

Moving celebrations

For something a little different, take your party on the road

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It's happened again: there's yet another bachelor/birthday/going-away party to plan, and you've somehow become the point person for organizing the entire evening. You've tried to call in some help, but your friends claim they're all too busy to assist. What to do? You know the hippest bars and clubs, but simply meeting for drinks resembles too closely your typical night out: if you're going to plan this event, you're going to make sure it's an evening no one will forget. And the important details aren't limited to where you go, but how you roll. Cabs are unreliable, limos too reminiscent of prom, and your own wheels — well, who wants to play designated driver on a special night out? You need something unique, something fun, something that screams to everyone on the street that, yes, the party has arrived. So get yourself a party bus.

Many of Boston's limousine companies have one extravagant vehicle in their fleet... **Boston Party Tours** (888.MASS.BUS; www.BostonPartyTours.com) ... offers a convoy of tricked-out vehicles. Its two larger buses hold 32 and 25 people and boast a mean sound and lighting system, a dance pole, and a beverage cooler. The smaller vans, suitable for 14 to 18 partiers, provide the perfect option for more-intimate groups.

But it's not just the bangin' bus that makes an evening so memorable. Sure, you'll be blackmailing your buddies for years with pictures of them on the stripper pole, but you may want to actually hit some clubs as well.

With rides this sweet, though, you may never want to leave the vehicle. ... "It happens more times than we like to admit. You really have your own party on the bus. A lot of people don't want to trade that for someplace with a bunch of strangers." But you'll have to disembark eventually, whether it's to find a bathroom ... or to head home at the end of the night. Most parties book the tours from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., allowing time to enjoy the bus and the bars, a small price for an evening you and your friends will remember for years.