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# GO TO A DAYTIME TRANCE PARTY

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**BABIES @ KINGS ARMS, WANDSWORTH, LONDON 3PM-MIDNIGHT**

Started as a party for friends by friends, Babies Events began a year ago. Three arenas cover psychedelic trance to house, electro, tech, minimal and progressive, the day out also boasts massage girls, UV face painting, a free shisha lounge, stalls, BBQ and cosmic decor and visual projections spread over the garden terrace. Tickets are £10 and a percentage goes to charity – but if it's your birthday in the same month as the event you get in for free. "It's a synergy between the rush of full-on clubbing, the carefree liveliness of an outdoor festival and chilling/socialising in the beer garden of a pub on a Saturday," reckons promoter Dino Ciancamerla.

**Next party tbc**  
[tiny.cc/babiesfacebook](http://tiny.cc/babiesfacebook)

**VERSATILE @ THE ORANGE GROVE, FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER 1PM-2AM**

Running as a free 13-hour all-dayer for over a year, Versatile is Manchester's underground answer to trance and progressive. It was created by Danny Austin and resident DJ Gav Pilling with the aim of uniting clubbers and showcasing the best up-and-coming trance DJs. "We ran our first Saturday all-day event as a special one-off to bring everybody in the scene together in a different atmosphere than they're used to," says Danny. "The feedback was so good that we decided to concentrate on running them as a regular thing, rather than our monthly club events." Situated in a pub in the heart of Manchester's student area, this tri-monthly event runs from 1pm to 2am. "With 14 DJs on board it's a true underground place to be," reckons Gav.

**Next party August 7**  
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**ODYSSEY @ EMBER, LONDON, 3PM-MIDNIGHT**

Started in October 2009 by four friends, Frani Heyns, Marco Lugari aka DJ Eric, Dominik Wysocki and Eve Whitlock, Odyssey is a free Saturday all-dayer set in the cosy basement of the Ember Bar. "We wanted to create an epic adventure, an intimate gathering for like-minded souls," said Frani. "When we decided to start a new event, we climbed into the head of modern-day clubbers. We realised that many of our old clubbing buddies now

have responsible jobs and families, so they're not up for all-night events anymore. But they still love the music. A day event caters both for them and the younger, more hardcore clubbers. They can treat Odyssey as warm-up party before moving on to another event."

**Next party tbc**  
[www.odysseylondon.com](http://www.odysseylondon.com)

**FRIENDZ, THE GOLDEN FLAME, LONDON 12PM-6PM**

"Friendz, as the name suggests, was started for friends in 2003 to get together and enjoy each other's company with like-minded people who all appreciate good trance," says founder and resident DJ, Wynand Delpert. Sailing up the Thames for six hours from 3pm, clubbers get to hear euphoric and uplifting trance while catching some rays on the upper deck of The Golden Flame boat. At £20 a pop, the good ship Friendz ain't cheap, but they must be doing something right – these boat parties have been selling out for seven years.

**Next party August 7**  
[www.friendzclub.co.uk](http://www.friendzclub.co.uk)

**AUDIO LIQUID, PLUG, BIRMINGHAM 2PM-10AM**

Held in the basement of The Plug every couple of months, promoter Shaun Williams reckons Audio Liquid can get a little confusing. "There's no natural light, so for the odd second you may think it's 3am, not 3pm!" Heading into its third year, DJ and producer and DJ Shaun set up Audio Liquid initially as a pre-party for big dance events in Digbeth, starting about 7pm. "Such was the demand, though, that it quickly turned into an all-day trance marathon and we now start as early as 2pm." DJs like Steve Arnold (Godskitchen), Paul Morrell (Ministry) and Fabio Stein (Armada) have all provided Brummies with a daytime trance fix.

**Next party tbc**  
[www.audioliquid.co.uk](http://www.audioliquid.co.uk)



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■ **DESPITE THE COMMERCIAL** success of trance, the UK is actually pretty poorly served by trance clubs. But this summer a new generation of promoters are taking the sound outside. "There's something magical about daytime clubbing," reckons original trance titan Judge Jules. "People are fresher and more cheerful, and because daytime gigs aren't all that common, they never seem run-of-the-mill." Cosmic Gate's DJ Bossi agrees: "The special good vibe of this music works perfectly while the sun is shining, it's a great alternative to a night gig!" We can't promise sun (some of them are in a basement, for a start), but here are some daytime trance parties worth getting out of bed for...

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