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MISHKA, Fontanka, 40 (in the basement) (Metro: Nevsky Prospect; Mayakovskaya; Ploshchad Vosstaniya). Mishka opened in early 2011 and has already become a very popular DJ bar/cafe for local scenesters as well as 20something tourists and ex-pats located on the most central intersection (Nevsky prospekt and Fontanka) with very reasonable prices. During the daytime, it is more of a cafe (with free wi-fi!), where one can relax, read and/or chat and enjoy a selection of very good sandwiches and fresh salads. In fact, it's one of the few places that serves in line with the Western understanding of "salad" - a huge bowl of fresh greens with a choice of other fresh delicious ingredients to add, rather than the traditional Russian understanding of salad which is usually a lot of mayonnaise with other ingredients and often without any greens at all.

There are two spaces - the entrance space is the "club" side, generally the rowdier side and the perfect place to get boozed up and drunkenly dance the night away, and the second space is more relaxed, more brightly lit, non-smoking, and a comfortable place to grab a bite to eat (even at 4am!) and sit and chat with your friends without shouting over the music from the entrance space. At night there is usually an excellent DJ playing (even on weeknights!) whatever hipsters are listening to these days (rather than typical Russian clubs that only play worn-out house and 90s pop) and the bar can get very crowded on weekend nights. Try one of the dozens of specialty shots to get your night started in the right spirit...or to end your night, if you're on a bender.

Business hours: Mon - Thu: 12 pm -2:00 am; Fri - Sat: 12 pm - 6:00 am; Sun: 12:00 pm -2:00 am
Average check: 0-15\$ Address: Fontanka 40 (in the basement), metro: Nevsky Prospekt (Невский Проспект), Mayakovskaya (Маяковская) or Ploshad Vosstaniya (Площадь Восстания) Other: Free wi-fi

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