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It was in Goa (India) in the 80's that Hippies got bored with the same old guitar music and included electronica in their parties. The seed flourished and soon a heavy breeze spread new seeds all over our galaxy – a new movement called "Psychedelic Trance" was born!

A movement irresistible to everyone who experienced it. Its center were the parties: colorful microcosms of an alternative society. Respectful, preferable, open air, inspiring, long-lasting gatherings of creativity for people to change their minds!

The movement has come a long way since then and in many countries emerged from the underground to overground or even mainstream. It has become massive and today carries names like goa, psytrance, trance, progressive trance, minimal trance, tech trance, full-on, neo full-on ... Some ideals diluted, others are still shaping and outlining our scene – making it a bit different.

One of them is the internationality – festivals with 10,000 freaks happen, half of them being foreigners.

"Trancers" like to travel. They like to discover, exchange ideas, experience foreign beauty, be inspired and free!

The Trancers Guide to the Galaxy is the travelling trancer's friend. It's a new annual overview about the galaxy's trance-infected destinations. It bursts of information to make you review, choose and enjoy alien trance worlds. It contains profiles for 27 trance countries, general country info as well as trance related history, artists,

labels, parties, shops, links, contacts ... It is spiced up with amazing photos from the countries. On top it contains a calendar for you to stay "up-to-trance" all the time!

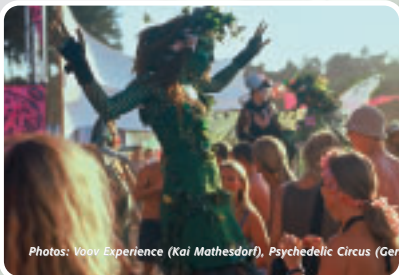
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We collected an amazing amount of high-quality information, too much to publish here. You will find extra information in our online version. A link to the relevant country addition is with every profile. Check also the trance-action map at the next page.

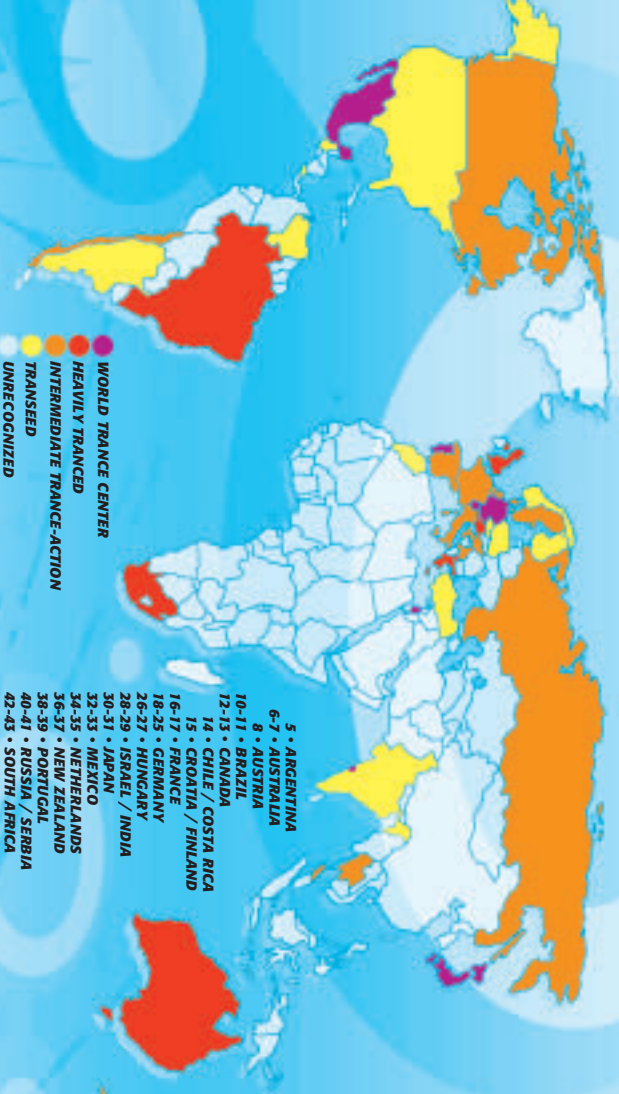
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Publisher and authors do not take responsibility for factual or textual mistakes. We often refer to illicit drugs only as "drugs". Far be it from us to call someone to consume illegal or legal drugs or to deal with those substances! What we are up to is remind people to use their brains when in touch with drugs and live consciously.



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Underground trance in ARGENTINA

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The psy scene is concentrated in Buenos Aires / Capital Federal but in Cordoba, La Pampa and Rosario some people are organizing in- or outdoor events. Regular events don't exist that much but they are some. Most of the outdoor parties are for free in public places like parks because of less capital to rent commercial areas. The fraggles are mostly between 18 and 25 years old, a "hippie community" with older members doesn't exist in the scene. Almost at every event people offer their talents to the public doing fire shows, acrobatic and other amazing animations.

FACTS

- Inhabitants: 39 million
- Geographical regions - Argentina presents very dissimilar regions. There are plains and mountain ranges; woods and jungles; arid, swampy or clayish lands
- Latitude: 3,694 km
- Surface: 1,200,000 km²
- Hydrography: A large number of rivers which are extremely important in hydroelectric terms.
- Climate: One of the most salient features of the territory is its variety of climates: humid, dry, tropical heat or nival cold, through different kinds of mild climates.

PARTIES/ARTISTS

- Fullmoon Trance / regularly @ Plaza Francia Buenos Aires - Capital Federal; Psychedelic Outdoor Experience / Province of Buenos Aires
- DJs - Yage, X-Ren, Neurona, Filter, Fredy, Pepsan, Murray
- Live acts - Mindprobe, Megalopsy
- Deco - Maia, Murray
- Label - Subzero Records

A beachparty in the middle of nowhere during 1996 started the psychedelic movement. It was organized by Pierce, a traveller from Wales coming from his trips to India. The psy-addicted visitors of that first event started a

community of party organizers and djs called Terrestres Animos. The first live act of Argentina called Mindprobe was formed and a new group called X-Tribe started organizing parties. Everything was still underground. A small psychedelic tribe of friends who acted with love, stability, energy and an incredible vibe.

2002 the scene grew very fast. The internet portal Psytrance.com.ar was created as a community to unify the scene with discussion and exchange. 2003 was a very important step towards building a nice psychedelic scene in Argentina. More and more people started noticing parties and the organizers gave the scene a professional profile with good sound, locations and deco.

2004 started with a 3 day festival in one of the most beautiful places, El Bolson in Patagonia. The festival was amazing in regards of diversity, unity and energy!

DOC SONIC INFORMS

The consumption of marijuana, mushrooms and cocaine is very frequent and inexpensive. LSD, ecstasy and amphetamines are expensive as imported from other countries. Every kind of drug is prohibited by the law except mushrooms and other plants.

LINKS

- www.psytrance.com.ar
- www.under-beat.com
- www.vivirzen.com.ar
- www.mindprobe.com.ar
- www.megalopsy.com.ar
- www.demontea.com
- www.eleusisrecords.com.ar
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At the moment there are discussions about legalizing the consume of 5g of Marijuana. Caught with drugs means to spend some (or also more) hours in the police station. With strangers the government tries to go a moderate way because of future plans of increasing the tourist industry.

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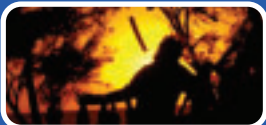


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Dancing kangaroos in **AUSTRALIA**

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VICTORIA

The biggest trance event in Australia is Earthcore. Earthcore have been doing massive outdoor parties and presenting selected indoor events for over ten years. They regularly tour acts as such as The Orb, Hallucinogen, Juno Reactor, Infected Mushroom, etc. Earthcore takes place on the last weekend in November every year in an Australian bush setting and is famous for kicking off the party season in Australia.

Another important event in the calendar is the Rainbow serpent Festival (organised by Green Ant) which is held just once a year at the end of January. Another crew which have

a decent online shop and music makers such as the Om Squad. Sugar records for the Green Ant label, who present the Rainbow Serpent Festival, and has played most major parties. Psy Harmonics continue to release some of the most cutting edge music, whilst Andrew Till's dj sets are always ones to seek out. Tribeadelic now also has a label with some well regarded releases, but the most distinctive 'psy trance' oriented producer in my view is Fractal Glider, who is now signed to Boom Records. And you can also check out my act Psyurbia who has also been released internationally on Matsuri among others.

city, Sydney is built around one of the world's most beautiful harbours, with more than 70 sparkling beaches in

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- www.australia.com
- www.australians.net
- www.demontea.com
- www.earthcore.com.au
- www.greenant.com
- www.psyurbia.co.uk
- happypeopleproductions.com
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FACTS

- Huge landmass with diverse geography and people
- Developed a very healthy outdoor party scene
- Four main trance hotspots: Sydney, Melbourne (Victoria), Byron Bay / North Coast Area and more recently Cairnes
- Few problems for the traveler but be prepared to hire a car, there is no public transport of any kind to most of these events

presented some very successful parties is Tribeadelic. A newer crew to the scene they have established a reputation for good quality events.

As far as the club scene is concerned regular 'psy' nights haven't done as well, perhaps because of the outdoor emphasis for the genre. However the Kinetik crew have managed to have regular indoor events with a fusion of music that appeals to a wider "psy" kind of crowd.

Melbourne has also spawned some top level producers such as Tempest Recordings, the home of

SYDNEY - THE HARBOUR CITY

Sydney is the shining star of the southern hemisphere and is the largest city in Australia. You'll need days to really discover the harbour, the beaches, museums and art galleries. The national parks and wildlife within the city and on its fringes offers a glimpse of its past. A free-spirited and vibrant

easy reach of its cosmopolitan heart. Soak up its legendary beauty, its laid-back outdoor lifestyle and icons such as the Sydney Opera House, Taronga Zoo, the graceful span of the Harbour Bridge and the the famous beach of Bondi. Surrounding Sydney you will find an area known as The Blue Mountains and for nature lovers it is not to be missed.

The Sydney Psychedelic Trance movement has come a long way since the birth of the Goa sound and was pioneered and nurtured through its initial stages by some longstanding and dedicated djs/party organisers. The modern day trance party scene spawned from the era when the free party underground movement of The U.K reached our shores and added substance to the early Rave culture that swept the world. Some of the first class internationals showed the scene a taste of 'something else'.



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These days, you will find parties big and small virtually all year round both indoor and open-air from a variety of different organisations and crews with the most active crews being Yak & Yeti/Full Circle, StrangeMusicSociety, Speakerhuggers and D'psyfa. The music at parties these days is a mixture of night music, a full on sound and progressive so there is something for everyone. Sydney has seen a lot more international dj's and live acts come through and the scene is getting stronger all the time.

On the internet, the major website is www.australians.net.

When in Sydney, check out The Record Store (255b Crown St, Darlinghurst) for the latest psytrance cds and flyers and the new store Psydeways in Newtown.

BYRON BAY - THE RAINBOW REGION

Byron Bay is going from feral and

hippy to yuppie and bourgeoisie. The NSW north coast / Byron Bay region has witnessed many amazing outdoor events like Trance Zen Dance, Phantasy, Millenni-Yum, Odyssey2001, Cyber Tribal Art & Music Exodus a eight day music and circus festival at the Bald Rock Bush Retreat in Tenterfield inland Byron Bay. An area with amazing talent and a very big spectrum of creativity.

DOC SONIC INFORMS

Australia has hard customs controls, we advise you not to take any drugs with you (even legal ones). If you need to travel with your medicaments contact the embassy first. About 40 percent of Australian adults at least had some experience with cannabis, so officials are starting to decriminalize it step by step. As well 20 percent have experiences with xtc. Still both types of drugs are illegal but you don't need to expect hard punishment when caught abusing them.

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BYRON BAY

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Psychedelic mountaineering in **AUSTRIA**

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The first parties were organized in the beginning of the 90s by the returning fraggles from Goa and Koh Phangan. Austrians like to travel a lot and you meet them everywhere in the world at the big parties.

Milestones were the Shambala club of Garden Eden, the events in Kobersdorf near Vienna and the big open airs at the castle of Landsee. Many people used Vienna as the base camp for the Solipse-Festival 1999. This was the year when psy-trance became an important factor in the electronic music scene of Austria.

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- www.psychic-reaction.at
- www.spiegel.kabsi.at
- www.psychelic-visions.at
- www.mystery-world.org
- www.chactun.at
- www.otherland.at
- www.vulcanic.at
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»Turn on, tune in but don't drop out, go on and undermine the system from within!«

Since 2003 Austria has its biggest outdoor event, called Sonnenklang which takes place around an old castle ruin at a peninsula at a lake with more than 3000 people. In 2004 the international Sonnenklang-Festival will take place from June 9th to 13th. Most parties are still uncommercial and are based on the real Goa-spirit with lots of shops, chai-corners, fancy fluoro-decoration and fire-, laser- and poi-performances. The scene is like a big family divided into several subscenes, geographically and musicwise. Austria has lots of psy-trance-djs of all kinds of trance – from oldschool goa to progressive funky beats – but not many producers. Only a few are internationally known such as

Taliesin, Acan and now Kajola. The Synergetic and Asonus labels emerged recently. If you are in Austria visit the Chactun Cyberstore which is THE base for psy trancers in Vienna. There you get all the informations you need and you also meet the scene people there.

DOC SONIC INFORMS

Police raids at parties occur very rarely and smoking is mostly tolerated in Vienna's party locations but still illegal! Austria fights dealers heavily. LSD and mushrooms are pretty popular among the youths and for sure cannabis and xtc are taken as well. Small quantities for immediate consumption are exempt from punishment.

FACTS

- A small country with lots of mountains, smalltowns, little villages and the biggest city of Vienna.
- currently governed by a conservative-right-wing coalition but this does not affect the party scene.
- People are friendly but pretty conservative in the countryside and post-modern and international in Vienna.
- Innsbruck, Graz, Salzburg and Linz have many students and lots of bars and clubs to go but for Trancers Vienna is best with psy-trance-parties every week.
- Outdoor parties can last up to five days, clubs close mostly between 6 a.m. and noon often followed by an afterhour somewhere.

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Brazil deserves the title of the most attractive Trancers Travel Location in the past two Years thanks to it's paradisiac nature, all-year pleasant climate and it's still fresh party scene. A bunch of international artists (most of them coming on their own cost) is constantly around to valorize Sao Paulos 7-days-a-week club culture and to fill the massive lineups of some amazing 5-days open air festivals. Does the future of the Trance Culture groove in South America?

FACTS

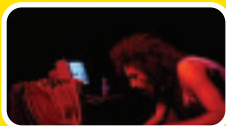
- Brasil is a continent rather than a country and has many varieties.
- Two-thirds of its population live on or near the coast, and over half live in cities.
- Rio and São Paulo are two of the world's biggest metropolises and nine other cities have over a million inhabitants.
- A land of profound economic contradictions, despite of being one of the world's ten largest economies and among the most developed of Third World countries, the social abyss between the richer and the poorer can be seen easily in the vast majority of Brazilian cities and in broad regional differences. The level of economic development tends to fall the further north you go.
- These difficulties, however, do not mask the joy of living from Brazilians. It's fair to say that nowhere in the world do people know how to enjoy themselves more – most famously in Carnaval, but reflected too in the nightlife that you'll find in any decent-sized town.
- Highly developed beach culture; superb music and dancing; rich regional cuisines; relaxed and tolerant attitude to sexuality – gay and straight - results into genuine friendliness and humour in the people that is enormously welcoming and infectious.

After a growth and development period during the past 6 years the Trance scene in Brazil is still under a mutation process, which manifests issues and questions such as "how long all this will survive for?". Despite all the professional events and artists that popped out during 2002 and 2003, the crowd's attention has now focused on a typical party-life rather than on trance culture as we know it, which is good because Brazilians are continuous (and perhaps hardcore) party-animals. Some Brazilian artists are able to make a living exclusively from Trance - which is very nice -

however that is only some DJs and live acts and it is a tough life for many chill-out and progressive-style artists.

Up until circa 1997 the Trance scene in Brazil was quite mixed-up with other electronic genres and it used to happen during the first generation of open-air parties during the rave scene of the early 90's in Sao Paulo. The first "goa trance party" was in 1994 in the surrounding area of São Paulo and was called "Nataraja", with music coming out from cassette-tapes and gathering no much more than a hundred people. By that time you could also catch some free-parties if you were around Trancoso, in the south shore of the state of Bahia, which with its ability to attract visitors from around the globe, also attracted the culture and life-style that tourists were bringing within from places like Goa and Ibiza.

Undoubtedly, one could not mention the development of trance in Brazil without mentioning two main groups: XXXperience and Daime Tribe. The later is now making parties randomly, usually full-moon style or in special occasions and were responsible together with Good Mood - Portugal for Ypy Poty festival in January 2002, which was certainly something to remember. XXXperience is a more professional group which have done over 60 parties since 1997 and is established as one of the most successful rave-groups in Brazil, dedicated to large parties that happen all over the country while Daime Tribe was always very focused on smaller, freak-style events. Other important party groups worth to be mentioned are Tribe/Solaris, Orion and Freakadelic (State of Sao Paulo),



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Tranceformation, Universo Paralello and Solar Flares (State of Goias).

There are a lot of new djs and artists coming into the scene – some of them very talented, but others (the majority) just copying others and playing easy-banging music that may please the crowd however with no personal touch at all. In such an enormous, fresh and ever-growing environment djs worth to mention are those who have been playing around the globe and are somehow established as ambassadors of the Brazilian scene, such as Rica Amaral, Feio, Gabe aka Wrecked Machines, Mack, Swarup, Djane Tati and Marcello V.O.R. Killer live acts are making their part, and people such as Influx, Kompset, Vibra, Skulptor and of course Wrecked Machines are certainly to appear (or already are) in future line ups in parties and releases elsewhere. As far as deco is concerned,

Tripodetic group by Chimas and Thomas is being doing decoration professionally for many years. Releasing Trance music in Brazil is not easy. It is not easy anywhere, but it gets even more complicated in a place known as being one of the greater mp3-trader areas in the world. Try to reach any on-line trading community in the internet and you will see how many brazilians eagering to get the freshest tracks are there, which can also be explained by high exchange rates which makes music importing a very costly activity. Therefore, music releases are not very regular, but some labels are struggling to get their share, as High-End Records, Wajanga Records and Vagalume Records (this one basically pressing foreign releases in Brazil with better prices).

Sao Paulo has a shopping mall called "Galeria Ouro Fino" where all the electronic and alternative style shops started to concentrate around four to five years ago, there you will find the main (and only) psychedelic shops around. For the coolest psy-wear and good information about parties look for the Psychedelic Circus shop in the basement-floor, opposite Ultra Shop where you can get herbal stuff and smoking supplies. Record shops are usually best for other genres not much for psychedelic.

DOC SONIC INFORMS

Although it is not a crime to be on drug effects (if you are not driving a car) so that no one would make drug tests on you or check your wallet contents like some places in Europe or USA, drugs in Brazil are illegal and its possession or sale can represent large fines or imprisonment penalties varying from four to twelve years. Even small amounts can represent some trouble. Despite of obvious police corrupt reputation it is not wise to take a chance counting on that, specially in typical tourist places where stories of drug planting have also been reported. Cannabis, cocaine, lsd, amphetamines and designer drugs are produced in Brazil, in Rio an estimated 10,000 people earn their money with drugs. Emergency contact: FEBRACT Rua Pres. Wenceslau 199 JD. Flamboyant, CXP 1654, CEP 130 930 10, Campinas



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«Groove is in the heart»



This vast country called CANADA

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Hello fellow trance planetarians, I am here to give you my insider knowledge of the country known as Canada, located (as some of you might already know) on planet earth (i.e. sector Sigma Delta X-1109). It is a very strange quadrant of the universe this planet earth, so trust me when I say: You are going to need all the assistance you can get!

FACTS

- 30 million sentient beings reside here, 90 per cent within seven hundred kilometers of the southern border
- On the universal scale of politeness Canadians tend to score a very high 9.7 - in other words, if you find you have landed in Canada, you may not experience the adventure of a lifetime, but you will be safe!
- The main city in the province Quebec is Montreal, which is mostly French, but has lots of English speakers as well. This is considered to be the most European city in the Americas. Head north to the Gaspé, where there are sweet beaches, forests, and lakes where you can study the whales.
- Spectacular scenery at Rocky Mountain towns like Lake Louise. Many consider British Columbia the best of the country: The spectacular city of Vancouver (nestled between the ocean and snow capped mountains), and the Gulf Islands (Vancouver Island, Hornby, Saltspring etc.). Here we can find rainforests, huge trees, beaches, nudists, and lots more.

The people of this country, due to the cold winters, really appreciate the few months of heat and sunshine they get when the Earth swings back round the sun. There is also a sub-community of people that worship a strange quasi-religion known as Trance Music. The repetitive and hypnotic beats tend to be conducive to higher states of consciousness (so they say). For those of you wishing to experience this strange sub-community, there is no finer time to do so than summer, when events and Festivals take place. Most festivals feature a variety of musical styles. Only one (Eclipse) is exclusively Psy-Trance:

DOC SONIC INFORMS

The friendly, easy going vibe in BC which is infused into the awe-inspiring geography of the coastal rainforest is

due, in part, to the province's principle and unofficial economy of marijuana production. Though it is widely and easily available due to its abundance it is still illegal to possess despite attempts at decriminalization but will more often than not yield a small fine rather than criminal charges for personal amounts. As far as other typical Schedule I substances go the laws in BC remain as ridiculous and outdated as anywhere else in the world.

Canada estimates the number of drug addicts to one million. There is a lively drug culture in the Canadian techno scene: amphetamine, crystal, xtc, ketamine and ghb are the most popular. Consumption and owning of small quantities are penalized.

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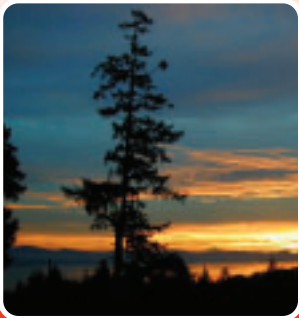
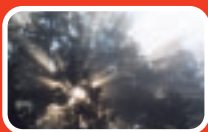


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FACTS

- Geographically an island surrounded by Andean Mountain range at the East, the Pacific Ocean at the West, "Atacama" the most barren desert in the world at the North, Patagonia and the Antarctic at the South.
- Conquered by Spanish at Central zone and by British at the South.
- Chile is a country of poets, painters and musicians.
- The electronic music scene is very varied and the people can dance genres like drum and bass as well as house, techno or trance, as long as the music keeps the quality.
- Psychedelic trance scene started by the end of 80's beginning of 90's influenced by the local Sannyasin community.
- At 1994 a Total Solar Eclipse was showed at the North of Chile, and the local trance scene got in touch with the international psychedelic trance scene.
- The Full Moon Celebrations started at Andean Mountain range, keep on going quite underground, supported by the cooperations of the people.
- At 1996 Dreamvibe was founded with the idea of bringing to the urban scene the spirit of psychedelic at the mountains. Dreamvibe today is producing "Earthdance", the most important trance festival in Chile.



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Tico trance in **COSTA RICA**

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FACTS

- By 95-96 Montezuma main focus of electronic music, trance got introduced by Europeans that lived in Goa and now moved down here to Costa Rica. They invited local "ticos" to their own party's, sharing a new way of having a good time dancing and enjoying the music that later on ended infecting the central valley and concentrating there, happening mainly in mountain locations and in San José.
- The Republic of Costa Rica (capital San José, 3,963,000 Inhabitants, 50,660 km²) is called the "Switzerland of Central America"
- Roots: Spanish colonizing families and their indigenous companions
- Exotic Caribbean beaches with unique afro-jamaican mood, cozy villages, Pacific sunsets, best surf experience, tropical forests, active Volcanos.
- Scene developed with the help of international artists visiting.

BOC SONIC INFORMS

Magic mushrooms, LSD, mescaline, xtc and majorly cocaine and cannabis are widespread though consumption is illegal and persecuted.

PARTY

ChaiShop World Tour, last week of April, Mountains of the Central Valley
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East Mediterranean grooves in **CROATIA**

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FACTS

- Croatia is a democratic republic, population 4 million. People are friendly and the greatest Croatian treasure is its intact nature, clean water, beautiful sea and unpolluted air.
- Sightseeing: Amphitheatre in Pula, Diocletian's palace in Split, old city parts of Dubrovnik and Zagreb, national parks like Plitvice, Kornati, Krka waterfalls, Lonjsko polje and hundreds of islands.
- The trance scene started around 95-96.
- Zagreb and Pula are the trance centers with organizers like Metamedia and Marsroom (pu), Astralis and Tribalizer in Zagreb.

- In summer a couple of very big and some smaller festivals, most important are Underwater Overground festival and Media Mediterranea, Free Spirit and the Solartribe fest.
- DJs: Marino, Nesho & Alen, Ludvig & Go-Cut, Kobaygi, Sekkt, Njox and Hip, Ganesh, Gobo and Chubba.
- Live Acts: Dogma3000, Shuma, Mokk, Parrket and In-Nascor.

DOE SOME INFORMS

If you are interested in ethnobotany, just talk to Croatians about it, don't do anything by yourself. Amphetamines, xtc and lsd are being consumed. Dealing and possession are illegal.



- www.metamedia.hr
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PARTIES

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Jul 26-31, Cres island
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- Media Mediterranea
Aug 14-21, Pula
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A touch of forest flavour in **FINLAND**

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FACTS

- Finland has thousands of lakes and islands, famous for mobile phones and sauna-bath, birthplace of worldknown composers, architects and Rally- & Formula 1 drivers.
- Helsinki has a lively cosmopolitan feeling in summertime, interesting architecture, nice beaches and lush parks.
- Visit rural countryside with provincial towns and small villages for local colour and nature. In wintertime activities are skiing, skating, snowboarding, ice-hockey or just chilling in a nice warm cosy home or local pub.
- Trance started in the late 80's with small acid-house parties in a coastal town, Turku, and the capital area, Helsinki. Then it turned to raves in warehouses and bigger venues. In 1993 the scene was in full swing and then came along psytrance.
- Our specialty in summertime is the "Finnish Forest Party". The soundsystem is dragged into the middle of a forest, usually by some scenic lake.
- Live acts: Squiremeat, Haltya, Texas Faggot, Highpersonic Women, Tripteaser and Torakka. DJs: Halo, Jean-Peter and Petteri as well as Elwira (our girlie power).
- Main labels are Exogenic, Thirteen and Surreal Audio.

- The liquor licence laws in Finland are very strict so it's hard to organize parties lasting longer than 4 a.m.
- Finland is a very anti-drug society, even smoking weed is not tolerated. All drugs are criminalised and the law is pretty tough. But you find drugs in any other European countries. The number one drug is still the king alcohol.

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Make trance friends in **FRANCE**

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If we like saying that France is not a country for Trance, that festivities are becoming scarce and that our community is not big, we can neither deny nor run down this scene's richness.

Trance appeared in France in the beginning of the 90's, with the rave parties european blasting waves... Pioneers were Totale eclipse, Transwave, and the first crazy guys who make them plays was people from Techno resistance (became technotanz and Gaia), and Trance Body Express. While the years passed the scene grow and a lot of new musicians, djs, promoters make their way into this psychedelic labyrinth for the best and also the worst pleasure of the french trancers ... The scene was really high until the end of the goa movement (near 96 cf: Tsuyoshi Suzuki). At this time trance was on tv, and sold in supermarket, but slowly everything fell apart and got back to the underground, at the same time most the artists and party people left France for the lack of open minded people ... now the scene rose again with the new generation and technologies ... and fighting with the law and a really not open minded government ... but it's like "blues music" it have to be hard sometimes to make you stronger again and if it's too

easy it will not be for a long time (we learn this in the french trance history).

So for now this scene is likely to be the most diversified. It represents - thanks to numerous quality artists - every movement: (PSY) trend with Neumotor, Absolum, Talamasca, Hyper frequencies, Digital talk; full on (FO) trend with Triptych, Bamboo Forest, Silicon Sound; progressive (PR) trend with Tetraktys, Missing Time, Luna Spice and even ambient with one artist who drew attention to him: Aes Dana. Labels are 3D Vision rec (PSY), Turbo Trance rec (FO), Sub-machine rec (PR) Clima rec (AM) and the last new born: Bus rec (PR) which promises to release "deep on the groove" compilations !

If we have got renewed and advanced artists, the French scene overflows with new projects such as Dsens (PR), PHAT (PR), Life Extension (FO), Triskell or Audiobrains, Solarians (PSY) and Neuropose or Kik bong (AM). As talented as well as promising, there is a myriad of good djs revolving around. On the international ground, we like speaking of French Touch! And this French Touch can be noticed in the artistic ground as well as in French label productions. Once more, we distinguish more than one label promising of a style and precursory in a way.

There are also some graphics enchan-cers vjs such as Bocal-f.com, Neologix, and many newcomers.

Party organisers survive in spite of political background, trying to keep on fighting like Gaia Concept, Frogs Family, Tiny Teck, gathering about 800 to 1000 party people. Confirming themselves are Aqua Veda, Analogic Team or Day Glo. Each year at the French Techno Parade, we meet Trance Culture Association who bring the trance sound and also organi-

FACTS

- Population: 61 million, Surface: 549 000 km², Capital: Paris
- Paris is one of the world's great est cities, with monuments, museums, restaurants, theatres and shows to last a lifetime.
- The northern provinces of Normandy and Brittany are steeped in history both ancient and modern
- French Riviera's Nice is the epitome of chic.
- Winter sports enthusiasts flock to the resorts in the four mountain ranges, which include the spectacular Alps.
- Wherever you go, you'll find the French dedication to enjoying the best of everything, whether wine, culture, is everywhere. Let the love affair begin ...

ze once a year the famous trance meeting called "Effervetranse" where all the activists (djs, live acts, vjs, labels, trancers, jumpers ...) can meet during one day and one night long (near April). The best club in Paris is Le Triptyque.

All of those activists are getting more and more professional and we note a sudden passion among the French public. For sure it high-powers everyone's action in order to go on promoting this scene and to put forward its Creativity. And those actors are pushing up the quality rather than the quantity to raise this scene wich is boiling of good energy. In this quest, organisers like Aqua Veda leave outsider. Their previous parties blast the public and so they decided to make a three days open air party next summer. The festival will



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- Effervetrances, Apr 11, Paris
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In France, such an event, which aims at promoting the trance scene a few days before the Boom Festival, will attract more than party people looking for a "home sweet home".

DOC SONIC INFORMS

France is the worlds biggest producer of legal amphetamines. Amphetamine and Fenetyliln can be bought without prescription. Only about 10 per cent of all detentions because of drugs are prosecuted and the usage is punished harder when you hang around with some people as at home alone.



TEXT

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Open air paradise in **GERMANY**

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Germany is one of the hottest places in the trance world - home of the Voov Experience and many other colourful events like Antaris Project or Fullmoon Festival - and hot it was in 2003: If the weather is good like in last summer Germany's north-eastern part is a trancer's paradise. The scene has been growing in the whole country from the early 90's on with a partycrowd and activists from teenagers to fifty year olds. You'll find lots of parties, djs, live acts, producers, performancers, labels - and nice people dancing!

A few years ago it was pretty easy to find your way to the German trance scene: Just go to Hamburg in the summer, pic up some flyers, then move to the East where the festivals are - maybe chill a while in Berlin at the end. This has changed a little bit as Hamburg can't be considered the centre of the scene anymore. Psytrance has spread all over the country. There's a lot going on in Berlin, in the West and they for sure know how to party in the South. Authorities and regulations in the South are considered the strictest, so you won't find big festivals down there. People in there prefer to keep things a bit more in the underground. Nobody likes to party while the police keeps checking everyone who leaves the site. Sadly things like that are not as typically "southern" today as they used to be. The police have an eye on the bigger events; that is one reason why you won't find huge parties in the northern

end of Germany either (in the state of Schleswig-Holstein). DON'T PANIC: there are still a lot of parties and huge festivals. During summer weekends it's not easy to decide which one to choose. You'll love it! Of course a slow trance journey from Hamburg to Berlin in the summer is still more than just worthwhile. Both cities are among the best places to find in Germany with their diverse and vivid underground culture scenes that one can enjoy by day and night. The German scene, nearly from the beginning, had a lot of parties in the Northeast because Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (MeckPomm) and parts of Brandenburg are sparsely populated. There are places where you can be really loud a whole weekend in an amazing countryside without bothering anyone. If you're looking for partys at the Baltic Sea, there are a few in Rügen: Psyland, Psy-Love and Safari Sunset.

But let's talk about the big festivals! Voov Experience to us is

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Partylocation in the early 90's. Certainly a partycrowd looking for the spirit of the old days will be there. A really traditional and internationally well known festival is Antaris Project - famous for its amazing string art deco by Ananto's team. Antaris, with also about 10,000 guests, is certainly a mindblowing musical experience. In the year of its tenth anniversary this will be guaranteed for example by Sangeet, Antaro, Dari Sana, C.O.N. Sequencer. If you are from Scandinavia bring your passport - the website says they will let you in for free! There are not only parties during the weekends. The Fullmoon Festival takes place when the fullmoon wants it too - monday till friday. And you can guess by the new spelling of the festival's name what kind of trip this is going to be. Last year's quiet an international crowd had some of the hottest days and nights of the summer every night dancing under the full moon and the stars to the best full on trance line up you could think of.

FACTS

- Population: 82 million
- Berlin, capital and biggest city (3,4 million) is the political and cultural centre of the country
- There is a lot of unemployment, but still Germany is a rich country
- The South with the Alps and the wine regions is the more conservative part of the country
- North and Baltic Sea are great places if the weather's warm and there are a lot of beautiful lakes in the north east
- ContactEurope VJ-festival (Berlin), Jul 1-3: www.contacteurope.org
- Weather: www.wetter.com
- Maps: www.stadtplanndienst.de
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There is also a whole lot of parties with up to or around 5000 guests, traditional ones like the Shiva Moon or the ones organized by a new generation like Psychedelic Circus, Waldfriedren Wonderland, Liquid Time or Indian Spirit. Usually you get both, psychedelic full on and progressive sound.



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It's the year of the tenth anniversaries! The Fusion's organizer collective U.Site, Antaris and also mushroom magazine. Our birthday party, e-future festival, will be an indoor event from April 23 to 25 at the Hamburg City-base, a new terrific double-dome location we are going to turn into a psychedelic wonderland. Logic Bomb, Element, Atmos and seven other live acts will join some 20 plus djs including Mat Mushroom and Sam@Chai-shop.com.

Just a few clubs concentrate that fully on psytrance. More often locations are used regularly by party crews. Psytrance club life especially in Hamburg and in the West is connected to other styles which is spicing things up. Another tenth birthday is that of the

most famous German label, Spirit Zone. Antaro moved to Ibiza with it last year to lower the cost and is now coming out with new releases. Free Form, the other well known label from Hamburg, had to close down. In the West we have Midijum taking care of good music, Alex, A&R of the English label Yellow Sunshine Explosion (Millennium) is based there, too. In Munich there are Shiva Space Technology and the Cosmophilia family (Hadshot). Though the situation is not really prosperous for labels there still are a lot of smaller, even new ones. Lot of artists are working on their music to keep up a steady flow of mindexpanding tracks as you know by German acts such as Electric Universe, Element, Shiva Chandra, X-Dream, S.U.N. Project, M.O.S., SSO - or the new (more or less) progressive generation like Sonus, Neelix, Magnetrix, Vaishii. Someone has to feed all the djs - famous like Cosmix, Planet B.E.N., Tobias & Daniel Sun or unknown - with new stuff.

But the most important thing is: You will meet nice people at every party everywhere in Germany and there are also lots of artists and activist which are not at all famous who keep things smaller doing stuff just because they really love it. And this means there's for sure a lot of the good spirit alive!

DOC SONIC INFORMS

It's illegal in Germany to own drugs like cannabis, lsd or ecstasy, but authorities aren't that strict, especially in the north you might be lucky and nothing happens if you only have some for yourself. It's strictly forbidden to drive high. If you come from abroad they might confiscate your car for 24 hours and make you pay a fine.



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 - May 28-30: Liquid Time (HH/B) - www.liquidtime.com
 - Jun 11-13: Psychedelic Circus (HH/B) - www.psychedelic-circus.de
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 - Jul 30-Aug 1: Voov Experience (HH/B) - www.voov-experience.de
 - Aug 6-8: Waldheim Open Air (HH/B) - www.freakplanet.org/waldheim
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As I started my psychedelic experience in Los Angeles, where the scene is generally small, Germany was quite a shock when I first went to outdoor parties. German parties are monstrous gigantic events with loads of people and things going on. It's almost scary at first with so many people, not all happy, not all sad,

My first German event was the Antaris festival. I got there and "damn!" "Where did they get all those crazy trucks?" The entire dance floor area, which was like a football field, was surrounded with really old large vehicles from some eastern block, with all these dread locked colorful people moving between them. What a trip! The larger parties are interesting to go to. It's like a carnival or some large circus fare. You'll find many different people walking around. From your regular freaks to tourists photographing the lighting spectacle. Then there are the smaller parties. Which are heartier and don't generally have the BIG NAMES but the music is individual and nine out of ten times you come

home with a lot of energy. A clear head and not much fear of getting lost or not finding your own tent. Generally speaking the people are friendlier and more conscious. There is so much electronic music in Germany that you can find a party or a scene that suits your little soul almost every weekend of the year. If it's outdoor season you can bet to find loads of parties. In the winter indoor dominates the dance events, since it's dreadfully cold, although that depends on where you are from - I'm from Mozambique.

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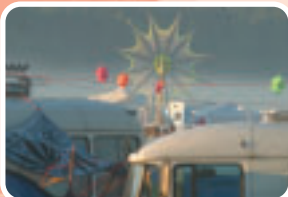
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running around a field in a dark and mysterious German forest. More so when you can't really understand the language, and in the depth of night everyone looks like vikings floating out of the mist.



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Rocking psytrance in **HUNGARY**

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FACTS

- In Budapest visit the Castle Hill with its monuments, hotels, exhibitions and shows, then it is time to sit down in a good restaurant in the neighbourhood. For relaxation and balneotherapy there are ten bigger thermal baths, mainly at the Danube.
- In the North check the Danube Bend, your route hits the picturesque townlet of Szentendre, with its musical and theatrical events, folklore fairs and riding school. From spring to autumn you can admire the canyon of Danube while sitting in a hillside basin of the thermal spring of Lepence-fürdő.
- In the Northeast visit the wineyard of Eger, and in the Valley of Fair Ladies you should taste the famous red wine Bulls Blood. Turning to the south you can relax in the spa of Egreszalók.
- In the Southwest there are beautiful lakes for sailing, windsurfing and swimming: lake Velencei (the smaller and nearer one) and the lake Balaton (the biggest in Middle-Europe).
- More continental people can enjoy riding, cycling, the tastes of Hungarian cuisine and week-end folklore fairs or even ballooning.
- Prices are relative cheap for a western traveller, so it's worth to spend more time than a weekend in Hungary. Stay tuned for the events of the Year, especially the summer open airs and festivals!



As you dance across Europe and meet the psytrance culture of a few new countries please take a stop in Hungary! Here you can find the fastest growing trance scene in the Middle-East Europe. Party four days a week; at open-air parties and festivals in the summer with about 100 to 2000 people. Indoors in wintertime with 200 to 1400 people.

The early beginning was around 1996 with just a few people who wanted to celebrate that new experience called Goa. The top of all events was the Solipse Festival at Ozora in 1999 with 15,000 happy trancers ...

In the last two years trance music infected a lot of people here, that's why there are even more djs and organisers making a large number of parties for a relative small (but growing) scene. In 2003 many great artists played at hungarian parties, like Astrix, Atmos, Atomic

Pulse, Dimitri, Dynamic, Earthling, Edoardo, Eskimo, Gabriel le Mar, Goa Gil, Infected Mushroom, Logic Bomb and more. Most of the parties are located in the capital Budapest and in the suburbs, but there's also some psytrance activity in other bigger cities like Győr, Pécs, Szeged, Szolnok. You can find the new-born and only psytrance label; Procyon records, a unique psytrance recordstore, some radio shows, online psychedelic library, partywear designer clothes, and also the national goa/psy servers with the latest parties



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and news countrywide. Psytrance events are arranged regularly on weekends but in underground clubs some weekdays as well.

DOC SONIC INFORMS

An important part of the Hungarian nightlife is that drug usage is taken as drug abuse - which deserves years in prison. Despite of that, most of young Hungarians have tried at least once in their life some kind of narcotic. In the underground partyculture psychoactive drugs are playing a big role. We believe that people will know that parties are enjoyable only for the music and it's spirit itself without taking any kind of drugs.



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Heaven or hell in **ISRAEL**

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All over the world it is well known that the Israeli party scene is one of the strongest and we got the full proof last summer. Every weekend there were four to seven outdoor parties, some more underground some more commercial but most of them I must say try to keep at least a minimum standard for their crowd. The sound is usually good, and the variety of music played goes from the most extreme full on to the softer realms of progressive and minimal trance.



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The one thing we don't have enough of and probably never will is freedom. There are some big obstacles in our way to be the official trance capital of the world. First one is the police of course, as all of you know the police have the same motto all over the world - they are here to interfere and disturb. They search the trance forums for parties, they manage to receive sms messages to their mobile phone regarding parties and basically know everything going on and act as they will. Some weekends pass quietly and some alas end with three to four parties brutally closed with all the related consequences.

The second problem we have is of course the war we are constantly in and there are sometimes 2-3 bombs a week and the national moral is down. People feel less like partying and add to that the awful economic crisis we're going through (like the rest of the world). But, again, to end this subject with some optimism I must say that there are enough people who support our small but always evolving party scene, and give us the strength to carry on this difficult assignment. One big advantage is in the music section: Add to the fact that some of today's biggest names in the global trance scene are Israeli (e.g. Infected Mushroom, Astrix, Skazi and others). You see more and more talented musicians who are experiencing and developing

styles of their own combining the well known Israeli «fullonism» with their own unique sound and progressive influences to create a new sub-genre in Israeli trance.

Progressive full-on trance represented by artists such as B.L.T, Sub 6, and Cosma R.I.P and giving you that cozy optimistic feeling along with powerful arrangements and always innovative and inspiring sound to the crowd.

The last part is directed mainly for the non-Israeli readers among you, although I'm sure that all the ones who know our scene from personal experience will nod their heads in agreement for the upcoming words.

Although on the outside our scene seems heavenly, with the best artists, DJs and music available, and the best vibe you can get at parties, with SIX radio stations with a regular trance show, still our situation is not simple. We fight almost every day with the stiffness and discouragement of the police and official groups. We still need to convince again and again suspicious property/club owners to let us play that "evil" music in their places, usually overcharging us for it because they are sure (and I really don't know why) that there are a lot of money opportunities in this business. The bottom line for us here in Israel as I see it is that for us this scene is a small heaven, we love it and are used to it, new magical moments are created every weekend, and more people join us all the time in our struggle to live and party the way we want and not the way the "system" wants us to be.



Cradle of psytrance in **INDIA**

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Goa >> This small beach paradise became a meeting point for travelers and people pursuing an alternative lifestyle in the 1960's already. At these times most of Goa was empty nature with a few shacks here and there, and people sleeping on the beach. A lot has changed since then.

The roots of Goa music came about when pioneering djs like Goa Gil started mixing together minimal electronic beats with indian music and other experimental electronic music on the legendary Sony cassette walkmans that had a pitch facility ... yes, cassette! Travelling in india has always been about overcoming obstacles with the minimal possible fuss, as well as finding new solutions to unforeseen and often bizarre situations. Anyone who has been there will know what I mean. Nowadays this once idyllic location has become overrun by tourists from all walks in search of their own unique Goa experience. If it is the trance scene you are looking for you are sure to find it. Parties are happening in the temple area or on beaches around Anjuna every two to three day intervals, with anything from 100 to 500 people dancing under the stars. The sound can best be described as full on/psychedelic, with a lot of djs and producers from all over the world testing unreleased tracks and techniques at these parties.

Even though the scene feels saturated and quite burnt out, amazingly some of the magic is still there: it's hard not to feel touched by the stars, warmth and music surrounded by wildly dancing beauties.

Be warned though that at the time of Indian school examinations the police crack down on all parties for what are I hope obvious reasons, and not much is happening at all. This season this was roughly about one month from mid January to mid February.

The Anjuna market is the meeting place to go and get all the info about upcoming parties and line ups, as well as finding all sorts of Goa gadgets such as pants with 99 pockets, miniscule tops and fluorescent anything.

In the daytime the beach life is second to none I have experienced, and although not as cheap anymore as is generally believed, it is still possible to live like a king and spend about half or less of what one would spend in Europe.

In all fairness though I must point out that there is a lot more to India than Goa and its party scene and after a few parties there I wholeheartedly recommend moving on and finding your own alternative paradise. Small parties are known to happen from towns at the feet of the Himalayas down to locations in the most southern states, trance music is everywhere, feel free to explore.

Bombay >> The freaks come out at night (the lovers of hardcore trance) on an average of two Saturdays every month. Most expect music and bliss – Pure meditation in trance. Bombay has hosted many top trance djs, artists and label owners.

Paradiso began hosting trance parties. They soon got competition from Essense X and their young enthusiastic crew. Soon all ravers would come to parties hosted by both companies due to their excellent organisation and high quality sound. Many other companies came into the picture – Beyond Logic from Pune also threw parties in Karjat where all the Bombay parties are also thrown.

Third Eye records, owned and compiled by Karan Bhojwani came out with its first compilation "Digital Eyes" in sept 03, featuring tracks by gms, spacetrice, shift, paranormal attack and more. Paradiso is coming up with their first release. Serephana Records, an Indo Canadian venture is also preparing their debut compilation featuring the Bombay style of hardcore psychedelic trance.

When traveling through Bombay be sure to check out trance nights at Velocity on Tuesdays as well as Rock Bottom on Thursdays. Be sure to check Isratrance's India forum for information on trance parties. It is used quite heavily by the Indian trance scene.

(<http://forum.isratrance.com> – "india")



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Cyber adventures in JAPAN

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FACTS

- Population: 120 million, 12 million in Tokyo.
- Few Japanese speak English.
- Japan is a big island. You find nearly everything you want, from traditional to high-tech culture, oceans to mountains.

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Japan offers unlimited things to do, many adventures and a lot of fun to have but living there on the other side is a whole different story! It's a place of unexpected opportunities, if you want to stay or work though, you should make some preparations – to find out more check the extended article online.

Tokyo today has the biggest trance scene in the world! Every weekend you have 2 or 3 big parties where one of them has up to 2500 people. In the summer (May-September) outside of Tokyo mostly in ski resorts with up to 12,000 people (three years ago) and in the winter in huge clubs. New Year 2002/2003 was the biggest party in the last two years with about 10,000 people indoors. Many artists sell as many or more of their records in Japan as they do in the rest of the world.

Japanese are the most peaceful people, that's why Tokyo is the safest city in the world compared to other big cities with more than a million people. You don't have to be afraid at all to walk on any street all night even as a girl!

Foreigners or "Gaijin" are very obvious, which can be annoying and helpful at the same time. You will always stand out, wherever you go, kind of like an alien on earth (99.2 per cent are born Japanese).

Organisation is number one in Japan and the system relies on that. The only people who ever break the rules are "Gaijin", which makes the Japanese slowly more suspicious of letting everybody in.

Japan's claim for success and technical superiority often results in a lack of identity and people sometimes live a very anonymous life. It's a place with no more religion, where following orders seems more important than believing in yourself!

On the other hand, to work with Japanese artists and creative organisations is the biggest pleasure and their professionalism and respect in their position is unique!

Whoever feels that you are missing out on something should go to Tokyo!

DOC SONIC INFORMS

Drug policies are very strict. Drugs are illegal and generally there is no difference between smoking M and taking S. Please notice this. Still you can find everything, but for extremely high prices.

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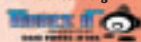
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In Mexico drug use is criminalised. The period of demand can easily last a whole year. Police and military have several checkpoints spread throughout the whole country. It's better not to pick up hikers in Mexico. If they have drugs, police is allowed to confiscate the car.

TEXT

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With beautiful landscapes and a great ambient diversity in the whole country, Mexico is one of the most attractive places in the world to visit. Perfect to spend a couple of days in the colonial, cultural and archeological spots or at shores, woods, forests and even deserts; some of them have been the stages of many open-air trance parties. Many artists from around the world have played here and the trance scene developed very fast. If you are a trance lover, be sure you're gonna have a great and exciting experience!

In Mexico the trance scene is growing very fast. A variety of groups and projects from all around the world that come to play here. More and more people comes to the parties, each time they know about them no matter how far they are, in forests, beaches, lakes, valleys and even in the cities at clubs and discotheques. Nevertheless, due to the freshness of the trance movement in Mexico there are people who do not understand the true meaning of this culture: the music, symbol of communication and coexistence between races, nationalities, religions and social status. Sometimes, there are gate crashers and bad behaved people that cause pro-

blems with authorities. In spite of the bad rumors, the parties in Mexico are great festivals with thousands of people under the same sky. Each party is different and there is a large variety of locations. Sometimes the temperatures are extreme, but in the morning everybody is dancing happy. These parties last approximately from 20 to 30 hours.

The Tierra Magica festival is one of the biggest in the summer and its line up is always killer. Others like Time & Space, Barum and Mara'akame, had at least 8000 people each.

Trance has become the lifestyle of many Mexican young people. It has managed to adapt to the way of life of our society. When the party needs come, it's enough to visit a boutique or record store and take some flyers to find out the next trance festival. Perhaps, with luck you can find a Trance it magazine that keeps you updated about the Mexican trance scene. The Condesa colony in Mexico City is a good point to find nice places for eating and drinking and the best fashion boutiques that promote trance lifestyle, such as Astral Freaks (CC. Galerías - CC. Plaza Satélite - 45 Tamaulipas street, col. Condesa) or Grypho. There is the well known tran-



ce music shop Maia (23-C Citlaltépetl street, col Condesa, México) selling clothes and the latest albums by your favorite artist. In this part of the city, the people are kind of freaky, but most of them are cool and they like to have fun. In a certain way, it's a community to the vanguard. Talking about parties some of the best producers are Maia, Deliria and Psyclon. So, if you find a party organized by these names don't doubt in goin' for it.

Mexican trance has evolved a lot in the last years and the national projects have began to visit foreign countries to play. The quality in their music is already recognized by labels around the world. Some of the most important projects of trance are: D-Tek (Maia), Sharigrama (Psyclon), Ecliptic (Ballonia Ltd), Amadetzana (Sick) ... The most recognized djs are Vazik (Sounds of Earth), Shove (Alchemy) and Arturo (Maia), but there are some others like Messie,

FACTS

- The Aztec Nation found this place where they established their capital. 1325 they built the Tenochtitlán City in a big kind of isle in the middle of Texcoco Lake, the same place that occupies México City in our days.
- Being a mystery where the aztecs came from, it was a big empire with a lot of knowledge about natural laws and the universe order.
- Before being conquered at S.XIV by the Spanish Nation, the Aztec Empire extinguished its light and with it also buried the foundations of a great civilization which maintained the true sense of the equilibrium and respect with Mother Nature.
- During the time of colony the aztecs were forced to profess the catholic religion.
- Mexico arised as an independent state in 1821.
- The young people of our days have (again) great interest by the antique Mayan culture customs.

Hamelin, Hoffmann, Dende and Geza, that are gaining place. Two labels are well established: Maia Records is the one who has more experience in this area. Psyclon Records recently consolidated itself. Other than great Trance, Mexico has beautiful places to visit like the Mexican Caribbean (Cancún) with

beautiful beaches and tempered forests. Enjoy beautiful landscapes like deserts and extensive plains in San Luis Potosí. Visit the archeological areas, like Teotihuacan (Mexico), Palenque (Chiapas), Tulum (Yucatán). There are so many places to visit that you'll not have enough time and you'll want to return more and more.





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FACTS

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»From Innermind To Outerspace«

For most of us it started in '94 when DJ Lucas hosted The Gathering in Mazzo, a club in Amsterdam. Together with Danyel, Fidel, HC, Yaco & Zen, he brought Goatrance to the people. History teaches, that organisations like Acidophilus, Namaste, Empathy, Alien Heritage & Rejuvenation; labels like Boom! and Adodisc; artists such as Doda, Metal Spark, Synchro & GMS; parties like New Frontier, Alien Eclipse, Sunpower and of course relics like the Silo and the ELF, are the brightest dutch psylights of the last millennium.

Aliens and other visitors are advised to drop by the "Hoge Veluwe" national parc in Drenthe, Cheesemarket of the city of Gouda & coffeeshop Sarasani (the oldest around, at Oudegracht 327, Utrecht).

And when in Amsterdam, visit the Vondelpark (near Leidseplein), smartshop Kokopelli (weekend djs), trance-cafe Tetra on Wednes- and Thursdays (NZ Voorburgwal 89), the psy-food-restaurant with djs on Thursdays (Donauweg 5) and dont forget to pick up a free copy of Shark magazine for more up to date ins and outs of Underground Amsterdam.

DOC SONIC INFORMS

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ORGANISATIONS

- **9Lives of Hofmann:** broadrange underground activists covering 9 out of 9 on the scale of Albert
- **Babapower:** the annual party in the dunes & cozy indoor happenings
- **Boom!** well known for their parties, their own label & globally active dj Matt Boom

- **Empathy:** born 8 years ago & responsible for many in- & outdoor events
- **Mutual Hypnosis:** remnant of Acidophilus, famous for their high-quality acts, djs & deco
- **Namaste:** after shooting the root in '94, still climbing the tree, crossing over vibes of many tribes Zirk, Nexus, Lost in Music,

Alienmeeting, 12Psychedelics, Bom Voyage, Hoipolloi, Lost in Music, Microdutch, Evolution & the Psychedelic Sceneries are a few more actual projects.

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Dance on the cloud in **NEW ZEALAND**

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New Zealand/Aotearoa, the Land of the Long White Cloud lays claim to a coastline more extensive than that of the USA. It is host to warm summers and mild winters, cooler in the south and warmer in the north. NZ has a population of 4 million and a land-mass larger than that of the UK but smaller than that of Japan. With its own special flora and fauna, numerous mountain peaks, river valleys and golden beaches the place is like no other.

Smoking herb is illegal – likewise anything along those lines. However, plants will grow! The New Zealand psy-trance scene is not huge in comparison to other music genres but it is growing also! Cyberculture from Auckland have been holding regular indoor and outdoor parties for some years, their last outdoor party Dreamweavers attracting a nice international crew (Bitmonx, Pied Piper Paul, Sally Doolally, Luna-spice and others). Their style is progressive to full on. Cyberculture records and Manta records operate out of 151 Karangahape road in Auckland city, a good place to go to find out what's going on with the New Zealand trance scene.

Also in Auckland, Dave at Psydj.com has been putting on full on parties. He also imports psy-trance music for sale - check his website for more information about music and parties – it's an excellent source of psy-trance party information in New Zealand. Otherworld (DJ Illusion) is putting on parties in Hamil-

ton – expect to see the scene there gain some momentum. Further down the North Island in Wellington you will find the Full Om and Inner Eye crews who have been holding monthly indoor parties for about two years.

Their deco is fantastic and is continually evolving. Their focus is more on the full on and fluoro side of psy-trance. However, of late they have been throwing some killer progressive parties as well! They are looking at getting some small outdoor parties going this summer, check the website for details. Over the 03/04 new year period Visionz, New Zealand's largest outdoor psy-trance festival is on again.

Last year it attracted more than 5000 people, set in a stunning location at the top of the South Island. It's a nice party with a laid back vibe. The main floor is predominantly psy-trance (progressive to full on). Always a mad party and well worth the effort of getting out to Pakawau. At the same time a multi genre party, Alpine, will be happening 120 km outside Christchurch in the South Island – progressive trance is likely, full on not so likely. Nevertheless, by all accounts it's a wicked festival and is very likely to attract big numbers.

LINKS

- www.purenz.com (turism info)
- homepages.paradise.net.nz/fullom
- www.cyberculture.co.nz
- www.psydj.com
- www.illusiondj.co.uk
- www.cirqlarstudios.co.nz
- www.aliennation.co.nz
- www.hempstore.co.nz
- www.visionz.org.nz
- www.alpineunity.com

CONTACTS

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(email the friendly locals in Wellington - we'll answer your questions if we can)

Cirqlar Studios in Christchurch have been holding regular indoor parties and have also done some amazing outdoor ones. Visit their website for further information. There are also small parties held in and around Napier in the North Island.

The psy-trance scene in New Zealand, while small, is growing all the time. Although you may have to search a little bit for what you're looking for, but when you find it, the friendly and enthusiastic vibe will make it worthwhile!

TEXT

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Psytrance boom in **PORTUGAL**

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FACTS

- **Population** of 10.5 million people and around 3 million emigrants living worldwide. Portuguese people is very gentle and warm, and while old people loves their glass of wine the youngsters are cool party animals!
- **Food:** Great fish and seafood, but if you are vegan or vegetarian this is not a good place place for you.
- **Wine:** The culture of wine is as important as football, which is the biggest social phenomenon in Portugal. Check the wines from the regions of Douro, Alentejo, Palmela, Minho and Madeira. Green wine from Minho is a very nice partner for after-partying ...
- **Sightseeing:** Check extensive information in the online version of this article.
- **DJs:** Dio, Diogo, Dream Lab Crew, Fluxo, John-E, Menog, Migas, Miguel Ferro, Pena, P_Mac, Paulo (one of the most underground djs and very unique: he is blind and his gigs are a psy-experience)
- **Live acts:** The music production only started massively in 2000, so expect some more years to see a good portuguese music community ... Audialize, Faktor-D, Menog, Membrana, Suria, Tjak (Ethno-chill music), Zero Sequence, Zoom
- **Image Wizards:** Tyart (most creative and experienced décor artist), Pedro Feijão (great optical creator, more related with psychedelic painting and acidic graffiti), Bitnix (crew of VJs that makes visuals for trance parties and also for club scene), Mario Belem (Good graphic designer, check www.mariobelem.com)
- **Labels:** Flow Records, Ketuh Records, Crystal Matrix
- **Alternative Shopping:** Go to a neighbourhood called Bairro Alto, in Lisboa. Here you'll find many shops (including Good Mood Bazar and Cine Paraíso) and also an excellent nightlife!

NIGHTLIFE

- **Lisboa:** The Bairro Alto neighborhood is a must for its incredible pub scene with all urban tribes represented. People go to pubs from midnight to 4 am and then everyone go to clubs, which are open until 7-8 a.m., or to outdoor parties that last until ...the end of the weekend...!
- **North:** The Oporto city has an incredible impact on dance music culture with super-clubs like Pacha, Vaticano, Maré Alta or Hard Club. It's the biggest place for house and drum'n'bass, and has a strong trance culture. Trance people in Oporto are more freaky than their trance-partners from Lisboa.
- **South:** The city of Lagos, known for its psy-rock gatherings in the 70s and 80s, is a good place to visit. The rest of Algarve is not nice...

Portugal is a crossover of Europe, Africa, Latins and the Atlantic, between first world's lifestyle and traditional ways of life; a place with beaches, nature and wonderful and wild spots for psychedelic experiences. Is psytrance a part of portuguese culture? Well, we don't know but the History of this country has a lot of trips to the unknown ...

The first psy-trance parties started in 1994, by Good Mood, in a time when there was an explosion of house and techno parties in clubs, castles and warehouses. It was the beginning of a new portuguese youth culture supported by dance music. Until 1997, the trance scene remained underground but in this year it happened the first Boom Festival showing to the portuguese crowd the global character of the trance movement: travellers, mind expanding culture, free expression, great music ... Also in the same year new party promoters

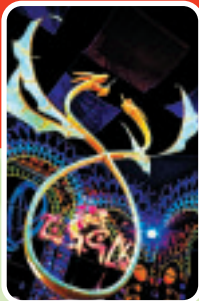
entered on the scene (Hipnose Productions) joining Good Mood in the party activity that was based in Lisboa and its surroundings.

Together they built a regular circuit of parties with top artists in great places and until 2000 the scene was incredible: nice crowd, good music, good places for parties, no problems with authorities. Around 2000 psy-trance became the hype on portuguese dance





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»Have a good time all the time!«

LINKS

- www.goodmood.org
- www.quest4goa.com
- www.hipnose.com
- www.crystal-matrix.org
- www.flow-records.com
- www.ketuhrecords.com
- www.boomfestival.org
- www.dancedub.pt
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music which brought all the attentions on it and suddenly everybody was a trancer: from the top-model to the hip hop guy, from actors to thieves ...

It was around this time that the taste of the crowd also changed: people started to prefer a more linear based music, strong, stuppedelly commercial and not deep, humoristic and with fantasy. Today you don't find a trance crowd that have the will to explore new paths on music, they like the easiest and the strongest (like everywhere, I think ...).

Nowadays psy-trance is widespread, you can find psy-crews in every city of the country with DJs, parties and its own vision of the psychedelic movement. It is also an important part of the biggest music festivals (like those where you see Bjork, Herbert, Moby or Chemical Brothers) but despite its strongness, music sales remain low.

Ok, Boom Festival is still THE Party in Portugal, of course. But weekly you have parties everywhere, some commercial others underground. The vibe is BIG!!



DOC SONIC INFORMS

Drug use is not criminalised in Portugal but there are some rules. You can't have more than a daily piece of drug to consume which includes cannabis, cocaine, xtc, lsd ... If you are caught with an excessive amount of these substances you will be presented to a doctor and registered by the police. Beware with cops, if you are a foreigner they like to show their authority and normally they are low culture people. But you can't be arrested if you are smoking a joint!

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White bears & trance beats in **RUSSIA**

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The interest in modern electronic music coming out from Russia these days has been constantly growing with more and more talented musicians finding their way on to record labels. For some people it still is an exotic country rumored to have bears in the streets and things like that. So many of you have been wondering if there was any trance scene behind this »borsh belt« country. Yes, there is a scene in Russia! Let everybody know! And it is developing rapidly, attracting attention of the world.

FACTS

- **Trance movement** exists in Moscow, St-Petersburg and Kazan) and each of them has its own original taste.
- **Labels:** Horns and Hoofs Entertainment, Artfreaktion Records, Déjà vu Records.
- **Artists:** Parasense, Fuzzion and many upcoming!

LINKS

- www.psychedelic.ru
- www.newmusic.ru



TEXT

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Dance performance
and whatever ... :)

»Be alive in the right way!« ;)

From very start in the mid 90s it was only a bunch of enthusiastic people, but today everything has radically changed ... New generations of promoters came to show their way of having good parties. Yes there were a lot of stories with promoters lying to the artists, poor organization level and things like that, but nowadays everything reached a good commercial level where people just can't let the crowds expectations down.

Summer is a peaktime for party activity so every weekend several events are held, mainly open airs. When it becomes colder the crowd moves to the clubs, where big events gather up to several thousands of tranceheads, and these are really one of the largest »rave« parties in Moscow. For example G.M.S. live gathered up to 6000 tranceheads. Foreign guests are to be seen here more often with bigger names and even underground ones, but be sure to find the vibe you were looking for. To mention a few artists who have recently been booked by Moscow's promoters: X-Dream

(who have blown Moscow to pieces), Hallucinogen, Deedrah, Astral Projection, John Phantasm, Skazi, Kox Box, Shiva Jorg, Alex Tolstey of Boshke Beats, Talamasca, Tromesa, Sesto Sento, Neuromotor, Paul Taylor and G.M.S. of Spun and a lot of other well-known and young artists. Outdoor events are extremely popular because Russian nature is beautiful. Large events gather up to six-to



eighthousand people but still there are no festivals like Europe or other countries. During the whole cold club season people wait impatiently for the summer to plunge into the psychedelia of Russian forests, to feel the harmony and union of trance music and nature and dance together with the surrounding beauty.

DOC SONIC INFORMS

Due to elections that have just passed, the Moscow's club scene saw several big party raids, but it can't be said that there is some kind of war between parties and the police. Russia swims in drugs, so you don't have much problem getting any for low prizes. People don't hide their consuming in clubs, bars or casinos at all. Supposedly the owning (even small amounts) is punished with some time in jail.





FACTS

- **Live acts:** I.e. Manibus, Species, Eqked.
- **Sightseeing:** There are two rivers in Belgrade, Sava and Danube, and that's the real pleasure, to walk/rollerblade/bicycle by the river sides or do some water sports during the summer; **GENERALLY** Belgrade is an alive city.
- **Politics:** The political situation in Serbia is (still) turbulent but it's safe, don't worry. Average salary is about 250 Euro per month (it speaks for itself, but that doesn't mean that prices are much lower than in other European countries). Serbia and Montenegro is the federation of these two republics since the beginning of 2003. It used to be Yugoslavia (remaining part of ex-Yugoslavia) and so far exist under this new name.
- **Police:** There are no law-making organizations (like CJA or C.R.S.) against repetitive music or special police squads against parties, there were few "situations" but this is a party zone.
- **Lots of useful travel info** you find in the online article!
- **Reasons to visit us:** To talk, walk, rock (the dance floor) and have fun with friendly people!

LINKS

- www.chillout.co.yu
- www.transmute.co.yu
- www.xperiment.co.yu
- www.liquidandsolid.com
- www.hostels.org.yu
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Let's surf through Belgrade my friends! First thing first. Party time!

Trance-scene. Who's who. Xperiment are there from the start. Their crew are djs Buca, Jakov, Mikica, Max and Stole. It was nice to share an enthusiasm and energy with them in 1995. They organized a first open-air party here (Positronic brain, also to be mentioned is Liska party at Kalemegdan park, a year later), for more than 1000 people. Club house/techno scene had been already developed in Belgrade when they brought trance music, fluo backdrops and black light instead of strobo; it was pretty infective. Intellect are two young guys, Aki and Vlada, well known to audience here as really good djs. Lately, Xperiment and Intellect teamed up for making parties of good reputations. Wish them luck! Those names on the flyer could indicate a good music. In the last few years also active is an association called

Goasapiens and they, let's put it that way, organize more commercial parties. Once upon a time their existed Technocratia, but they lost their trance-credibility a long time ago. Once you are in Serbia and you hear of some party in town of Kragujevac, that's could be worth checking 'cos guys who work there are doing it right; last year they tried to organize the first international trance festival here and it had lot of problems, police ... but at least they tried. There is a trance scene in Novi Sad with something happening from time to time, but it is on local level (no foreign djs) and house/techno/MTV are predominant there.

If you feel like something completely different, a small and cosy gathering, often starting in the late afternoon, with ambient-to-dance music, good chai, film projections and anti-globalist flavour, there are guys from Stani-Pani collective from Belgrade with resident DJ Tishma.



TEXT

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»Sometimes it matches and we are doing the same thing for living and for pleasure, but people are much, much more than their profession/occupation.«



Trance Mecca in **SOUTH AFRICA**

www.trancersguide.com/southafrica

LINKS

- www.originfestival.com
- www.nanorecords.co.uk
- www.aliensafari.co.za
- www.mushroom-mafia.co.za
- www.timecode.co.za
- www.3am.co.za

FACTS

- Amazing holiday destination: wild life (land, air and sea) + breathtaking landscapes: mountains, deserts, beaches, rivers, waterfalls & forests.
- A decade after the demise of the old sleazy politics South Africa was famous for, it is a joyous place of strong contrasts. People are for the most part easy going.
- Large gaps between the wealthy and poor, thus problem of crime. To avoid problems ask a fellow trancey type the dos and don'ts.
- South Africa has one of the highest rates of HIV infections in the world.

After close on ten years of psy-trance parties South Africa is already a Mecca for global trancers. Not surprisingly have travellers from all corners of the map been repeatedly tranceing with the South African crowd. Our love of the outdoors and of a good party, coupled with some highly professional party promoters, stunning venues and great weather have helped to ensure that this land is a party paradise.

Most trancers know about the 2000 Millennium Festival and the Eclipse Festival in 2002, both major milestones that exposed SA to global party peoples, but SA's trance history goes further back than that ... back to the mid 90's with visitors Etnica, the Flying Rhino's, Return to the Source, Joti, Dino, Tsuyoshi, Goa Gil, Green Nuns, etc. Recently the SA scene has opened up on many levels with some fine new record labels and artists making waves internationally, such as: Timecode, Mic-rodut, Psystation, Afrogalactic, Mushroom Mafia and NANO Records. All the labels do parties of their own but the biggest crowds belong to Vortex, Alien

Safari, Earthdance (hosted by NANO) and Trancegression (in winter). Other top party crews, each with their own take on creating comfy psychedelic spaces that consistently impress party lovers are Lunartech, Groovy Troopers, Psynapse, Psychosis, Freerange, MaL, and Crystal Visions. Cape Town is the hub of Trance activity but up north (Johannesburg/Pretoria) there is a very healthy underground scene, similarly along the east coast's aptly named "Garden Route", a few hours drive from Cape Town. The best time to come is for the outdoor summer season (Nov-Easter), which peaks from new years till late Feb. Throughout Jan there are many 3&4 day parties sandwiched in-between the larger new years Prism and, the newly established, Origin Festivals both featuring big line-ups and awesome productions. When arriving hunt down a copy of local BPM magazine, which has all the party listings and info you'll need. If you arrive in Cape Town head for the top of Long St, you'll be

sure to bump into some trancers eager to help and just as weird as you!!



TEXT

Regan – one of South Africa's most respected djs, producers, promoters and a co-

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»Take it to the people!«



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PARTIES

- **Alien Safari**
Mar 28, Oct 2, Dez 18, Cape Town, www.aliensafari.co.za
- **Vortex Easter Festival**
Apr 9-12, Cape Town
- **Earthdance**
Sep 18, Cape Town
www.earthdance.org.za
- **Vortex**, Dec 4, Cape Town
- **Prism**, Dec 30-Jan 5, Cape Town
- **Origin**, Jan 28-31 2005, Cape Town, www.originfestival.com

DOC SONIC INFORMS

Many of the party consumerables you might enjoy are easy enough to find and at nicer prices than most European countries. You can't take openly in public and if you are caught with any class A's you WILL get into problems, and the last place you want to be is in a South African prison cell! Random police searches are not common, so no need to be paranoid, just careful.

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FACTS

- Located in the south of Europe, Spain and Portugal form the Iberian Peninsula.
- Great variety of climates and sightseeing (high snowy mountains, plains, tablelands, desert, beautiful rivers, 2125 kilometres of coasts ...) although the sun and beaches are the most appreciated elements for the tourists (52,5 million in 2003, the second preferred destination in the world).
- One of the highlights is the gastronomy: extraordinary meat, fresh fish, a lot of vegetables, good wine and olive oil (considered liquid gold). Don't miss!
- Four official languages (Spanish, Catalan, Basque, Galician).
- Nowadays governed by a conservative right-wing party near to fascism. It declared war on Irak, though 90 per cent of the Spanish were against it!

PARTIES

- **May 1:** Psy-Work Night • **Oct 9:** Selenium Anniversary • **Dec 25:** Psychedelic Christmas - all Selenium, Ya'sta Club, Madrid • www.yastadclub.net
- **Sep 3-5:** Transit 2004 Festival, Costa Azahar, Benicasim • www.transit2004.com

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- www.intuitivemusic.com
- www.gofurther.org
- tribupachamama.galeon.com
- www.unlogic.org
- www.maya2012.net
- www.muskaria.com
- www.yastadclub.net
- www.virusnetcafe.com
- www.psychoabstract.com
- www.unlogic.org
- www.boshkebeats.com
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It was on Ibiza that trance first appeared in Spain, during the summers of 1991 and 92. Full moons at Can Punta were the biggest gigs. Paoli, Rikttam, Bansi, Amrit, Celli were playing there in that moment. But soon appeared the police hassle ...

A period of greatness followed with many parties of all sizes and good musicians setting up studios. TIP did their yearly gigs. By 98/99 organizing of outdoor trance parties needed guerrilla tactics to avoid police. The party spot would only be announced a few hours before. The beginning of the millennium saw the trance scene as an outlaw movement and outdoor parties were few. Legal alternatives were often the only option with Namastee's Trance Temple offering a weekly fix and Can Fly serving as headquarters for the multitudes. The reason for the persecution of this scene holds little mystery. Although some of the legal alternatives are good fun the scene's home is outdoors with the sun,

moon and stars and this was for many years a very attractive alternative in Ibiza's nightlife scene. So much so that the powers behind the massive commercial disco scene considered it a threat. This coupled with the general "conservatizing" of the island meant that for some such freedom and spontaneity no longer had a place.

In the mainland the scene had some good moments in the Madrid clubs nightlife during the early 90's but soon techno and house replaced it and sent it to the underground again. In 1998 there were the Momra festival in the Bañuelas lake (Girona) organized for people from Germany, Ibiza, Madrid and Holland. More than 2000 people enjoyed the nature and music during four days.

Today it seems that scene is emerging again with more collectives, outdoor parties (principally in Madrid and Barcelona) and some clubs programming quality trance sessions. The good energy is spreading and the sense of community is high. Let's make it last!



TEXT

Sergio Diez
 Promoter and psy-rock dj.
 Thanks to Manu (Bcn), Manu (Mad),

Xavi, Jake and Keemiyo.

»Don't let the American Empire destroy the world!«



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COLLECTIVES

- **Cosmic Trance - Barcelona:** Formed in 2000. It's one of the most active in Spain (more than 50 events). They have a trance store and a web magazine. In 2003 they organized the spectacular Sun Rite Festival.
- **Furthur - Madrid:** Have been re-creating free space in and around Madrid since 1995 pulling off five or six parties a year.
- **Pachamama - Madrid:** Started in 2001 with the Tribal Rave event, where more than 1500 people enjoyed the magic valley of Canencia under a special feeling of peace and harmony.
- **Unlogic - Madrid:** Oriented to musical production (as a label) and to provide information about the scene (as a web magazine).
- **Maya 2012 - Barcelona:** Formed by Swiss dj Anahata.
- **Muskaria - Barcelona:** One of the first collectives that appeared in Spain, they have also a trance store.
- **Mystic Airways - Madrid:** Formed in 2002, they have made some little and beautiful parties in the surroundings of Madrid.
- **Others:** Csativa (Málaga), Fungus (Madrid), Natraj's (Sevilla), VirusProject (Barcelona), Mythologic (Madrid), United Tribes (Ibiza), Hypnotica (Madrid).

CLUBS

- **Selenium session at Ya'sta Club, Madrid.** Regular Saturday session with Dr. María as resident dj and international guests.
- **VirusNetCafe - Barcelona:** Internet café, juices, snacks, tea ... in a chill-out ambient with electronic music: down-tempo, ambient, trance, electro ...
- **Lua Chea - Madrid (c/Polvoranca 66-Alcorcon):** The only after-hour that runs psy-trance sessions in Madrid. Wicked freaky ambient. Opens 6 a.m.-10 a.m.

- **Hikuli - Madrid (Lua Chea's next door):** Little bar with precious indian decoration. A lot of good smoke cross the ambient while special quiet music sounds: dub, psy-ambient, reggae, world ...

ARTISTS

- **DJs:** Abbot, Anahata, Alex Dröid, Alex Tolstey, Atax, Avi, Daniel Cabrera, Domi Pastor, Dr. María, Eduard, Exotic, Felipe, Fuman, Gerardo D, Hands, Hidden, Isaac, Isaac, Keemiyo, Lisergio, Lukas, m4th, Manik, Marcos, Mr. Frog (psy-rock), Musa, Nost, Pavi, Pedro, Piter, Psy Heimdall, Sens, Toxic, V, Voyage, Xavi.
- **Acts:** Alienated Buddha, Domi Pastor, Kimik, Psycho Abstract, Sum Sindhu, The Muses Rapt (Juan Verdera), Transmute
- **Deco and Performances:** Tribu Alquimia, Euone, Monika Lakosa, Inga Burina, Orange Corporation, Alerta Gráfica, Hypnotica, Wendy Trip Colors, Dream colors, Nagual Creations.
- **Labels:** Unlogic Records, Boshke Beats Records, Stonetone.
- **Magazines:** Intuitivemusic - International portal dedicated to electronic music and electronic culture.
- **Music shops:** Tasmaniac, Cosmic Trance and Muskaria.

DOC SONIC INFORMS

I must admit that I never noticed, but it is illegal to drink alcohol in public except for cafes and bars. Consuming and cultivation of cannabis isn't - but lately the government keeps attacking the hemp scene and -press. It's possible to check pills at parties and raves for their purity. If you are caught with little amounts of drugs there won't be much problems but be careful with more quantity than for the own use. Fines for owning chemical drugs are between 300 and 30,000 Euros. Cocaine and cannabis are the most popular drugs in Spain.



Spanish Trance Magazine - Online Shop

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SELENIUM



Northern hope in **SWEDEN**

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FACTS:

- Travel: Easy with train & bus. Big airports in Malmö, Gothenburg & Stockholm. From Stockholm to Gothenburg its around 5 h by car or 3 h with a fast speed train.

LABELS

- Spiral Trax
- MPDQX label group (Baluns, DIGITAL Structures, Vsual rec.)

DOC SONIC INFORMS

Drugs are strictly illegal, still there's no problem to get any. Possession of less then 0,5 grams of chemicals or 3 grams of cannabis means a fine for Tourists. Above the usual sentence is about six months of jail.

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Between the years 1995-1998 Sweden had a really good scene. Then the authorities managed to do what they had wanted for many years. They made it more difficult, or to be more exact, they made it impossible to run clubs and parties on a legal basis.

It was a timeperiod when it was almost one party every weekend and all of the great "big acts" were here and played. Of course the main reason for closing down the parties was the drug issue. Sweden has a quite strict drug policy and strong penalties if you get caught. So take it easy!

But now since a year back it looks very bright again and it seems possible to do parties again. The most important trance event is Arvikafestival - a three days festival with more than 120 artists on six stages (dance music and interesting alternative acts) and 15,000 people. It runs 15th to 17th of July. A visit is worth it!

In Gothenburg there is something on almost every week and in Stockholm a few times a month. The doghouseboys are doing clubs and parties regulary. In Malmö you find Club Honto located at "KB". The summer is the best season for tranceculture and visiting Sweden, as there are a lot of outdoor events. To stand and watch the sunrise at a outdoor party in Swedens beautiful landscape is something very amazing!

Swedish people are very friendly and polite but a bit introverted in general (not all of them!). They are not easy to get close to but once you did, you have a trustable friend for a lifetime.



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Vollgas in **SWITZERLAND**

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Vollgas! ... this might be this year's motto again in Switzerland. Translate it as you like, going at full throttle - or simply: full on. Everywhere the electronical music scenes are in motion and growing and Swiss people are moving, too. The scene is famous for its parties in the amazing mountain landscapes of the Alps - even in wintertime in the snow.

Atmosphere (Olaf D)



More and more elements and influences are getting mixed up and this is why the former goa trance tree is developing new branches with their own parties and crowd. There are no defined borderlines between the styles, which keeps everything in its flow. Since Switzerland is not very big, with up to ten parties a weekend we really have enough action over here! Who can manage to be at ten parties at one time? Many organizers lately seem to have trouble getting enough guests to their parties even booking national and international top acts. For example there were 18 parties at New Year's Eve, just counting those being announced on the web. They were even outdoor parties in the snowy mountains! From a partyguest's point of view I appreciate all of these possibilities to have my fun. From the organizer's point of view the whole thing is not really amusing: ambitious and innovative bookings are a financial risk ... Thanks anyways to all of you who took

it! You made last year a really groovy one again!

There is something to please every taste, nearly every hot live act has been to Switzerland at least once, an unbelievable amount of organizers create lots of parties - during summer at amazing locations in the Alps, along meadows,

in valleys or woods and during winter a large variety of indoor- and club-events happen. Bern, Basel, Zürich, Luzern, Genf - Vollgas everywhere! Come over and have a look for yourself - you won't regret it.

A good place to get a first impression is www.goa.ch which is not only the most important and biggest party-program, but also the Holy Book (or Site) for the Swiss scene :) If you're more into the clubby styles and want to get in contact with other electronic music than just psytrance have a look at www.partyonkels.ch

One of the biggest summer's festivals is Skarabaeus with a line up full of international artists that make it worthwhile for full-on-lovers. We must not forget to mention the open airs by Synthetic-Vibes or the Zoom Festival, which used to take place in Zürich during the Streetparade and due to problems with the authorities the party had to move and there was only a *Little-Zoom* up in the mountains.

In 2003, artists by Spiral Trax and Digital Structures, Plusquam, Free Form, Midijum, Hom-Mega, Tip, Compact and so much more came to our country to really pamper us in lovely music and beats.

A good location for any occasion during colder days is the Kulturfabrik at Wetzikon near Zürich. Rather alternatively styled, very warm, huge and comfy. Among others Stonehead do their Iboga label parties there. Tinitus & Rototec and FKK & Desertsun are also doing their festivities at the Kulturfabrik (called Kulti) with interesting line ups and a nice crowd. If you love the more psychedelic sound you should go see the Kulti-events by Samsara or Astral Media.

An enrichment into progressive is DJ Creator's traffic-night at Zürich Rohstofflager every third friday of the month with a fantastic program. The new party series Ratatouille by DJ Anorien at Aera Club Zürich is something people talk about a lot, too. Top sound with international artists. The trend is set to make goa or psytrance



an integratepart of Swiss club life and scene, which means bringing it to a different crowd than before.

To cut it short: The way the scene has developed the last years is a very good one and hopefully it will continue this in 2004. But there in fact is one thing that Swiss trancers are longing for: a little bit more approval and attention by the trance world abroad. we have

much more to give than just tasty chocolate! We have some fantastic music acts, talented djs and really amazing deco artists! See you soon in beautiful Switzerland!

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Britain has a long and colourful history, as I'm sure most people know. Brits have been travelling the planet, exporting and importing culture, ideas, food and all sorts for a long time. Before it was even known as Britain it had a strong culture, which was Celtic Shamanic. The top third of the land was called Caledonia, now known as Scotland, the bottom two thirds was called Albion, this was known as an enchanted land, inhabited by wild but knowledgeable tribe's, who lived an earthy shamanic way of life.

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London is an enigma by itself, as Amsterdam is to Holland, Britain cannot be totally understood by just knowing London. London today is like a mongrel dog of the streets, such a mixture of people and cultures who knows what it is; one thing is for sure - it's well alive and still evolving and growing. As a balance point to the modern way of this country, there is a healthy and strong alternative culture, which is linked into the ancient way of this land and strongly influenced by its global connections.

As for parties in Britain, we've been practicing enjoying ourselves here for a long time, and like to think we have off to a fine art know. From the sixties revolution and right the way through, it has not stopped evolving. There has been the regular commercial all sorts, plus northern soul all-nighters in the seventies, punk and in the mid eighties hedonism parties, very trippy. Then in '88 acid house happened, "yippee", acid house music, ecstasy and lsd Londoners were gagging for something new to happen, this made it much more of an explosion than a happening. It was truly wild but at the same time it felt so right. Sadly it also caused a lot of changes in the laws, which we now suffer from, this makes it harder to put on events as we'd like, but never has anything been born, without a bit of a mess being made on the ground.

Since then dance music has moved on, there are all sorts of aspects to it, most of which you'll find in London and Britain, loads of clubs, you have to work a bit harder to find the psychedelic/

underground parties but they are still there. There are still illegal squat parties and outdoor parties in the summer, off to the woods, "yippee".

A good start are these Shops in London: Psychedelic Dream Temple-Camden (stables market.NW1); Access all areas-Camden (Kentish town rd. NW5) and Diffusion-Portobello road (W10).

BRIGHTON

Brighton is famous for many top musicians and famous people including the likes of Fatboy Slim, Carl Cox, Fats and Small, Orbital, Primal Scream amongst others like Gray Moore, Paul McCartney, Jordan ... It is a very cosmopolitan town with the clubs playing at the weekend all kinds of dance music with the most popular being progressive or funky house, hard trance or drum and bass, but unfortunately for the psychedelic fans you can only go clubbing during the week!

Brighton has many recognised names within the psytrance scene including the likes of Dino Psaras, Joti Sidhu,



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Marc Allen, Purple, Juno Reactor, Semsis, Aeternum, Tim Healey, Jon oo Fleming, Mick Chaos, Mr Raz, Darelee, Zorflux, Vinny, Jamie Robinson and more. It is the home of record labels such as Ajuca, Sphere, Optica, Atomic, Koyote, Symbiosis, Blue Room, Cabbaged and Enzyme.

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Smoking cannabis is illegal but no big deal, be a bit careful, and be discreet. The UK recently downgraded Cannabis in the local drugscale. This means you're not necessarily arrested when found smoking. If under 18 you still have to calculate with a charge. Most drugs are illegal but most people in the U.K. ignore the laws, stash it to go into clubs, people are used to these things, be sensible and you'll have a great time!



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Ah, America ... the psy-trance backwater, conspicuous by its absence amongst psy-trance strongholds worldwide. But as Americans aren't all fat assed McDonald's consumers, psy-trance resists the consumer mindset and the devoted and faithfully infected are spreading the trance virus, brain by brain, its recent flowering starting with Acid Phisix's (now Cal Sun's) NYC bridge parties and Dutch's rooftop Berkely bashes in the mid 90's. Al Gore, who almost became president, is a follower of Zen guru and trance enthusiast Ken Wilber.. the plot thickens. Like sex in public, trance is more thrilling in the cracks of fascist states. Let's get it on!

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*»Americans are not all assholes.
There are three people in Iowa you
should meet.«*

Where are we now? Basically, a bomb hit U.S. trance in 2000 when the Feds busted a huge lsd operation run by a well connected Harvard chemist in a missile silo in Kansas, supplying over a third of the planet. A grave loss. However, the double edged sword of rampant file sharing coupled with new music, audio and Internet technology, fungus, memories of better times and flat-out creativity has sustained the movement into the 21st century, positioning it for a true psychedelic Renaissance.

Trance Americana is steadily building, refining, and fractalizing into the hinterlands:

New York aka Babylon, the reservoir/cesspool/playgrounds of the international Goa trash jet set, the Israeli ex-Arsin faux-yordim and the Russian trance intelligentsia (AKA the Other White Meat) is still the largest psy-trance community in the U.S. in terms of raw numbers and manic energy and tension. In a bizarre way, as in Israel, 9/11 and the battered economy that ensued have been catalysts, necessary ingredients in making the intoxicating potion that is NY psychedelic trance. No one working, trance goes back to the garage. Poverty breeds creativity. Wiley squat parties, three day loft parties and clandestine gatherings under bridges have become the order of the day. In a down economy, friends are more valuable than your portfolio.

Indoors, Spirit New York at the old Sound Factory/Twilo space will house the finest holistic trance events New

York has seen in years, since Gilles de Synthetis Sadhus went back to France after his partner Krisztina Veigh went down in a plane in Hungary. Spectra and Omnitribe continue making tastefully Progressive. Israeli mosh pits Hommega, Global Trance/Home of Trance, and the perennially impecunious Anglo-Swiss Return to the Source DNA-cloned Promethean Tsunami still pack them in, beset by newcomers such as Ecliptic Trance and El Nadiv. The beating heart as always, is the secret underground outdoor rituals – Omnitribe brought trance to the mountains, Burning Elf brought the precious Lord of the Rings, and the Devotional Ministry of Trance reincarnated after a two year hiatus following juvenile infighting and squat speaker heists by the police. The electronic non-Luddite Rainbow Warriors Ian, Adam and Jowe are still spreading the outdoor love in the Byzantine baskwoods of south Jersey, proving that having children is a cause for celebration, not for surrendering to the Grid.

In the Eastcoast-Westcoast rivalry **Northern California** beats East Coast in quality over quantity. Wherein New York is full of hard edged freaks, everyone in San Francisco is »coool.« Indoors, Thump brings top international talent. Russians provide the hemoglobin – the vicarious Israelis of the West! The CCC hasn't disbanded, Tantra is producing some of the most solid and quality parties in San Francisco right now with excellent production and a brand new Mackie Fusion sound-system. And impresario John Wood engineered the huge, legal-all-night South of Market Art Gallery.

Outdoors, Northern California is strong, with many parties throughout the summer by different collectives such as the Fusion Festival, which became a religion on the spot to foil the police.

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unfettered irrationality. Late 90's psy-trance is no longer the only soundtrack, no more Blue Room fire engine. But if Tesla were alive today, he'd be tripping at Black Rock City, coils in hand.

In Portland, Apollo's Lute produced one of the best outdoors of the year in the U.S. in 2003. They brought the best of San Francisco and Seattle together for "Ason" with Talamasca.

In between these two bicoastal axes lie the full spectrum of musical interpretation, including Boston's ivory trance towers peopled by Ivy beleaguered, well travelled, brain trust funded Killinfloor, Changmian, and Sonic Beating; Gaian Mind, AmPsy, PSI and Sidetrakkt in Pennsylvania; Touch Samadhi in North Carolina; Goahead in Ohio; Mistical in fertile-cow-dung

Texas; in Los Angeles Green Sector did a slamming New Years with Phantasm and of course there will always be Moontribe. These tribes are all on the move with hypnotic urban lovefests and exquisite outdoor gatherings, and prove that the wilderness IS the centrifugal force for Trance Americana. America has a lot of outdoor just waiting for the Spirit to return!



MEET THE CREW

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The Trancers Guide wouldn't exist without the work of more than 50 editors and photographers (mentioned in the country profiles) and further helpers in the mushroom office (mentioned in the flag, page 3). Thanks again to all those helping hands! And thank you to all of you out there who keep things alive and kicking. Thanks for giving us a reason to report about such a beautiful, exciting scene.

Now we invite you to meet those lunatics that spent night by night in front of pulsating displays to make the Trancers Guide come true ...



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»Let's evolve our future - together!«



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»Believe in what you feel ... trust in your instinct!«



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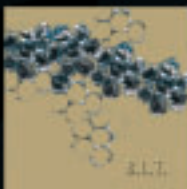


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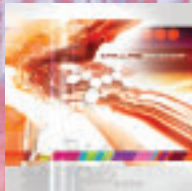
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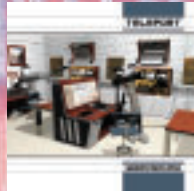
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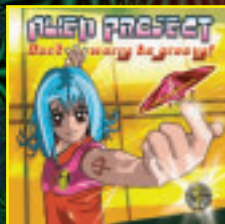
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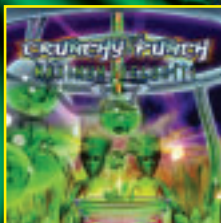
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