

The Chilled Millennium

The Ice Hotel, Lapland

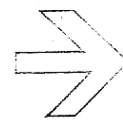
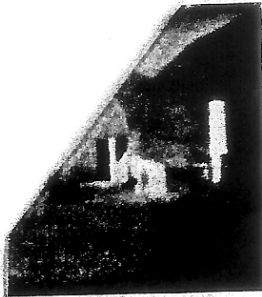
LAPLAND'S ice hotel is rebuilt every winter, and as the world's largest igloo, offers ice beds, ice glasses of vodka, ice toilets, but no ice dancefloor. Promoters are promising a live band with a laser and fireworks display and a "cool, safe time for all". Cool obviously being the operative word. The whole freezing, DJ-less experience includes one night at the hotel. Who would want to stay longer? Not us, especially with no mention of house music and no, er, Lapp dancers.

Contact: Scantours on 0171-839-2927, or www.scantours.co.uk

Cost: £1,450 each.

Feasibility: ☆☆☆

NYE Rating: ☆



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Planetrotter's Millennium

Ministry Of Sound Parties (various events globally)



THE Ministry Of Sound has long had world domination as its unstated goal (wa-ha-ha!), and true to form they're in the middle of organising shindigs in Rio, Fiji, South Africa, Miami, Malaysia and Russia. Each of the parties will be fed back via ISDN to jealous clubbers in Elephant & Castle - just to show them what they are missing. **Contact:** www.ministryofsound.com **Cost:** Ticket prices are still to be confirmed. For flights to Miami and Rio please see above. Fiji costs are similar, if not identical to Tonga. Malaysia flights with Cathay Pacific start at £1,200. Aeroflot fly to Moscow from £400, BA from £800.

Feasibility: ☆☆☆

NYE Rating: ☆☆☆ (depending on what goes ahead)

Erstar DJ Millennium

Carl Cox at Mobile Home; Sydney/Honolulu University Campus



CARL parties hard, so this year he's celebrating New Year's Eve in style twice (yes twice!) by going backwards over the international dateline. First he'll play a Home event at Darling Harbour in Sydney, then he jets west to Honolulu, Hawaii, where the university campus is the site of the last party on Earth to see the millennial dawn.

Contact: Home on 0181-964-1999.

Cost: Tickets are \$25 each, available to buy only by Honolulu students. Flight costs around £3,750. Not cheap.

Feasibility: ☆

NYE Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

Psychedelic Millennium

Table Mountain, Cape Town



A FIELD of psychedelic ravers take over the top of South Africa's Table Mountain for a Goa-esque knees up, while Danny Rampling spins beneath the hill at a rave organised by the Pharcyde organisation. The two events are apparently unrelated, but the Pharcyde party, with "numerous tents catering for every persuasion", looks like the safer bet. A massive 25,000 people are expected to attend, and the whole thing will be covered live on Radio 1.

Contact: Pharcyde on 00-27-214-234589 or www.pharcyde.co.za, or check www.southafrica2000.com

Cost: SA Airlines currently have flights at £750, BA flights start at £900. Ticket prices for Pharcyde are £20.

Feasibility: ☆☆☆

NYE Rating: ☆☆☆☆

Andy Millennium

Atlas Mountains, Morocco

FOR those English patients who can't get enough of stylish Soho bar Riki Tik's boozy flow and laid back house, the venue is organising a 400-punter trip to the southern Moroccan desert where a stunning bar overlooking the sea has been hired for a 24-hour knees up with all their usual DJs. Free couscous and booze for seven days is included in the £1,000 package, as is an excursion to the Atlas Mountains. If style, deep house, intimacy and location, location, location are your bywords, you need look no further. Young boys and hashish not included, by the way.

Contact: Donna at Riki Tiks on 0171-692-5533.

Cost: £1,000, plus expenses.

Feasibility: ☆☆☆ (limited places)

NYE Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

10 Reasons Why NYE Is Great

You can accost the opposite sex at midnight with impunity.

It's okay to throw up in public. People you don't know in clubs will talk to you, like they did in 1988.

Work and you get paid double. Computer bores will be working, not in your local.

Scottish people go back home.

Where they belong.

Even ugly people get laid.

You'll clean up if you run a pub.

You can nick a policeman's helmet and not get nicked.

You can go out on New Year's Day. How tranquil?

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