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BARS, LOUNGES, AND
CLUBS WORTH A DRINK

hot nights

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA: Spider Club,
LOS ANGELES; Jazz at Pearl's,
SAN FRANCISCO

FLORIDA: Soirée Sundays at
The Raleigh, MIAMI BEACH

MASSACHUSETTS: B&G Oysters
Ltd., BOSTON

MINNESOTA: Infiniti Room,
MINNEAPOLIS

MISSOURI: Pin-Up Bowl,
ST. LOUIS

NEVADA: Caramel Bar and
Lounge, LAS VEGAS

NEW YORK: Marquee, Satalla,
NEW YORK

OHIO: Club CLAU, CINCINNATI

TENNESSEE: Senses, MEMPHIS;
Bar Twenty3, NASHVILLE

TEXAS: Oslo, AUSTIN; Red Star,
HOUSTON

VIETNAM

Wine Bar, HO CHI MINH CITY

Membership, like
so much else in
laidback L.A., is
a relaxed affair at
the white-hot
Spider Club.



UNITED STATES

SPIDER CLUB, LOS
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

With bicoastal hipster/actor/model/rock star Donovan Leitch as its creative director, Hollywood's Spider Club puts its own spin on the members-only concept already prolific in London and New York clubs. Absent, however, are affectations such as dark-paneled walls and high fees; instead, this Moroccan-themed club-within-a-club (it's above the Avalon) has sponge-painted walls, copper lanterns, and lounging pillows in the main room and intimate adjacent lounges, one of which includes a small dance floor. Members pay no dues; the mix of photographers, stylists, artists, actors, and bigwigs are simply issued a leather membership card. So you might find, say, Nicolas Cage hanging out at the bar while L.A. Clippers owner Donald Sterling hobnobs in cowboy-punk attire and actor Stephen Dorff relaxes in a booth. DJ Kelly Cole's retro-'80s sensibility rocks vintage Lita Ford and Ratt on "Dirty Thursdays." Your best bet for getting past the velvet rope: Act as if you belong and the bouncers may well let you in (1735 N. Vine St.; 323-462-8270; spiderclubla.com; no cover).

