

EDC after-parties on the Strip

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Electric Daisy Carnival and some 345,000 attendees are descending on Las Vegas as we speak. The festival takes places at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway from Friday through Sunday, but the parties have already started at the clubs — day and night. So whether you're here to keep the party going after the festival shuts down for the day, or you're skipping the festival entirely and taking advantage of most of the acts playing on the Strip, below is the answer to the inevitable question: Where's the after-party at?

Drai's After Hours

The legendary Drai's After Hours nightclub re-opens this weekend in its original space of what is now The

Cromwell. Not to be confused with the sparkling new Drai's Beach Club and Nightclub atop the hotel, the After Hours club is located essentially in the basement. It makes perfect sense that Drai's new unveiling would include more underground techno and tech house acts, such as Dirtybird label boss Claude von Stroke, Justin Martin and Kill Frenzy (June 19), techno icon Dubfire and Nicole Moudaber (June 20), and Bronx natives The Martinez Brothers (June 21). For the serious partiers in town, Drai's After Hours starts at midnight and ends at 8 a.m. thecromwell.com

AFTER

The only other proper post-party, early morning game in town, AFTER, just set up shop in Holly Madison's 1923 Bourbon & Burlesque, at Mandalay Place. Around 3 a.m., swap burlesque for some bass, and the entire party shifts. If you're looking for commercial or mainstream EDM, AFTER is all about expanding your horizons by exposing a more underground scene to Las Vegas. This weekend, locals Spacebyrdz and Justin Baulé are ready to show visitors how it's done. afterlasvegas.com

Light and Daylight

The Cirque du Soleil-inspired nightclub and sister party palace Daylight celebrate one year this week, starting tonight with Dutch DJ Nicky Romero. The Cirque force will be strong at the club, with lots of surprises from the acrobats to celebrate the anniversary. Romero also takes over the poolside party on Thursday. Later that night, techno heavyweight Carl Cox mans the decks at Light. Friday, two thirds of Swedish House Mafia, Axwell and Ingrosso, reunite at the nightclub as well. thelightvegas.com; daylightvegas.com

Hakkasan and Wet Republic

The megaclub at MGM Grand has a roster stacked entirely with names that are playing at the festival, including Hardwell (June 19), Tiesto (June 20) and Afrojack (June 21). But if you've got one day left in you after the weekend, Calvin Harris plays on Monday with house heads Sunnery James and Ryan Marciano under the sun at Hakkasan's pool party, Wet Republic. hakkasanlv.com; wetrepublic.com

XS and Encore Beach Club

Wynn's massive club and jam packed beach club have their own list of mega DJs for the weekend, including a few names that won't be at EDC. Swedish and media darling Avicii opens the weekend early Thursday, while the third former member of Swedish House Mafia, Steve Angello, goes on Saturday. But if you want to catch Zedd or Skrillex over the next few days, you can only do it at XS on Friday and Sunday, respectively. The Wynn's daytime party, Encore Beach Club, features Fedde LeGrand during the day Thursday, while Major Lazer takes over for Encore Beach Club at night. wynnlasvegas.com

Rehab

The original Las Vegas pool party, Rehab is an experience like no other. You know that song *I Love It* that everyone has been chanting since last summer? Swedish creators Icona Pop will perform the hit poolside at

the Hard Rock on Saturday (be prepared for screams from the crowd, proclaiming "I don't care!") Sunday, dubstep producer Flux Pavillion gets wobbly with the beats. hardrockhotel.com/rehab

Virtually visit Rehab in the video below:



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