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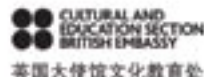
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Central & South American

Modo *New!*

This newly unveiled sibling of one of Beijing's most popular restaurants (Mosto) forgoes the convention of the three-course meal in favor of appetizer-sized plates. The concept encourages sharing and pairing with some 95 wines, 16 of which are available by the glass and half-glass – a formula that exponentially multiplies the taste combinations possible in one sitting. Chefs Juan Mateus and Daniel Urdaneta's open kitchen march out a parade of visually arresting dishes, each creation marked by juxtapositions of flavors and textures that highlight the qualities of individual ingredients.

Standout dishes include a warm salad of exceptionally tender octopus with shredded crispy potatoes and white onion (RMB 55) and a revelatory dill-encrusted codfish on a risotto-like bed of wild rice and confit of fennel (RMB 95). Add *dulces* like white chocolate mousse with black currant sorbet, set lunch deals (RMB 80/95 for two/three courses), a terrace and tasty funk soundtrack and you have a spot that combines the bonhomie of a wine bar with the rigor and creativity of an elite restaurant.

Good for: A top-notch culinary experience in a convivial, intimate atmosphere.

While you're in the neighborhood: Make it a Sanlitun wine bar crawl by heading over to the newly opened Enoteca in Nali Patio.

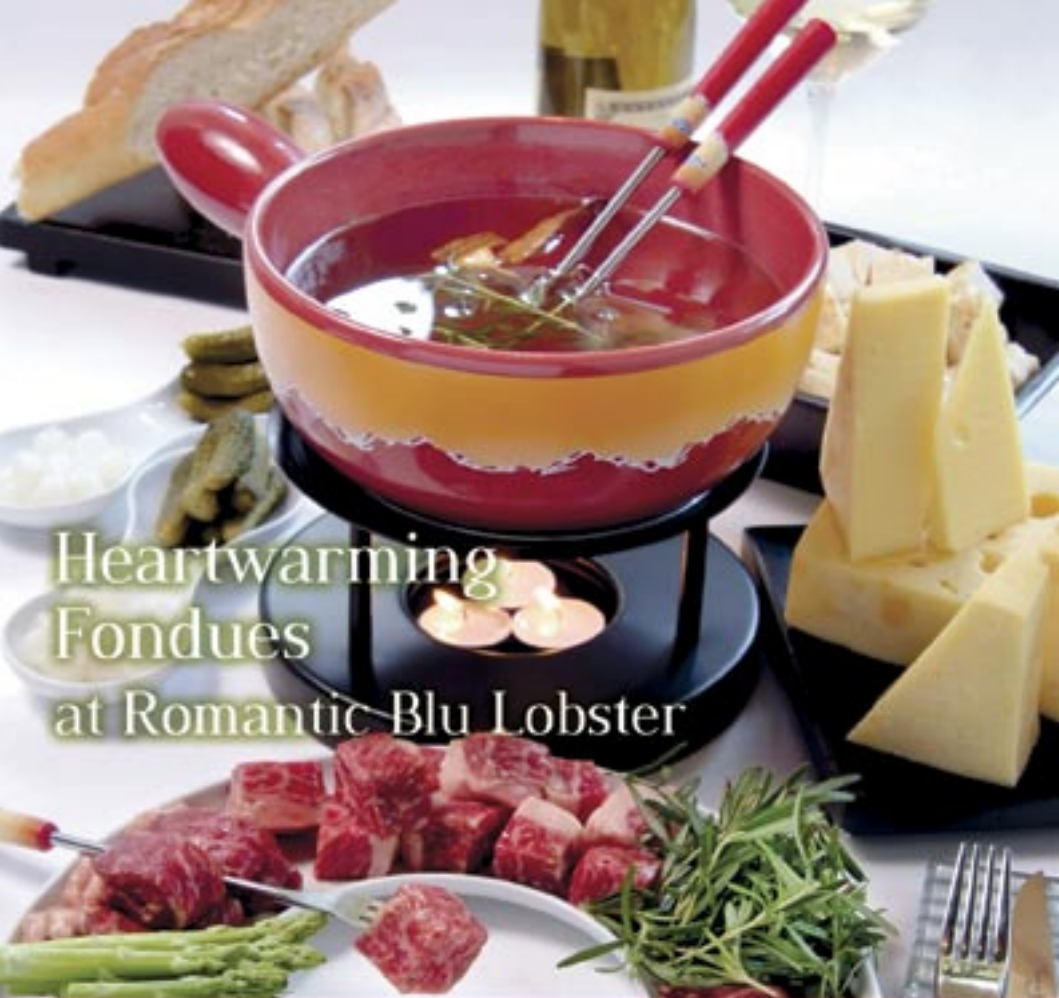
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Signature dishes

- Pork belly on roasted apple slices (RMB 65)
- Dill-encrusted codfish with wild rice and confit of fennel (RMB 95)
- Octopus salad with shredded crispy potatoes (RMB 55)
- Australian Wagyu beef meatball with heirloom tomato sauce (RMB 80)
- Duck "ceviche": braised duck leg, red onion, corn, citrus juice (RMB 55)
- White chocolate mousse with black currant sorbet (RMB 55)
- Nutella crème brûlée with roasted hazelnuts and green cardamom cream (RMB 45)

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Heartwarming Fondues at Romantic Blu Lobster

During the cold, winter months, a diverse range of hot pots are enjoyed throughout China. In Europe, fondues serve a similar role in curbing the chilly weather. This November, Shangri-La Hotel, Beijing brings the charming European winter treat to Blu Lobster, a perfect setting for warming up the hearts of lovebirds and loved ones alike.

Located on level one of the hotel's Valley Wing, Blu Lobster's elegant, romantic flair makes it a popular place for wedding proposals and wedding anniversary celebrations. The restaurant's soft, blue crystal chandeliers accentuate its amorous ambiance while the pale, moonlight, shines through the bay view windows, lighting up Blu Lobster's expansive interior.

This winter, a cozy fondue feast along with a world-class wine selection is in store as a memorable experience for all. Traditional favorites range from melted premium Cheese Fondue served with freshly baked bread cubes to sizzling hot Fondue Bourguignonne complete with tender meat dipped in heated oil with herbs. For dessert cravings, the perfect cure is the lavish Valrhona Chocolate Fondue with seasonal fresh fruit cubes. An array of heart-warming, cozy fondue served amid the graceful atmosphere is bound to create countless memories through the winter—love is in the air for all.

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Japanese

Geba Geba Restaurant

Hidden behind a sliding wooden door, this unassuming Japanese restaurant is composed of a minute seating area with a low sushi counter and beautifully appointed private tatami rooms. The Japanese-only menu poses a challenge to many of us, especially if California rolls are your go-to dish. Geba Geba aims for authenticity without the glitz – there are no heavy sauces or gimmicky rolls. The tuna avocado roll (RMB 48) contains an explosion of flavors, from zesty mint to the sweet yet salty unagi. More traditional dishes include zaru soba/udon (RMB 36) and a salmon sashimi (RMB 78). There's a decent selection of spirits, so order plum wine (RMB 31) or Fukuju Mikagego sake (RMB 110) to complement your meal, and finish it off with the complimentary taro pudding or handmade red bean mochi.

Good for: An authentic taste of Japan nestled in the heart of Guandongdian.

While you're in the neighborhood: Venture across Chaoyang Beilu and take a five minute walk to Q Bar for some of the best cocktails in town.

Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-11pm. 23 Guandongdian Beijie (next to Kitchen Igosso), Chaoyang District (see C5 on p59). (6592 4305)

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Signature dishes:

- Tuna avocado roll (RMB 48)
- Zaru soba/udon (RMB 36)
- Salmon sashimi (RMB 78)
- Plum wine (RMB 31)
- Fukuju Mikagego sake (RMB 110)
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Guizhou

Junqin Hua 君琴花

At first sight this tiny restaurant, serving sour and spicy Guizhou dishes, is inconspicuous next to the other earthy establishments on the alleyway just north of the National Gallery. There's almost no decor to speak of (though some of the dishes are eye-catching colorful). First-timers often base their meal around Guizhou's famous *suantang yu* (a whole fish boiled in a sour, tomato-based soup), but the menu truly shines in other areas. Nowhere else in Beijing will you find such authentic Guizhou stir-fries. Anything *zaola* (fried in fermented chili paste) is highly recommended, as is the *mipi*, a tangy cold appetizer of wide rice noodles and pickled radish, and *xiaomi zha*, a sweet millet cake with peanuts. Also don't miss regional vegetables like *juecai* (fern) and *zhe'ergen* (a white root with a mildly fishy scent), both of which can be ordered raw, cooked alone or with bacon.

Good for: A sour, spicy and unpretentious culinary journey to China's southwest.

While you're in the neighborhood: Stop by here after taking in an exhibit at the National Art Museum of China, or after a long day of roaming the Nanluogu Xiang area.

Daily 9am-10.30pm. 88 Meishuguan Houjie, Dongcheng District (see C4 on p59). (6404 7600) [东城区美术馆后街88号](#)



Signature dishes

- Rice noodle salad (贵州米皮 RMB 12)
- Cured meat stir-fried with sticky rice (腊肉炒饵块吧 RMB 22)
- Konjak *laziji* (魔芋辣子鸡 RMB 35)
- Millet cake (小米炸 RMB 18)
- Fermented chili paste bamboo shoots (糟辣炒竹笋 RMB 22; pictured above)
- Tomato stir-fried naked oat (清炒油麦菜 RMB 22)
- Sour plum "soup" drink (酸梅汤 RMB 30/pitcher)
- Bayberry liquor (杨梅酒 RMB 8/glass)



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Offering excellent service and style for a bargain, Flamme is a welcome addition to Beijing's pantheon of steakhouses. In addition to the grilled meat fiesta implied by the name, Flamme offers a range of dishes – even vegetarians will be happily accommodated.

The steak and sides are solid, but what truly impresses is the quality for the price. A dozen sides (RMB 18) are listed, including addictive matchstick fries and gingered baby carrots. The vegetable lasagna, with layers of zucchini and goat cheese, is a savory non-meat option. With promotions like drink specials (RMB 50 unlimited drafts on Mondays) and discount steaks Tuesdays (two-for-one steaks) now is the time to try Flamme while these deals last. Set lunch menus (RMB 48/68/88) are two for one on Wednesdays.

Good for: The hottest meats in town.

While you're in the neighborhood: Catch a movie at Megabox (now offering RMB 25 midnight tickets on Saturday and Sunday) in the basement of the Village.

Daily 11am-midnight. S4-33, Sanlitun Village, 19 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District (see Sanlitun Village in C5 on p59). (6417 8608)
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Signature dishes:

- Australian tenderloin with watercress and cherry tomato salad (RMB 108)
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Hetal Hemnani's Ganges chain now offers mithai – authentic Indian sweets

FLOWING FROM THE SOURCE

Hetal Hemnani, Co-founder and General Manager of Ganges

Back in 2005, Pune (Maharashtra) native Hetal Hemnani opened the first branch of Ganges Indian Restaurant on Haidian District's Chengfu Lu. Since then the business has grown and expanded, and Ganges' four branches around town serving distinctive and authentic Indian offerings have been a welcome addition to Beijing's pantheon of South Asian cuisine options. Mrs. Hemnani dishes to **Agenda** on some of the delicious details of Ganges' auspicious progression.

How would you describe the current state of dining in Beijing? How do you maintain a well-received, quality product? The dining scene in Beijing is becoming more and more dynamic. There are always new restaurants and cuisines arriving on the scene. The restaurant industry here reflects Beijing's international diversity – not only do we see more commonplace Japanese or Italian restaurants, we also see that the cui-

sines of countries whose cuisines are less well-traveled, such as Greece and Portugal, are really finding increasing culinary representation.

In India hospitality is a big thing. There is a saying "a guest is like a god." To stay consistently on top with what we are trying to do, our main priority is first and foremost to maintain the highest quality of our curries, naan and other Indian specialties. We are always seeking ways to make our food taste better and more authentic, so that our customers will be able to enjoy a sumptuous gastronomical dining experience every time. In addition, we continuously unroll new dishes for our menu.

How does your menu differ from that of other Indian restaurants in Beijing? Many restaurants outside of India are North Indian. What you get is typical Northern Indian cuisine. But since India is so large, it has many distinctive flavors. At Ganges we try to serve as diverse a range of Indian

flavors as possible. The result is that our menu features not only popular dishes from the North or the South, but a pan-Indian selection representing not only North, South, East and West, as well as many culinary sub-regions and snacks. For example, one typical Mumbai street food is *batata wada* – a chickpea-based snack with potato filling. This is a kind of street food that has only become popular within the last five to seven years. We want to serve things like this to help people get a taste of what is really going on in India. Another example is that recently we thought we were missing a taste of Eastern India, so we added King Prawn Korma – a very simple dish, but delicious in a distinctive eastern style.

Once people have tried all of the most common Indian dishes, we'd like to offer them the option here for something new and different the second time around.

What are the typical differences between India's regional cuisines?

There are definitely a total of six or seven distinctive cuisines throughout the subcontinent, including great diverse and distinctive flavors in the East and in the West, all of which we try to represent on our menu at Ganges. For example, in the East they have a lot of great fish and prawn cooked with local produce such as mustard, coconut, vegetables, lentils and rice."

Meanwhile, in the West you have Mumbai – a true melting pot in every way, perhaps especially with food – which produces lots of popular snacks and street food.

Broadly speaking North and South Indian are the most important culinary categories, because you see the staple food preference – wheat based staples in the North and rice in the South – break down along these lines.

North Indians in certain regions (e.g. Kashmir) can use a lot of cream and yogurt with generous sprinklings of cashews and dried fruits.

"In India hospitality is a big thing. There is a saying 'a guest is like a God.'"

Naan, roti breads and *kulchas* are the staple diet in North India, where coriander, red chillies, garam masala and turmeric are the popular spices. Common dishes from Northern India especially Punjab that many people are familiar with include Tandoori chicken and Chole.

Rice and lentils are more popular among South Indians, and their food tends to be hotter and spicier than that of their Northern neighbors. They use spices such as chillies, tamarind and mustard in their curries, as well as coconut. Well-known South Indian dishes include *dosa* and *idli*, which are like Indian versions of pancakes served with sambar or rasam soup. Sauces are also thicker in the North because they have to dip bread in the sauces!

Which three curries on the menu do you consider must-tries? For diners that are trying Indian food for the first time: try the butter chicken, palak paneer and lamb roganjosh.

For someone with a more advanced appreciation and familiarity with Indian Cuisine, we recommend dishes like the stir-fried garlic prawn (a contemporary dish), or some of the special popular street snacks we offer such as Batata Wada.

Alternatively, if you have tried naan and garlic naan many times, for a change of pace you could try the Tawa Chapatti (homestyle whole wheat Indian bread) or maybe the softer Lachha paratha, which is whole wheat-based and made with a bit of ghee (an Indian butter). Both the Tawa Chappatti and Lachha paratha are great for digestion.

We also have a few Indian Chinese dishes that customers should try, like the Manchow soup and the Gobi (cauliflower) Manchurian.

What have you discovered about the Chinese taste for Indian food?

We've seen that Chinese people often hold a misconception that Indian curries are too spicy and/or too heavy. But since we serve authentic Indian food, we don't adjust our menu to

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the Chinese palate; we don't want to water down our curries and make them less flavorful. Instead, we try to educate and help our Chinese customers understand that Indian food is more flavorful than spicy. We have discovered that once we get our customers to try the food, they are instantly hooked.

For those less familiar with Indian cuisine, what are its distinguishing traits and specialties?

Indian food is distinguished by the slow-cooked infusion of many flavors, and as a result it takes a lot of time and effort to prepare. The main feature of Indian food is the different spices that we use, which are called "masala" – anywhere from ten to 15 different spices may be cooked together for a particular curry. Indian food is in fact well-suited for the health-conscious, because all the elements combine to form a nutritious, complete meal. You have proteins in the form of the meats and lentils in the curries along with carbohydrates in the naan and rice, vitamins in vegetables. Spices like turmeric have curative effects and are said to have anti-cancer, antioxidant properties, while cumin aids digestion.

What are some of your favorite restaurants in Beijing?

We like to go to Maison Boulud and Ristorante Sadler by Qianmen.

Starting quite recently, Ganges has begun to offer a unique selection of Indian desserts. Please tell us more about *mithai*.

Indian sweets, which are called *mithai*, are usually milk-based and sugary and often feature the fragrance of rose or saffron. In Indian culture desserts are a necessity for any celebration – birthdays, weddings, or Diwali, for example. In India,

a typical *mithai* shop is frequented once a week by every family.

We noticed that Indian restaurants in Beijing don't offer many *mithais* at all, most likely because the process of making Indian desserts is very time-consuming – it can take up to one day to make one type of dessert. Many desserts require their own kitchen and chef to create. The *kalakand*, for example takes at least five to seven hours to make. The chef condenses five liters of milk into one liter, before adding saffron and rose and other ingredients. It is a high patience job that only specialty chefs take on.

At Ganges, we were very fortunate to find an excellent *mithai* chef in India and bring him over. We are able to make the ten most popular types of sweets, including cashew fudge (*kaju katli*), milk cake (*kalakand*), Chickpea-based sweet balls (*motichur ladoo*), and Ras Malai (cottage or ricotta cheese soaked in sweetened, thickened milk delicately flavored with cardamom).

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Interview by Florence Sit



These drunken crabs will make you as happy as a clam

DRUNKEN DELIGHTS

Delicious dishes on the sauce

Chinese cuisine has no shortage of cooking methods; one of the most intoxicating involves using spirits to season and cure a variety of meat, seafood, and even tofu. This list of drunken and alcohol-infused dishes will allow you to explore a variety of regional liquors and dishes without ever leaving Beijing. Even better, it will allow you to keep the exploration on the table, rather than under.

Drunken shrimp 醉虾 In this dish, small river shrimp are soaked in Shaoxing wine (a spirit known for its sweet, wheat-like flavor), until they become incredibly tender. Regional variations on the dish use sea shrimp and stronger liquors, but nothing compares to the subtly sweet Shaoxing original. RMB 46. **Fuchunjiang Restaurant.** Daily 9.30am-9.30pm. Bldg 3, Anhuili Erqu, Yayuncun, Chaoyang District. (6498 9889) 富春江酒店, 朝阳区亚运村安慧里二区3号楼

Drunken crab 醉蟹 As with drunken shrimp, there are many regional variations in the alcohol, seasonings, and even the time used to prepare this dish. The cleaned crab is submerged in alcohol and seasonings such as ginger, salt, garlic, and sugar, and placed in a sealed container for anywhere between a day and a week to produce this local, age-old take on ceviche. RMB 15/crab. **Kongyiji.** Daily

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Drunken chicken 醉鸡 The legend behind drunken chicken is that two brothers, sick of chasing their dinner, would get chickens drunk so they would be easier to steal. Their plans to do so without arousing suspicion failed when the enticing aroma of their cooked chickens drew large crowds and eventually created this legendary dish. Nowadays, it is made by soaking boiled chicken in alcohol for 24 hours and serving the meat cold. In some areas, chefs add medicinal herbs, mushrooms or potatoes, while in others chefs add Sichuan peppers to wake up the eater's drunken appetites. RMB 30. **Jade Garden.** Daily 11am-11pm. North Section, Bldg C, Rongkezixun Zhongxin. 2 Kexueyuan Nanlu, Haidian District. (8286 2800) 苏浙汇, 海淀区科学院南路2号融科资讯中心C座北楼1-2楼

Alcohol-fragrant chicken wings 酒香烤翅 This dish is a new and delicious take on *baiju*, the notoriously strong sorghum spirit whose smell often heralds it from afar. A shot of *baiju* is added to a sticky sauce of honey, coke, garlic and pepper, resulting in

sweet and tender wings with a kick. RMB 4. **Fengliuchi.** Daily 11am-1am. Next to the middle school, Xinyuanli, Chaoyang District. (6461 7290) 风流翅, 朝阳区新源里中学旁

Beer duck 啤酒鸭 The natives of Jiujiang city, the second biggest city in Jiangxi province, believe that northern ducks are too fatty for their local dish, but local renditions have proven them wrong and shown that this slowly simmered stew of duck meat and beer successfully survived its migration to the North. RMB 52. **Nanchang Restaurant.** Daily 11.30am-1.30pm, 5.30-8.30pm. 35 Xi Huangchenggen Nanjie, Xicheng District. (6607 9991) 南昌饭店, 西城区西黄城根南街35号

Beer fish 啤酒鱼 In Guilin's take on the alcohol infused dinner, pieces of fish are stewed in beer, spices and fermented soybeans until tender, creating a hearty yet delicate dish. Wujiang river fish, which has fewer bones, is cut into pieces and served in a small pot (RMB 78), while grass carp is served whole on a plate (RMB 46). **Longchengtang.** Daily noon-10pm. 28 Huangchenggen Beijie, Dongcheng District. (6401 9498) 龙城堂, 东城区东黄城根北街28号

Beer beef/mutton 啤酒牛/羊 This new method of infusing flavors into hot pot is only available at the trendiest places in town. Thin slices of beef and mutton are soaked in beer to keep them tender before cooking, breaking the monotony of hot pot dinners by cutting through the strong flavors of the soup and dipping sauces with a bold bite of beer. RMB 38. **Regius Beef.** Daily 10am-10pm. 2/F, Bldg 19, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5960 4566) 一尊皇牛, 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场19号楼2楼

Drunken Chinese dates 醉枣 The alcohol used to prepare this popular household ingredient brightens the color of the dates, creating a refreshing snack with a smooth surface and a crispy crunch. This dish is often served as a snack in restaurants and is a common ingredient in many dishes and soups. Drunken dates are prepared by soaking fresh Chinese dates in 120-proof alcohol for half a month, and then airing the dates to allow the alcohol to evaporate. **Guangming Market.** Near the Xueyuan Lu branch of Hualian Supermarket, Sidaokou, Xueyuan Lu, Haidian District. 明光寺市场, 海淀区学院南路四道口 (近华联学院路店)

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Antoinette Martin and her husband Taal preside over a trio of restaurants, each serving a different cuisine

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Antoinette Martin, GM of American Cafe, Little Italy, Mexican Kitchen

General Manager of restaurants *The American Cafe*, *Little Italy* and *Mexican Kitchen*, Antoinette Martin does her part to put the spice of life into Beijing's dining scene. Together with husband Executive Chef Taal Martin, she moved here from New York City in 2006 to bring Mexican food and American flavor to China's capital.

What motivated you to come to Beijing? Restaurants. We had an opportunity to collaborate with our business partner, a close family friend who's been living in China a very long time. My husband and I were both in

the restaurant business in New York and it just seemed like the right time.

How do the New York and the Beijing restaurant scenes differ? There are challenges and problems that are typical in any restaurant, and the problems we run into here are the same ones we had in New York. This is a really competitive business wherever you go, and to be successful takes a big commitment. Even if you do everything right, it is not guaranteed that you'll be successful. In that way, the territory is very similar. Since we've been here the Western food scene

has opened up exponentially. We've seen so many changes in the last four years. Just look at the buildings going up all around us! That doesn't happen in New York. New York is already built and an established city that is of its own.

You and your husband work together to manage the restaurants. What are the particular challenges and rewards that working with a spouse entails? The challenge is being with your husband 24 hours a day – I'm sure he'd say the same about me – and the reward is being with your husband 24 hours a day. Taal's my partner in life and the person I trust most in the world. So, to do business in a foreign country you need someone very close to you. That way if I'm here and he's there, we can call each other and just bitch about something or get some sound advice

"Mexican Kitchen is something we started from scratch, so that's the newborn. Little Italy was this preteen, now she's like a debutante! That's really how I feel about the restaurants - they are our children"

because we're on each others' side. Now, the negative part of it is that we're always telling each other the same stories! We're in it together, but it's like a broken record because we're living the same life. It's good when we can get away sometimes, step back and get a fresh perspective.

Which restaurant came first?

When we moved here in early 2006, American Café and Little Italy were already open and we took over, but we opened Mexican Kitchen from scratch in March of 2006. It's been full steam ahead ever since!

Which one of your restaurants is your favorite?

Each restaurant is my child. Sometimes, they're honor students and sometimes they get in a lot of trouble and one child needs more attention than the other. I don't have a favorite, but when I'm in a restaurant, that's my child and that's my favorite. We have put so much of our soul into each restaurant, and they are very different in terms of what we sell, the location, and the style. When we worked with American Café, it was to make it better and to improve the food. Mexican Kitchen is something we started from scratch, so that's the newborn. Little Italy was this preteen, now she's like a debutante! That's really how I feel about the restaurants - they are our children. Mexican Kitchen is very special because everything was ours and we built it from nothing. But the thing is, with Little Italy and American Café, we made it ours. Certainly there are things that existed before, but it makes a difference when it's coming from nothing at all.

Have you considered expanding in Beijing? Possibly into new cuisines?

Everyone comes to Beijing with these ideas of where you can go, and that's the wonderful thing about Beijing. It's one of those places - you feel like it's the Wild West or something - where you feel like you could really start something. You can start your life anew. Everything hasn't been done, and there are all these possibilities.

"I also want to do more regional American food. My family background is from Louisiana, so I want to incorporate more of the food that's like my mother's recipes, which are really special to me"

We want to open up more of what we're doing, with Mexican food, and do something downtown. American Café we'd like to expand to a differently-sized space. I also want to do more regional American food. My family background is from Louisiana, so I want to incorporate more of the food that's like my mother's recipes, which are really special to me. The restaurants are part of me, so why not share everything?

What do you enjoy most about running your business in Beijing and about life here in general?

The opportunity. The people that work with us - I don't say for us because we work together - are pretty amazing. These people are making really great food that they started out not familiar with in any way, and that's wonderful. I used to do this thing where every Monday was *jaozi* Mondays. I wanted to learn how to make dumplings, so I would go into the kitchen with the *ayis* and they'd teach me how to roll the *jaozi*, which I'm terrible at. Those kinds of things I enjoy. What we're doing here has value, obviously we want to be successful financially, but the success comes from our businesses thriving. Honestly, I get the greatest satisfaction from people's enjoyment. It feels like we're giving something to society. That's the biggest reward, because my heart's really in this and I feel fortunate to be here.

Other than your own establishments, what are some of your Beijing favorites?

We actually don't eat out often, since we're always in our restaurants. We like to go to this duck house on Guanghua Lu, Jingzun. I think it's better than a lot of the well known places. It's always packed and it is really good. It's like a hidden treasure. I love going to Brasserie Flo because

I'm always very impressed with their consistency with what they do. I always feel good after I leave there and that's how I want my customers to feel. We both love Three Guizhou Men. The atmosphere is kind of funky and we always end up there when people come visit. If you like spicy food, it's really good. We like Bellagio, although I don't go there for the desserts, I just like their other food. It's a nice atmosphere and a cool environment. The menu's in English, and I like the waitresses with their buzz cuts.

The American Café Daily 7am-10:30pm. 1/F (behind Ozone Fitness), Blue Castle Apartments, 3 Xidawang Lu, Chaoyang District. (8599 7428) 博平咖啡, 朝阳区西大望路3号蓝堡国际公寓1层

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Brasserie Flo Daily 11am-3pm, 5:30-11pm Rainbow Plaza (Longbo Guangchang), 16 Dongsanhuan Beilu (south of the Great Wall Sheraton), Chaoyang District. (6595 5135/9) 朝阳区东三环北路16号隆博广场二层

Jingzun Peking Duck Restaurant 1/F Bldg 6, east intersection of Guanghua Lu (across from Winterless Center), Chaoyang District. (6595 6924) 京尊烤鸭, 朝阳区朝阳区光华路东口6号楼1层

Little Italy Daily 10am-10pm. 813 Pinnacle Plaza, Tianzhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District. (8046 4679) 小意大利, 顺义区天竺开发区荣祥广场705号

The Mexican Kitchen Daily 10:30am-9:30pm. 705 Pinnacle Plaza, Tianzhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District. (8046 4558/59) 墨西哥厨房, 顺义区天竺开发区荣祥广场705号

Three Guizhou Men 1) Daily 11am-10pm. Bldg 7, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 0598) 朝阳区东三环中路39建外Soho7号楼 2) Daily 24hrs. Inside the West Gate of Workers' Stadium (above Coco Banana), Chaoyang District. (6551 8517) 朝阳区工体西门内

Interview by Leigh Tanner



Cocktail bar

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Joshua Dominick (L) in Beijing Swing's version of Chicago

IT MEANS A THING

Joshua Dominick of Swing Beijing

Swing Beijing (swingbeijing.com) is a group of individuals that strive to introduce the dances and music that they love to China's capital. **Agenda** talks to Joshua Dominick to find out what we're missing.

What does dance mean to you?

Dance is a form of art, communication and exercise, but most of all it's an expression of personality. It can also be a way to change a personality; for people that are shy it's a great way to open up. In our classes you can always see who the introverts are when they start dancing – you can tell they're just a bit unsure of themselves – but swing forces you to be an extrovert because in order to be good you have to be expressive. Swing dancing changes and adds to your personality in a positive way.

What defines swing dancing and sets it apart from other genres of dance?

I think swing, because it's a jazz dance, features more opportunities for improvisation than other dances. Not only can you make it your own, but you can make a mistake that fits with the music and it becomes a creation rather than a problem. Swing is creative, spontaneous and fun, fun, fun.

When, how and why did you get into swing dancing?

I started in late 2006 after I'd been here for a year working and researching. My roommate, who arrived in the summer of 2006, had done swing back in the US, and dragged me along to the Swing Beijing class. I liked it, and stuck with it because of the people and the music. I'd played jazz in high

school and college so I already knew and enjoyed the music, so getting into the dance and discovering a different way to express myself with a genre that I know and love was really exciting – it may be a physical movement that follows the music, but you're still like an instrument in the band. I chose it over other genres because it's freer. People are more relaxed and accepting in the swing scene than they tend to be with other dances; it's very welcoming and easy to fit into.

Why would you recommend swing? How would you persuade Beijingers – whether newcomers or old-timers – to come along to your classes and give it a go? The people. Swing dancers are open, welcoming, friendly, and just generally good folk.

It's not super easy – if you don't like a challenge, go dance salsa! It takes a certain personality, but people should definitely try it. They will have a nice time even if it's just because of who they meet. Personally, I don't want to have to convince folk to come – I want them to come because they want to, but of course the word needs to get around so that people know it's there! We like to have parties and small classes to show people what it's all about, tempt them to join us! We do events at bars and shops, and outdoor dances – things that are just for fun, but that show people what were doing. Expats tend to know something about swing – the era and the music – so we don't need to teach them about what it is, just show them that it's here.

Is it difficult to learn? Can you be a "born natural"?

Anyone can be a born natural at anything! Of course, when it comes to dancing having a musical background definitely helps – you need to be able to feel a beat, to move with the rhythm. It is difficult, because learning anything new is difficult, but as with everything else, if you want to do it, you can.

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What kind of people do you have attending your classes?

Our dance groups are a good mix of expats and Chinese; our Monday classes are run mainly in English, so the class is around 70 percent expats, whereas Zeng's classes run in Chinese so it is the other way around. We tend to find that we have more Chinese followers, and more expat leaders.

How many different types of swing are there?

Charleston was the first incarnation. It was originally a closed dance to very bouncy music. It then opened up to side-by-side Charleston. Triple-step was then invented to cover space, and then came the Lindy Hop at the height of swing, the 1930s-50s – roughly the same period as the big band era. Balboa was invented in California, danced by predominantly white people, and was more ballroom in its style, although it was being danced to jazz music. Blues can kind of be included in the swing genre, but it has a different structure than swing music and is a different dance. But because it's still a jazz dance you'll find that often swing dancers will know how to dance the blues too.

I like Lindy Hop and Balboa. I'm a very white dancer; I still to this day don't "get down to the groove." Balboa has all the aspects of swing, but stays very closed, so you're very comfortable in that perfect rhythm with your partner.

You have a ten-strong dance performance team. What is your favorite style to perform and why?

Lindy Hop. It's a style rather than a form, but the steps do change when you're performing – things look flashier when you use the performance style. It's very expressive and fun. The attitude translates to the audience; Lindy exudes joy, it's the vibrant nature of the dance.

What's your favorite move to teach?

I have a favorite move now which I just learned it in Sweden. It's

"If you don't like a challenge, go dance salsa!"

an inside turn that turns into a swing out. Leru uses the term "wee move" to describe it and similar steps. They're fun, because due to the build up of tension preceding the swing out, followers glide across the floor. Those are definitely the most fun.

You seem to have been putting on more and more events for the Beijing public to come along to; when did you decide to do shows and parties as well as classes?

It's always been a part of the scene, and it's a great method of promotion. Outdoor dances, working with shops and bars is a great way to get the swing word out. They give existing dancers more chances and opportunities to dance and have fun, and when we have bands they're great not only to make people stop and look, but it's when swing comes alive for the dancers, so it makes it great fun. It's all about maximum opportunities for fun!

When and why did you decide to establish the Moonglow cabaret troupe? How difficult was it to bring burlesque to a city like Beijing?

That was Leru's dream. She did all the choreography, music, stage direction, costumes- everything. She's been thinking and planning for the past three or four years, and has finally realized her dream.

Beijing is a city that is more and more cosmopolitan, and has all kinds of people that like all kinds of things. There is room for the cutting edge, whether in music, art, whatever. The attitude the city lends itself to experimentation more than other cities in China.

How did local Chinese people react to the first Moonglow show?

I was running around like a headless chicken coordinating so I didn't get to gauge their reactions as much as I'd like to have, but I'd say over half of

the audience were Chinese. We promoted it as being vaguely similar to Moulin Rouge so that Chinese people could understand what they would be getting if they didn't necessarily know what burlesque was. People really enjoyed it; both Moonglow and the venue got great feedback

You've recently extended your classes to cover more styles of dance. Why was it important to you to do so, and how did you manage to organize it?

Balboa was something that has been offered on and off for the last few years, interest-based. Leru and I both like it, so we decided to work on it and offer it as a regular class. Swing is a single type of dance; you can't dance it to all music. Offering Balboa and blues gives people a wider breadth of jazz dances, and thus more opportunities to dance to more music (Balboa uses faster tempo jazz, while blues accompanies the slower stuff) knowing other dances allows you to mix it up and do different things that you didn't necessarily know were possible, and therefore have more fun with the dance.

Tell us more about events like the Great Wall Swing Out and Lindy exchanges.

These things for me are an opportunity to set a goal, a milestone for people, as they hold contests that give people something to work towards, so it's not just a listless activity to add to people's list of hobbies. They also bring people together; big events give people that little bit extra, and they're great ways to expose Lindy and jazz to bigger audiences as well as the dancers; they show off the wider world of swing. They're a great way to socialize and meet new people, and they give you a worldwide network of really friendly people.

Interview by Jeri Kimber-Ndiaye



Clothing

Vega Zaishi Wang *New!*

Vega Zaishi Wang wants her own space to "let customers know what their designer is like, even past the clothes." Her new boutique reflects her commitment to that philosophy, featuring quirky antique trinkets, custom-made clothing racks and modern street lamps. Dressmaking tools function seamlessly as décor, the oversized scissors and spools of thread serving as artful reminders that her clothing is labor-intensive and handmade. Run your hands through the chiffon blouses, fringed blazers and silk drape dresses, and admire their harmonious detailing: cutesy sweetheart cuts toughened up with sheer sleeves, youthful Peter Pan collars balanced by sharp shoulders. The accessories line is still limited, but the few items available are flying off the shelves – the studded leather pouch bag (RMB 590) has already been labeled a "classic." Daily noon-9pm. Unit 662, B/1F, Bldg 6 (across from Tony Studio), Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5900 2279) www.vegazaishiwang.com

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Yan Lei, leader of the Lee Pet pack

PetSmart, America's largest retailer of pet products, is known on this side of the globe as Lee Pet. Offering imported products, grooming, photography and kennel services and boasting premium foreign brands such as Eukanaba, Science Diet and Cesar, China's first pet empire claims the title of Beijing's biggest pet store for its Chaowai Soho branch. **Agenda** picked up our pooches and headed down for a chat with Yan Lei, the top dog of the Lee Pet pack.

What did you do before Lee Pet?

I went to Canada at 18 and attended high school and university there. I worked part-time at PetSmart while

I was a student in need of extra cash, and after graduation I worked as a manager at an electronics company for half a year. I had a dog growing up in China, and have always loved animals. I even went so far as to buy a golden retriever puppy while overseas, to help me with my homesickness. After working in both a pet store and in management, I became interested in the idea of running a pet shop, so that I could combine my passion for animals and my managerial skills. I did some research and found that Lee Pet was the strongest player in the Chinese market, so I applied, joined the managerial team, and that is where it all began!

How did you get interested in animals?

My family has always had pets, and we had a dog when I was growing up. In China, dogs often become a part of the household because they are a form of security, but of course they also become a part of the family. There's no real story behind it, I'm just an animal lover.

When did you decide to make them your career focus?

When I first got involved I was a student in need of cash, so I got a job at PetSmart to pay for my beer. There, I fell in love with the industry, and saw that it was a business with a lot of potential – lots of people have pets, but there aren't many specialty stores for pet supplies and vets in China, and some of the ones there aren't always professional. We've already doubled our investment in two years.

What's your favorite animal and why?

Dogs. They're loyal, man's best

"If I could be any animal, it would have to be a dog, because they get lots of love from their families. I think they have a better life than people – no need to work, no stress, no money problems. And they get to sleep as much as they want!"

friend, very intelligent, and every breed has its own individual set of characteristics, due to each of them originally having their own use. I'm definitely not a cat man! Dogs can communicate with you, cats just want you to feed them and then they go away!

If you could be any animal, what would you choose to be and why?

It would have to be a dog, because they get lots of love from their families. I think they have a better life than people – no need to work, no stress, no money problems. And they get to sleep as much as they want!

What's your dream pet? There are too many choices! I'm going to have to stay sensible – I think horses are my second favorite animal after dogs. They are similar in terms of loyalty and intelligence.

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What was the local market like for pets when Lee Pet was established?

When we started, there weren't really any professional services available for pets. It is a big market, and because the competition was and remains quite weak, it was a great time to get involved. Our success is due to a combination of great professionals, good capital, and luck! Pets are becoming more and more popular, and people will always spend money on them – they're like children! An average pet-owning household will spend approximately USD 3,000 every year on their pets.

Was Lee Pet initially hard to set up?

As said, we were very fortunate. Now we are facing the difficulty of maintaining our high standards as we ex-

"There is nothing worse than poo on the pavement!"

pand to different cities around China. Shopping behaviors are different in every city – China is such a big place that the hardest challenge we face is tailoring the services we provide to meet the needs of each city.

Would you say your business is more focused on customers who shop online or in stores?

In-store retail covers around 75-80% of our business. Other important areas for us are website advertising and membership programs. We call chinapet.com our "air force" and China Kennel Club our "navy" because it goes around China hosting dog shows and generating further advertising. Our stores are "the army" the fighting forces on the ground.

What are Lee Pet's future plans and goals?

We hope to have 15 stores in Beijing and 20 in other cities by the end of 2010, including franchises. The next big step following that is going public around 2013. We have predicted that sales in that year should be around RMB 300 million.

What's your best tip for pet owners in Beijing?

When you walk your dog, put them on a leash and always pick up your dog's mess! There is nothing worse than poo on the pavement! We're currently working with the police department to discuss what rules should be put in place for dog owners in Beijing. Also, you should always make sure to go to professional stores and vets. You want the best quality care possible for your pet.

What are your favorite places to go in Beijing?

To eat, Jasmine in Gongti. The Asian-American fusion food there is so good that I go there three or four times a week. I go to a lot of different places to drink. I like Pavilion, and Vics is probably my favorite club.

What is the most obscure question you've ever been asked about animals/pets?

People ask me if I've eaten dog meat quite a lot. I've never really fielded any strange questions, though I frequently get asked daft, irritating things. Sometimes I feel like I'm teaching people when they ask me dumb questions and I have to spend 20 minutes explaining why you should feed your puppy dog food rather than what you'd cook for the rest your family. It is really frustrating!

Lee Pet Mon-Fri 10am-9pm, Sat-Sun 10am-9:30pm. Rm 3097, Bldg A, Chaowai Soho, 6 Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5900 5499; hotline 4006-LEEPET, English 138 1029 5757; 2) Daily 24 hours. 5-6, 1/F, Courtyard 9, Lincui Lu, Chaoyang District. (5821 3503); 3) Daily 9.30am-9.30pm. Rm 04, Bldg 4, Shiyun Haoting (behind the Shuangjing Carrefour and Landgent Chateau), 33 Guangqu Lu, Chaoyang District. (8776 9602); 4) Mon-Thu 10am-9pm, Fri-Sun 10am-10pm. 4119, 4/F, Golden Resources Shopping Mall, 1 Yuanda Lu, Haidian District. (8887 0706) www.leepet.com 乐宠, 1) 朝阳区朝阳门外大街6号朝外Soho A座3层3097; 2) 朝阳区林萃路9号院5-6底商; 3) 朝阳区广渠路33号广韵浩庭04号楼04; 4) 海淀区远大路1号金源燕莎购物中心4层西侧4119

Jasmine Daily 11am-2pm, 6-10.30pm. Gongti Donglu (opposite Gate 9 of Workers' Stadium), Chaoyang District. (6553 8608) www.beijing-jasmine.com 茉莉, 朝阳区工人体育场东门9号露台对面

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Vics Daily 8.30pm-late. Inside the north gate of the Workers' Stadium, Chaoyang District. (5293 0333) 威克斯, 朝阳区工体北门内

Interview by Jeri Kimber-Ndiaye



Anti-aging/cosmetic medicine

Bioscor Beijing Clinic 澳保加医疗美容诊所

This international clinic for cosmetic medicine specializes in cosmetic surgery, skincare, hair rejuvenation and anti-ageing techniques. Founded in 1992 by Dr. Alan Ong, Bioscor has grown to become internationally recognized as a leader in anti-aging and cosmetic treatments.

Bioscor clinic's stated mission is to help customers realize "A More Beautiful You," and the operation brings to bear cutting edge equipment, technology and knowhow on the task. From botox to stem cell anti-aging therapy treatments and along with a whole range of cosmetic possibilities, Bioscor is equipped to help you look as you have always wanted. Appointments with an Australian surgeon and physician (like Dr. Amanda Ong, pictured above) available.

Just the thing for: Looking and feeling younger, more attractive, confident and equal to any task.

While you're in the neighborhood: Stop by for a drink at Atmosphere Bar (see p18), on the 80th floor of China World 3, Beijing's tallest bar. From there gaze down on the city like a Sky Empress/Emperor of old surveying the vast crouching domain of earth.

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The Wild Great Wall (see Jiankou, below)

TAKE A HIKE

Get out of the city and walk it out for National Day

Staying in Beijing this October holiday? Why not take advantage of the mild weather and time off work to explore some of the wonders of the capitals wild and wooded surrounds? Enjoy a dose of exercise and fresh air with a hike around one of these outdoor spots.

Fenghuang Ling (Phoenix Mountain) Nature Park

Regarded as a "green lung" for the capital, Fenghuang Ling is also known as the "Little Huangshan." That piles the expectation on ahead of a visit to the park, which covers 15 square kilometers of jagged peaks, vast forests and springs. It's an ideal place for autumn fruit tasting, and also offers sights including numerous ruins and Buddhist, Taoist and Confucian shrines. RMB 25 (Apr 1-Oct 31), RMB 15 (Nov 1-Mar 31). RMB 13 (over 60s), free (over 70s and children under 1.2m tall). Daily 6am-6pm.

Fenghuang Ling (Phoenix Mountain) Nature Park. Inside Xishan Nongchang, 19 Fenghuang Ling Lu, Sujiatou Zhen, Haidian District. (6245 5933/6245 9492) 凤凰岭风景区, 海淀区苏家坨镇凤凰岭路19号 (西山农场内)

Bus: Take Bus 346 from Summer Palace directly to Fenghuang Ling Nature Park.

Approximate distance: 33km

Hongluo Si Combining natural landscapes and Buddhist artifacts, Hongluo Si is widely considered to be a center of Buddhism in northern China. It's also the largest ancient temple in Beijing. Among the trees you'll

find royal bamboo, ginkgo and wisteria. RMB 40 (half price for students and pensioners). Daily 7.30am-5.30pm. Hongluo Si. 2 Hongluo Donglu, Huairou District. (6068 1175) 红螺寺, 怀柔区红螺东路2号

Bus: From Dongzhimen Bus Station, take direct Bus 936 (from 7am-5pm, every 30 minutes).

Approximate distance: 50km

Jiankou Great Wall (前箭扣) This is equally the most precarious and most magnificent section of the Ming dynasty Great Wall. It's rugged and unrestored, which makes climbing difficult (or downright dangerous) in places. The bird's-eye views are your reward if you can manage to clamber up. Not surprisingly, Jiankou is a hot spot for photographers. Jiankou Great Wall. Bohai Town, Huairou District (10 miles west of Mutianyu Great Wall). 箭扣长城, 怀柔区渤海镇 (慕田峪长城以西10公里)

Bus: Take Bus 916 from Dongzhimen Bus Station to Huairou, then catch a bus to Jiankou.

Approximate distance: 90km

Jinhai Hu Broad waters surrounded by beautiful mountains, with pavilions dotted all around. Jinhai is famous for its colorful aquatic entertainment shows, annual kite festival, dragon boat races and natural resorts. RMB 28 (half price for students and pensioners). Daily 8am-5.30pm. Jinhai Hu. Jinhaihu Scenic Area, Pinggu District. (6999 1356/6999 3943) 金海湖, 平谷区金海湖风景名胜區

Bus: Take Bus 918 from Dongzhimen to Pinggu Lu Interchange 9 to Jinhai Hu.

Approximate distance: 80km

Labagoumen Primeval Forest

Labagoumen is the largest and most diverse natural forest in Beijing. Foliage experts may even find it hard to name a few of the species you'll find here. It is home to many wild animals and is a great place to escape city life. The best time to visit is from late September to early October, when the leaves turn a fiery red. RMB 15. Daily 7.30am-5pm. Labagoumen. Huairou District. (60627640) 喇叭沟门, 怀柔区

Bus: Take Express Bus 916 from Dongzhimen and get off at Yangjiayuan, then catch Feeder Bus 936 to Tanghekou. Then take a bus to Sunzaizi Village and catch a taxi to Labagoumen.

Approximate distance: 160km

Mangshan National Forest Park

Mangshan features a mix of mountainous natural beauty, Buddhist sites and thousands upon thousands of steps to hike up. RMB 20. Daily 8am-5pm. Mangshan National Forest Park. East of Ming Tombs Reservoir, Changping District. (6071 1866) 蟒山森林公园, 昌平区十三陵水库东侧

Bus: Take Bus 925 from Deshengmen directly to Mangshan.

Approximate distance: 35km

Miaofengshan Famous for its old temples and peculiar rocks, Miaofengshan was traditionally one of the most important pilgrimage sites in northern China. RMB 30 (half price for students and pensioners). Daily 7am-6pm.

Miaofengshan, North of Xiangjiangou Village, Mentougou District. (6188 2936) 妙峰山, 门头沟区北部乡涧沟村北

Bus: From Pingguoyuan subway station, take Bus 929 (once a day, 8.30am) and get off at Dingjiantan, then take a taxi to Miaofengshan.

Approximate distance: 55km

Yesanpo National Geological Park

Yesanpo features 72 "scenic spots" across 600 square kilometers. RMB 90. Daily 7am to 6pm. Yesanpo National Geological Park. Yesanpo Village, Hebei province. (0312 456 3519/456 8303) 野三坡国家地质公园, 河北野三坡

Train: Take train 6095 from Beijing West Train Station to Gougezhuang (runs 6.20am to 9.50pm); return on train 6438 (runs 8.35am to 12.30pm) or train 6096 (runs 6.30 to 9.40pm)

Approximate distance: 150km

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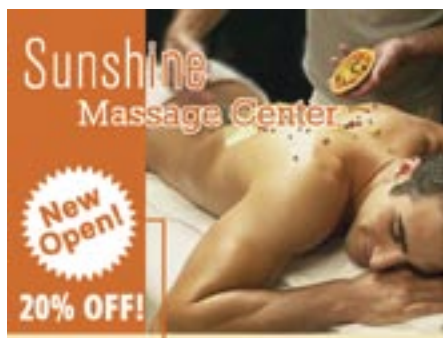
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Eric L. Schmidt will put on a Mega-Forum we'll never forget

ENTERPRISE ECOLOGY

Eric L. Schmidt, President and Founder of China Entrepreneurs

President and Founder of China Entrepreneurs, Eric Schmidt has been working with venture capital and private equity investments since 2005, as well as incubating start-up companies. **Agenda** caught up with Schmidt as China Entrepreneurs prepared to host The China Mega-Forum for Entrepreneurship and Innovation October 25 & 26 at the Kerry Centre.

What is China Entrepreneurs all about? China Entrepreneurs is about trying to bring the ecosystem for entrepreneurship together. We work toward this mostly with events, but increasingly through other things that we do as well. At the same time we run some incubation and entrepreneurship centers.

This year's incubation group is our second, the first started last July. The goal of these centers is to bring different groups of entrepreneurs together, to be able to work and rise up together as successful entrepreneurs.

Overall the organization began with the goal of trying to develop the right ecosystem for that to happen. We do this mostly by bringing people together with events, industry forums and conferences, which range in topic from RMB capital private equity funds to talking about what's going on with the technology and telecoms (T&T) base.

Our events nowadays have been attracting anywhere from 300-800 people, but when we started in 2002 it was a much different scale – 20-30

people meeting at a bar or a restaurant around town.

We're always looking at ways to get more information about service providers and what's going on for the entrepreneurs.

What do you see as the elements necessary for a healthy entrepreneurship ecosystem? A number of elements are important. You have to have government backing to support entrepreneurship.

That can mean anything from tax laws to labor laws, or even having financial investment backing, which is happening in China right now.

Obviously you need investors who are willing to take risks, who are willing to put money on ideas that they believe in, that continue to work through things, and are able to support early stage enterprises.

You need to have service providers that are able to provide resources to these companies, so that they can continue to grow, and give them good advice, whether in terms law or HR. We'd like to know everything, but unfortunately there is no realistic way that entrepreneurs can know everything and be successful in every aspect – from marketing to web to finance. There is no way.

So what we look at is: Is all of that happening? Is there a solid place for companies to build themselves and continue to grow successfully?

What inspired you to found this organization? Back in 2002 when I had my first company here in China, I realized that there were a lot of things about establishing a business in China that I didn't know and that were particularly difficult to deal with as a foreign entrepreneur.

A lot of things that are simple today, such as setting up a WOFE [Wholly-Owned Foreign Enterprise], were extremely bureaucratic, difficult processes for people to figure out how to get done and done quickly.

As an entrepreneur at that time you talked to other people and many

"How do we support and get ideas to entrepreneurs to help everybody succeed in their businesses?"

of them had similar problems, but then you talk to another person who had solved these same problems.

So I wanted to create a group where we can bring these people together to share ideas, share resources, and as a community we could work together, learn, share stories and build our businesses together.

We started as a group of 20 to 30 people meeting at bars and restaurants around town – the Mexican Wave, in fact, is where we convened our first meeting, and met regularly for many years. Finally it started to catch on, as we started to grow beyond the foreign entrepreneurs, and started attracting some Chinese entrepreneurs. At that point we started to become more about entrepreneurship in China, rather than just foreign entrepreneurs trying to be successful in China.

Eventually we had to move out of Mexican Wave, and move into the Capital Club, where we could accommodate between 60 to 80 people at our monthly events. By 2006 we had already outgrown that and moved over to the Kerry Centre, where we were getting anywhere between 100 and 150 people to every event.

What is the China Mega-Forum for Entrepreneurship and Innovation? Who are the major partners involved? The Mega-Forum is really one of those things that looks back to the foundation of China Entrepreneurs, what we started out doing – supporting entrepreneurship in China.

We analyzed it and asked: what can we do that really brings these people together, that really helps support the ecosystem for entrepreneurship in a way that we have not done before? How can we make the biggest impact from bringing all these people together in one place?

We decided to create the Mega-Forum. The first day is higher level discussions: Where is entrepreneurship in China? How is the government push for innovation and entrepre-

“This is the place to be to be if you’re an entrepreneur. I wouldn’t want to be an entrepreneur anywhere else in the world right now”

neurship continuing to succeed or not succeed? A lot of money has come into supporting these initiatives from the government. Of course, from the perspective of an entrepreneur money is good, but is everything else there that needs to be there as part of the ecosystem to drive innovation and entrepreneurship?

The second day is the nuts and bolts of building a business. Whether we’re talking early stage or growth stage companies, they have different issues but we’ll be bringing in experts who have done it before. They have set up employee stock-option plans, HR systems, accounting rules and regulations – things that a lot of entrepreneurs haven’t gone through yet.

We find that a lot of entrepreneurs in China have not had the formal training that typical foreign entrepreneurs would have had. They don’t know the details on how to do all these things. We talked to a lot of the VCs [venture capital firms] that invest in these companies, and they have done a good job of analyzing the company and the market. They want to be able to support the company themselves, but they don’t have time to organize a program or a seminar themselves.

Who is involved in the Mega-Forum? Right now we have about 70 media, 50 supporting organizations, ten venture capital firms, and we are adding everyday as people, everyone from AmCham to a tiny incubation center in Hebei, are rallying behind the event. Our goal is to make it a 1,000 person event, so that it can really be a Mega-Forum, not a tiny forum, all though we do those as well.

What are some of the highlights of the range of enterprises that CE

currently has growing in the Incubation/Entrepreneurship Center?

We have entrepreneurs in our center who just want to be around other entrepreneurs. They don’t necessarily need much help from us, they just want to feel the vibe. They might be in here on a Saturday at midnight, you have other people down the hall who understand, who can relate. You’re trying to build your business, you’re doing everything you can.

Then we have other entrepreneurs we’re working with who have the same passion and energy for their business, but who might need more of the resources that China Entrepreneurs has to offer them.

With our platform we have contacts with all sorts of different folks, and depending on the needs of the company, we have the ability to help them out.

We have a company called VIP Store, selling luxury goods online, as well as a company called BDP Technology working with biodegradable plastics. These are the kind of companies we’re working with, and we are excited to work with companies with good ideas.

As an entrepreneur, what are the best and worst things for you about doing business in China?

This is the place to be to be if you’re an entrepreneur. I wouldn’t want to be an entrepreneur anywhere else in the world right now.

Unfortunately, on the flip side, people are running so quickly to get into the market here, and people work so hard, that you have keep up.

To find out more or register for The China Mega-Forum for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Kerry Centre October 25-26, see chinamegaforum.com

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● TUESDAY, OCT 5

Crossover: Songzhuang International Art Festival

The Australian Diversity Exhibition is only one of many that will take over the Songzhuang art district this month for its "Crossover" theme, which incorporates the work of artists Guan Wei, Jayne Dyer, Grant Stevens, James Newitt and Marilyn Fairskye. Songzhuang Art Village in Tongzhou, Tongzhou District. (6959 8282) 通州区宋庄画家村

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● SUNDAY, OCT 10

Tea at Tiananmen

Enjoy a luxurious afternoon – nibble on an array of freshly baked scones, finger sandwiches, delectable cakes and pastries. RMB 138. 3:30-5:30pm. 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



● THURSDAY, OCT 14

Paddy's Networking Thursdays

Work your contacts. Free. 8:30pm. Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

● FRIDAY, OCT 15

BSC Great Wall Charity Sailing Challenge

Beijing's most daring and adventurous people are encouraged to participate in a ultimate three step challenge: 1) sail 40km from BSC sail base near Beidaihe to Laolongtou; 2) run 12km along the path of the Great Wall ruins via the scenic wall foot of Shanhaiguan; 3) to the grand finish point on top of the Great Wall at Jiaoshan. RMB 1000 entrance fee per person (goes straight to charity). More information at www.beijingsailing.com and 5900 0276. Beijing Sailing Center Sailbase.

● SATURDAY, OCT 16

DJ Philly ▶

Multitudes of styles from a woman who has spun for Paris Hilton and Sean "Puffy" Combs. Free. 10pm. Touch, Westin Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8000) 朝阳区新源南路1号威斯汀酒店



● TUESDAY, OCT 19

◀ A+B+C/F=FUTURISMO

Presented by the Municipality of Alessandria, Namoc and the Italian Cultural Institute in Beijing, the first monographic exhibition on Futurism in China features 200+ pieces of work with an indelible impact on arts, literature, photography, movies, theater, advertising graphic, fashion, design and cooking. National Art Museum of China. 1 Wusi Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6401 2252/7076) 中国美术馆·东城区五四大街1号

● SUNDAY, OCT 3

Hiking on the Great Wall & Silver Pagoda Forest

Work out your legs before supping with local villagers. RMB 220 (includes transportation, guide, lunch and breakfast), RMB 170 (register before Sep 20). Register at contact@cultureyard.net or call 8404 4166. www.cultureyard.net

● THURSDAY, OCT 7

6-10pm

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

● MONDAY, OCT 11

Swedish Fashion Dance Performance

Virpi Pakhinen, Andreas Unge and Jin Xing Dance Theater in clothes by Martin Bergström, Diana Orving, Göran Sundberg, Nakkna and Sandra Backlund. Free. 6pm. RSVP with your name to swedishfashionperformance@gmail.com is required. The Yan Club, 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (5978 9172) 仁俱乐部, 酒仙桥路4号大山子艺术区



● MONDAY, OCT 4

Modern Sky Music Festival

While Midi heads south to Zhenjiang, Modern Sky takes over its backyard. The international lineup includes Brett Anderson, Blonde Redhead, Big Pink, Camera Obscura and Free Energy. Let's go catch the last warmth of summer and hope nothing will get cancelled. Price TBD. Haidian Park. Haidian District. (6285 0569) 海淀公园, 海淀区

● FRIDAY, OCT 8

◀ Allie Webb

Mon-Sat. LA singer belts out pop and jazz tunes. 8pm-midnight. Free. Aria, China World Hotel. 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 2266 ext 6644) 中国大饭店, 朝阳区建国门外大街1号

● TUESDAY, OCT 12

China Through Cinema: Ashes of Time

Swordsmen and swordswomen in China's wild West, nursing heartbreak and dreams of revenge. Followed by discussion. Drinks and popcorn provided. Reserve at workshop@cultureyard.net. RMB 25. 6:30-10pm. Culture Yard. 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District. (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

● WEDNESDAY, OCT 13

PAE Halo Launch Party: Social Conscious Design

The program includes a live auction of the limited edition Halo bag, as well as live sketch art by Vincent Rondia. For info or to RSVP, contact Leo Stachnik at 137 1878 1954 or leo.stachnik@pae-halo.com. Free (suggested donation RMB 150). 7pm. 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号楼楼舍地下1层

● SUNDAY, OCT 17

Sushi and Sashimi Class

Chef Tani Gu will teach you everything from how to cook the rice to cutting fresh sushi-grade fish to making the rolls. Includes meal and wine. RMB 398+15%. 4-7pm. Kempinski Hotel. Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext 4200) 凯宾斯基饭店, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号

● MONDAY, OCT 18

Free Afternoon Coffee

Free coffee with any dessert every weekday afternoon. Homemade desserts include brownie (RMB 10), apple pie (RMB 15), cheesecake (RMB 15). Lily's Diner. 2-18 Tianzhijiaozi, 31 Guangqu Lu (in the street just south of the Tianzhijiaozi complex, a few doors east of the gym), Chaoyang District. (6592 5548) 朝阳区广渠路31号院天之骄子2号楼2-18

● WEDNESDAY, OCT 20

Talk: Chinese Tea Culture

Develop an appreciation for tea by learning about its intricate history and preparation process. Several high-quality teas will be served. RMB 50. 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

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SEP 30

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

Chinese Dumpling-Making Class What's tastier than dumplings? Learn how to make them with healthy local ingredients and naturally colored skins, and then serve them up hot with spicy sauces. RMB 220, RMB 200 (members). The Hutong, 1 Jiudaowan Zhongxiang Hutong (southeast of Beixinqiao subway station), Dongcheng District. (8915 3613) 东城区九道湾中巷胡同1号(北新桥地铁站东南边)

6PM

Ladies' Night A complimentary glass of rosé welcomes all ladies for an evening of live music and treats. Free. Enoteca. The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6587 1578) 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶

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

6-10PM

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号北京极线内

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.

7.15PM

Beijing Devils Training Every Thursday. See listing on p43 for details.



Kite at Yugong Yishan

7.30PM

Opera: Don Giovanni The Cologne Opera House's esteemed production of Mozart's dark opera about an unscrupulous Casanova. RMB 100-800. NCPA. 2 Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District. (6655 0000) 国家大剧院. 西城区西长安街2号

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

8PM

Beer Pong Throw a ball into a cup, win drinks. Free. Pyro. B1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8286 6240) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼地下1层

8.30PM

Paddy's Networking Thursdays (second Thu every month) Work your contacts. Free. Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

9PM

Live Music: Kite One of Beijing's best known world music groups playing Mitchell's unique compositions of folk music. RMB 50. 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

Ladies Night All cocktails free for ladies. 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)

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

Give Me Goose Buy-one-get-one-free on bottles of Grey Goose. Free. 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

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沿2号楼2层

Gayographic Happy Hour Two-for-one drink specials until midnight and a free Thai tapas buffet for early birds at Lantung's "pink" happy hour. Free. Lantung. Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6213) 兰象. 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区

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

OCT
01 FRIDAY

10AM

Half-day Great Wall Hiking A

half-day hike on the Mutianyu Great Wall. RMB 420. Meet 10-11.30am. Call Lisa on 139 1150 8227 or 8621 6278 for more information. CnAdventure. www.cnadventure.com

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 Dongjiejie, 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

6PM

Thank Funk It's Friday Half-price drinks from 6-9pm. 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

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. TGF 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 580-1,980 (includes dinner). Nanxincang Imperial Granary. Nanxincang, 22 Dongsishitiao, Chaoyang District. (6409 6477/99) 皇家粮仓. 朝阳区东四十条22号南新仓

7PM

Jazz Dinner

Exceptional 4-course dinner accompanied by live jazz in a beautiful garden. RMB 398 (includes a free welcome cocktail). Fennel Bistro. Hotel Yi, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, 798 Yishu Qu, 706 Houjie 1, Chaoyang District. (6436181) 朝阳区朝阳区酒仙桥路2号院798艺术区706后街1号

7.30PM

Opera: Don Giovanni See Thursday, Sep 30 listing.

8PM

Free Keg Night The first keg of beer is free. By the time it's done, you'll be ready for happy hour. Free. Pyro. B1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou

(5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8286 6240) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼地下1层

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

Friday Wine Fever Free-flow tapas when you buy an RMB 200 bottle of wine. Free. Enoteca. The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6587 1578) 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶

9PM

Puppetmastaz Gorillaz-esque hip-hop dressed up as a puppet show. RMB 80, RMB 60 (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号祺瑞执政府旧址西院

House of Decadence By Sigma. DJ Chozie & DJ Bobby spin sophisticated house music for the Beijing elite. Free. The Beach. Block 8, Apartment 8 Complex, Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (135 2188 2889) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路8号公馆

10PM

Electric Cafe Germany's DJ Tobi blends funk, jazz, electro, and house smoother than a cappuccino. 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

Gareth Emery Trance from England. He's number 9 in DJ magazine's chart, if you're counting figures. Tickets at Clubzone.cn. RMB 150, RMB 80 (advance). GT Banana. Scitech Hotel, 22 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6528 3636) 巴那那. 朝阳区建国门外大街22号赛特饭店1层

Basement Two-for-one drinks specials until midnight. 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Village 1号楼瑜舍地下1层

TIMES VARY

Friday Shots Night Kamikaze and Tequila at RMB 5. Solutions. 1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8586 3517) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼1层



Gareth Emery at GT Banana

OCT
02

SATURDAY

8AM

Sea Fishing Overnight trip involves learning angling skills from local fishermen on the open sea. Cost includes one night in a resort, insurance, equipment and guides. Meet in front of McDonald's at Ginza Mall (southeast corner of Dongzhimen Qiao). RMB 890, RMB 790 (children under 16). Ninety Percent Travel (151 1791 6648, info@90percenttravel.com) www.90percenttravel.com

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

1-4PM

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.blackseamakekitchen.com 东城区黑芝麻胡同3号

2PM

Biking to the Arts Cycle with the arty crowd. Start out from the Drum & Bell Towers and bike all the way to the Today Art Museum, where you can enjoy the latest art exhibitions as a group. Bring your own bike. Free. Register at ride@stbcj.com

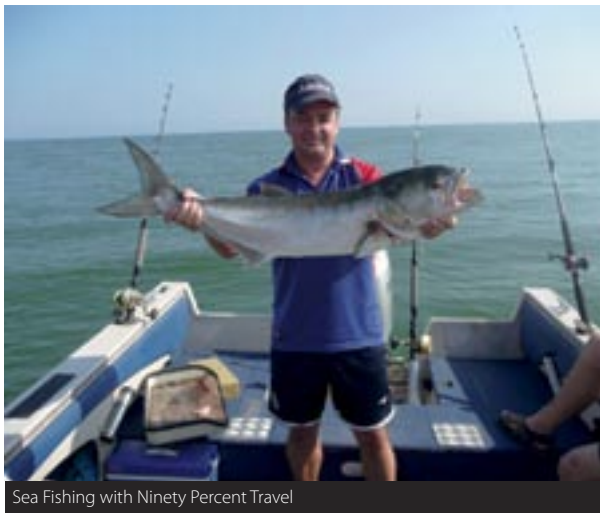
Aussie Rules Nine-a-side on grass. No wonder they say g'day a lot. More details at beijingfooty@yahoo.com. Jade Gardens.

3-5PM

Gaelic Football Every Saturday. See p45 for more information.

5.30-10PM

Garden BBQ Dine on a menu of savory grilled fare like fresh rock lobster, tiger prawns and juicy T-bone steak, as well as cheeses, soft drinks and local beer in the Shangri-la Hotel's traditional Chinese garden. RMB 498.



Sea Fishing with Ninety Percent Travel

Garden Bar & Terrace, Shangri-La Hotel. 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, at Xisanhuan Lu, Haidian District. (6841 2211) 北京香格里拉饭店, 海淀区西三环紫竹院路29号

7PM

From Where There Is No Return Two short films made from stills of photographs by the artist Alberto Garcia-Alix. RMB 15, RMB 10 (students), free (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

7.30PM

Concert: Glorious Brandenburg Concerto Köln offer Bach plus Vivaldi and Telemann. RMB 50-880. 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

8PM

Live Music: Zbigniew Karkowski, Yan Jun, Mei Zhi Yong, Li Yangyang (Mafeisan) A bunch of noisemakers gather. It's going to be loud in Tongzhou. RMB 50. Raying Temple. East End of Qunfang Zhongyi Jie (West Gate of Yucai Middle School), Liyuan Town, Tongzhou District. (137 1698 0276) 小雷音俱乐部, 通州区梨园镇群芳中一街东首(育才学校西门)

9PM

I Don't Do Him, I Do G Free-flow cocktails and wine. But only for ladies. Free. 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

Souled Out Sexy, funky and eclectic tunes from DJs Mo and Azat. Reservations at 135 2188 2889. Free. 9pm. The Beach. Block 8, Apartment 8 Complex, Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (135 2188 2889) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路8号公馆

10PM

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嘉啤酒吧南100米

TIMES VARY

Chaoyang Park World Cities Festival Music from around the world wants to keep you in the city. Spring Autumn, Qi Qin, Reflector and many more local voices joined by bands from the US, Japan, UK and France. Tickets at 400 810 1887. RMB 120 (per day), RMB 100 (per day in advance). Chaoyang Park. 1 Nongzhan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. 朝阳公园, 朝阳区农展馆南路1号

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OCT 03 SUNDAY

10AM

Badminton Every Sunday. See p46 for mor information.

Women's Lacrosse Every Sunday. See p46 for mor information.

11.30AM-3PM

Dim Sum Madness Dim sum buffet menu featuring 20 gourmet essentials, as well as baby abalone and chilled teas. RMB 199 for two. 11.30am-3pm. Celestial Court Restaurant. 2/F, St Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6460 6688 ext 2460 or 2462) 天宝阁, 朝阳区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店2层

NOON-3PM

Apothecary Fried Chicken Every Sunday. See p46 for mor information.

1PM

Women's Soccer Every Sunday. See p46 for mor information.

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

Basketball Play with the Angels. General Administration of Sport of China Training Centre. www.angels-club.com.cn

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 Every Sunday. See p46 for mor information.

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

7PM

Documentary: China in 1971, China in 1997 Two rare documentaries are screened back-to-back: China (1971) and China, From the Abacus to the Computer (1997). RMB 15, RMB 10 (students), free (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

9PM

Live Music: Erez Eisenman The folksy blues-rockers jams in Dongmianhua Hutong. RMB 30. Jianghu Liveshow Bar. 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiaodaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District. (6401 4611) 江湖酒吧, 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

Lush Open Mic Show off your talents for 15 minutes of fame and a free beer. Past acts have ranged from freestyle rap battles to tap dancing. RMB 10. Lush. 2/F, Bldg 1, Huaqing Jiayuan, Chengfu Lu (across from the Wudaokou light-rail station), Haidian District. (8286 3566) 海淀区成府路华清嘉园1号楼2层 (五道口地铁站对面)

TIMES VARY

Chaoyang Park World Cities Festival See Saturday, Oct 2 listing.

Modern Sky Music Festival See Saturday, Oct 2 listing.

Hiking on the Great Wall & Silver Pagoda Forest Work out your legs before supping with local villagers. RMB 220 (includes transportation, guide, lunch and breakfast), RMB 170 (register before Sep 20). Register at contact@cultureyard.net or call 8404 4166. www.cultureyard.net

Touch Rugby You can practice touching on the free bus from The Den. www.beijingdevils.com

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@cyclosportschina.com or 139 1028 0053.



Documentary: China in 1971, China in 1997 at UCCA

OCT
04 MONDAY

10AM

Half-day Great Wall Hiking A

half-day hike on the Mutianyu Great Wall. RMB 420. Meet 10-11.30am. Call Lisa on 139 1150 8227 or 8621 6278 for more information. CnAdventure. www.cnadventure.com

NOON

Free Afternoon Coffee

Free coffee with any dessert every weekday afternoon. Homemade desserts include brownie (RMB 10), apple pie (RMB 15), cheesecake (RMB 15). Lily's Diner. 2-18 Tianzhijiaozi, 31 Guangqu Lu, Chaoyang District. (6592 5548) 朝阳区广渠路31号院天之骄子2号楼2-18

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号蓝色港湾国际商务区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)

6-10PM

Scarlett Daily Special & Desert

Order from the daily specials board and get a free scrumptious dessert. 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

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

7.30PM

Budapest Festival Orchestra

Renditions of Rossini, Bruch, Schubert, Brahms and Bartok from the Hungar-



Budapest Festival Orchestra at NCPA

ian ensemble. RMB 280-1,680. NCPA. 2 Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District. (6655 0000) 国家大剧院. 西城区西长安街2号

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) 书虫书吧. 朝阳区工体北路4号院

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, contact@yinyangbeijing.com) www.yinyangbeijing.com 朝阳区崔各庄乡何各庄村1号院

8PM

Movie Night Flicks on the screen. Free dessert if you buy dinner between 7-9pm. Free. Lush. 2/F, Bldg 1, Huaqing Jiayuan, Chengfulu (across from the Wudaokou light-rail station), Haidian District. (8286 3566) 海淀区成府路华清嘉园1号楼2层 (五道口地铁站对面)

8PM

Mojito Mondays Centro's discounted mojito for RMB 55. Free. Centro. 1/F, Shangri-La's Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6561 8833, ask for Centro) 炫酷. 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心饭店1层

8PM

Live Music: Joanna Racsy Jazz, pop and R&B entertains the cocktail crowd. 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

9.30AM

Vinyasa Yoga Yoga with the knowledge of yoga veterans. Price TBD. 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

TIMES VARY

Chaoyang Park World Cities Festival See Saturday, Oct 2 listing.

Modern Sky Music Festival

See Saturday, Oct 2 listing.

Global Work Party

Until Oct 10. Sculpt trash and participate in the Great Green Race to promote awareness about responsible urban living. Price and venue TBD.

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.citybus tour.com

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TUESDAY

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号北京极线内

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

Budapest Festival Orchestra

Renditions of Rossini, Bruch, Schubert, Brahms and Bartok from the Hungarian ensemble. RMB 280-1,680. NCPA. 2 Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District. (6655 0000) 国家大剧院, 西城区西长安街2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

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) 朝阳区崔各庄乡何各庄村1号院

8PM

NFL-National Football League

Watch NFL games at Luga's Villa. Specials include RMB 98 for 6 bottles of Coors or Sol, all mixers RMB 20. Luga's Villa. 2/F, 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2层

Zoomin' Night The night of a week to discover the pioneering and bizarre.

RMB 30, RMB 20 (students). D-22. 242 Chengfu Lu, Haidian District. (6265 3177) 海淀区成府路242号

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

ALL DAY

A+B+C/F=FUTURISMO Presented by the Municipality of Alessandria, Namoc and the Italian Cultural Institute in Beijing, the first monographic exhibition on Futurism in China features 200+ pieces of work with an indelible impact on arts, literature, photography, movies, theater, advertising graphic, fashion, design and cooking. National Art Museum of China. 1 Wusi Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6401 2252/7076) 中国美术馆, 东城区五四大街1号

Goya: Chronicler of All Wars The exhibition places the figure of Goya as precursor to photojournalism by using photography to bring Goya's legacy closer to today. Free. Instituto Cervantes. 1A Gongti Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5879 9666) 北京塞万提斯学院, 朝阳区工体南路甲1号

Crossover: Songzhuang International Art Festival Until Oct 10. The Australian Diversity Exhibition is only one of many that will take over the Songzhuang art district this month for its "Crossover" theme, which incorporates the work of artists Guan Wei, Jayne Dyer, Grant Stevens, James Newitt and Marilyn Fairskye. Songzhuang Art Village in Tongzhou, Tongzhou District. (6959 8282) 通州区宋庄画家村



Goya: Chronicler of All Wars at Instituto Cervantes

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WEDNESDAY

8AM

Life in a Vineyard Spend a day working in a vineyard, getting a hands-on insight into wine production techniques, before tasting some of the vintages. Meet in front of McDonald's at Ginza Mall (southeast corner of Dongzhimen Qiao). RMB 450, RMB 390 (children under 16). Ninety Percent Travel (151 1791 6648, info@90percenttravel.com) www.90percenttravel.com

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

6.30PM

Basketball Every Wednesday. See p56 for more information.

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

7-10PM

Badminton Every Wednesday. See p56 for more information.

8PM

Frank's Quiz Every Wednesday. See p56 for more information.

Lush Pub Quiz Quizmaster Josh "Vegas" Lally presides. Come early for a seat. Winners take home a bottle of Jack. Free. Lush. 2/F, Bldg 1, Huaqing Jiayuan, Chengfu Lu (across from the Wudaokou light-rail station), Haidian District. (8286 3566) 海淀区成府路华清嘉园1号楼2层 (五道口地铁站对面)

Pomegranate Quiz Quizmaster Karl one week, a guest every other. Expect fun questions on such topics as Cockney rhyming slang. Free. The Pomegranate. 19 Kaifu Lu, Xi Baizhuan, Houshayu, Shunyi District.



Christmas at Yugong Yishan

(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

Live Music: Erez Eisenman, Christmas Eisenman plays rock, folk and blues with his guitar and harp. Followed by "Beijing's most retarded band" (their words) playing original Chinese pop songs from the future. 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号段祺瑞执政政府旧址西侧

Live Music: He Li, Zhang Jing, Huang Wei, Jiang Shan, Wang Hao MAO goes folk for the Songzhuang Art Festival, which kicked off last month in Tongzhou with a small art exhibition. RMB 60, RMB 50 (students). MAO Livehouse. 111 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (6402 5080) 光芒, 东城区鼓楼东大街111号

Coquin Ladies Night Every Wednesday. See p56 for more information.

Everything Irie Sounds from Jamaica, with buy-one-get-one-free Guinness and rum and coke. Free cosmopolitans for the ladies. Free. 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

Hump Day Mid-week drinks discounts. Free. Pyro. B1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8286 6240) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼地下1层

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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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

6PM

Ladies' Night A complimentary glass of rosé welcomes all ladies for an evening of live music and treats. Free. Enoteca. The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6587 1578) 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶

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

6-10PM

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号北京极线内

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.

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

8PM

Beer Pong Throw a ball into a cup, win drinks. Free. Pyro. B1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min

from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8286 6240) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼地下1层

8.30PM

Paddy's Networking Thursdays (second Thu every month) Work your contacts. Free. Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

9PM

Ladies Night All cocktails free for ladies. 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)

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

Give Me Goose Buy-one-get-one-free on bottles of Grey Goose. Free. 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

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沿2号楼2层

Gayographic Happy Hour Two-for-one drink specials until midnight and a free Thai tapas buffet for early birds at Lantung's "pink" happy hour. Free. Lantung. Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6213) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区

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

Graffitis and Stencils of Paris Pierre Michel's 25 photographs combine to depict the urban poetry of Parisian street art. Free. Alliance Française Media Library. Rm 421, Block 2, Beijing Language and Culture University, 15 Xueyuanlu, Haidian District. (8230 3619) 海淀区学院路15号北京语言文化大学教学2楼421



Graffitis and Stencils of Paris at Alliance Française Media Library

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10PM

Half-day Great Wall Hiking A

half-day hike on the Mutianyu Great Wall. RMB 420. Meet 10-11.30am. Call Lisa on 139 1150 8227 or 8621 6278 for more information. CnAdventure. www.cnadventure.com

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 Dongjiejie, 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号北京极栈内

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 580-1,980 (includes dinner). Nanxincang Imperial Granary. Nanxincang, 22 Dongsisih-tiao, Chaoyang District. (6409 6477/99) 皇家粮仓·朝阳区东四十条22号南新仓

7PM

Jazz Dinner Exceptional 4-course dinner accompanied by live jazz in a beautiful garden. RMB 398 (includes a



Kunqu Opera: The Peony Pavilion at Imperial Granary

free welcome cocktail). Fennel Bistro. Hotel Yi, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, 798 Yishu Qu, 706 Houjiejie 1, Chaoyang District. (6436181) 朝阳区朝阳区酒仙桥路2号院798艺术区706后街1号

8PM

Free Keg Night

The first keg of beer is free. By the time it's done, you'll be ready for happy hour. Free. Pyro. B1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8286 6240) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼地下1层

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

Friday Wine Fever Free-flow tapas when you buy an RMB 200 bottle of wine. Free. Enoteca. The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6587 1578) 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶

9PM

Kill Club (Sulum, Monkey Bender, etc)

Shanshui gathers its top electric groups for a tour in China. RMB 60, RMB 40 (advance, students). 9pm. 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侧

Live Music: Christophe Lier Jazz Trio

Chill out in the peaceful courtyard with Christophe, one of the best jazz musicians in Beijing. RMB 50, RMB 40 (advance). 9pm. Jianghu Liveshow Bar.

7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiadaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District. (6401 4611) 江湖酒吧·东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

House of Decadence

By Sigma. DJ Chozie & DJ Bobby spin sophisticated house music for the Beijing elite. Free. The Beach. Block 8, Apartment 8 Complex, Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (135 2188 2889) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路8号公馆

10PM

Live Music: Ember Swift

Jazz, gypsy, funk, R&B, folk, and blues in English, French and Chinese. RMB 40. 10pm. 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)

Basement

Two-for-one drinks specials until midnight. 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Village 1号楼瑜舍地下1层

TIMES VARY

Penguin Author Talks: Author TBD

Details TBD. The Bookworm. Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6586 9507) 书虫书吧·朝阳区工体北路4号院

Friday Shots Night

Kamikaze and Tequila at RMB 5. Solutions. 1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8586 3517) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼1层

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SATURDAY

11.30AM-3PM

Sealicious Seafood Buffet Lavish spread of fresh seafood with glass of welcome bubbles and free-flowing drinks. RMB 428+15%. Seasonal Taste, Westin Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8880) 朝阳区新源南路1号威斯汀酒店

NOON-3PM

Taste of Brazil SALT offers Brazil's national dish, feijoada. Traditionally eaten on Saturday, this stew features slow-cooked beans and homemade sausage with seasoned rice. RMB 148. 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)

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

1-4PM

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 东城区东城区黑芝麻胡同3号

2PM

Aussie Rules Nine-a-side on grass. Details at beijingfooty@yahoo.com. Jade Gardens.

3-5PM

Gaelic Football Beijing Gaelic Football Club play men's and women's games every Sunday; all skill levels are welcome. For further details, contact beijinggaa@yahoo.com or visit www.beijinggaa.org. Western Academy of Beijing, 10 Laiguangying Donglu (off the Airport Expressway), Chaoyang District. (8456 4155) 北京京西学校, 朝阳区来广营东路10号

4PM-LATE

Reggae Party DJs S-Press, O.P. and Zee get irie with Ultimate Productions. This won't be happening in November, so enjoy it. More information at 136 9360 5284 or 6436 8998. RMB 50. 2 Kolegas, 21 Liangmagiao 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)

5.30-10PM

Garden BBQ Dine on a menu of savory grilled fare like fresh rock lobster, tiger prawns and juicy T-bone steak, as well as cheeses, soft drinks and local beer in the Shangri-la Hotel's traditional Chinese garden. RMB 498. Garden Bar & Terrace, Shangri-La Hotel, 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, at Xisanhuan Lu, Haidian District. (6841 2211) 北京香格里拉饭店, 海淀区西三环紫竹院路29号

9PM

DJ Maxwell Resident spins tunes till late. Free. Scarlett, Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 3600) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极线内

Souled Out Sexy, funky and eclectic tunes from DJs Mo and Azat. Reservations at 135 2188 2889. Free. 9pm. The Beach, Block 8, Apartment 8 Complex, Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (135 2188 2889) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路8号公馆

10PM

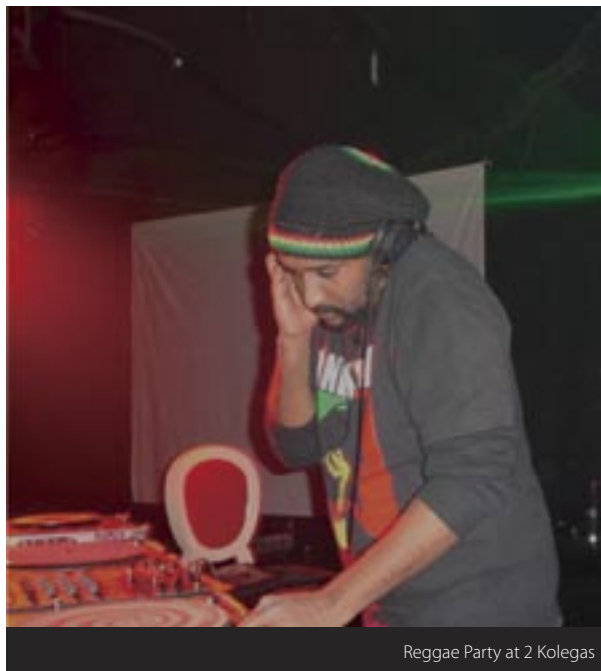
Electric Cafe Germany's DJ Tobl blends funk, jazz, electro, and house smoother than a cappuccino. Free. Q Bar. On the top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 100m south of Beer Mania, Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6595 9239) 朝阳区三里屯南路麦兜啤酒吧南100米

TIMES VARY

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@cyclosportschina.com or 139 1028 0053.

Ninegate Jazz Festival Details TBD. Two venues. 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

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号段祺瑞政府旧址西院



Reggae Party at 2 Kolegas

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SUNDAY

10AM

Badminton Shuttlecock shenanigans for the intermediate and advanced. Contact John at johnsk_ho@hotmail.com.

Women's Lacrosse Practice takes place every Sunday at 10am. Equipment is provided. Cost of pitch fees is shared. Contact Fiona at fionaboyle66@hotmail.com.

10AM-NOON

Hands-On: Chinese Tie-Dye Tie-dye your clothing using Chinese minority folk art methods. RMB 120, RMB 100 (for children under 12). 10am-noon. 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

10AM-6PM

Workshop: Learn Photography with Peter Carney The award-winning photographer will introduce fundamental techniques, followed by shooting and editing sessions. Each student will be given one-on-one time during the edit sessions. Reserve at workshop@cultureyard.net. RMB 500. Culture Yard. 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District. (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

11.30AM-3PM

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



Sunday Champagne Brunch at Greenfish

Apothecary Fried Chicken Share a whole fried chicken with 'slaw and butterilk biscuits, courtesy of Louisiana chef Max Levy. RMB 200, RMB 100 (for half). Apothecary. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6040) 朝阳区三里屯北路81号那里花园3层

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.

1.30-4PM

The Royal City Inside Out A walk around the areas of old Beijing that once constituted the "Royal City." Meet at Dongsi subway station (Exit B). Free. Ninety Percent Travel (151 1791 6648, info@90percenttravel.com) www.90percenttravel.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

Basketball Play with the Angels. General Administration of Sport of China Training Centre. www.angels-club.com.cn
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 – 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

9PM

Lush Open Mic Show off your talents for 15 minutes of fame and a free beer. Past acts have ranged from freestyle rap battles to tap dancing. RMB 10. Lush. 2/F, Bldg 1, Huaqing Jiayuan, Chengfu Lu (across from the Wudaokou light-rail station), Haidian District. (8286 3566) 海淀区成府路华清嘉园1号楼2层

TIMES VARY

Touch Rugby You can practice touching on the free bus from The Den. www.beijingdevils.com

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@cyclosportschina.com or 139 1028 0053.

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MONDAY

→ 10AM →

Half-day Great Wall Hiking A

half-day hike on the Mutianyu Great Wall. RMB 420. Meet 10-11.30am. Call Lisa on 139 1150 8227 or 8621 6278 for more information. CnAdventure. www.cnadventure.com

→ NOON →

Free Afternoon Coffee Free coffee with any dessert every weekday afternoon. Homemade desserts include brownie (RMB 10), apple pie (RMB 15), cheesecake (RMB 15). Lily's Diner. 2-18 Tianzhijiaozi, 31 Guangqu Lu (in the street just south of the Tianzhijiaozi complex, a few doors east of the gym), Chaoyang District. (6592 5548) 朝阳区广渠路31号院天之骄子2号楼2-18

→ 1.30-3PM →

The Art of Chinese Astrology

Ever wondered about Chinese astrology? Price TBD. 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

→ 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号蓝色港湾国际商务区15-4

→ 6PM →

Swedish Fashion Dance Performance

Virpi Pahkinen, Andreas Unge and Jin Xing Dance Theater in clothes by Martin Bergström, Diana Orving, Göran Sundberg, Nakkna and Sandra Backlund. Free. RSVP with your name to swedishfashionperformance@gmail.com is required. The Yan Club. 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (5978 9172) 仁俱乐部, 酒仙桥路4号大山子艺术区

→ 8PM-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

→ 7.30PM →

Beijing Music Festival Opening

Two words say it all: Lang Lang. The pianist par excellence is joined by the China Philharmonic on a bill that pays homage to Chopin. RMB 80-880. 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) 书虫书吧, 朝阳区工体北路4号院

→ 7.40PM →

Pilates See Oct 4 listing on p40.

→ 8PM →

Allie Webb Mon-Sat. LA singer belts out pop and jazz tunes. Free. Aria, China World Hotel. 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 2266 ext 6644) 中国大饭店, 朝阳区建国门外大街1号

Movie Night Free dessert if you buy dinner between 7-9pm. Free. Lush. 2/F, Bldg 1, Huaqing Jiayuan, Chengfulu (across from the Wudaokou light-rail station), Haidian District. (8286 3566) 海淀区成府路华清嘉园1号楼2层 (五道口地铁站对面)

Mojito Mondays

Centro's discounted mojito for RMB 55. Free. Centro. 1/F, Shangri-La's Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6561 8833, ask for Centro) 炫酷, 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心饭店1层

Live Music: Joanna Racsy Jazz, pop and R&B entertains the cocktail crowd. 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, 朝阳区建国门外大街2号

→ 9.30AM →

Vinaya Yoga See Oct 4 listing on p40.

→ TIMES VARY →

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.citybus tour.com



Beijing Music Festival Grand Opening at Poly Theatre

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TUESDAY

4-6PM

Chinese Dumpling- and Noodle-

Making Class What's tastier than hand-pulled noodles and dumplings? Learn how to make them with healthy local ingredients, then serve them up hot with spicy sauces. RMB 200, RMB 150 (for children under 12). 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

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. 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

6.30-10PM

China Through Cinema: Ashes of Time Swordsmen and swordswomen in China's wild West, nursing heartbreak and dreams of revenge. Followed by discussion. Drinks and popcorn provided. Reserve at workshop@cultureyard.net. RMB 25. Culture Yard, 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District. (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

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. (6652 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.



Oktoberfest Festivities at Kempinski Hotel

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

Headhunter Social Networking

Evening Opportunity knocks for career development. You might find the new challenge you've been looking for. Professionals from all industries welcome. Register at eventbj@fcclub.com or 139 1109 8002. Price TBD. Flames, Hilton Wangfujing, 8 Wangfujing East Street, Dongcheng District. (5812 8888) 东城区王府井东街8号北京王府井西尔顿

8PM

Zoomin' Night The night of a week to discover the pioneering and bizarre. RMB 30, RMB 20 (students). D-22, 242 Chengfu Lu, Haidian District. (6265 3177) 海淀区成府路242号

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号贵宾大厦正北200米

8.30PM

Open Mic Night Brave a demanding crowd and get a drink for your efforts. Free. Paddy O'Shea's, 28 Dongzhimen-

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

Cheesy Tuesday See Oct 5 listing on p41.

Oktoberfest Festivities Come raise a glass of home-brewed beer during Oktoberfest and celebrate with delicious beer, hearty food, and live music from Donautal Duo. Paulaner Bräuhaus, Kempinski Hotel. Beijing Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext 4212) 朝阳区亮马桥路50号

Mr Gallery Eight Chinese photographers combine for an opening that promises to be a panorama of the medium in contemporary China. Free. French Cultural Centre, 16 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6553 2627) 朝阳区工体西路16号

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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蓝色港湾国际商区5-1

• 6-9PM •

Cold Cut Combo Night See Oct 6 listing on p 42.

• 6-11PM •

Martini Wednesdays Beijing's best martinis? Ten of them are buy-one-get-one-free tonight. 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

• 6.30PM •

Basketball General Administration of Sport of China Training Centre. www.angels-club.com.cn

• 7PM •

PAE Halo Launch Party: Social Conscious Design

The program includes a live auction of the limited edition Halo bag, as well as live sketch art by Vincent Rondia. For info or to RSVP, contact Leo Stachnik at 137 1878 1954 or leo.stachnik@pae-halo.com. Free (suggested donation RMB 150). 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

• 7-10PM •

Badminton See Oct 6 listing on p 42.

• 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

Lush Pub Quiz Quizmaster Josh "Vegas" Lally presides. Come early for a seat. Winners take home a bottle of Jack. Free. Lush. 2/F, Bldg 1, Huaqing Jiayuan, Chengfu Lu (across from the Wudaokou light-rail station), Haidian District. (8286 3566) 海淀区成府路华清嘉园1号楼2层 (五道口地铁站对面)

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

• 8.30PM •

Paddy's Quiz See Oct 6 listing on p 42.

• 9PM •

Mansfield.TYA Two girls from Nantes bring you a raw voice, a tortured violin, basic acoustic and electric guitars. RMB 50, RMB 30 (advance), RMB 20 (Alliance Française students and teachers). Yugong Yishan. 2-3 Zhang Zhong 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

Everything Irie See Oct 6 listing on p 42.

Hump Day Mid-week drinks discounts. Free. Pyro. B1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8286 6240) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼地下1层

• TIMES VARY •

NBA in China: Houston Rockets vs. New Jersey Nets Yao Ming and teammates who need an introduction play their pre-season game in the capital. Time and price TBD. Wukesong Arena. 12 Xicui Lu, Haidian District. 五棵松体育馆. 海淀区西翠路12号

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

One-day Great Wall Hike Trekking from Jinshanling to Simatai Great Wall. RMB 500/person for a group of 2-5 people, RMB 420/person for a group of 6-9 people (price includes transport, guide, and entrance tickets). Sign up at least two days in advance at assistant@cnadventure.com; alternatively, call 5166 9102 or 8621 6278. CnAdventure. www.cnadventure.com



NBA in China: Houston Rockets vs. New Jersey Nets at Wukesong Arena

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THURSDAY

9.30AM

Ladies Golf See Sep 30 listing on p 36.

SPM-LATE

No Ties after Five Loose your tie and wind down with sunset beverages discounted up to 50%. Soothing live jazz and cozy private massages are the fix for the worker bee blues. Mix, Westin Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8000) 朝阳区新源南路1号威斯汀酒店

6PM

Ladies' Night A complimentary glass of rosé welcomes all ladies for an evening of live music and treats. Free. Enoteca. The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6587 1578) 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶

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

6-10PM

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号北京极线内

7-9PM

Handball See Sep 30 listing on p 36.

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



Vegan Cooking Class at the Hutong

Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (8453 3003) 朝阳区幸福村中路景绣园D座1层

7.15-9.15PM

Vegan Cooking Class Learn some fantastically healthy recipes that use surprising ingredients to replace dairy products. RMB 220, RMB 200 (members). The Hutong. 1 Jiudaowan Zhongxiang Hutong (southeast of Beixinqiao subway station), Dongcheng District. (8915 3613) 东城区九道湾中巷胡同1号(北新桥地铁站东南边)

8PM

Beer Pong See Sep 30 listing on p 36.

8.30PM

Paddy's Networking Thursdays (second Thu every month) Work your contacts. Free. Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

9PM

Live Music: Mirror Mirror tells their stories using electric folk tones. RMB 50, RMB 40. Jianghu Liveshow Bar. 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiadaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District. (6401 4611) 江湖酒吧, 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

Ladies Night All cocktails free for ladies. 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

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

Give Me Goose Buy-one-get-one-free on bottles of Grey Goose. Free. 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

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

Gayographic Happy Hour Two-for-one drink specials until midnight and a free Thai tapas buffet for early birds at Lantung's "pink" happy hour. Free. Lantung. Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6213) 兰棠, 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区

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

OCT 15

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

6PM

Phillip Lim In-Store Cocktail Lane Crawford's launching a special collaboration with Phillip Lim - who will be present - along with four up-and-coming filmmakers. Their film will be premiered in the store. Lane Crawford, L130, Seasons Place, 2 Jinchengfang Jie, Financial Street, Xicheng District. (6622 0808) 西城区金融街金城坊街2号金融街购物中心L130

Thank Funk It's Friday Half-price drinks from 6-9pm. 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

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

7PM

Jazz Dinner Exceptional 4-course dinner accompanied by live jazz in a beautiful garden. RMB 398 (includes a free welcome cocktail). Fennel Bistro. Hotel Yi, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, 798 Yishu Qu, 706 Houjie 1, Chaoyang District. (6436181) 朝阳区朝阳区酒仙桥路2号院798艺术区706后街1号

7.30PM

Othello Britain's TNT tour Shakespeare's Venetian tragedy. RMB 60-380. 7.30pm. Chaoyang Culture Center. Corner of Jintai Xilu and Chaoyangmenwai Dajie (east of Jingguang Qiao), Chaoyang District. (8599 6011) 朝阳文化馆, 朝阳区朝阳门外大街和金太西路路口

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: Mademoiselle et son Orchestre Get swinging with the gypsy jazz rhythm. RMB 30. Jianghu Live-show Bar. 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiaodaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District. (6401 4611) 江湖酒吧, 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

Live Music: Afrokoko Roots Get funky with the big group's African beats. Price TBD. Time TBD. 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号段祺瑞政府旧址西院

House of Decadence By Sigma. DJ Chozie & DJ Bobby spin sophisticated house music for the Beijing elite. Free. The Beach. Block 8, Apartment 8 Complex, Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (135 2188 2889) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路8号公馆

10PM

Live Music: Teng Boon Hong Kong DJ is back again. 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

Live Music: Hanggai The amazing grassland-style folk band spreads their influence with the wind. RMB 50. 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)

TIMES VARY

Friday Shots Night Kamikaze and Tequila at RMB 5. Solutions. 1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8586 3517) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼1层

BSC Great Wall Charity Sailing Challenge Beijing's most daring and adventurous people are encouraged to participate in a ultimate three step challenge: 1) sail 40km from BSC sail base near Beidaihe to Laolongtou; 2) run 12km along the path of the Great Wall ruins via the scenic wall fort of Shanhaiguan; 3) to the grand finish point on top of the Great Wall at Jiaoshan. RMB 1000 entrance fee per person (goes straight to charity). More information at www.beijingsailing.com and 5900 0276. Beijing Sailing Center Sailbase.



Live Music: Hanggai at 2 Kolegas

OCT 16 SATURDAY

9AM

Wild Great Wall Hike Visit the "Iron and Hot Water" section of the Wall. All you need to know is that it should be quite spectacular. Meet in front of McDonald's at Ginza Mall (southeast corner of Dongzhimen Qiao). RMB 350, RMB 290 (children under 16). Ninety Percent Travel (151 1791 6648, info@90percenttravel.com) www.90percenttravel.com

11.30AM-3PM

Sealicious Seafood Buffet Lavish spread of fresh seafood with glass of welcome bubbles and free-flowing drinks. RMB 428+15%. Seasonal Taste, Westin Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8880) 朝阳区新源南路1号威斯汀酒店

NOON-3PM

Taste of Brazil SALT offers Brazil's national dish, feijoada. Traditionally eaten on Saturday, this stew features slow-cooked beans and homemade sausage with seasoned rice. RMB 148. 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)

1PM

Field Hockey See Oct 2 listing on p38.

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

2PM

Aussie Rules See Oct 2 listing on p38.

3-5PM

Gaelic Football See Oct 2 listing on p38.

6.30PM

Red Rib and Rip Short ribs presented in six classical flavors with free flow red wine. Ladies enjoy a la carte buffet



Boys Noize at Star Live

at half price. RMB 188 and up. Café Noir, Traders Upper East Hotel. 1/F, 2 Dongsihuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5907 8416) 朝阳区东四环北路2号上东盛贸饭店1层

7.30PM

Voices from Heaven: Vienna Boys Choir One of the longest-running and most renowned choirs in the world tour Mozart alongside adaptations of Gershwin and Lennon. RMB 50-880. 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

9PM

Live Music: Retrodance RMB 50, RMB 30 (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

10PM

Live Music: DH & Chinese Hellcats Have an old-school dance with the Chinese hellcats. Let's get swinging. RMB 50. 2 Kologas. 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)

Boys Noize German electro with help from Saul D, Ilman, A.M.U and Guzz. RMB 150, RMB 100 (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)

DJ Maxwell Resident spins tunes till late. Free. Scarlett, Hotel G. 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 3600) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极线内

DJ Philly Multitudes of styles from a woman who has spun for Paris Hilton and Sean "Puffy" Combs. Free. Touch, Westin Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8000) 朝阳区新源南路1号威斯汀酒店

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兜啤酒吧南100米

TIMES VARY

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@cyclosportschina.com or 139 1028 0053.

NLGX Festival 2010 Until Oct 17. The usual flea market, made up of local vendors, street performances and snacks. Check out the Plastered T-shirts music stage at the north end of the hutong at Number 20. For more info, contact Dominic at 139 1020 5721 or dominic@plasteredtshirts.com

BSC Great Wall Charity Sailing Challenge See Friday, Oct 15 listing.

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SUNDAY

10AM

Badminton See Oct 10 listing on p46.**Women's Lacrosse** See Oct 10 listing on p46.

11.30AM-3PM

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**Dim Sum Madness** Dim sum buffet menu featuring 20 gourmet essentials, as well as baby abalone and chilled teas. RMB 199 for two. 11.30am-3pm. Celestial Court Restaurant. 2/F, St Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6460 6688 ext 2460 or 2462) 天宝阁, 朝阳区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店2层

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.

2PM

China New Design: Black Is Back Designers Zhang Yonghe and Liu Zhizhi talk about the role of black in high, low, avant-garde, traditional, cutting-edge and everyday fashion. In Chinese only. 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**Basketball** See Oct 10 listing on p46.**Water Polo** See Oct 10 listing on p46.

3PM

Flag Football See Oct 10 listing on p46.

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

4-7PM

Sushi and Sashimi Class Chef Tani Gu will teach you everything from how to cook the rice to cutting fresh sushi-grade fish to making the rolls. Includes

meal and wine. RMB 398+15%. Kempinski Hotel. Beijing Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext 4200) 凯宾斯基饭店, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号

5PM-LATE

Upsteeper Sound and Uprooted Sunshine Fifth Anniversary Reggae Bash Legendary reggae producer Clive Chin returns as Beijing's Upsteeper Sound and Shanghai's Uprooted Sunshine crews hook up to celebrate. For info, call 136 7130 4233 or e-mail commandante_33@yahoo.com. RMB 50. 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

7.30PM

Beijing Guoan vs. Tianjin Kangshifu A local rivalry that is not to be missed. Tickets at 5905 9082 or Workers' Stadium. RMB 30-100. Workers' Stadium. Gongti Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6501 6655) 工人体育场, 朝阳区工体南路

8PM

Live Music: Old Street Old Street keeps the old traditional music alive with interesting instruments and lyrics that are impossible to understand. RMB 40, RMB 30 (advance). Jianghu Liveshow Bar. 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiadaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District. (6401 4611) 江湖酒吧, 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号**Live Music and Tapas** Live Flamenco guitar performance sets the mood for enjoying tapas with sangria for RMB 200. 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

TIMES VARY

Sambasia The samba drumming group welcomes you to dance with their beats. RMB 50. Time TBD. 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)**BSC Great Wall Charity Sailing Challenge** See Friday, Oct 15 listing.

NLGS Festival 2010 on Nanluogu Xiang. See listing page opposite.

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MONDAY

10AM

Half-day Great Wall Hiking A

half-day hike on the Mutianyu Great Wall. RMB 420. Meet 10-11.30am. Call Lisa on 139 1150 8227 or 8621 6278 for more information. CnAdventure. www.cnadventure.com

NOON

Free Afternoon Coffee

Free coffee with any dessert every weekday afternoon. Homemade desserts include brownie (RMB 10), apple pie (RMB 15), cheesecake (RMB 15). Lily's Diner. 2-18 Tianzhijiaozi, 31 Guangqu Lu, Chaoyang District. (6592 5548) 朝阳区广渠路31号院天之骄子2号楼2-18

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号蓝色港湾国际商业区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)

6-10PM

Scarlett Daily Special & Desert

Order from the daily specials board and get a free scrumptious dessert. Scarlett. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极核内

7.30PM

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) 书虫书吧, 朝阳区工体北路4号院

7.40PM

Pilates Work the mind and the body at this class. RMB 90. Yin Yang Commu-



High Tea at the Raffles Hotel Writers Bar

nity Center, Courtyard 1, Hegezhuang Village, Chaoyang District. (6431 2108, contact@yinyangbeijing.com) www.yinyangbeijing.com 朝阳区崔各庄乡何各庄村1号院

8PM

Movie Night Flicks on the screen. Free dessert if you buy dinner between 7-9pm. Free. Lush. 2/F, Bldg 1, Huaqing Jiayuan, Chengfulu (across from the Wudaokou light-rail station), Haidian District. (8286 3566) 海淀区成府路华清嘉园1号楼2层 (五道口城铁站对面)

8PM

Live Music: Joanna Racsy Jazz, pop and R&B entertains the cocktail crowd. 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

9.30AM

Vinyasa Yoga Yoga with the knowledge of yoga veterans. Price TBD. 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

TIMES VARY

Traditional English Tea Indulge in tea and scones in the elegance of Writers Bar at Raffles. 33 Dong Chang'an Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6526 3388) 东城区东长安大街33号

Mojito Monday Every Monday night two-for-one Mojitos. Water. 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号蓝色港湾国际商业区15-4

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.citybus tour.com

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TUESDAY

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号北京极线内

6.30-10PM

China Through Cinema: Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon Watch Zhang Ziyi, Michelle Yeoh and Chow Yun-fat kick ass in this award-winning film. Drinks and popcorn provided. RMB 25. Reserve at workshop@cultureyard.net. Culture Yard. 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District. (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

7-9PM

Beijing Devils Training See Oct 12 listing on p48.

Women's Rugby See Oct 12 listing on p48.

7.30PM

RLPO - John Lennon Songbook The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic presents the work of their city's most famous son. RMB 80-180. 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

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

Creative Industries Networking

Evening Dress glamorously to impress those who decide what's hot and what's not. Register at eventbj@fcclub.com or 139 1109 8002. Price TBD. 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

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

BPM

Zoomin' Night The night of a week to discover the pioneering and bizarre. RMB 30, RMB 20 (students). D-22. 242 Chengfu Lu, Haidian District. (6265 3177) 海淀区成府路242号

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) Tim's 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. (5867 1108) 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

Cheesy Tuesday Get Enoteca's cheese plate for half-price when you order a bottle of wine from the special menu. All day. Enoteca. The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6587 1578) 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶

Oktoberfest Festivities Come raise a glass of home-brewed beer during Oktoberfest and celebrate Bavarian tradition with delicious beer, hearty food, showgirls and live music from Donautal Duo. Paulaner Bräuhaus, Kempinski Hotel. Beijing Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext 4212) 凯宾斯基饭店, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号

A+B+C/F=FUTURISMO Presented by the Municipality of Alessandria, Namoc and the Italian Cultural Institute in Beijing, the first monographic exhibition on Futurism in China features 200+ pieces of work with an indelible impact on arts, literature, photography, movies, theater, advertising graphic, fashion, design and cooking. National Art Museum of China. 1 Wusi Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6401 2252/7076) 中国美术馆, 东城区五四大街1号



Creative Industries Networking Evening with FC Club

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WEDNESDAY

10AM-NOON

Hot Hot Hot Learn to make two types of chilli paste from scratch at the Hutong, see a demo on how to use them, and take a bottle home. RMB 220, RMB 200 (members). The Hutong. 1 Jiudaowan Zhongxiang Hutong (southeast of Beixinqiao subway station), Dongcheng District. (8915 3613) 东城区九道湾中巷胡同1号(北新桥地铁站东南边)

4PM

Buy One Burger, Get One Free See Oct 13 listing on p49.

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

6-11PM

Martini Wednesdays Beijing's best martinis? Ten of them are buy-one-get-one-free tonight. 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啤啤酒吧南100米

6.30PM

Basketball See Oct 13 listing on p49.

7-10PM

Badminton Shuttlecock shenanigans for the intermediate and advanced. Contact John at johnsk_ho@hotmail.com.

7.30PM

RLPO – Elgar and Shostakovich The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra perform two works by Elgar and Shostakovich's final symphony – which quotes Rossini's William Tell. RMB 80-180. Forbidden City Concert Hall. Inside Zhongshan Park, Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District. (6559 8285) 中山公园音乐堂, 西城区西长安街中公园内

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



RLPO Concert at Forbidden City Concert Hall

Lush Pub Quiz Quizmaster Josh "Vegas" Lally presides. Come early for a seat. Winners take home a bottle of Jack. Free. Lush. 2/F, Bldg 1, Huaqing Jiayuan, Chengfu Lu (across from the Wudaokou light-rail station), Haidian District. (8286 3566) 海淀区成府路华清嘉园1号楼2层 (五道口城铁站对面)

Pomegranate Quiz Quizmaster Karl one week, a guest every other. Expect fun questions on such topics as Cockney rhyming slang. Free. The Pomegranate. 19 Kaifu 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, Dongsu Liutiao (east exit), Dongcheng District. (6501 9345) 紫苏庭, 东城区东四六条1号

9PM

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

Everything Irie Sounds from Jamaica, with buy-one-get-one-free Guinness and rum and coke. Free cosmopolitans for the ladies. Free. Bling. Solana 5-1, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号Solana蓝色港湾国际商务区5-1

Hump Day Mid-week drinks discounts. Free. Pyro. B1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8286 6240) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼地下1层

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

Talk: Chinese Tea Culture Develop an appreciation for tea by learning about its intricate history and preparation process. Several high-quality teas will be served. RMB 50. 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

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

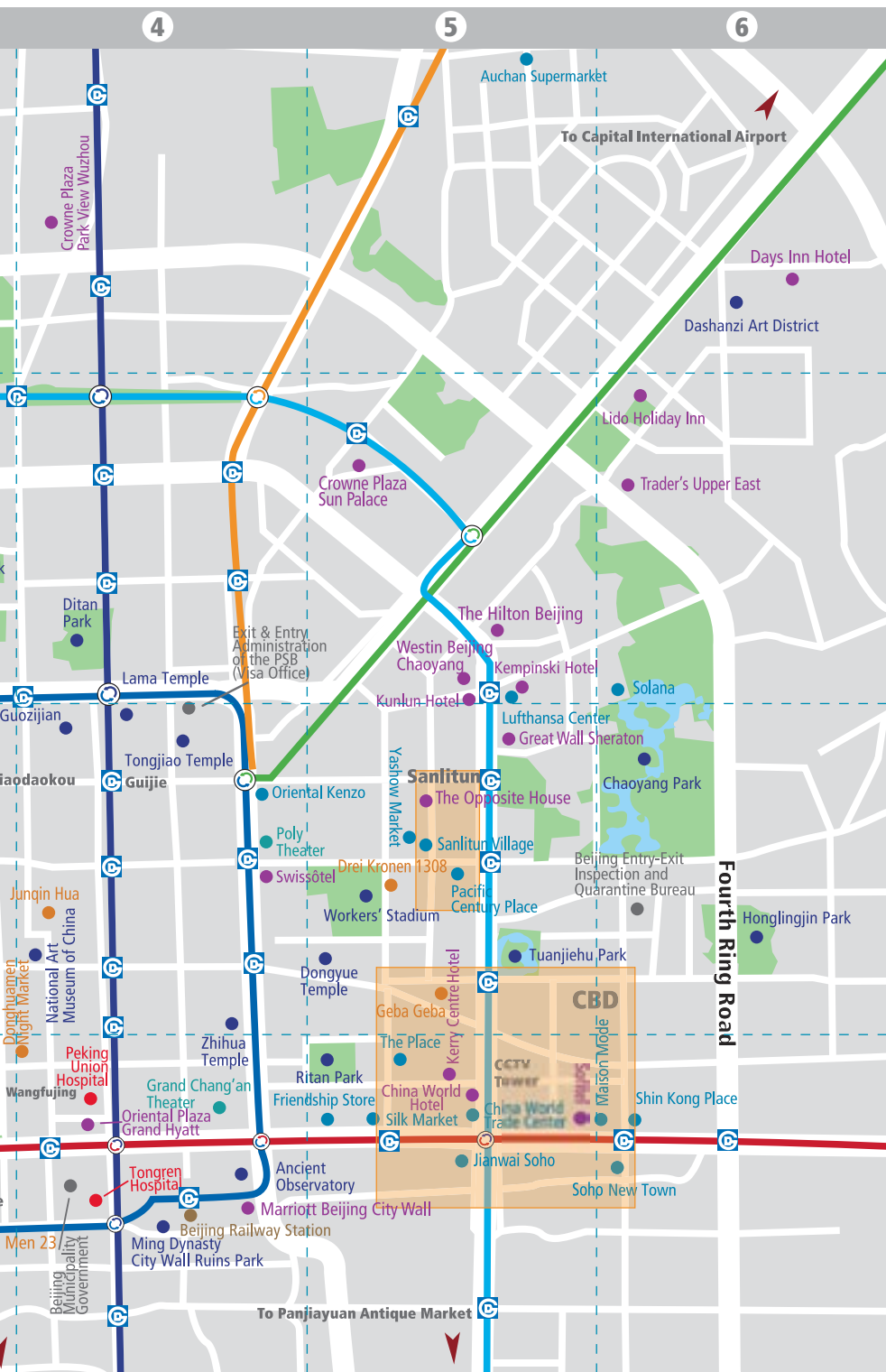
One-day Great Wall Hike Trekking from Jinshanling to Simatai Great Wall. RMB 500/person for a group of 2-5 people, RMB 420/person for a group of 6-9 people (price includes transport, guide, and entrance tickets). Sign up at least two days in advance at assistant@cnadventure.com; alternatively, call 5166 9102 or 8621 6278. CnAdventure. www.cnadventure.com

● Stations are indicated by the blue Beijing Subway (北京地铁 *Beijing Ditie*) sign.

- Tickets (票 *piao*) cost RMB 20.
- 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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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-yuan-li, Chaoyang District. (6462 9112, 24hr 6462 9100) www.international-sos.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 北京港澳国际医疗诊所, 东城区朝阳门北大街2号港澳中心办公楼9层

International Medical Center (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.imcclinics.com 国际医疗中心, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎中心1层S106

Peking Union Medical College Hospital Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm; 24-hour emergency. 1 Shuaifuyuan, Wangfujing (the foreigners' wing is located south of the inpatient building), Dongcheng District. (6529 5284, emergency 6529 5269) www.pumch.ac.cn 北京协和医院, 东城区王府井帅府园1号 (外国人就诊楼在门诊楼的南侧)

MONEY

ATMS

Most ATMs accept foreign bankcards connected to the Cirrus, Plus, AmEx, Visa and MasterCard networks. Some local banks charge transaction fees (RMB 25 for Bank of China) but many do not; your home country bank will probably slap on a fee for each withdrawal in Beijing. Maximum single-day withdrawal limits for foreign cards vary but range RMB 3,000-5,000, with a per session limit. For a list of ATMs, see www.move-andstay.com/beijing/guide_banks.asp

American Express 6505 2228; after-hours US hotline: 001 336 393 1111; Emergency card replacement (Hong Kong): 00852 2277 1088; Stolen traveler's checks: 10 800 744 0106 (toll-free)

Western Union (800 820 8668, China Post Beijing 6659 9111 ext 8459) www.westernunion.com

Visa Certain banks, notably Bank of China and HSBC, can provide cash advances with a Visa card. Many ATMs allow Visa cardholders to withdraw money up to a daily limit.

TRANSPORT & TRAVEL

AIRPORT & AIRLINES

Beijing Capital International Airport General enquiries 6457 1100, lost luggage 6459 9523, customer complaints 6454 1166. Terminal 1 6454 0100, Terminal 2 6459 8333, Terminal 3 6453 0030.
<http://en.bcia.com.cn/>

Air Canada 6468 2001, 400 811 2001

Air China 800 810 1111, 400 810 0999

Air France 4008 808 808

All Nippon Airways 800 820 1122

Austrian Airlines 6464 5999

British Airways 400 650 0073

China Southern Airlines 6459 0539, 6459 6490 95539

Continental Airlines 400 650 6686

Dragon Air 400 888 6628

Japan Airlines 400 888 0808

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines 400 880 8222

Korean Air 400 658 8888, 8453 8137

Lufthansa Airlines 6468 8838

Northwest Airlines 400 814 0081

Qantas Airlines 400 888 0089

SAS 8527 6100

Shanghai Airlines 800 820 1018,

Singapore Airlines 6505 2233

Swiss Air 8454 0180

Thai International 8515 0088

United Airlines 800 810 8282

TRAINS & RAILWAY STATIONS

Train tickets go on sale ten days in advance of departure at train stations and ticket agencies but are available to travel agents a day earlier. Round-trip tickets for trains starting from and terminating in Beijing can now be purchased 12 days before the return date. In addition, tickets for the Beijing-Hong Kong train can be bought up to 20 days ahead of departure.

To book a ticket for pick up at agency near you, call 9510 5105. You can also order a ticket on www.51piao.com/train for pick-up or, for a RMB 10 surcharge, delivery to an address within the Fourth Ring Road.

Beijing Station (Beijing Huochezhan) Beijing Zhan Jie, Dongcheng District. (5101 9999, Chinese) 北京站, 东城区北京站街

Beijing West Railway Station (Beijing Xikezhān) Lianhuachi Donglu (east of Xisanhuan Lu), Fengtai District.

(5182 6253, Chinese) 北京西站, 丰台区莲花池东路

Beijing South Railway Station (Beijing Nanzhan) 12 Yongdingmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District. (5186 7999) 北京南站, 崇文区永定门外大街12号

Beijing North Station (Beijing Beizhan) Xizhimen, Xicheng District. (5186 6223, Chinese) 北京北站, 西城区西直门

TAXIS

Beijing's 67,000 cabs are easy to hail, except during the rush hour peak. Drivers are generally friendly and honest, but few speak English. The flagfall rate is RMB 10, and RMB 11 after 11 pm. At press time drivers could add an additional RMB 1 to the bill to cover fuel costs. Tips are not expected.

Beijing Taxi Dispatching Center They can't send a driver to your house, but will alert all taxis with GPS in the vicinity of your request for a taxi and exact location. (6837 3399)

Beijing Yinjian Taxi Company Call them and they will notify their drivers of your location. (96103)

ASM Chauffeur and Tour Services Airport pick-up and delivery service, chauffeur service and personal guide service available. English-speaking drivers. Pricing on website. (5166 1575) www.chauffeurasia.com

Beijing Limo Airport pickup, corporate events and sightseeing. Choose from stretch limos, buses and vans, all with bilingual drivers.
www.beijinglimo.com/english

TOUR COMPANIES

Beijing Citybus Tours See all of Beijing's major sights in a three-hour bus tour. Call 6512 2032 or 400 650 0760 for information. www.citybustour.com

PASSPORTS & VISAS

VISA APPLICATIONS/EXTENSIONS

Exit & Entry Administration of the Public Security Bureau Mon-Sat 8.30am-4.30pm. 2 Andingmen Dongdajie (by Xiaojie Qiao), Dongcheng District. (8402 0101, 8401 5294) 北京市公安局出入境管理处, 东城区安定门东大街2号

EMBASSIES

If your embassy has moved, or you can't find it in the list below, consult the up-to-date list of all the embassies in Beijing at www.travelchina.guide.com/embassy/foreign/beijing.

All embassies except Russia's are located in Chaoyang District.

Australia 21 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (5140 4111) 东直门外大街21号

Canada 19 Dongzhimenwai Dajie. (5139 4000) 东直门外大街19号

France 3 Sanlitun Dongsan Jie (8532 8080) 三里屯东三街3号

Germany 17 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (8532 9000) 东直门外大街17号

India 1 Ritan Donglu (6532 1908) 日坛东路1号

Ireland 3 Ritan Donglu (6532 2691) 日坛东路3号

Italy 2 Sanlitun Dong'erjie (8532 7600) 三里屯东二街2号

Japan 7 Ritan Lu, Janguomenwai (6532 2361) 建国门外日坛路7号

Malaysia 2 Liangmaqiao Beijie (6532 2531) 亮马桥北街2号

Netherlands 4 Liangmahe Nanlu (8532 0200) 亮马河南路4号

New Zealand 1 Ritan Lu Dong'erjie (6532 7000) 日坛路东二街1号

Pakistan 1 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (6532 2504) 东直门外大街1号

Philippines 23 Xiushui Beijie (6532 1872) 秀水北街23号

Russia 4 Dongzhimen Beizhongjie (6532 1381) 东直门北中街4号

Singapore 1 Xiushui Beijie (6532 1115) 秀水北街1号

South Africa 5 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (6532 0171) 东直门外大街5号

South Korea 20 Dongfang Donglu (8531 0700) 东方东路20号

Sweden 3 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (6532 9790) 东直门外大街3号

Switzerland 3 Sanlitun Dongxuejie (8532 8888) 三里屯东五街3号

Thailand Embassy: 40 Guanghua Lu (6532 1749). Visa and consular section: 15/F, Bldg D, Twins Tower, Janguomenwai Dajie (8566 4469) 大使馆, 光华路40号. 领事馆, 建国门外大街双子座大厦D座15层

United Kingdom Embassy: 11 Guanghua Lu (5192 4000). Visa and consular sections: 21/F, North Tower, Kerry Centre, 1 Guanghua Lu (8529 6600) 大使馆, 光华路11号, 领事馆, 光华路1号嘉里中心北楼21层

United States of America 55 Anjialou Lu (entrance on Tianze Lu) (8531 3000, visas 8531 3333, visa call center 400 887 2333). 安家楼路55号 (东门在天泽路)

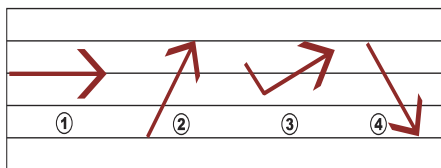
Vietnam 32 Guanghua Lu (6532 1155) 光华路32号

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	duì 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	Wángfújǐng	王府井
Great Wall	Chángchéng	长城

Temple of Heaven
Summer Palace
Old Summer Palace
Lama Temple
Silk Street Market
Yashow Market
The Place
Sanlitun
Houhai
World Trade Center
Financial Street
bank
post office
hotel
airport
railway station
subway station
pharmacy
hospital
embassy
north/south/east/west

Tiāntán 天坛
Yíhéyuán 颐和园
Yuánmíngyúan 圆明园
Yōnghégōng 雍和宫
Xiù Shuǐ Jiē 秀水街
Yǎxiù Shìchǎng 雅秀市场
Shìwà Tiānjiē 世贸天阶
Sānlǐtún 三里屯
Hòuhǎi 后海
Guómào 国贸
Jīnróng Jiē 金融街
yín háng 银行
yóu-jú 邮局
lǚ diǎn 旅店
jī chǎng 机场
huǒchē zhàn 火车站
dìtiě zhàn 地铁站
yào-diàn 药店
yī yuàn 医院
dà shǐ guǎn 大使馆
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 piányi yuèdiǎn 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
bar	jiǔ-bā	酒吧
bathroom	xǐ shǒu jiān	洗手间
battery	diàn-chí	电池
charger	chōng-diàn-qì	充电器
book	shù	书
camera	zhào-xiàng-jī	照相机
cigarettes	yān	烟
credit card	xìnyòngkǎ	信用卡
lighter	dǎ-huǒ-jī	打火机
clothes	yī-fú	衣服
(to have a) cold	gǎn-mào	感冒
computer	diàn-nǎo	电脑
elevator	diàn-tī	电梯
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-piàn	照片
policeman	jīng-chá	警察

purse	qián-bāo	钱包
raincoat	yǔ-yī	雨衣
umbrella	yǔ-sǎn	雨伞
restaurant	fàn-diǎn	饭店
suitcase	xiāng-zi	箱子
sun glasses	tài-yáng-jìng	太阳镜
supermarket	chāo-shì	超市
ticket	piào	票
ticket booth	shòu-piào-tíng	售票亭
bathroom	xǐ-shǒu-jiān	洗手间
toilet paper	wèi-shēng-zhǐ	卫生纸
top-up cards	chōng-zhí-kǎ	充值卡
tour guide	dǎo-yóu	导游
watch	shǒu-biǎo	手表

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-qiān	一千

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