exhibition Hall. Beijing Citybus Tour (400 650 0760) www.citybustour.com

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TUESDAY

10AM-NOON

Talk: Chinese Foot-binding Most of us have heard the horror stories; here's your chance to learn the reasoning behind this once-popular custom. RMB 40. China Culture Center. 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6432 9341) 朝阳区亮马桥路29号安家楼青特中心院内

5PM

Terra-fic Tuesdays Two-for-one Stellas, imported beers for RMB 28 (or RMB 100 for a bucket), RMB 38 caipirinhas and mojitos, RMB 48 for a glass of champagne and 20 percent off on all bottles of wine. Free. Terra. 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

6PM

Irish Volunteer Quiz How much do you get paid? The Irish Volunteer. Jiangtai Lu (opposite the east gate of the Lido Hotel), Chaoyang District. (150 1112 4113) 朝阳区高家园小区平房311号(丽都饭店东门对面)

6-10PM

Tuesdays Foie Gras Night Special home-made goose liver menu starting from RMB 68. Scarlett. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极栈内

7PM

Ballet: Swan Lake The timeless ballet, brought to you by Russia's award-winning Moscow State Classical Ballet. RMB 20-280. PKU Centennial Memorial Hall. Inside Peking University, 5A Yiheyuan Lu, Haidian District. (6275 1278) 北大百年纪念礼堂。海淀区颐和园路甲5号北京大学内

7-9PM

Gaelic Football Beijing Gaelic Football Club holds weekly men's and women's practice games every Tuesday in the city; all skill levels are welcome. Details at beijinggaa@yahoo.com or www.beijinggaa.org.

7.15PM

Beijing Devils Training Rugby training out at Dulwich Legend Gardens, Shunyi. Free bus leaves The Den at 7.15pm. The Den. 4 Gongti Donglu (next to City Hotel's main entrance), Chaoyang District. (6592 6290) 敦煌。朝阳区工体东路4号城市宾馆正门旁边

Women's Rugby Rugby training out at Dulwich Legend Gardens, Shunyi. Free bus leaves The Den at 7.15pm. Contact Amy at 152 0148 7305 or haggisgoeswild@gmail.com.

7.30PM

Stumble Inn Quiz Night How many beers do you have? Free. The Stumble Inn. S3-31, 3/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层S3-31

7.40PM

Pilates Work the mind and the body

at this class. RMB 90. Yin Yang Community Center, Courtyard 1, Hegezhuang Village, Chaoyang District. (6431 2108) www.yinyangbeijing.com 朝阳区崔各庄乡何各庄村1号院

8PM

NFL at Luga's Watch the NFL with bottles of Coors or Sol (six for RMB 98). Free. Luga's Basement. 1/1 (below Luga's Villa), 7 Sanlitun Houjie (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District. (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号1层(离3.3购物中心西北角10米)

Quiz Night Questions and answers. Free. Tim's Texas Bar-B-Q. 14 Dongdaqiao Lu (on the corner of Guanghua Lu), Chaoyang District. (6591 9161) www.timsbarbq.com Tim's 熏烤房。朝阳区东大桥路14号贵友大厦正北200米

8.30PM

Open Mic Night Brave a demanding crowd and get a drink for your efforts. Free. Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

9PM

Mundo Latino with Magic Tequila All night long, enjoy 20 percent discounts on all bottles of tequila to the sound of salsa and Latin rhythms. Free. Xiu. Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5867 1108) 秀。朝阳区朝阳区东直门外大街28号

Eastside Open Mic An open mic night with drinks specials to get you brave enough. Free. Tun. Courtyard 4 (20m south of Salsa Caribe), Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6585 5866) 屯。朝阳区工体北路4号院

TIMES VARY

Painting by Nathalie Rimlinger An exhibition of nudes plus sculptures inspired by tai chi masters and autistic children. Free. Alliance Francaise. French Cultural Centre. 16 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6553 2678) 朝阳区工体西路16号

The Third Party: The Stranger The second part of The Third Party trilogy. Curated by Beatrice Leanza. Free. Platform China. 319-1 East End Art (Zone A), Caochangdi Village (take the Airport Service road one exit past Wuhuan Lu, take the first right and turn north on the road opposite the Chang Jian Driving School), Chaoyang District. (6432 0169/0091) 站台 中国当代艺术机构。朝阳区草场地村319-1艺术东区A区内



Ballet: Swan Lake at Peking University

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WEDNESDAY

4PM

Buy One Burger, Get One Free

From steakhouse to swiss & shrooms – double your fun. All-Star Sports Bar & Grill. Bldg 5, 1/F, Solana Shopping Mall, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号Solana蓝色港湾国际商业区5-1

6-9PM

Cold Cut Combo Night Feel like salami? Ham? Both? Get a large platter of cold cuts and one bottle of house wine for RMB 218. Scarlett. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极线内

6-10PM

Martini Tasting Wednesdays Try four new creations and vote on your favorite. You may even get the chance to name one of them. RMB 100. Q Bar. On the top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 100m south of Beer Mania, Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6595 9239) 朝阳区三里屯南路麦兜啤酒吧南100米

6.30-8.30PM

Wine Way Syrah/Shiraz wine tasting of wines from different regions, made from the same grape variety, called by different names. RMB 200. More information and reservation at 6562 11800 ext 139, beijing@pudaowines.com. Sadler. 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (6559 1399) 东城区前门东大街23号

6.45PM

Nia A brand-new fusion of lifestyle and fitness. Apparently it's just like chocolate. RMB 110 (one class), RMB 800 (eight classes). Yin Yang Community Center, Courtyard 1, Hegezhuang Village, Chaoyang District. (6431 2108) www.yinyangbeijing.com 朝阳区崔各庄乡何各庄村1号院

8PM

Frank's Quiz Win money. RMB 20. Frank's Place. Jiangtai Xilu, west of Rosedale Hotel, Lido area, Chaoyang District. (6437 8399) 朝阳区丽都将台西路

Pomegranate Quiz Quizmaster Karl one week, a guest every other. Expect fun questions on such topics as Cockney rhyming slang. Free. The Pomegranate. 19 Kaifa Lu, Xi Baix-



Wine Way at Sadler

inzhuan, Houshayu, Shunyi District. (8046 2558) 石榴园. 顺义区后沙峪西白辛庄开发路19号

Jazz Night What goes well with pad thai and green chicken curry? Jazz, obviously. Rotating musicians entertain weekly. Purple Haze Courtyard. 1, Dongsi Liutiao (east exit), Dongcheng District. (6501 9345) 紫苏庭. 东城区东四六条1号

8.30PM

Paddy's Quiz Free prizes for every round and free drinks for the top five finishers. Free. Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

9PM-4AM

Open Bar All cocktails, Tsingdao and Draft beer for ladies RMB 30, gentlemen at RMB 60. Juicy spot. 2-3/F, 2 Chaoyang Xilu (30m south of Chaoyang Park West Gate), Chaoyang District. (6593 0610) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路2号楼2-3层 (朝阳公园西门往南30米)

9PM

Divas & Champagne Buy-one-get-one-free on champagne cocktails and bottles of Moët. Free. Xiu. Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5867 1108) 秀. 朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街2号

Wicked Wednesdays Buy-one-get-one-free on all classic cocktails. Free. The Stumble Inn. 53-31, 3/F, Sanlitun

Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层S3-31

Coquin Ladies Night Free cocktails until 1am for those of the appropriate sex. Free. Touch, Westin Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8888 ext 8112) 朝阳区新源南路1号威斯汀酒店

Bling Loves Ladies Night Free cosmopolitans and mojitos for ladies. RMB 100 open bar for the gents. Bling. Solana 5-1, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号Solana蓝色港湾国际商业区5-1

10PM

Kitchen DJs Bitesize Buddha and Saul D cook up down and dirty funk soul disco and early hip-hop. Free. Punk. B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, The Village at Sanlitun, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6410 5222) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼瑜舍地下1层

TIMES VARY

Tango Learn from Alejandro and Camila. Arriba. RMB 120 per class. Private lessons available. See www.camilay.com or call 8552 5228.

Jazz and Martini Night Buy-one-get-one-free martinis for ladies. Men in suits and ties are also eligible for the discount. Free. George's. Near Gate 12, east side of Workers' Stadium, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang District. (6553 6299) 朝阳区工体东路工人体育场东门内12号进口

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THURSDAY

→ 9.30AM →

Ladies Golf Beijing's avid lady golfers play weekly at a local course. RMB 290 (includes green fees, caddy and lunch). Tee-off time is 9.30am. Details at beijingladiesgolf@yahoo.com or www.beijingladiesgolf.org

→ 5PM →

Jubbly Bubbly Two-for-one on champagne by the glass. Free. Terra. 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

No Ties After Five Discounts on beer and selected cocktails. Join the No Ties Club and collect stamps to receive free buckets of beer, wine and spirits. Free. Mix, Westin Chaoyang. Dongsanhua Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8000) 朝阳区东三环北路威斯汀酒店

→ 6PM →

Wind Down at the Wine Club Discover some of the world's finest wine regions. Five wines and one cocktail accompanied by expert commentary and canapes. RMB 150+15% per person. One East. 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District. (5865 5030) 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

Bodega Fever Fill up on as much

tapas as you can from Scarlett's wide-ranging selection. Scarlett. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极栈内

→ 8PM-MIDNIGHT →

One Kilo of Brisket and Ribs Slow-cooked brisket and ribs, courtesy of Louisiana chef Max Levy. RMB 300 (2-3 people can share). Apothecary. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6040) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层

→ 7-9PM →

Handball Men, women, beginners, pros are all welcome to join or just try the game at Beijing City International School in CBD area. Contact Marcus at m.wachtmeister@gmx.de or 152 1027 1497. More info at www.handball-inchina.org.

→ 7.15PM →

Beijing Devils Training Rugby training out at Dulwich Legend Gardens, Shunyi. Free bus leaves The Den at 7.15pm. The Den. 4 Gongti Donglu (next to City Hotel's main entrance), Chaoyang District. (6592 6290) 敦煌. 朝阳区工体东路4号城市宾馆正门旁边

→ 7.30 & 9PM →

Samba Beginners Beginner's class on every Thursday by native Brazilian and professional dancer and fitness instructor Renata Secco who has over 10 years of performing and teaching experience in Brazil, USA and Asia. RME 80 per lesson. J-Ballet Studio.

1/F, Bldg D, Jingxiu Yuan, Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (8453 3003) 朝阳区幸福村中路景绣园D座1层

→ 9PM →

Exposed: Ladies' Night Free VnC cocktails and second-floor "girls-only" zone. Free. Zeta Bar. 2/F, Hilton Beijing, Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5865 5000) 颐达吧. 朝阳区东三环北路东方1号希尔顿饭店2层

Tightarse Thursdays Carlsberg for RMB 20, Tsingtao for RMB 10. The madness of the Beijing darts league? Pricelless. The Stumble Inn. S3-31, 3/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层S3-31

→ 9.30PM →

Liu Yue Guitar Trio Jazz lines read by classic guitar. Free. East Shore Live Jazz Café. 2 Qianhai Nanyanlu (just to the west of the post office on Di'anmenwai Dajie), Xicheng District. (8403 2131) 东岸咖啡. 西城区地安门外大街前海南沿2号楼2层

→ 10PM →

Girls' Night Out Free vodka drinks from 10pm-1am for the ladies. Free. Xiu. Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5867 1108) 秀. 朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街2号

→ TIMES VARY →

Martini Night All martinis are RMB 40 all night, and there's free pizza from 9-10pm. Free. George's. Near Gate 12, east side of Workers' Stadium, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang District. (6553 6299) 朝阳区工体东路工人体育场东门内12号进口

Mule and Mojito Thursday With northern China facing shortages, Mao Mao Chong wants you to use less water. Order a mule or mojito and bring your glass back for a refill. The bar saves water on washing the glass, and you'll pay just RMB 20 for the refill. Win-win. Free. Mao Mao Chong. 12 Banchang Hutong (east off Nanluogu Xiang), Dongcheng District. (159 9264 6024) 毛毛虫. 东城区板厂胡同12号 (南锣鼓巷往东走)

Flamenco Night Enjoy a glass of Sangria with Tapas at RMB 58 or RMB 200 for a bottle to flamenco guitar live band. Water. Store 15-4, Solana, 6 Chaoyanggongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6008/9, 137 0113 1533) 子水. 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际南区15-4



Mule and Mojito Thursday at Mao Mao Chong

DEC 24 FRIDAY

— 6PM —

Elegant Christmas Season at Le

Pré Lenôtre Be festive and partake of Perrier-Jouët champagne and a five-course French feast with live music, a lucky draw, and even a gift to take home. RMB 1,988+15% for two. Le Pré Lenôtre, Sofitel. Tower C, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (6410 5230) 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场C座万达索菲特大饭店

East 33 Christmas Buffet Feast on an opulent buffet with delicacies such as Boston lobster, poached whole salmon and turkey with tropical fruits. Santa will be there with his helpers to perform tricks and magic to the delight of young and old alike. RMB 688, RMB 488 net for kids under 12. East 33. Raffles Beijing Hotel, 33 Dongchangan Jie, Dongcheng District (6526 3388 ext 5171) 东城区东长安街33号北京饭店莱佛士

A SALT'S Christmas Enjoy SALT'S delectable five-course Christmas Eve meal of full-flavored seasonal delights along with Gaby's Christmas Cocktails and sparkling specials. RMB 358. 6-10.30pm. SALT. 2/F, 9 Jiangtai Xilu (opposite the Japanese School, west of Rosedale Hotel), Chaoyang District. (6437 8457) 盐, 朝阳区将台西路9号2层 (珀丽酒店西边)

Christmas Special Set Menu Chose from two set meals, seafood and meat, both of which include traditional Italian panettone and Italian Wine from Campania. RMB 338-388 per person. C-10, Lucky Street, 1 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5867 0263) 拿波里餐厅, 朝阳区朝阳公园路好运街C-10号

— 6.30PM —

Casino Royale Magic, cancan dancers, a buffet and great raffle prizes. RMB 888, RMB 1,088, RMB 2,088, depending on seat location. 6.30pm. Grand Ballroom, Doubletree by Hilton, 168 Guanganmenwai Dajie, Xuanwu District, Xuanwu District (6338 1888) 宣武区宣武区广安门外大街168号

Kunqu Opera: The Peony Pavilion

One of the most ancient forms of Chinese opera, Kunqu dates back to



Celebrate Christmas Vegas Style at the Doubletree by Hilton

the Ming dynasty. The Peony Pavilion – a mythical tale of true love battling conservative feudal ethics – is one of its definitive pieces. RMB 380-1,980 (includes dinner). Nanxincang Imperial Granary. Nanxincang, 22 Dongshihitiao, Chaoyang District. (6409 6477/99) 皇家粮仓, 朝阳区东四十条22号南新仓

— 7.30PM —

Ballet: Swan Lake The best ballet in Belarus – the National Academic Ballet Theater – do their version of Odette and Odile. RMB 180-2,011. Great Hall of the People. West side of Tian'anmen Square, Dongcheng District. (6309 6156) 人民大会堂, 东城区天安门广场西侧

— 9PM —

Robust Husband X-Mas Rock

Party Have a punk Christmas Eve with Brain Failure, The Dancers and ex-Joyside's frontman Bian Yuan. RMB 120, RMB 100 (advance, students). MAO Livehouse. 111 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (6402 5080) 光芒, 东城区鼓楼东大街111号

Christmas at Q Donate items for charity in return for a holiday drink. See www.qbarbeijing.com for details about suggested donations. Special Christmas cocktails and treats available all night. Free. Q Bar. On the top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 100m south of Beer Mania, Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6595 9239) 朝阳区

三里屯南路麦兜啤酒吧南100米

Retrodance "Nostalgia" Golden oldies for Christmas Eve. RMB 80, RMB 50 (advance). Yugong Yishan. 2-3 Zhang Zizhong Lu (former Duan Qirui government building, east of Ping'an Dadao), Dongcheng District. (6404 2711) 愚公移山, 东城区张自忠路2-3号段祺瑞执政政府旧址西院

— 9.30PM —

Christmas Eve Party DJ Tommy plays festive tunes. Free. Luga's Basement. 1/F (below Luga's Villa), 7 Sanlitun Houjiejie (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District. (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号1层 (离3.3购物中心西北角10米)

— 10PM —

33 45 presents White XXX-mas

The White Rabbit crew returns, with Zhi Qi, Yang Bing, Donald Summer and Jiong Jiong on deck duty. RMB 100. Yuanfen Art Space. Dashanzi art district, Chaoyang District. (5978 9896) 缘分新媒体艺术空间, 朝阳区大山子艺术区七星东街

Round Table Knights

House music from this Defected Records-signed DJ team. RMB 50, free (before 11 pm). Punk. B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, The Village at Sanlitun, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6410 5222) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village 1号楼瑜伽舍地下1层

DEC 25 SATURDAY

8AM

Ice Hiking Walk on (frozen) water amidst spectacular scenery. Cost includes equipment, guide and lunch. Meet in front of McDonald's at Ginza Mall (southeast corner of Dongzhimen Qiao). RMB 330, RMB 290 (children under 16). Ninety Percent Travel (151 1791 6648, info@90percenttravel.com) www.90percenttravel.com

11.30AM-9.30PM

Candy Wonderland Fulfill your candy dream with an extravagant surprising and delightful night. Everything is about candy - candy themed abundant buffet of hearty international cuisines with lovely Ms. Candy Cane's help. And kids will be amazed with Christmas candy store in Daily Treats and candy world with special buffet at Touch. RMB 1588 + 15% per person including free flow soft drinks, local beer, select wine and Moët & Chandon Champagne. Westin Chaoyang, 7 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5922 8880) 朝阳区东三环北路7号

11.30AM

Barolo Christmas Day Brunch A five-course lunch amidst the festive spirit and décor of Barolo. All diners

will enjoy one complimentary drink at the Ritz Carlton Bar. RMB 488 for a five-course set lunch, RMB 688 for five-course set lunch, includes wine. Barolo, 2/F, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, China Central Place, 83A Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District (5908 8888) 朝阳区华贸中心建国路甲83号丽思卡尔顿酒店

Vasco's Christmas Day Christmas

Day will be so much more jolly when celebrated with an abundance of scrumptious holiday offerings from Executive Chef Yu Xiang Gu and his team. And light up your festive season with our colourful spread of Christmas delights and desserts. Christmas would not be the same without the familiar sight of Santa Claus. RMB 468 +15%, RMB 234 +15% for ages 6-12. Vasco's, 5/F, Hilton Beijing Wangfujing, 8 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District (5812 8888) 东城区王府井东街8号希尔顿北京王府井酒店5层

2.30-5.30PM

Teddy Bear High Tea A charming afternoon tea to be enjoyed by children and their parents. To add to the Christmas spirit, all children will leave with a surprise gift. RMB 148+15% children, RMB 188+15% adults. Ritz-Carlton Beijing, 83A Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5908 8888) 朝阳区建国路甲83号

3.30-5.30PM

Tea at Tiananmen Enjoy a luxurious afternoon - nibble on an array of freshly baked scones, finger sandwiches, delectable cakes and pastries. RMB 138. Capital M, 3/F, 2 Qianmen

Pedestrian Street (southeast of Qianmen), Chongwen District. (6702 2727) 崇文区前门步行街2号3层

7.30PM

Richard Clayderman Christmas

Concert The piano prince plays on Christmas Day. RMB 180-2,010. Great Hall of the People. West side of Tian'anmen Square, Dongcheng District. (6309 6156) 人民大会堂, 东城区天安门广场西侧

8.30PM

Live Music: Hao Yun An easy merry Christmas with Hao Yun's folksy cheerful tunes. RMB 100, RMB 80 (advance). The Star Live, 3/F, Tango, 79 Heping Xijie (50m north of Yonghegong subway station), Dongcheng District. (6425 5677) 星光现场, 东城区和平西街79号糖果3层 (雍和宫桥路北50米)

9PM

Section 6 Hip-hop don't stop. RMB 30. Yugong Yishan, 2-3 Zhang Zizhong Lu (former Duan Qirui government building, east of Ping'an Dadao), Dongcheng District. (6404 2711) 愚公移山, 东城区张自忠路2-3号段祺瑞执政府旧址西院

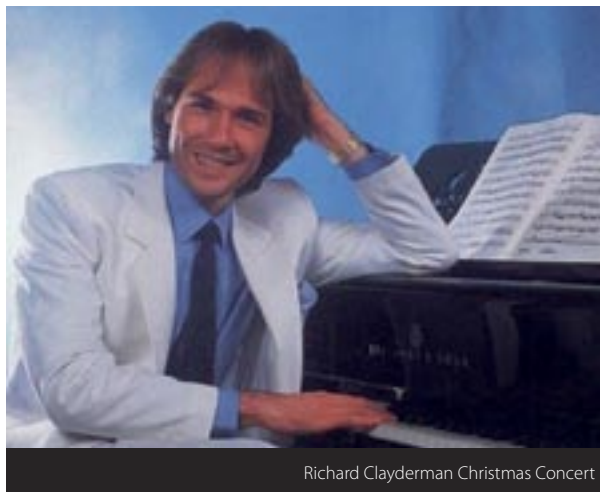
9.30PM

Christmas Party DJ Tommy continues to play festive tunes. Free. Luga's Basement, 1/F (below Luga's Villa), 7 Sanlitun Houjiejie (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District. (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号1层(离3.3购物中心西北角10米)

TIMES VARY

Hilton Christmas Day Celebrate a merry Christmas and welcome in the exciting New Year in traditional American style at Hilton Beijing's award-winning One East. Their culinary team has prepared a decadent set menu filled with American favorites with a creative modern twist. Lunch and dinner both available. 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District (5865 5000 ext 5030) 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

A Very Fusion Christmas Enjoy a Christmas meal with Asian flair at Bei, including salted duck mochi dumplings and stuffed pig with sautéed kale. RMB 698+15% (includes a glass of champagne). Bei, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, The Village at Sanlitun, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 6688) 瑜舍, 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼



Richard Clayderman Christmas Concert

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SUNDAY

11.30AM

Bubbly Sundays Caviar, live seafood, tartare stations, make-your-own sushi rolls, teppanyaki ice cream and much more. RMB 368+15% (includes free flow of Pommery Pop champagne), RMB 148+15% (kids younger than 12), free (kids under 6). Senses. 1/F, Westin, 9B Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6606-8866 ext. 7810) 味·西城区金融大街乙9号北京金融街威斯汀大酒店1层

Sunday Champagne Brunch Get your bubbly on at Greenfish's lavish Sunday brunch featuring pan-fried foie gras, seared beef medallions and grilled lobster served tableside. RMB 348+15%. Greenfish, Ritz-Carlton Financial St. 1 Jinchengfang Dongjie, Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6601 6666 ext. 6255) 四季汇·西城区金城坊东街1号北京金融街丽思卡尔顿酒店

Lazy Weekend Brunch Get up late and treat yourself to an international brunch. Prices start at RMB 20. Water. Store 15-4, Solana, 6 Chaoyang-gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6008/9, 137 0113 1533) 子水·朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区15-4

FIZZtastic Champagne Brunch Premium Taittinger Champagne on free-flow and a lip-smacking array of international gastronomy. The "Kidz Paradise" features a special food buffet, cartoons and toys for the tots. RMB 368+15%. Penta, Hilton Wangfujing, 8 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District. (5812 8888 ext 8411) 东城区王府井东街8号希尔顿北京王府井酒店

NOON-3PM

American Sunday Roast Lazy Sundays of prime beef rib cut tableside with all the trimmings plus traditional puddings and pies. RMB 178+15%, RMB 98+15% extra for wine buffet. One East, Hilton Hotel. 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6466 2288) 希尔顿酒店·朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

1PM

Women's Soccer The Odds and Ends are Beijing's only amateur 11-a-side football team for women. Suitable for all skill levels. Matches or practice



Tea at Tiananmen

every week. Free. Beijing Geological University. Contact Wenhui at 8526 2420 ext 111 or wf7788@hotmail.com.

1.50PM

Hutong Rickshaw Tour Explore the hutong on this rickshaw ride, before stopping in to see a traditional courtyard and meet a local family. Call Lisa on 139 1150 8227 or 8621 6278 for more information. RMB 180. Meet at 1.50pm at the South gate of Lotus Lane. CnAdventure. www.cnadventure.com

2PM

Water Polo Beijing Ducks play most Sundays. All skill levels welcome. For more info, contact richard.andrew.young@gmail.com. International School of Beijing

3PM

Flag Football The only American football group in Beijing plays flag football for weekend fun. Contact Yoyao Hsueh at yoyaoh@gmail.com or 159 0120 2499. Chaoyang Park. 1 Nongzhan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. 朝阳公园·朝阳区农展馆南路1号

3.30-5.30PM

Tea at Tiananmen Enjoy a luxurious afternoon nibbling on an array of freshly baked scones, finger sandwiches, delectable cakes and pastries. RMB 138. Capital M. 3/F, 2 Qianmen Pedestrian Street (southeast of Qianmen), Chongwen District. (6702 2727) 崇文区前门步行街2号3层

5.30 & 7PM

Samba Intermediates Intermediate class on every Sunday by native

Brazilian and professional dancer and fitness instructor Renata Secco who has over 10 years of performing and teaching experience in Brazil, USA and Asia. RME 80 per lesson. J-Ballet Studio. 1/F, Bldg D, Jingxiu Yuan, Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (8453 3003) 朝阳区幸福村中路景绣园D座1层

6-8PM

Peking Opera Workshop Want to learn how to enjoy a Peking opera performance? Here's your chance to gain a better understanding of the history of this unique art form. RMB 150, RMB 120 (children under 12). RMB 40. China Culture Center. 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6432 9341) 朝阳区亮马桥路29号安家楼青特中心院内

7.30PM

Ballet: Swan Lake The Imperial Russian Ballet offers yet another take on the classic. RMB 180-880. Beijing Exhibition Theater. 135 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Xicheng District. (6835 4455) 北京展览馆剧场·西城区西直门外大街135号

TIMES VARY

Hash House Harriers Run every Sunday, then drink like a sailor at port. Meet at Paddy O'Shea's. Meeting times vary (www.hash.cn). Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

The TREK Peloton Road Bike Cycling Club Rental bikes are available. Riders are divided into groups based on speed and distance. More information at tom@cycloportschina.com or 139 1028 0053.

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MONDAY

→ 11.30-2.30PM, 5.30-10PM ←

Fondue Feast Curb the wintry cold with traditional favorites ranging from melted cheese with bread cubes to tender meats in heated olive oil. For dessert, it's Valrhona chocolate with seasonal fruit. Starting from RMB 280 for two. Blu Lobster, Valley Wing 1/F, Shangri-La Hotel, 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, Haidian District. (6841 2211 ext 6727 / 6728) 蓝韵, 海淀区紫竹院路29号北京香格里拉饭店新阁一层

→ 4PM ←

Burger, Burger Mondays Come hungry. Two-for-one on all signature burgers. Blue Frog, 3/F, Bldg 4, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 4030) 蓝蛙, 朝阳区三里屯北路19号三里屯Village南区4号楼3层S4-30 (6417 4030)

→ 5.30-7PM ←

Wine Ritual All month. Had a rough day? Unwind in sophisticated surroundings with free-flowing wines and cocktails, including some featured wines. Canapes and snacks also provided. RMB 198+15%. Press Club Bar, St. Regis Hotel, 1/F, St. Regis Hotel Beijing, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6460 6688 ext

2360) 记者吧, 东城区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店1层

→ 7PM ←

Chinese Language and Culture Club

The Chinese teachers will teach you stuff you really want to know, like slang and cursing, pick-up lines, what the popular music is nowadays and more. Register at contact@cultureyard.net. RMB 75, RMB 250 (4 workshops). Culture Yard, 10 Shiqie Hutong, Dongcheng District. (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

→ 7.30-9PM ←

Calligraphy Beginners Course

Conducted in English, the class is designed for Western learners, covering everything from the meaning to the evolution of the characters. You don't have to be able to write Chinese – just be enthusiastic and able to hold a brush. RMB 160, RMB 480 (four classes). China Culture Center, 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6432 9341) 朝阳区亮马桥路29号安家楼青肯特中心院内

→ 7.30PM ←

Early Music: Christmas Concert

Christmas comes late for fans of pre-baroque music. RMB 30-380. Forbidden City Concert Hall, Inside Zhongshan Park, Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District. (6559 8285) 中山公园音乐堂, 西城区西长安街中山公园内

New Year Concert: Voices of Spring – Symphonia Vienna

Austria's exceptional musicians go through the genres. RMB 100-1,080. Poly Theatre, Poly Plaza, 14 Dongzhimen Nandajie, Dongcheng District. (6500 1188 ext

5126/5127) 保利剧院, 东城区东直门南大街14号保利大厦1层

Bookworm Pub Quiz Put your grey matter to the test under some tough questioning. Wine specials all night. Free. The Bookworm, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6586 9507) 书友书吧, 朝阳区工体北路4号院

→ 8PM ←

Live Music: Allie Webb LA singer charms with pop and jazz tunes every Monday to Saturday. Free. Aria, China World Hotel, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 2266) 中国大饭店, 朝阳区建国门外大街1号

Live Music: Cindy Chavez Cindy Chavez, a jazz singer of Latin heritage who blends jazz rhythms with her tender voice and soft piano accompaniments. Free. Centro, 1/F, Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6561 8833) 炫酷, 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心饭店1层

→ 9.30PM ←

The Boardroom Buy-one-get-one-free Moët champagne cocktails, 20 percent discounts on all bottles of Johnnie Walker and Hennessy VSOP, and a free glass of sparkling wine for secretaries. If only all offices were like this. While Tia and The KnutZ heat up the dance floor with R&B, hip-hop, jazz and more. Free. Xiu, Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5867 1108)

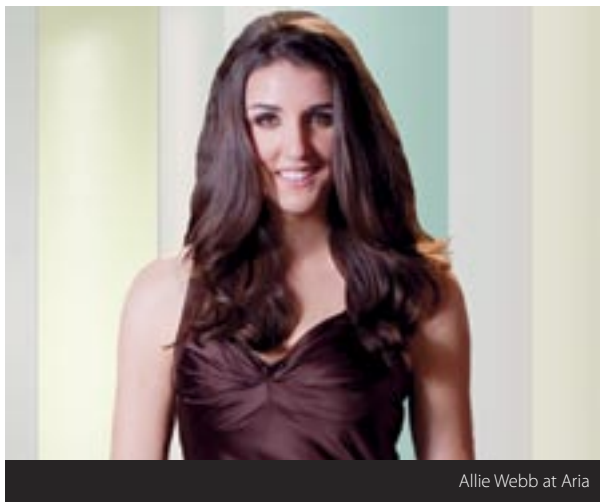
秀, 朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街2号

→ TIMES VARY ←

Happy Mondays All-day happy hour. The Stumble Inn. The Stumble Inn, S3-31, 3/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层S3-31

Temptation Mondays Get over the Monday blues with 30% off any bottle of wine. Mosto, 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6030) 摸石头, 朝阳区三里屯北路81号那里花园3层

Beijing City Bus Tour This daily bilingual city tour offers a brief introduction to Beijing's sights and planning. RMB 380, free (children under 1.2m). Day tour (3 hours) bus departs at 9.30am, 10am, 2pm and 2.30pm. Night tour (1.5 hours) bus departs at 7pm and 7.30pm. Tour departs from Guomao Exhibition Hall. Beijing Citybus Tour (400 650 0760) www.citybustour.com



Allie Webb at Aria

DEC 28

TUESDAY

→ 5PM →

Terra-fic Tuesdays Two-for-one Stellas, imported beers for RMB 28 (or RMB 100 for a bucket), RMB 38 caipirinhas and mojitos, RMB 48 for a glass of champagne and 20 percent off on all bottles of wine. Free. Terra. 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

→ 6PM →

Irish Volunteer Quiz How much do you get paid? The Irish Volunteer. Jiangtai Lu (opposite the east gate of the Lido Hotel), Chaoyang District. (150 1112 4113) 朝阳区高家园小区平房311号(丽都饭店东门对面)

→ 6-10PM →

Tuesday Foie Gras Night Special home-made goose liver menu starting from RMB 68. Scarlet. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极栈内

→ 7.15PM →

Beijing Devils Training Rugby training out at Dulwich Legend Gardens, Shunyi. Free bus leaves The Den at 7.15pm. The Den. 4 Gongti Donglu (next to City Hotel's main entrance), Chaoyang District. (6592 6290) 敦煌, 朝阳区工体东路4号城市宾馆正门旁边

Women's Rugby Rugby training out at Dulwich Legend Gardens, Shunyi. Free bus leaves The Den at 7.15pm. Contact Amy at 152 0148 7305 or haggisgoeswild@gmail.com.

→ 7.30PM →

"Love Is Blue" A concert in memory of the French music legend Paul Mauriat. Includes his own work and fitting tributes. RMB 180-1,280. Beijing Exhibition Theater. 135 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Xicheng District. (6835 4455) 北京展览馆剧场, 西城区西直门外大街135号

Stumble Inn Quiz Night How many beers do you have? Free. The Stumble Inn. S3-31, 3/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层S3-31

→ 8PM →

NFL at Luga's Watch the NFL with bottles of Coors or Sol (six for RMB



Tuesdays Foie Gras Night at Scarlet

98). Free. Luga's Basement. 1/F (below Luga's Villa), 7 Sanlitun Houjie (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District. (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号1层(离3.3购物中心西北角10米)

Quiz Night Questions and answers. Free. Tim's Texas Bar-B-Q. 14 Dongdaqiao Lu (on the corner of Guanghua Lu), Chaoyang District. (6591 9161) www.timsbarbq.com Tim's 烧烤房, 朝阳区东大桥路14号贵友大厦正北200米

→ 8.30PM →

Open Mic Night Brave a demanding crowd and get a drink for your efforts. Free. Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

→ 9PM →

Mundo Latino with Magic Tequila All night long, enjoy 20 percent discounts on all bottles of tequila to the sound of salsa and Latin rhythms. Free. Xiu. Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5867 1108) 秀, 朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街2号

Eastside Open Mic An open mic night with drinks specials to get you brave enough. Free. Tun. Courtyard 4 (20m south of Salsa Caribe), Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6585 5866) 屯, 朝阳区工体北路4号院

→ TIMES VARY →

Out with the Old Festive Networking Evening FC Club is wrapping up

the year by networking for a good cause, the Roundabout Charity Distribution Store. Donate good quality, unwanted goods to people in need through Roundabout's network of 30 charities. RMB 150 per person (RMB 100 plus at least one donated item or a RMB 25 donation if registered before Monday, Dec 27) includes a complimentary drink, a lucky draw and lots of new contacts. Contact eventbj@fclub.com or 139 1109 8002 for more info. Yan Club. Kunlun Hotel, 2 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. 朝阳区新源南路2号

Painting by Nathalie Rimlinger An exhibition of nudes plus sculptures inspired by tai chi masters and autistic children. Free. Alliance Francaise. French Cultural Centre. 16 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6553 2678) 朝阳区工体西路16号

The Third Party: The Stranger The second part of The Third Party trilogy. Curated by Beatrice Leanza. Free. Platform China. 319-1 East End Art (Zone A), Caochangdi Village (take the Airport Service road one exit past Wuhan Lu, take the first right and turn north on the road opposite the Chang Jian Driving School), Chaoyang District. (6432 0169/0091) 站台 中国当代艺术机构, 朝阳区草场地村319-1 艺术东区A区内(机场辅路由南往北五环外第一个路口路东, 长建驾校对面路口)

DEC 29 WEDNESDAY

4PM

Buy One Burger, Get One Free

From steakhouse to swiss & shrooms – double your fun. All-Star Sports Bar & Grill. Bldg 5, 1/F, Solana Shopping Mall, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号Solana蓝色港湾国际商区5-1

6-9PM

Cold Cut Combo Night

Feel like salami? Ham? Both? Get a large platter of cold cuts and one bottle of house wine for RMB 218. Scarlett. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极栈内

6-10PM

Martini Tasting Wednesdays

Try four new creations and vote on your favorite. You may even get the chance to name one of them. RMB 100. Q Bar. On the top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 100m south of Beer Mania, Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6595 9239) 朝阳区三里屯南路麦兜啤酒吧南100米

6.45PM

Nia A brand-new fusion of lifestyle and fitness. Apparently it's just like

chocolate. RMB 110 (one class), RMB 800 (eight classes). Yin Yang Community Center, Courtyard 1, Hegezhuang Village, Chaoyang District. (6431 2108) www.yinyangbeijing.com 朝阳区崔各庄乡何各庄村1号院

7.30PM

New Year Concert: Vienna Johann Strauss Waltz Orchestra

Lots and lots of Strauss. RMB 180-880. Century Theater. 21st Century Hotel, 40 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6466 4805, 6468 3311 ext 3126) 世纪剧院. 朝阳区亮马桥路40号(21世纪饭店)

8PM

Frank's Quiz

Win money. RMB 20. Frank's Place. Jiangtai Xilu, west of Rosedale Hotel, Lido area, Chaoyang District. (6437 8399) 朝阳区丽都将台西路

Pomegranate Quiz

Quizmaster Karl one week, a guest every other. Expect fun questions on such topics as Cockney rhyming slang. Free. The Pomegranate. 19 Kaifa Lu, Xi Baixinzhuang, Houshayu, Shunyi District. (8046 2558) 石榴园. 顺义区后沙峪西白辛庄开发路19号

Jazz Night What goes well with pad thai and green chicken curry? Jazz, obviously. Rotating musicians entertain weekly. Purple Haze Courtyard. 1, Dongsi Liutiao (east exit), Dongcheng District. (6501 9345) 紫苏庭. 东城区东四六条1号

9PM-4AM

Open Bar All cocktails, Tsingdao and draft beer for ladies RMB 30, gentlemen at RMB 60. Juicy spot. 2-3/F, 2 Chaoyang Xilu (30m south of Chaoyang Park West Gate), Chaoyang District. (6593 0610) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路2号楼2-3层(朝阳公园西门往南30米)

9PM

Divas & Champagne Buy-one-get-one-free on champagne cocktails and bottles of Moët. Free. Xiu. Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5867 1108) 秀. 朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街2号

Wicked Wednesdays Buy-one-get-one-free on all classic cocktails. Free. The Stumble Inn. 5-31, 3/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层53-31

Coquin Ladies Night Free cocktails until 1am for those of the appropriate sex. Free. Touch, Westin Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8888 ext 8112) 朝阳区新源南路1号威斯汀酒店

Bling Loves Ladies Night Free cosmopolitans and mojitos for ladies. RMB 100 open bar for the gents. Bling. Solana 5-1, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号Solana蓝色港湾国际商区5-1

10PM

Kitchen DJs Bitesize Buddha and Saul D cook up down and dirty funk soul disco and early hip-hop. Free. Punk. B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, The Village at Sanlitun, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6410 5222) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼瑜舍地下1层

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Tango Learn from Alejandro and Camila. Arriba. RMB 120 per class. Private lessons available. See www.camilaye.com or call 8552 5228.

Jazz and Martini Night Buy-one-get-one-free martinis for ladies. Men in suits and ties are also eligible for the discount. Free. George's. Near Gate 12, east side of Workers' Stadium, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang District. (6553 6299) 朝阳区工体东路工人体育场东门内12号进口



New Year Concert at Century Theater



Jacky Hu brings it all home

CHAORYANG PARK LIFE

Jacky Hu of Waveland Realty

As a founder of Waveland Realty, one of the city's oldest realty companies, Jacky Hu has spent the last 15 years helping expats relocate to and settle in Beijing.

Agenda sat down with the Qingdao native to talk about his favorite area of town and why it's a great place to live.

Tell us a little bit about this area. The Chaoyang Park area is very good for families. The park itself is the biggest in downtown Beijing, and contains several amusement areas for children as well as a lake. Many over-

seas families choose this area for that reason. And Chaoyang Park lies between Beijing's two biggest business centers, the CBD and Lufthansa, so it's the best area for foreigners to live.

How about shopping centers and grocery markets? You can find a lot of restaurants and bars at Solana and Lucky Street. *Solana* is a European-style shopping center with a supermarket, children's playground and a cinema. It's full of international brands, it has a lot of parking space,

and the restaurants are clean and classy. The area also has Jenny Lou's and Jingkelong supermarket for the convenience of everyday grocery shopping. You can also decorate your apartment with fresh flowers and accessories from Laitai Flower Market.

What schools are available to families in the area? The two most popular schools in this area are Eton Kindergarten and BISS International School.

How about public transportation? There's subway Line 10 and dozen of bus stations. You can easily get to the airport via the Airport Express Line.

What are the hottest properties in this area? Park Avenue and Park View Tower – both are international compounds. *Park Avenue*, which was developed by the US real estate company Hines, is a compound that has quality apartments with simple and modern decor, which Europeans prefer the most. *Palm Springs*, as compared with Park Avenue, has a more ornate and luxurious exterior. Asians like it more than Park View. But both have a good environment, international-level facilities and are professionally managed.

What are the average rents for the area? In Chaoyang Park, you can expect to pay about RMB 10,000 per month for a one-bedroom apartment. For 2-bedroom/1-bath, it's RMB 15,000/month. And a 3-bedroom/2-bath unit is about RMB 20,000/month.

What is the average price per square meter for units in this area? If you're looking to buy an apartment in this area, the prices range from RMB 40,000/sqm to RMB 50,000/sqm, and property management fees run anywhere between RMB 5 and RMB 8 per square meter per month.

Do you see any major developments in the area in the next ten years? This area will begin to develop as a business center with the arrival of the [Phoenix Tower](#).

Where do you see the pricing trends going near Chaoyang Park? With the new policies that the government has set out, the market will stabilize for a certain period of time. Since home values in Beijing are already pretty high, I think the home-selling market will stay stable for a while. As for rental prices, since more and more properties will become available for rent, those prices will go lower.

What would you say are the best restaurants and bars in the area? Muse – there's a lot of variety on the menu, the food is delicious, and the environment is very comfortable. As for good Chinese restaurants, I

would say Roast Duck King and Xiang Man Lou.

What sets your company apart from the others? Our employees are all well-educated and experienced. We have excellent salespeople who speak different languages. Having been in business in Beijing for 15 years, we have developed a good reputation with property owners and foreign clients. The owners list their properties with our company directly. Because we get very accurate information from them, we can help our clients find the most suitable apartments and houses.

What special services do you offer to your clients? Our company is one of the only real estate agencies that has dealt with foreign clients since the early 1990s. We provide airport pick-up, viewings of international schools

and properties, renting the properties, after-sale service, and moving-out service. We even have our own interior decor company, which can serve tenants directly when property owners are away from Beijing. It saves time for both parties.

What advice would you give to our readers on renting or buying an apartment? If you want to buy an apartment to live in, it's an OK time to do so. If you want to buy one as an investment, this moment is not ideal. If you want to rent a house, of course, you should come to us.

Interview by Jiang Jun

To learn more about these apartments and properties you can contact JackyHuat at 13901098016 or visit www.wavelandrealty.com.



CHAORYANG PARK IN DETAIL



Chaoyang Park Restaurants

An Die An Niang Daily 9:30am-2am. Chaoyang Park West Gate, Chaoyang District. (6591 0231) 俺爹俺娘。朝阳区朝阳公园西门

Annie's Daily 11am-11pm. 1A Nongzhanguan Lu (west gate of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District. (6591 1931) 安妮意大利餐厅。朝阳区农展馆路甲1号朝阳公园西门

Baoyuan Jiaozu Wu Daily 11am-10pm. North of 6 Maizidian Jie, Chaoyang District. (6586 4967) 宝源饺子屋。朝阳区麦子店街6号楼北侧

BawEIFENG Daily 11:30am-11pm. Chaoyang Park West Gate, inside the No. 8 Apartments, Chaoyang District. (6500 5555) 八味坊。朝阳区朝阳公园西门八号公馆内

Chef Too Tue-Fri 11am-2pm, Sat-Sun 9:30am-3pm, Tue-Sat 5:30-10pm. Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu (north of Block 8), Chaoyang District. (6591 8676) 美西西餐厅。朝阳区朝阳公园西路(八号公馆北)

Guizhou Luoluo Suantangyu Daily 11am-midnight. 1A Nongzhanguan Lu (west gate of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District. (6594 0939) 贵州笋笋酸汤鱼。朝阳区农展馆路甲1号朝阳公园西门

Kong Yiji Daily 11am-10pm. South side of No. 8 Apartments on Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6508 2228) 孔乙己。朝阳区朝阳公园西门8号公馆内南侧

Muse Parisian Vietnamese Brasserie Daily 11am-11pm. 1 Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6586 3188) 妙巴黎越南小吃。朝阳区朝阳公园西路1号

Richang Restaurant Daily 11am-11pm. 1A Nongzhanguan Lu (west gate of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District. (6593 1078) 日昌餐馆。朝阳区农展馆路甲1号朝阳公园西门

River Club Restaurant Daily 11:30am-10:30pm. 53 Maizidian Xijie (east side of FX Hotel), Chaoyang District. (6508 0667) 中意汇北京餐厅。朝阳区麦子店西街53号(富驿时尚酒店东侧)

Schindler's German Food Center Daily 10am-7pm. 15 Zaoying Beili, Maizidian, (800m east of Nongzhanguan Beilu), Chaoyang District. (6591 9370) 德国食品中心。朝阳区麦子店枣营北里15号(农展馆北路往东800米)

Wangjiadu Hotpot Daily 11am-10pm. 3/F, Palm Spring Square, 8 Chaoyang Gongyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6539 8098) 王家渡火锅店。朝阳区朝阳公园南路8号棕榈泉生活广场3层

Wumingju Daily 11am-2pm, 5-9:30pm. 32 Zaoying Beili, Maizidian Jie, Chaoyang District. (6502 1568) 无名居。朝阳区麦子店街枣营北里32号

Xiangmanglou Daily 11am-11pm. 1A Nongzhanguan Lu (west gate of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District. (6595 0969) 香满楼酒家。朝阳区农展馆路甲1号朝阳公园西门

Chaoyang Park Bars

Angel Club Daily 6pm-late. South side of No. 8 Apartments on Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6500 8888) 唐会迷城。朝阳区朝阳公园西门8号公馆内南侧

Goose'n'Duck Pub Daily 24hrs. S1, Green Lake International Tower (east side of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District. (5928 3045) 鹅和鸭。朝阳区朝阳公园桥东侧路北观湖国际大厦1号写字楼首层

The World of Suzie Wong Club Daily 8:30pm-late. 1A Nongzhanguan Lu (west gate of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District. (6500 3377) 苏西黄。朝阳区农展馆路甲1号朝阳公园西门

Juicy Daily 6pm-late. 2-3/F, 2 Chaoyang Xilu (30m south of Chaoyang Park West Gate), Chaoyang District. (6593 0610) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路2号楼2-3层(朝阳公园西门往南30米)

Others

Jenny Lou's Daily 8am-midnight. South of Chaoyang Park's West Gate, Chaoyang District. (6501 6249) 婕妮璐。朝阳区朝阳公园西门南侧

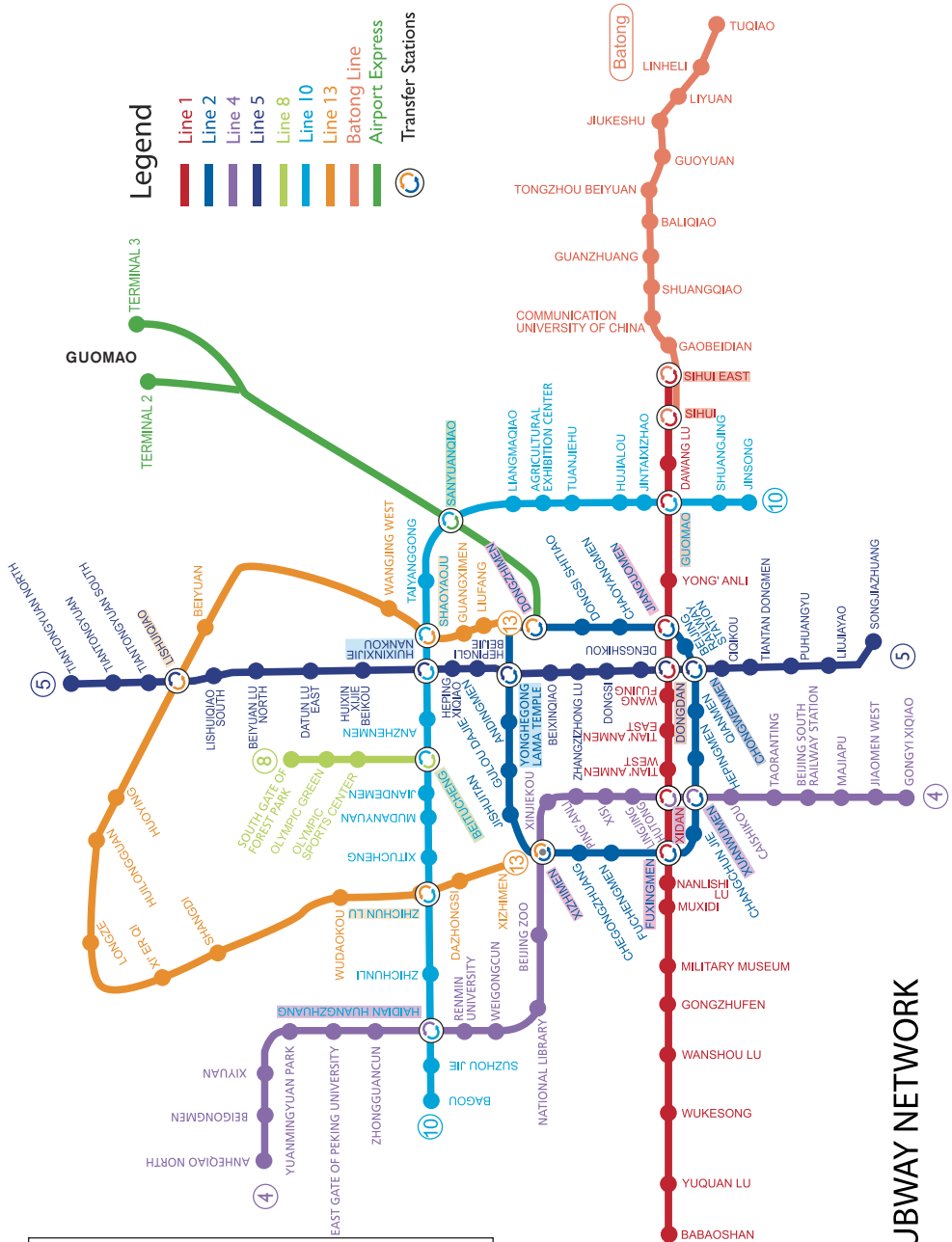
Hotspring Business Club Daily 24 hours. Chaoyang Park West Gate, inside the No. 8 Apartments., Chaoyang District. (6591 8888) 八号温泉商务会馆。朝阳区朝阳公园西门八号公馆内

Subway Starters

- Stations are indicated by the blue Beijing Subway (北京地铁, Beijing Ditie) sign.
- Tickets (票 piao) cost RMB 2. You can also put money on a transportation smart-card valid on all subways (RMB 20 deposit).
- First trains depart approx. 5am. Last trains depart approx. 10:30pm.
- Trains approx. every 3 min throughout the day (every 5-8 min on Line 13), slowing down to around once every 10 min after 8pm.
- Wheelchair access varies, but is generally difficult due to steep stairways, narrow escalators and high passenger volume.

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- Line 4
- Line 5
- Line 8
- Line 10
- Line 13
- Batong Line
- Airport Express
- Transfer Stations



BEIJING SUBWAY NETWORK

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Old Summer Palace

To Summer Palace

Legend

- Railway Station
- Place of interest
- Restaurants/Bars
- Hotel
- Theater
- Hospital
- Government Office
- Shopping

To Great Wall at Badaling & Ming Tombs

InterContinental Beijing Beichen

Olympic Village & Olympic Stadium

Fourth Ring Road

Third Ring Road

Rendinghu Park

Liuyin Park

Qingnianhu Park

Deshengmen Beijing Ancient Coins Exhibition Hall

Second Ring Road

Confucius Temple and

Shangri-La

Beijing Zoo

Houhai
Mei Lanfang's Residence

Zhonglou

Gulou

Nanluogu Xiang

Third Ring Road

Yuyuantan Park

Yuetan Park

Second Ring Road

InterContinental Financial Street

Westin Beijing Financial Street

Financial Street

Ritz-Carlton Beijing Financial Street

Beihai Park

Circular City

Coal Hill (Jingshan)

Forbidden City

Chang'an Jie

National Theater

Beijing Concert Hall

Tian'anmen Square

Qianmen

Ch'ien

White Cloud Temple

Lao She Teahouse

Beijing West Railway Station

Beijing City Map

To Temple of Heaven

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COMMUNICATIONS

USEFUL NUMBERS

Ambulance & Emergencies 120

Beijing 999 Ambulance Service 999

**Beijing United Family Hospital
Emergency Room** 5927 7120

Fire 119

Police 110

Traffic Accident 122

Telephone Directory 114 (Chinese);
1161 14 (press 2 for English service).

Time 117

Weather 12121

PHONE CARDS/MOBILE PHONES

IP cards for calls in China and overseas are sold in cell phone stores, newsstands and China Telecom outlets. Cards with a face value of RMB 100 sell for RMB 30-40.

SIM cards and cell phone top-up cards (chong zhi ka, 充值卡) can be bought from cell phone stores, newsstands and SIM card shops. Call and SMS charges are as follows for the major networks:

China Mobile Easyown (Shen Zhou Xing, 神州行) Making and receiving calls costs RMB 0.6/min. Calls cost RMB 0.2/min within Beijing and RMB 0.3/min domestic long-distance if you dial 12593 first, then the number you wish to call.

M-zone (Dong Gan Di Dai, 动感地带) Local calls RMB 0.25/min at peak hours (9am-9pm), off-peak calls RMB 0.12/min.

China Unicom Ruyitong (如意通) Local calls RMB 5.4/min, longer distance calls RMB 1.24/min. Dialing 96531 before the number you wish to call reduces both local and long-distance calls to RMB 0.25/min. Receiving calls costs RMB 0.2/min (weekdays 9am-8pm) and RMB 0.35/min (off-peak).

UP Xinshili (UP 新势力) Local calls RMB 0.25/min. Receiving calls costs RMB 0.1/min. Paying an extra RMB 5 per month gives unlimited free incoming phone calls and lower fees for making phone calls.

WI-FI

For a list of Wi-Fi locations in Beijing, visit http://v4.jiwire.com/search-wifi-hotspots.htm?city_id=1757971.

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.thebeijinger.com Agenda's sister site has a directory listing more than 4000 Beijing venues, as well as a blog, forum, events, reviews, classifieds, and more.

www.beijing-kids.com "Beijing's essential expat family resource" offers articles, events, a directory and forum catering to English-speaking families.

HOSPITALS & CLINICS

Bayley & Jackson Medical Center Clinic and dental hours Mon-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat 8am-4pm; doctor on call 24 hours. 7 Ritan Donglu, Chaoyang District. (400 810 0120, 5869 6166) www.bjhealthcare.com 庇利积臣医疗中心, 朝阳区日坛东路7号

Beijing International SOS Clinic Daily 24 hours. Pharmacy Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat-Sun 8am-6pm. Suite 105, Wing 1, Kunsha Bldg, 16 Xin-yuanli, Chaoyang District. (6462 9112, 24hr 6462 9100) www.internationalsos.com 国际SOS, 朝阳区新源里16号琨莎中心1座105室

Beijing United Family Hospital and Clinics Mon-Sat 8.30am-5.30pm, Sun 8.30am-5pm; 24-hour emergency. 2 Jianguai Lu, Lido area, Chaoyang District. (appointment 5927 7000, emergency 5927 7120) www.united-familyhospitals.com 北京和睦家医院, 朝阳区将台路2号

Beijing United Family Health & Wellness Center - Jianguomen Mon-Fri 8.30am-3.30pm. B1/F, St. Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (8532 1221, emergency 6433 2345) www.unitedfamilyhospitals.com 北京和睦家建国门保健中心, 朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店地下1层

Beijing United Family Clinic - Shunyi Mon-Thu 9.30am-7.30pm; Fri-Sun 9.30am-4.30pm. Unit 818, Pinnacle Plaza, Tianzhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District. (8046 5432, emergency 5927 7120) www.unitedfamilyhospitals.com 北京和睦家顺义诊所, 顺义区天竺房地产开发区荣祥广场818号

Beijing Vista Clinic - Kerry Center Daily 24 hours; clinic hours 7.30am-9pm. B29, Kerry Center, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (8529 6618) www.vista-china.net 北京维世达

诊所, 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心B29号

China-Japan Friendship Hospital Mon-Fri 8am-noon, 1.30-5pm; Sat 8-11.30am; 24-hour emergency. Yinghua Dongjie, Hepingli, Heping Jie Beikou, Chaoyang District. (6422 2952, 6422 3209) www.zryhy.com.cn 中日友好医院, 朝阳区和平街北口和平里樱花东街

Hong Kong International Medical Clinic, Beijing Daily 9am-9pm; 24-hour emergency, 9/F, Swissôtel office tower, 2 Chaoyangmen Beidajie, Dongcheng District. (6501 4260, 6553 2288 ext 2346) www.hkclinic.com 北京港澳国际医务诊所, 东城区朝阳门北大街2号港澳中心办公楼9层

International Medical College (IMC) Daily 24 hours. S106, 1/F, Lufthansa Center, 50 Liang-maqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 1561/2/3, dental 6465 1384/94/28) www.imclinics.com 国际医疗中心, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎中心1层

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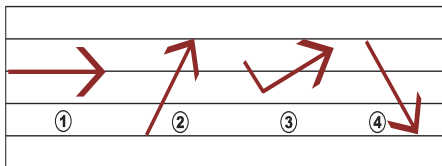
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LANGUAGE GUIDE

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At a loss for words? These two pages are a quick-reference summary of useful phrases that might come in handy on your travels around Beijing. You won't get far without knowing some of the basics of spoken Chinese, so let's start with ...

TONES



• Tone is variation in pitch by which a syllable can be pronounced. All Chinese pinyin are marked with one of four tones. The four tones are as follows:

1st tone – singing tone; high, flat, continuous

2nd tone – rising; similar to the intonation used to ask a question in English, like “oh?”

3rd tone – dip tone; falls and then rises

4th tone – falling tone, sharp like when you holler “boo!”

• These tones are incredibly important. If you get them wrong, people will not understand what you are saying. Many syllables in pinyin have dramatically different meanings depending on the tone. Take for instance the Pinyin construction *bao*:

First tone: **bāo** 包 wrap Second tone: **báo** 薄 thin

Third tone: **bǎo** 保 guarantee Fourth tone: **bào** 抱 hug

As you can see, if you're not careful, you will mistakenly tell someone that you want to hug them, when in fact, you just want to give them a guarantee.

BASICS

Hello/hi	ní hǎo	你好
Good-bye	zài jiàn	再见
Please	qǐng	请
Thank you	xiè xiè	谢谢
Yes/no	shì/bù shì	是/不是
Good/not good	hǎo/bu hǎo	好/不好
My name is ...	wǒ jiào...	我叫...
I'm sorry / excuse me	dùì bù qǐ	对不起
I am ...	wǒ shì ...	我是...
Can I ...?	wǒ kě-yǐ...ma?	我可以...吗?
I don't understand	tīng bù dòng	听不懂
Can you speak English?	nǐ huì shuō yīng-yǔ ma?	你会说英语吗?

GETTING AROUND

Where is ...?	zài nǎ...?	...在哪?
Tiananmen	Tiānānmén	天安门
Forbidden City	Gùgōng	故宫
Wangfujing	Wángfǔjǐng	王府井
Great Wall	Chángchéng	长城

Temple of Heaven	Tiāntán	天坛
Summer Palace	Yíhéyuán	颐和园
Old Summer Palace	Yuánmíngyuán	圆明园
Lama Temple	Yōnghégōng	雍和宫
Silk Street Market	Xiù Shuǐ Jiē	秀水街
Yashow Market	Yǎxiù Shìchǎng	雅秀市场
The Place	Shìmào Tiānjiē	世贸天阶
Sanlitun	Sānlǐtún	三里屯
Houhai	Hòuhǎi	后海
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Financial Street	Jīnróng Jiē	金融街
bank	yín háng	银行
post office	yóu-jú	邮局
hotel	lǚ diǎn	旅店
airport	jī chǎng	机场
railway station	huǒchē zhàn	火车站
subway station	dìtiě zhàn	地铁站
pharmacy	yào-diàn	药店
hospital	yī yuàn	医院
embassy	dà shǐ guǎn	大使馆
north/south/east/west	běi/nán/dōng/xī	北/南/东/西

CABS AND DIRECTIONS

Take me to ...	wǒ yào qù...	我要去...
Driver	shī-fu	师傅
Turn left	zuǒ-zhuǎn	左转
Turn right	yòu-zhuǎn	右转
Go straight ahead	yì-zhí zǒu	一直走
We're there	dào-le	到了
U-turn	diào-tóu	掉头
I want the receipt	wǒ yào fā-piao	我要发票
traffic light	hóng-lǜ-dēng	红绿灯
cross the street	guò mǎlù	过马路

SHOPPING AND BARGAINING

I (don't) want this	wǒ (bù) yào zhè gè	我(不)要这个
I want one (of an item)	wǒ yào yí gè	我要一个
How much does it cost ?	duō shǎo qián?	多少钱?
One yuan/kuai (unit of currency)	yí yuán/yí kuài	一元/块
That's too expensive	tài guì le	太贵了
Can you lower the price?	Néng piányì yìdiǎn ma?	能便宜一点吗?
Where can I buy ...	zài nǎ kě-yǐ mǎi...?	在哪可以买?

EATING

waiter/waitress	fú-wù-yuán	服务员
menu	cài-dān	菜单
order food	diǎn cài	点菜
bill/check	mǎi-dān	买单
I am vegetarian	wǒ chī sù/wǒ bù chī ròu	我吃素/我不吃肉
I do not eat pork/beef	wǒ bù chī zhūròu/niúròu	我不吃猪肉/牛肉
I am allergic to peanuts	wǒ duì huā-shēng guò-mǐn	我对花生过敏
the food's good	hǎo-chī	好吃
chopsticks	kuài-zi	筷子
knife and fork	dāo-chā	刀叉
spoon	sháo-zi	勺子
cup/glass	bēi-zi	杯子
napkin	cān-jīn-zhǐ	餐巾纸
rice	mǐ-fàn	米饭
chili sauce	là-jīāo	辣椒
ketchup	fān-qié-jiàng	番茄酱
vinegar	cù	醋

USEFUL VOCABULARY

bag	bāo	包	purse	qián-bāo	钱包
bar	jiǔ-bā	酒吧	raincoat	yǔ-yī	雨衣
bathroom	xǐ shǒu jiān	洗手间	umbrella	yǔ-sǎn	雨伞
battery	diàn-chí	电池	restaurant	fàn-diàn	饭店
charger	chōng-diàn-qì	充电器	suitcase	xiāng-zi	箱子
book	shū	书	sun glasses	tài-yáng-jìng	太阳镜
camera	zhào-xiàng-jī	照相机	supermarket	chāo-shì	超市
cigarettes	yān	烟	ticket	piào	票
credit card	xìnyòngkǎ	信用卡	ticket booth	shòu-piào-tíng	售票亭
lighter	dǎ-huǒ-jī	打火机	bathroom	xǐ-shǒu-jiān	洗手间
clothes	yī-fú	衣服	toilet paper	wèi-shēng-zhǐ	卫生纸
(to have a) cold	gǎn-mào	感冒	top-up cards	chōng-zhí-kǎ	充值卡
computer	diàn-nǎo	电脑	tour guide	dǎo-yóu	导游
elevator	diàn-tī	电梯	watch	shǒu-biǎo	手表
glasses	yǎn-jìng	眼镜			
hospital	yī yuàn	医院			
hotel	lǚ diàn	旅店			
hutong	hútòng	胡同			
I'm allergic to...	wǒ duì... guò-mǐn	我对...过敏			
Internet	wǎng-luò	网络			
lighter	dǎ-huǒ-jī	打火机			
map	dì-tú	地图			
mobile	shǒu-jī	手机			
name card	míng-piàn	名片			
newspaper	bào-zhǐ	报纸			
number	hào-mǎ	号码			
phone	diàn-huà	电话			
paper	zhǐ	纸			
pen	bǐ	笔			
photo	zhào-piān	照片			
policeman	jīng-chá	警察			

NUMBERS		
0	líng	零
1	yī	一
2	èr	二
3	sān	三
4	sì	四
5	wǔ	五
6	liù	六
7	qī	七
8	bā	八
9	jiǔ	九
10	shí	十
11	shí-yī	十一
20	èr-shí	二十
35	sān-shí-wǔ	三十五
100	yì-bǎi	一百
123	yì-bǎi èr-shí-sān	一百二十三
1,000	yī-qian	一千



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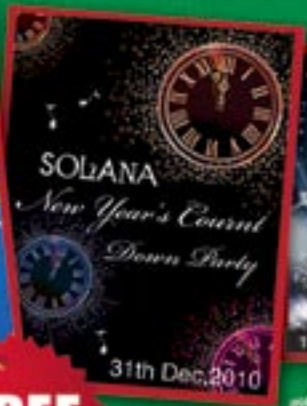


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