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**Jet to Vegas for Ultra Load: The Gay Village
A Three-day, Immersive Festival Experience
Taking Place Over EDC Weekend
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If you've been looking for the ultimate excuse to escape the Aussie autumn for some next-level sunshine, music, and mayhem, Ultra Load: The Gay Village is your golden ticket. Set in the sizzling heart of Las Vegas and taking place May 16-18, this groundbreaking LGBTQ+ day party is making history during EDC Weekend—and it's calling all fun-loving men from Down Under.

Presented by Desert Days, Ultra Load isn't just another party. It's a three-day, immersive festival experience that transforms the Alexis Park All Suite Resort into a queer utopia with 3,000 attendees, indoor and outdoor dance floors, and world-class DJs bringing non-stop beats. Think sun-drenched poolside vibes, jungle-themed dance floors, VIP cabanas, and an all-gay service staff—a first for any major pool resort.

Let's talk line-up. Friday kicks off with poolside sets from Brad Lee and Nick Stracener, followed by jungle rhythms with Derek Monteiro and Sam Gee. On Saturday, you'll soak up the sexy beats of Erik Vilar and superstar Hector Fonseca poolside, while the beloved Otter Pop Las Vegas party takes over the Jungle Room with host Joshua Flores and DJ Jon Klaft. Then it's Sunday Funday with legends like Dawna Montell, Dustin, and Kipnotik, before the grand finale with Janky and Sammy Taylor.

This isn't just about music—it's a movement. As Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) draws hundreds of thousands to Las Vegas, Ultra Load is filling a long-overdue gap with the first dedicated LGBTQ+ daytime party space. It's about representation, celebration, and pure queer joy - the kind of space where you can be unapologetically yourself among community, music, and poolside cocktails.

Why should Aussie men make the trip? For starters, there's nothing like Ultra Load back home. Las Vegas has always been known for its over-the-top extravagance, but this event adds a whole new layer of queer glamour and global inclusivity. You'll meet new mates from all over the world, dance under the desert sun, and party like never before.

It's also an ideal way to experience the energy of EDC Weekend without the overwhelming crowds of the main festival - Ultra Load gives you the music and magic, but in a more intimate, curated, and affirming setting.

The venue itself, Alexis Park All Suite Resort, offers the perfect home base for the weekend. With reduced hotel rates for out-of-towners staying May 13-20, it's also a smart choice for those looking to turn their Vegas trip into a full holiday. Plus, the event is backed by queer-owned businesses and talent, so every dollar spent supports the LGBTQ+ community.



Ultra Load isn't just a party - it's poised to become a Las Vegas tradition. By showcasing diverse queer talent and creating safe, electric spaces to connect, it's setting a new global standard for inclusive festival culture.

So, gents - grab your swimmers, pack your sunnies, and book that flight. Whether you're a festival regular or a first-timer looking to dip your toes into the Vegas pool party scene, Ultra Load: The Gay Village is your invitation to let loose, live loud, and celebrate who you are.



Tickets are on sale now at www.desertdays.co

