

ORIGINAL NIGHTS OUT:

PARIS

Join FHM and the Smirnoff Co. as we ferret out the city's most original Seine-side soirees. *Mon Dieu!*



SLEEP IN AN ART INSTALLATION

A designer pod perched on the roof of the Palais de Tokyo arts centre, Everland might be Paris's smallest hotel, but it boasts views unlike any other lodgings in the city. The capsule comes with a bedroom, bathroom and fully-stocked mini-bar, but you can only book for one night only (£262). Be warned: as you will be a work of art, there's a webcam trained on the window at all times. www.everland.ch/en



Forget all that city of love nonsense. As any of the dissolute characters who have enjoyed themselves in fine Gallic style there over the years will shrug in agreement, Paris's big selling point is not its stinky cheese or its alleged amorous qualities, but its nightlife. Know where to go and the bars, clubs and restaurants are consumed by a *joie de vivre* that not even its *merde*-covered pavements could destroy. Plus, any place where the middle-aged President goes out with a delicious-looking model such as Carla Bruni has to be worth visiting. Read on for FHM and the Smirnoff Co's 'Original Nights Out' guide. *Mange tout!*



THE BAR THAT'S A STOCK EXCHANGE

Bargain-hunting drinkers will love **Footsie**. A bar in Paris's financial district, its gimmick is that all drink prices are floated like stocks. Which means the more customers demand a drink, the more its price goes up (Smirnoff fluctuates from Eu6-12). A Teletext-like screen informs if a drink price has risen or fallen, while be-suited brokers gaze on, waiting for the prime moment to buy a round.



DRINK SURROUNDED BY TRASH

Freaky lingo-pop art coincidence: the expression for "I have nothing" in Arabic is 'Andy Wahloo'. It's also the name of this gaudy Moroccan-themed cocktail bar near the Pompidou Centre. Featuring post-modern, post-rubbish décor that its near-namesake would approve of, triangular road signs are used as tables while the only seats are upturned oil cans. myspace.com/andywahloo



THE MEDICAL-THEMED BAR

Parisians must be safe in the knowledge, that while UK student doctors campaign for rag week, their future doctors are busy sloping off to the medical university's local, L'Urgence. Stop by this hospital-themed hostelry and you can drink ghastly-coloured cocktails (with names like 'Electrochoc') from teated bottles, hemmed in by X-ray prints and stethoscope-brandishing women. www.urgencebar.com



GO CLUBBING ON THE SEINE

Nightclubs on boats usually mean tacky Thames disco cruises or Newcastle's Tuxedo Princess. And looking at the rusting red metal of old lighthouse tugboat, Le Batofar, you'd be forgiven for thinking the same. But instead, you're greeted by a cutting-edge nightclub that plays le music le electro. Especially good in summer when *soirees* last from Saturday to Sunday evenings and everybody dances on deck. www.batofar.org



SIP COCKTAILS-OF-THE-FUTURE

Like the Heston Blumenthal of cocktails, the "concept drinks" of Thierry Hernandez (bar director at the Plaza Athénée Hotel) include the Alco-Mist (above) which is served in a spray bottle, the Fashion Ice (alcoholic ice-pops), pina colada bubble gum and Hot & Chips (potato puree shots with vodka). Find out more: www.plaza-athenee-paris.com



WIN A TRIP TO PARIS!



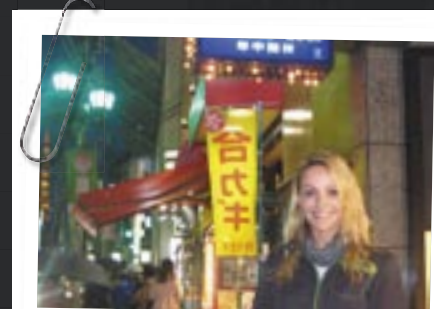
You'll probably be ejected by US immigration if you touched down at San Francisco Airport with flowers in your hair, but it's one city where you'll definitely want to leave your heart. The Smirnoff Co. is generously offering one lucky reader (plus a friend) a five night trip there, staying in the five-star Campton Palace Hotel, with a spine-chilling night trip to Alcatraz plus dinner at hip eatery Aqua thrown in. Simply head to www.fhm.com/smirnoff before May 31 to enter.



SMIRNOFF ELECTRIC CABARET PARIS



Forget Hogmanay, Burns Night, Deep-Fry-Your-Granny-Day and any other Caledonian get-together you care to mention – to experience Scottish bacchanalia in full swing, head to Glasgow's ABC this April 17 for Smirnoff's Electric Cabaret. As yet, the line-up is a closely-guarded secret, but weggies (natives) attending last year's event were treated to the likes of the Guillemots, The Go! Team and Lemon Jelly. For more info head to www.smirnoff.com.



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The Michael Palin of mad nightlife, FHM's Steph Prentice touches down in Japan to give us her original evenings out.

Feria, Tokyo: It might be the name of a cheap shampoo, but Feria's moon-shaped bar, ice-covered bar tops and upbeat house music attracts models from Tokyo and beyond.

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Don a toga and scoff tzatsiki – the Smirnoff Co's Original Nights Out goes Grecian...