

The
BLACK BOOK
of rum



Discover the best places in the world
to enjoy Authentic Caribbean Rum



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Rum:
WHERE IT'S AT

As Authentic Caribbean Rum has grown in popularity, so too has its presence in bars, restaurants, beach huts and haunts all around the world. In this guide we speak to top bartenders, trade specialists and friends of Authentic Caribbean Rum around the globe to track down the best places serving our treasured golden spirit.

Lively, chilled, beachside or urban chic, get to know the best rum hangouts as chosen by fellow experts in their homeland.





Rum: WITH ROOTS

To know your spirit is to know its history and rum's story is steeped in heritage, pride and prestige.

Almost 400 years ago the sugar industry of the colonial Caribbean was thriving. Out of this success emerged the rum trade. First described in the seventeenth century as "hot, hellish and terrible", Caribbean rum evolved to become the pick of the sugar cane crop. A few years later a Dutch sea captain returning from the West Indies is reported to have written "the spirits are now smoother to the tongue and have acquired a golden colour during the voyage". By the eighteenth century a hogshead of the finest aged Caribbean rum was reputed to be judged fit for George Washington's inauguration party.

No doubt spurred on by this vote of confidence, Caribbean rum producers have spent the last two centuries perfecting the arts of distillation, ageing and blending. The rums we see today are a product of the regions rich history and still maintain the same quality - fit for Captains and Presidents alike.



A PRECIOUS PROCESS

Today, much rum is aged in oak barrels, a magical process that can last decades and allow the rum to acquire a golden to dark brown hue.

As important as ageing is the process of blending - truly an art form when it comes to creating the finest rums. It falls to the job of the master blender to skilfully combine a number of different incarnations of rum to reflect the personality of their territory and the heritage behind their rum. This is why all of our rums are truly unique and authentically Caribbean.

CAREFULLY MASTERED

The Authentic Caribbean Rum (ACR) Marque
Rum brands bearing the Authentic Caribbean Rum (ACR) marque are united in their passion to create rums of exceptional quality. A badge of honour, the ACR marque was developed as a symbol of authenticity, provenance and quality for rums within the WIRSPA family.



Who is WIRSPA?

The West Indies Rum and Spirits Producers' Association (WIRSPA) is based in Barbados and was founded in the late 1960s by a group of Caribbean rum producers. As well as championing Caribbean Rum and the work of its distilleries, we also assist our members in improving methods of production through training seminars and the work of a technical committee.

WIRSPA

West Indies Rum & Spirits
Producers' Association Inc.

Rum:
**THE SPIRITUAL
HOME**

The Caribbean is where natural resources, climate and people come together to create the best rums on Earth. And not only is the art of distilling and crafting innate to Caribbean peoples, they also know the land they live on as well as the back of their hand. Authentic Caribbean Rums are the product of this knowledge and centuries of finely honed skills, entwined with a history of seafaring trade and steeped with the spirit of discovery. The unrivalled range of Authentic Caribbean Rum available today reflects the diversity of each region and the character of its people, perfectly distilled into every magnificent bottle.





Destinations:
THE CARIBBEAN



ANTIGUA

Our Insider:

Calbert Francis, Caribbean Sales Manager of Antigua Distillery.

Formed from volcanic rock, coral and limestone, the beautiful island of Antigua is a jewel in the West Indies crown. With endless sunshine and 365 palm-fringed beaches – every day of the year is paradise on Antigua. As if that isn't enough to celebrate, Calbert explains there is an abundance of special occasions that Antiguan pull out all the stops for. 'We celebrate Sailing Week in April with the English Harbour Rum Neon Rave, a glow party ... And of course Carnival in August, followed by Christmas, when we can share rum with those closest to us.'

Working at the heart of Antigua's rum trade, Calbert knows some great places to enjoy rum. 'Papa Zouk Fish and Rum' is a seafood restaurant that boasts the largest rum selection on the island. Another great place is Shirley Heights Lookout, a bar and restaurant in an old fort. The view from the site is so special that on a clear day you can see the island of Guadeloupe.'

'On the south side of the island, there's an English restaurant called Boxer Shack that looks over the sea and specialises in fine rums of the world. Another fine dining restaurant with a view to the South Coast is Carmichael's.'

For those who like to enjoy rum in a cocktail, Calbert recommends Coconut Grove, a beach restaurant on the North West side of the island where the best rum punch in Antigua is made.



01

Papa Zouk Fish and Rum

Hilda Davis Drive,
Dickenson Bay St,
St John's
+1 268-464-0795
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02

Shirley Heights

Saint Paul,
Antigua & Barbuda
+1 268-464-0795
[shirleyheightslookout.com](#)

03

Boxer Shack (below)

Old Road, Bolans,
Saint Mary's
+1 (268) 562-8442
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04

Carmichael's

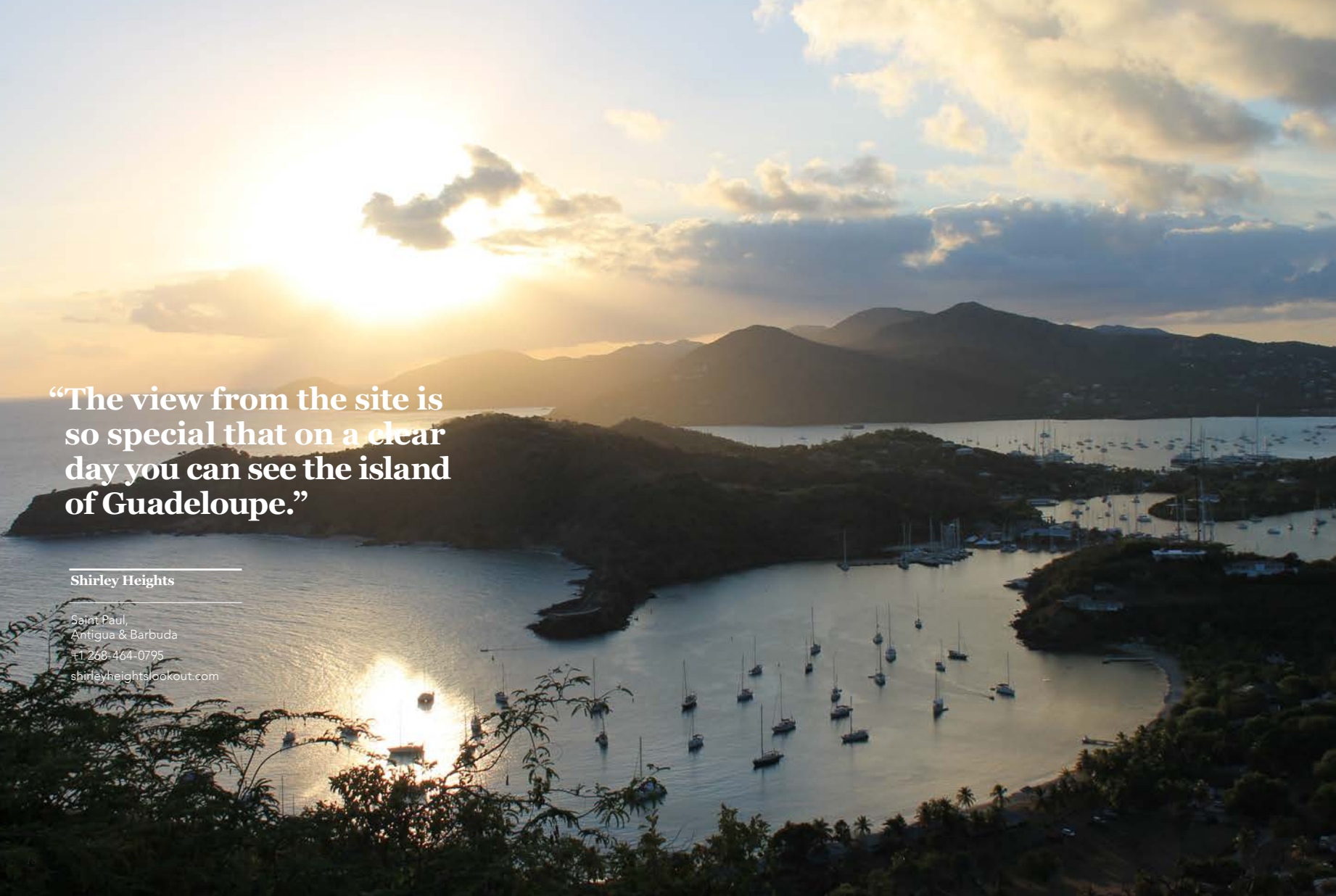
Sugar Ridge Hotel,
St. Mary's, Bolans
+1 (268) 484-3703
[sugarridgeantigua.com](#)

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Coconut Grove

Dickenson Bay,
PO BOX W876
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“The view from the site is
so special that on a clear
day you can see the island
of Guadeloupe.”

Shirley Heights

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Antigua & Barbuda
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BARBADOS

Our Insider:

Larry Warren, Owner of St Nicholas Abbey, Raphael Grisoni, head of Mount Gay, Richard Seale, Master Distiller and blender at Foursquare and Tia Best from Cockspur Rum.

Barbados is an island of many faces. Picture perfect beaches, a proud heritage, warm friendly people and lively bars. This small island has over 1,000 rum shops and you will find a warm welcome in every one of them.

Our insider from Cockspur Rum is Tia Best who recommends a few of the livelier hangouts. Harbour lights is a popular beach spot during the day and energetic night club later on. On the same theme she suggests two spots in the lively St. Lawrence Gap area, also on the South Coast. Simply called 'The Gap' by those in the know she suggests both Café Sol and Castaways Bar & Grill.

From Foursquare, Master Distiller and blender Richard Seale has some more subdued suggestions – Tapas on the South Coast is a sleek, modern seafront eatery with a strong rum selection and, by way of contrast, on the East side of the Island, Nigel Benn Aunty Bar for a truly authentic rum shop experience. The Foursquare Distillery itself is also well worth a visit. Visitors are able to conduct themselves

through a tour of the distillery and visit the bar and shop there.

Long-term head of Mount Gay rum is Raphael Grisoni. He too tends to the authentic rum experience and suggests the beachside John Moore bar at Weston on the West Coast for a terrific sunset; East Point Tavern near the East Point Lighthouse or the more centrally located Judy's Watering Hole near Welchman Hall Gully and The Village Bar at Lemon Arbor, St John. He reminds us that the Mount Gay Visitor Centre is a busy tourist destination as well.

Finally, insider Larry Warren, owner of St Nicholas Abbey says that a trip to St. Nicholas Abbey will reward you with a taste of what life was like in a Jacobean Plantation House in the mid 1600's and this magnificent renovation includes restoring rum

production back to the estate. Definitely worth the trip!

If you crave a sophisticated spot, Larry recommends taking a seat at The Cliff restaurant. 'As an after dinner drink our 15 year old St. Nicholas Abbey is perfect with a cigar, while our White is perfect in lime daiquiris or mojitos and our 5 year old makes a Manhattan come alive!'

To enjoy a more local Bajan flavour, Larry suggests a visit to the village of Oistins on the South coast. Here locals and tourists come together to enjoy the renowned Fish Fry. With the Rum punch flowing, every Friday and Saturday night becomes a vibrant street party. Also lively is The Old Jamm Inn, in 'the gap' – a legendary venue for live music and after hours partying.



01

Oistins

Oistins Fish Market,
Oistins, Barbados

04

St Lawrence Gap (right)

St Lawrence Gap,
Oistins, Barbados
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02

East Point and Grill

Ragged Point, Marley Vale,
Saint Philip, Barbados
+1 246-622-3019
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05

The Old Jamm Inn

St. Lawrence Gap,
Christ Church, Barbados
+1 246-428-3919
theoldjamminn.com

03

The Cliff (below)

Derricks, St. James,
Barbados
+1 246-432-1922
thecliffbarbados.com

06

Tapas

Tapas bar, Highway 7,
Barbados
+1 (246) 228-0704
tapasbarbados.com

07

Nigel Benn Aunty Bar

HWY 2, Shorey Village,
Barbados
Search Tripadvisor

08

John Moore Bar

HWY 1B, Weston,
St. James, Barbados
246-422-2258
visitbarbados.org

09

The Village Bar

Lemon Arbour,
St. John, Barbados
246-433-3162
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Judy's Watering Hole

Canefield Rd, St. Thomas
(Near Welchman Hall Gully)



BELIZE

Our Insider:

*Miguel Perez,
Travellers Rum.*

Dazzling and diverse, Belize is culturally and historically tied to the English-speaking islands of the Caribbean rather than its Latin American neighbours.

In the Southern half of the country, The Maya Mountains, basins and plateaus dominate whilst the Northern Lowlands are drained by numerous rivers and streams. The one thing that is consistent throughout the country is the 'superior quality' of the rum the country produces.

Travellers run a Heritage Centre Museum and Shop at the blending & bottling centre (the distillery is located in lush Belmopan) just outside Belize City which is well worth a visit.

On world famous Ambergris Caye, Belize's largest island, Miguel recommends Elvi's Kitchen. From humble beginnings, Elvi Staine and her family have, over 3 decades, turned the Burger Isle take-out stand into a delightful, award-winning restaurant with a reputation that stretches far beyond the shores of the island.

Also on the Caye, and offering authentic Belizean cuisine, is El Fogon. Bringing together centuries of traditional Belizean know-how. El Fogon is a family run business that offers 'old school cooking' over a "fogón" or open fire.

For 4-star luxury, Miguel points to the Coco Beach Resort in the South of Ambergris Caye. Offering incredible sea views, Coco Beach is described as a haven for romance, relaxation and, of course, rum.

02 The Caribbean

01

Elvi's Kitchen

Pescador Drive, San Pedro
Town Ambergris Caye,
Belize
+5 012-262-176
elviskitchen.com

02

El Fogon

2 Trigger fish street, San
Pedro, Ambergris Caye,
Belize
+5 012-062-121
facebook.com/ElFogonSP

03

Coco Beach Resort

3.5 Miles North, Ambergris
Caye, Belize
+5 012-264-840
cocobeachbelize.com



DOMINICA

Our Insider:

*Don Shillingford,
Shillingford Estates.*

An explorers' paradise, Dominica is home to volcanic peaks, untamed rainforest and champagne waterfalls. Known as the Caribbean's 'Nature Island' Dominica is also one of the top ten dive sites in the world. With incredible hiking, steam covered geothermal springs and inspiring botanical gardens, Dominica seems to have been created with one purpose in mind – to inspire travellers and locals alike to work up a thirst for one of its glorious rums.

Near the centre of the capital Roseau Don suggests Ruins Rock Café – a casual venue that serves great cocktails and good food. East of Roseau is Screws Sulphur Spa at Wotten Waven where a series of 5 sulphur pools of differing temperatures blend into the landscape. Relax, rejuvenate and refresh. Enjoy a rum afterwards!

On the East coast of the island at Castle Bruce is Islet View. Lonely Planet describes this place as follows: The big outdoor porch overlooks Castle Bruce Beach and is the perfect spot for taking a break from the road. The thatched walls and

big selection of hand-labelled bush rums behind the bar make the restaurant, with only one or two meals on the menu, look more like a friendly witch doctor's house than a roadside eatery.

Shillingford Estates Distillery is located at Macoucherie, half way up the West coast. Sugar cane grown on the plantation is pressed by a water powered wheel to be fermented and distilled into its island-famous cane juice rums.



02 The Caribbean

01

Ruins Rock Café

King George V St. Roseau,
Dominica
+1 767-440-7583
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02

Screws Sulphur Spa

Wotton Waven
Roseau, Dominica
+1 767-440-4478
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03

Islet view at Castle Bruce

Castle Bruce, Dominica
+1-767-446-0370
[Search TripAdvisor](#)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Our Insider:

Otto Flores, Global Brand Ambassador for Ron Barceló, Jorge Ricardo, Brand Manager for Ron Barceló, Jassil Villanueva, master blender at Ron Brugal and Miguel Figueredo, spirits expert and International Panel Member for Authentic Caribbean Rum.

The Dominican Republic is abundant with idyllic bars and lively venues to enjoy rum. Here's what our insiders say...

Otto recommends the buzz and range on offer at Neptuno's Club Restaurant in Boca Chica, but also enjoys the simplicity of sitting in the sand on Las Galeras beach in Samana.

Jorge, also from Ron Barceló, explains 'Rum is a part of our culture and is present in every moment ...On trips to the beach, a river, a bar, a restaurant... or any type of celebration, there is always rum. It is such a versatile drink that it can be enjoyed either straight or in a cocktail.'

Jassil Villanueva, the world's youngest female master blender, recommends Baia Lounge in Sosúa. 'It is an amazing place to have a drink at dusk. They make an incredible Piña Colada in an actual pineapple and the food at their restaurant is amazing.'

Jassil also recommends the rooftop of Casa Colonial in Puerto Plata to enjoy the view of sunset.

'Having the chance to savour a sip of Brugal 1888 while looking over the horizon is priceless.'

If you're in a daytime mood, she recommends Green Jack Restaurant by the beach in Puerto Plata. 'Their Uva de Playa Mojito is unbeatable.' Additionally, coastal fans can enjoy Playa Blanca Restaurant in Punta Cana that Jassil describes as 'Amazing'. And for a break after work, she recommends Lulu Tasting Bar in Santo Domingo – 'a great stylish spot to wind down and spend a pleasant evening.'

Miguel Figueredo has spent some time living in the Dominican Republic and had a chance to enjoy some of the best places on the island. He recommends Paradisus Palma Real Hotel in Bávaro-Punta Cana, 'where bartender Luis Martínez does a great job with cocktails and bar manager

Mirial López does a great job, pairing sipping rums.'

Also in Bavaro-Punta Cana, Miguel recommends Onnos. 'It's located right on the beachfront, and is a music driven club with a DJ and live music.'

A little up North, in the Samana Peninsula, he suggests a bar and restaurant in Las Terrenas called El Lugar. 'Bruno knows how to prescribe drinks, plus you'll be having it right across the street in front of the ocean.'

And if you're in the Dominican Republic, why miss the places where they make their rums. In Puerto Plata, visit the Brugal Company and see their extensive ageing facility and bottling plant. In San Pedro de Macoris, visit the Rum Heritage Museum and ageing facility for Ron Barceló.



01
Neptuno's Club Restaurant

Calle Duarte, Boca Chica
+1 809-523-4703
Search Tripadvisor

02
Baia Lounge (below)

El Batey, Sosúa 57000
+1 849 816 24 34
theoceanclub.com.do/
baia-lounge

03
Casa Colonial

Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata
+1 809-320-3232
casacolonialhotel.com

04
Green Jack Restaurant

Playa Dorada, DO-000
+1 809-320-3800
Search Tripadvisor

05
Playa Blanca Restaurant

Punta Cana 23000
+1 809-959-2262
puncacana.com/restaurants

06
Lulu Tasting Bar (right)

Plazoleta Parque Billini Zona
Colonial, Santo Domingo
+1 809-687-8360
lulu.do

07
Paradisus Palma

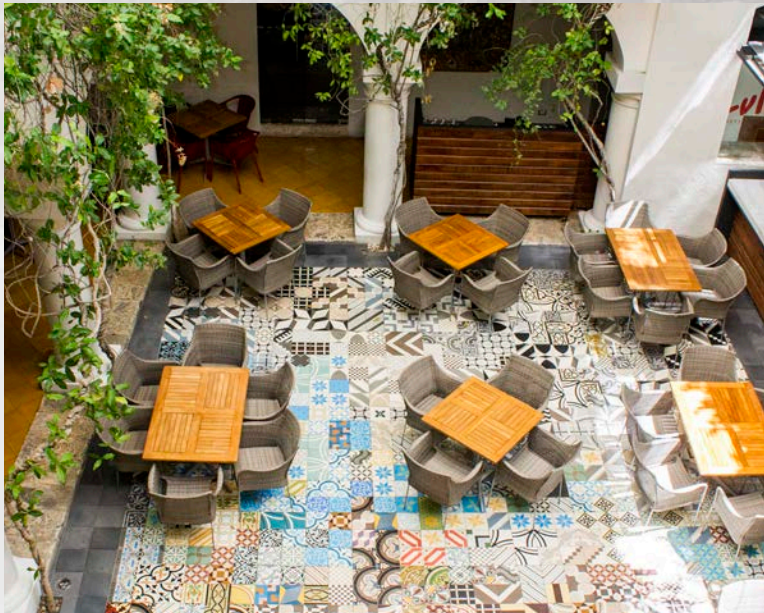
Playa de Bávaro, Av.
Alemanio,
Punta Cana 23000
+1 809-688-5000
paradisus.com

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Onnos

Calle Hostos 157, Esquina
Conde, Zona Colonial
Santo Domingo,
Distrito Nacional
+1 809-689-1183
onnosbar.com

09
El Lugar

Calle 27 de Febrero,
Las Terrenas
+1 849-248-2580
Search Tripadvisor



GRENADA

Our Insider:

Lester Andall, Manager of Grenada Distillers and Damon Dubois, Marketing Manager of Westerhall Estate.

A rugged island of mountains, rainforests, waterfalls and secluded beaches in the South Eastern Caribbean Sea, the Island of Grenada is known as the 'Spice Island' for its production of cinnamon, mace, ginger, nutmeg, cloves and other spices.

According to Lester 'people from Grenada enjoy their rum everywhere and anywhere. Our world famous Grand Anse beach is one mile long and some of the best hotels and beach bars can be found there.' Damon agrees, 'Social, community and party are the main reasons why people drink rum in Grenada. Grenadians enjoy their rum during the Carnival, which takes place in July and August, and also Christmas. October to May are also busy months because many students visit the island.'

Damon recommends Umbrella's Beach Bar on Grenada's Grand Anse beach to savour rum by the shore. And for those who enjoy rum and like to dance, he suggests Bananas Night Club. Also on Damon's radar is The Boardroom, an open bar lounge on the True Blue peninsula.

For a unique experience visit the Clarkes Court Cave Bar in the catacombs of historic Fort Matthew overlooking St. Georges.

When in Grenada be sure to visit the several rum producers:

- Grenada Distillers – the makers of Clarkes Court Rum. Visit the distillery and sample their rum at Nick's Barrel house, located in the Woodlands Valley.
- Westerhall Estate – see their sugar factory ruins dating back to the 1700s, their heritage museum and sample their rums. Located in St. David.
- River Antoine – rum being made in a way that has been unchanged for centuries. See the working waterwheel of River Antoine and sample their product fresh from their pot stills.



01

Wall Street

Wall Street,
The Lime, Grenada

02

Banana's Night Club

True Blue Rd, True Blue,
Grenada
+1 473-444-4662
bananas.gd

03

Umbrellas Beach Bar

Umbrella's beach bar, Saint
George, Grenada
+1 473-439-9149
umbrellas.gd

04

The Boardroom

True Blue, St. Georges,
Grenada
+1 473-534-4401
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05

Clarkes Court Grove

Fort Mathew, Richmond Hill,
Saint George's, Grenada
+1 473-435-9989
facebook.com/
clarkescourtgrove



GUYANA

Our Insider:

The team at Demerara Distillers Ltd.

Derived from an Amerindian word meaning 'Land of many waters' Guyana is nestled on the North Eastern shoulder of South America. Blessed with autumn rains to feed the lush rainforests and a cooling Atlantic breeze to bring relief from the close atmosphere, a glass of the finest Guyana rum is the most popular of pastimes.

The weekend starts on a Friday in the thronging capital Georgetown where Hibicus Restaurant & Bar is a great hangout spot with a good atmosphere and reasonable priced drinks and food. Also, well known Palm Court Restaurant & Bar has a pleasant lively atmosphere and well stocked bar. If you are looking for a place to chill or just hang out and enjoy your drinks Seeta's Bar is a popular rum hotspot.

Though still in its infancy, the cocktail culture is rapidly developing in Guyana with a golden mojito top of the drinks list at the Altitude Cocktail Bar & Lounge. It offers an uninterrupted view of the vast Georgetown skyline paired perfectly with classic and modern cocktails.

Saturday is the time to escape the sultry city and head for the cooler climes of the country but the Pegasus and Marriott hotels are usually swarming with revellers enjoying El Dorado rum, the perfect after dinner drink.

The largest country in the Authentic Caribbean Rum group, there's a lot to see and experience in Guyana, but don't miss the home of Guyana rum – Diamond Distillery. On the East bank of the Demerara River, 20 minutes south of Georgetown is Demerara Distillers, home to a unique group of wooden pot and column stills and a Heritage Centre where you can sample the extensive range of El Dorado rums.



01

Pegasus Hotel

Seawall Road, Kingston,
Georgetown
+5 92-225-2856
pegasushotelguyana.com

02

Hibiscus
Restaurant & Bar

91 Middle Street North,
Georgetown
+5 92-231-5857/231-5866
[facebook.com/
HibiscusRestaurantLounge](https://facebook.com/HibiscusRestaurantLounge)

03

Marriott Hotel

Block Alpha, Battery Road,
Kingston, Georgetown
+5 92-231-2480
[Search marriott.com](http://Search.marriott.com)

04

Altitude Cocktail
Bar & Lounge

Lot 3 Sandy Babb Street,
Kitty, Georgetown 000
+5 92-226-6614
[Search Tripadvisor](http://Search.Tripadvisor)

05

Palm Court
Restaurant and Bar

Main Street, South
Cummingsburg,
Georgetown 0592
+5 92-231-8144
[Search Facebook](http://Search.Facebook)

06

Seeta's Bar

Station Street, Georgetown
+5 92-225-5250
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HAITI

Our Insider:

*Thierry Gardere from
Rhum Barbancourt.*

Haiti is a French and Creole speaking country set in “the land of the mountains” on the island of Hispaniola.

For Thierry, top of the list of rum venues is the historic Hotel Oloffsson. ‘A beautiful gingerbread house, with turrets and balconies, this enchanting setting is a fine place to enjoy rum with family or friends whilst overlooking the pool and garden full of ancient trees and bougainvillea. The hotel is a time capsule in its own right, a tribute to Haitian traditions and national history, with rooms named after it’s influential and famous guests frequenting the halls since 1950, such as Mick Jagger and Jackie Kennedy Onassis.’

If you’re visiting Port-au-Prince, Thierry also suggests Papaye. Offering international cuisine with a hint of Caribbean fusion, Papaye maintains a reputation for superior cocktails and with an ever-changing menu it rightly holds its place as one of Haiti’s most popular restaurants.

For travellers seeking a classic French menu, La Plantation should be high on their list. Shaded by palms and set within a central courtyard garden the dining room exudes a colonial air, the ideal ambience in which to enjoy one of Haiti’s fine rums. And for the perfect end to a perfect day, Thierry recommends the recently opened Asu Rooftop Lounge, sitting languidly atop the Karibe Hotel in Petion-Ville.

A trip to Haiti would not be complete without a visit to the Barbancourt rum distillery, located on the outskirts of Port au Prince. A uniquely integrated operation, sugarcane grown in nearby fields is delivered to the distillery where it is crushed and the juice fermented and distilled into the range of Barbancourt rums.



02 The Caribbean

01

Papaye

48 Metellus, Port-au-Prince
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02

Plantation

Impasse Fouchard Bois
Moquette, Ville De
Pétion-Ville, Ouest,
+5 092-941-6334
facebook.com/laplantationhaiti

03

Asu Rooftop

Juvenat 7, Karibe Hotel,
Petionville
+5 092-819-2222
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Hotel Oloffson (below)

Ave Christophe 60,
Port-au-Prince
+5 093-810-4000
hoteloloffson.com



JAMAICA

Our Insider:

Neil Glasgow, of Monymusk, Joy Spence, Master Blender at Appleton Estate Jamaica Rum, Christelle Harris, Marketing Director of Hampden Estate and Gordon Clarke of Worthy Park Estate.

Jamaica is the third largest island of the Greater Antilles, with a record number of churches exceeded only by bars or, as many Jamaicans say, 'It's a small country but a big bliss'. The hotspots for fun and good times on the island are plenty, with Montego Bay, Kingston and the silver white sands of Negril serving up some of the liveliest parties.

Insider Joy Spence, legendary Master Blender at Appleton Estate Jamaica Rum recommends a cocktail in the elegance of Strawberry Hill Hotel. The views are magnificent as it is set high above Kingston amidst the Blue Mountains. Alternatively, the coastal views at the Cliff Hanger Restaurant and Lounge overlooking Jamaica's Eastern coast are equally spectacular and a great place to savour fine rum. Not to be ignored though is the experience at Appleton Estate in the Nassau Valley, St Elizabeth over in the west where visitors can immerse themselves in a true rum education experience.

Another insider, Christelle Harris, Marketing Director of Hampden Estate, singles out the Terra Nova All-Suite Hotel, which boasts Kingston's Award winning Regency Bar and Lounge. 'It is hands-down, the best place to go to have a drink. Imaginative interior

design ... chic spaces ... It's perfect for an entertaining night on the town or a laid-back evening with friends.' Her knowledge of the best drinking spots is extensive though and suggestions for Kingston include Jojo's Jerk Pit; and CRU – a mid/high end bar and restaurant. Also recommended is the very rustic Gloria's restaurant in Port Royal that is famous for their seafood dishes and fresh fish caught and brought in daily.

Also not to be missed is Hampden Estate Distillery in the parish of Trelawney. Visit the distillery and sample their Rum Fire and Hampden Gold brands in the grounds of the Hampden Estate Great House.

Neil Glasgow of Monymusk Plantation recommends a night out at Red Bones Blues Café, a restaurant, jazz bar and art gallery all in one. Great rum drinks plus a fusion of Jamaican and International cuisine. He reckons

Chasers Café is also worth a visit. Their distillery at Clarendon, West of the capital does not really cater to visitors so you'd better look for Monymusk in the Rum shops, supermarkets or the airport duty free shop.

For Gordon Clarke at Worthy Park Estate, Scotchies in Montego Bay is as real as it gets and attracts an eclectic mix of locals and tourists. This roadside eatery serves 'jerk' food (spiced and smoked over Pimento wood) straight from the grill and rum too, of course. A little 'off-the-wall' is a party on Maiden Cay off Port Royal. A 15 minute canoe ride and take your own rum!

Their own distillery nestled in the beautiful Vale of Lluidas in the parish of St. Catherine will not disappoint. It hosts both a sugar factory and rum distillery and is the home of Rum Bar Rum.



01

**Terra Nova
All-Suite Hotel** (below)

17 Waterloo Road,
Kingston 10, Jamaica
+1 876-926-2211-2
terravanajamaica.com

02

Red Bones Blues Café

Braemar Ave, Kingston,
Jamaica
+1 876-978-6091
facebook.com/
RedbonesBluesCafe

03

Chasers Café

5 Belmont Rd, Kingston,
Jamaica
+1 876-908-0041
Search Facebook

07

CRU Bar

CRU Bar, 71 Lady Musgrave
Road, Kingston, Jamaica
+1 876-579-9362
facebook.com/
CruBarAndKitchen

08

Gloria's Rendezvous

5 Queen St, Port Royal,
Kingston, Jamaica
+1 876-967-8066
Search Tripadvisor

09

Scotchies

Scotchies, Falmouth Road,
Montego Bay, Jamaica
+1 876-953-8041
Search Facebook

04

Strawberry Hill

New Castle Road, Irish
Town, Jamaica
+1 876-944-8400
strawberryhillhotel.com

05

**Cliffhanger Restaurant
and Lounge**

Ross Craig, Long Bay P.O.,
Long Bay, Port Antonio,
A4, Jamaica
+1 876-860-1394
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Jojo's Jerk Pit

Jojo's Jerk Pit, Waterloo
Road, Kingston, Jamaica
+1 876-906-1509
jojoserjerpit.com



ST LUCIA

Our Insider:

Michael Speakman,
Marketing Director from
Saint Lucia Distillers.

St. Lucia is located in the north of the windward island chain, northwest of Barbados and south of Martinique. It's known as the 'Helen of the West Indies' due to its natural beauty.

Michael claims that some of the greatest cocktail moments happen on the terrace of Jade Mountain Resort overlooking the ocean while sipping some Admiral Rodney. To enjoy a lively start to a weekend, Michael suggests venturing to Gros Islet at the northern end of the island. Closed to traffic, the historic streets are lined with fishing shacks and rum bars aplenty.

There's something special about Pink Plantation House. Steeped in history, the 150 year old French colonial house offers stunning views over verdant rainforest to Martinique. The terrace is set amongst two acres of elegant gardens and its here that visitors can enjoy traditional Creole cuisine and one of the Pink Plantation's signature rum cocktails.

Not to be missed is the rum distillery, nestled in the Roseau valley amongst sugar cane and banana

fields in the community of Jacmel. Tour the visitor center and distillery and sample their many brands including local favourite the Chairman's Reserve range.

Finally Michael advises that if you're looking for a contemporary space with stunning cocktails then head over to Delirius, Rodney Bay's hippest place. Settle into the horseshoe-shaped cocktail bar to enjoy a wide-ranging menu of rum cocktails all made with fresh ingredients.

01

Pink Plantation

Pink Plantation House,
Goodlands, Saint Lucia
+1 758-452-5422
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02

Delirius

Reduit Beach Ave., Rodney
Bay, Saint Lucia
+1 758-451-DELI (3354)
[deliriusstlucia.com](#)

03

Jade Mountain Resort

Jade Mountain Resort,
Soufriere, Saint Lucia
+1 758-459-4000
[jademountain.com](#)

04

Gros Islet

Dauphin Street
Gros Islet Village,
Gros-Islet, Saint Lucia
+1 758-718-1233
[facebook.com/fridaystreetparty](#)



ST VINCENT

Our Insider:

*Carol Jardine from
St. Vincent Distillers.*

Just North of Grenada and adorned by lush rainforests and majestic mountains is the volcanic island of St. Vincent and its string of smaller islands and islets, featuring secluded coves and spectacular coral reefs.

Carol lives on the island and represents Captain Bligh rum. A local expert in the know, she recommends Young Island Resort and the Salt Pond Recreation Park. 'Both are great places where you can drink rum and the best times of the year are holidays such as Easter, August and Christmas. Vincentians enjoy their rum anytime, anywhere, but preferably on the rocks.'

For a taste of luxury, Carol suggests the unique swim-up coconut bar just off Young Island. Anchored only 20 metres offshore it's an easy swim or walk away for an idyllic afternoon cocktail or rum punch served out of a fresh coconut.

Captain Bligh and local favourite, Sunset rum is made at the Mt Bentinck distillery high up the East coast on the shores of the Atlantic. It's quite a trek, but a must if you want to experience the local brands at source. A trip to St. Vincent and the grenadines would be incomplete without a visit to iconic Basil's bar, either in Kingstown or on Mustique, getaway home to many of the world's rich and famous.

02 The Caribbean

01

Young Island Resort
(right)

Young Island Resort,
St. Vincent and
the Grenadines
+1 310-440-4225
youngisland.com

02

Basil

Basil's Bar,
St. Vincent & Grenadines
+1 784-488-8350
basilsbar.com

03

Salt Pond

Salt Pond Recreation Park,
Owia, St. Vincent.



SURINAME

Our Insider:

Steven Ma Ajong,
Managing Director
of Suriname Alcoholic
Beverages N.V.

Suriname is situated between French Guiana to the east and Guyana to the west and shares its southern border with Brazil. The relatively small population is probably the most ethnically and culturally diverse in the Caribbean.

If venturing out with friends, Steven says that Bar Zuid in Paramaribo with its chilled-out vibe is the place to head for. To go with one of their fine rum punches, Steven suggests a Big Tex burger (named after a previous chef).

In its early days as a pub 't Vat was the preferred hangout of local soccer club Cosmos. Now, the family-home-turned-bar is one of the most popular outdoor cafes in Paramaribo renowned for its hugely popular events and of course, its enticing menu of tropical cocktails.

Though it has now moved to a new location, the Dream Café has retained its reputation for being one of the most beautiful bars in the country. This combined with an extensive range means that it remains one of Suriname's rum hot spots.

A trip to Paramaribo wouldn't be complete without a visit to the local distillery situated at Cornelis Jongbawstraat on the banks of the Suriname River and well appointed 'Rumhuis' with a variety of tours and tastings available for all interests.

01

Souposo

Costerstraat 20a,
Paramaribo, Suriname
+597 420-351
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02

Zsa Zsa Zsu

J.A.Pengel straat 236,
Zorg En Hoop, Paramaribo,
Suriname
+597 401-181
[suitnv.com](#)

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Baka Foto

Fort Zeelandia, Abraham
Crijnsenweg 1,
Paramaribo, Suriname
+597 822-6347 / 424337
[bakafoto.com](#)

04

Bar Zuid

Van Sommelsdijckstraat,
Paramaribo, Suriname
+597 422-928 (na 15.00 uur)
[Search Facebook](#)

05

't Vat

Kleine Waterstraat 1,
Paramaribo, Paramaribo
District, Suriname
+597 424-631
[facebook.com/VATSU](#)

06

Dream Café

Dr. Sophie Redmondstraat,
Paramaribo, Suriname
+597 880-1708
[Search Facebook](#)



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Our Insider:

John P Georges, Master Distiller and Raymond Edwards, Chief Mixologist both of Angostura Limited.

A twin island country known for its colourful carnival, Trinidad and Tobago is growing in popularity and confidence among rum and Caribbean drinks fans. This carnival mecca now possesses some of the most enchanting haunts to entice rum drinkers.

Shaker's is a cocktail bar where some of Trinidad's brightest talent has been brought together to offer fresh thinking and drinking behind the bar and on the floor. Raymond particularly commends their Mixologists – 'They have mastered the art of combining tropical ingredients to offer guests a full Caribbean rum experience'

John prefers the easy laid-back surroundings of The Cellar Pub at Jenny's on the Boulevard. 'It is more pub-like downstairs but I like to get together with my brothers to enjoy a few rums on the deck outside'. He also singles out the All Out Sports Bar for its stylish wood panelled interior and its wide range of rum.

Raymond highlights the Clubhouse at The Villas at Stonehaven in neighbouring Tobago as a special

place to enjoy a sundowner at happy hour but he also says that 'for an authentic experience pretty much any rum shop in Tobago is a good place to enjoy rum'.

Don't miss out on a tour of the 'House of Angostura' and home of the iconic Angostura Bitters, located in Laventille, just outside the capital Port of Spain. The Angostura distillery, Bitters facility, museum, exotic butterfly collection and of course a tasting of their extensive product range combine to provide you with an unforgettable Trinidad experience.



01

Bago's Beach Bar

Pigeon Point Rd,
Crown Point
+1 868-631-8487
[Search Tripadvisor](#)

02

**The Villas
at Stonehaven**

Stonehaven Bay, Black Rock
+1 868-639-0361
[stonehavenvillas.com](#)

03

All Out Bars

1st Floor Queen's Park Oval
94 Tragarete Road,
Port of Spain
+1 868-622-6730
[facebook.com/allouttnt](#)

04

**Jenny's On
The Boulevard**

Cipriani Boulevard,
Port of Spain
+1 868-625-1807
[facebook.com/jennysonthelvd](#)

05

Bacolet Beach Club

72 Bacolet Street
Bacolet Bay, Bacolet St,
Scarborough NA
+1 868-639-2357
[bacoletbeachclub.com](#)

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Shakers

Cor. Ariapita Avenue
& Cornelio Street,
Woodbrook Port of Spain
+1 868-624-6612
[shakerstrinidad.com](#)





Destinations: EUROPE



FRANCE

Our Insider:

Gregoire Erchoff,
Authentic Caribbean Rum
Panel Member.

Paris

In the heart of Paris, Maria Loca boasts a “call to evasion”, tempting drinkers away from the noise of the city into the relaxation and towards the rum served behind it’s bar. This was the first “cachaçeria” of Paris, but now this original watering hole has a great collection of both English and Spanish rums that would be easily at home in a Caribbean beach bar.

Voted one of the top one hundred best bars in the world in 2015, Mabel carries over more than 100 rums. Conceived as a ‘cocktail den and rum empire’, Mabel has a retro feel achieved by combining a black and orange interior with a dash of Madison Avenue. The bar celebrates all things rum and has rapidly become top of the charts for the rum lovers of Paris.

Also on Gregoire’s Paris itinerary is Dirty Dick. Once a ‘hostess’ bar, it’s flavoured with kitsch exotic Tiki vibe. Boasting a colourful list of 20 or so cocktails served in giant shells or miniature volcanoes, Dirty Dick is described as ‘slightly bonkers and super fun’.

Montpellier

A ‘tropical-vintage’ cocktail bar Papa Doble pays homage to Hemmingway and his Cuban sojourn. The name Papa Doble is derived from the writer’s favourite cocktail served at the legendary El Floridita bar in Havana. As a shrine to the man himself the bar offers a cocktail menu overflowing with drinks perfect for sipping in the sun – a habit that would be very easy to get used to.

01

Maria Loca

31 Boulevard Henri IV, Paris
+33 142-775-195
marialoca.com

02

Dirty Dick

10 Rue Frochot, 75009, Paris
+33 014-878-7458
lephysionomiste.fr/bar/
dirty-dick

03

Mabel

58 Rue d'Aboukir, 75002
Paris
+33 014-233-2433
mabelparis.com

04

Papa Doble

6 Rue du Petit Scel, 34000,
Montpellier
+33 046-755-6666
papadoble.fr

05

Redwood

1 Rue Chavanne, Lyon
+33 614-722-970
facebook.com/redwood.lyon

06

Le Hussard

3 Rue Saint-François de
Paule, 06300, Nice
+33 493-819-381
lehussardrestaurant.com



07

L'Univers Speakeasy (right)

16 Rue Jean Jacques
Rousseau, 44000 Nantes
+33 024-073-4955
luniverscafe.com



GERMANY

Our Insider:

Bastien Hauser,
Co-founder and MD
of Bar Convent Berlin.

With impressive cities boasting cosmopolitan bars and restaurants with an edgy high-end vibe, Germany has a lot to offer drinkers and some fantastic places to enjoy rum. With so much to choose from, we consulted a panel of experts across the country to recommend stand out rum venues in four on-trend cities.

Berlin

The annual Rumfest at Station Berlin is considered to be Germany's best event for Rum lovers. Here true aficionados can sample countless rums from all around the world and muse on their amazing qualities and varieties.

Created by Rumfest's founder, 'The Rum Depot' is Germany's biggest retailer of high quality rum. With a variety of over 700 different qualities, its range is first-class with exceptional staff on hand to offer knowledge and advice should you need it.

For something more intimate and boutique, The Rum Trader, Berlin's oldest cocktail bar is small yet established. Bartender and owner Gregor Scholl has created a familiar atmosphere and

delivers high-end cocktails with a fantastic assortment of rum to hand. To grab a further slice of that Berlin feeling head on to Teufelsberg an industrially themed former monitoring station with a breathtaking city skyline view.

Housed in a 19th century villa, the Lebensstern pays homage to the roaring twenties. Bathed in the splendour of an oak-panelled interior, guests can indulge in a refined menu with tasteful twists on old classics. With a seemingly endless range, the bar is home to over 600 rums ensuring an intoxicating drinks list of classic and contemporary cocktails. The bar brings together an international crowd of artists, connoisseurs, politicians and drinking enthusiasts and such is the sense of history and elegance of the place, that Quentin Tarantino set a number of important scenes of his film 'Inglorious Basterds' here.

Cologne

Cologne offers a great mix of bars and retailers to get your hands on the finest rum brands. One such retailer, the Belle Booze Cocktail Boutique, combines high-quality spirits, bar equipment, tastings and master classes by world-renowned bartenders into one location. For bar dwellers, the city serves up the classy atmosphere and effortless charm of The Piano Bar at Hotel Excelsior. A creative cocktail menu and a good selection of rum make it the ideal starting point of a night out in Cologne.

Frankfurt

With its large and beautiful boardwalk, array of famous museums, green areas and prominent bridges, the Mainufer area is an ideal counterpart to Frankfurt's otherwise urban townscape. This little oasis in the middle of Frankfurt is perfect to lay back and enjoy a glass of your favourite rum or rum cocktail while lying on the grass with friends, going for a walk along the river or simply enjoying the beautiful scenery.

Furthermore, Frankfurt is home to The Tiny Cup, voted 'best new bar' at the Mixology Awards. In a cosy yet sophisticated atmosphere the bar menu offers a delicious selection of rum, various other spirits and out-of-the-ordinary drinks. As its name suggests, the small space of only 17 square meters offers a high quality drinking experience while still maintaining a comfy living-room vibe.

Munich

In the heart of this beautiful city lies the English Garden, a world-famous venue with its grand, impeccable landscaped gardens and the cool currents of the Isar River to dip your toes into.

Sticking with the trend for quality in Munich, the Roosevelt Bar in the Lehel district offers elegance, class and expertise. In the menu, 20 pages alone are dedicated to rums, ranging from well-known products to small-batch rarities served in a laid-back atmosphere.



01

The Rum Depot (below)

Apostel-Paulus-Straße 35,
10823, Berlin
+49 307-700-8811
rum-depot.de

02

The Rum Trader

Fasanenstraße 40,
10719, Berlin
+49 308-811-428
+49 308-811-428
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03

Teufelsberg

Berlin, Germany
berliner-teufelsberg.com

04

Leebenstern

Kurfürstenstraße 58,
10785, Berlin
+49 302-639-1917
lebensstern-berlin.de

05

Bell Booze Cocktail Boutique (previous page)

Roonstraße 61,
50674, Cologne
+49 02-219-602-4086
bellebooze.de

06

The Piano Bar (below)

Trankgasse 1-5,
50667, Cologne
+49 0221-2701
excelsiorhotelernst.com



07

The Tiny Cup

Mainkai 4, 60311, Frankfurt
+49 178-853-9718
thetinycup.de

08

Roosevelt Bar

Thierschpl. 5, 80538,
Munich
+49 892-157-8300
roosevelt.de

ITALY

Our Insider:

Daniele Biondi, Founder & CEO of Rum Club Italiano and others.

Milan

Nottingham Forest, is widely hailed as the best cocktail bar in Milan. With a well stocked back wall of rum and gin, the bar describes itself as “a mercurial oasis where you can hear the echo of the world.” A place where “Water can become foam, foam becomes air and air can turn into smoke.

Meanwhile over at Lacerba guests can indulge in classy cocktails and sublime spirits. Additionally, the bar offers a menu that clients can pair with their favourite drinks. The bar is decorated with bizarre objects including the work of the artist Depero.

Napoli

Love cigars? Then Lucrezia Cafe is a great find for sipping rum and trying one of their many cigars. With an after dark and after dinner feel, the cocktails here match the lively vibe. There is also an impressive terrace where guests can enjoy a view to the city or stargaze at night.

Rome

La Pinta looks like any other student-centered bar in the neighborhood, brimming with patrons that crowd the entrance, fill the outdoor tables, and spill

onto the sidewalk. Once guests finally shimmy their way past the chaos.

The opening of The Jerry Thomas Project in 2010 signaled a major change. With space for just 35 in its single, password-protected room on the ground floor of a 500-year old building in the historical center of Rome, it became the city’s first, serious craft cocktail bar. Over the past four years, the mustachioed staff has poured stellar pre-Prohibition-era classic cocktails, while simultaneously developing their own inspired drinks and style. However, they’ll find themselves in a kitschy nautical-themed restaurant and rum bar with an eclectic clientele sets the place apart from the area’s typical underground style.

Salotto 42, is located in the Piazza di Pietra and faces the astonishing Temple of Hadrian. Established in 2004 it soon became the place

to hang out. And it’s the unique combination of interior decor, staff, cocktails and particularly the music that this place one of a kind.

Treviso

At Mo.Wa Caribbean Bar, the cocktails change with the seasons, with bartenders insisting on only fresh seasonal fruit – no substitutes.

This is a little taste of the Caribbean in Italy, with fine attention to detail, bringing the authentic taste of rum to this corner of Treviso.

Turin

For those who are looking for a cocktail to warm up in the heart of the Alps, Shaka Brah offers great rum cocktails. With over 250 brands, their bartenders know how to make all types of cocktails: from the most classic to the daring and often personalised uniquely to you.

01

Lacerba (below)

Via Orti 4, 20122, Milano
+39 025-455-475
lacerba.it

02

The Nottingham Forest

Nottingham forest cocktail
bar, milano viale piave 1
20129, Italy
+39 02 798311
nottingham-forest.com

03

Lucrezio Cafe

Via Tito Lucrezio Caro 36,
Napoli
+39 081-575-6708
Search Facebook

07

Shaka Brah (below)

Via 10125, Via Giuseppe
Baretti, 12, Turin
+39 011-196-652-80
shakabrah.it

08

Mo.Wa Caribbean

Viale delle Nazioni, 177,
48100, Marina di Ravenna
+39 054-453-0234
mowa.it

04

Jerry Thomas Project

Vicolo Cellini, 30, Roma
+39 370 114 6287
thejerrythomasproject.it

05

La Pinta

Via degli equi,39,
00185, Rome
064469014
Search Tripadvisor

06

The Piano Bar

Piazza Di Pietra 42,
00186, Rome
+39 066-785-804
thesalotto42.com



Netherlands: AMSTERDAM

Our Insider:

Andrew Nicholls, Global
Director of Beverage at
Lobster International.

A city of quiet canals carving through magnificent architecture, Amsterdam offers a laid-back urban vibe, where you can enjoy the splendours of great rum. Andrew has seen a wealth of rum drinking venues pop up across Amsterdam during his time providing high quality spirits, service and heaps of atmosphere.

'The Duchess is the hottest hotel bar in the city... It's a drinkers bar ... so just find a spot, chat to the bartenders and enjoy what comes next.' Also a tonic to the hustle and bustle is Door 74. 'Classic Cocktails are a bit of a speciality here' Andrew advises, 'so don't feel afraid to simply place your trust in the bartenders.' For a chilled out base Andrew also recommends Snappers and ensures us that 'the staff here will make sure your glass never runs out of rum.' And if you feel the need to escape the "tourist vibe", Andrew suggests NJOY for a very respectable rum selection and bartenders who will be happy to serve it to you any way you please. Two cool and stylish additions to Amsterdam's rum community are Hiding in Plain Sight where 'the menu is a work of art' and Tales & Spirits 'one of Amsterdam's most awarded bars'.

A city of winding tunnels and charming alleys, sometimes you have to look closer to uncover Amsterdam's real gems. 'Downstairs from its more obvious restaurant above is Mystique, one of the city's most beautiful and cosy bars. And then there's Feijoa – a local bartender's hangout and one of the first to deliver high quality drinks in the city. The rum selection here is large so cast your eyes across the back bar and pick out something special.'

New bars are cropping up all the time such as the lively but well-thought out Porem, Latin American and Caribbean spirits specialist Salmuera and the novel Cafe t' Spui-tje, a celebration of 300 rums, Frank Sinatra and The Ajax Football Club all rolled into one. Continuing the sports theme is Regular & Jack, another of Andrews picks. Here you can enjoy 'high quality mixed rum drinks on tap... with a foot long hotdog in hand.'

01

Snappers

Reguliersdwarsstraat 21,
1017 BJ
+31 20-845-8144
snappers-amsterdam.nl

04

Hiding in Plain Sight

Rapenburg 18, 1011 TX
+31 203-620-335
hpsamsterdam.com

02

Door 74

Reguliersdwarsstraat 74I,
1017 BN
+31 634-045-122
door-74.com

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NJOY

Korte Leidsedwarsstraat
93, 1017 PX
+31 203-620-335
njoycocktails.com

03

The Duchess (right)

Spuistraat 172, 1012 VT
+31 20-811-3322
the-duchess.com

06

Tales & Spirits (below)

Lijnbaanssteeg 5, 1012 TE
+31 655-356-467
talesandspirits.com



07

Mystique

Utrechtsetstraag 30a,
1017 VN
+31 20-330-2994
mystiqueamsterdam.nl

08

Feijoa

Vijzelstraat 39, 1017 HE
+31 621-710-434
feijoa.nl

09

Porem

Geldersekade 17, 1011
+31 622-614-496
poremamsterdam.com

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Salumera

Rozengracht 106-H,
1016 NH
+31 206-245-752
salmuera.nl

11

Cafe t' Spui-tje

Spuistraat 318, 1012 VX
+31 206-267-684
afehetspui-tje.nl

12

Regular and Jack

Vijzelstraat 37, 1017 HD
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“The staff here will make
sure your glass never
runs out of rum.”

Snappers

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snappers-amsterdam.nl



SPAIN

Our Insider:

Authentic Caribbean
Rum Panel Member
Alberto Pizarro.

Barcelona

You'd be forgiven for thinking that a gin bar is not the best place to enjoy rum. But when you learn that Bobby Gin is owned by ACR International Panel Member Alberto Pizarro, you come to understand why they have over 50 types of rum to sample and savour. With expertise and knowledge in rum, gin and other versatile spirits, Pizarro can mix up an impressive repertoire of rum cocktails to suit all palettes and occasions.

A blend between a classic Spanish bar and the North American Tiki culture venues, Tahiti Bar is the place for tropical cocktails. Based on the original recipes that Don the Beachcomber and Trader Vic's used in the 40s and 50s, Tahiti Bar cocktails deliver a merry medley of spices, juices and of course, rum.

Gijón

Bar Varsovia became famous in the 1990s and has remained an iconic cocktail bar in the city's bay. This is a truly relaxing place to enjoy some of the best cocktails in town, with Art Deco touches and sophisticated soul and jazz on tap.

Madrid

The founders of La Ronronera believe that as rum is produced in Latin America and the Caribbean, it's the spirit that brings all the Latin American countries together. Set in the heart of the city, this authentic bar holds over 100 different brands of rum from over 20 countries. As well as sampling this dazzling array of spirits, visitors can also sign up to their tastings and events to get a deeper understanding of the history, details and differences of each type of rum.

Also in Madrid, rum lovers can find the 1862 Dry Bar, serving up classic and 'old fashioned' cocktails. Not only was the bar's building built in 1862, but this was the year when the first cocktail book in history, 'The Bon Vivant's Companion or How to mix drinks', was published. This bar is a real homage to the history and heritage of cocktails and Spain's mixology scene. The bar's elegant atmosphere and decoration is beautifully complimented by smooth tunes of jazz and a fine selection of rum.

01

Bobby Gin (below)

Carrer de Francisco Giner,
47, 08012 Barcelona
+34 933-681-892
bobbygin.com



02

Tahiti Bar

Carrer de Joaquín Costa,
39, 08001 Barcelona
tikitahiti.com

03

Bar Varsovia

Calle Cabrales, 18,
33201, Gijón
+34 984-196-842
varsoviagijon.com

04

1862 Dry Bar

Calle del Pez, 27,
28004, Madrid
+34 609-531-151
facebook.com/1862DryBar



05

La Ronronera

Calle San Carlos, 7,
28012, Madrid
+34 645-689-256
facebook.com/
LaRonroneraMadrid/





“This is a truly relaxing place to enjoy some of the best cocktails in town, with Art Deco touches and sophisticated soul and jazz on tap.”

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33201, Gijón

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varsoviagijon.com

UNITED KINGDOM

Our Insider:

Amit Sood, Director of Shaker Bar School UK and others.

Although a long way from the warm sandy shores of the Caribbean itself, the UK can serve up a true authentic taste of rum...if you know where to look.

Glasgow

Although an unlikely place to start, Glasgow is Amit's first stop. The Tiki Bar & Kitsch Inn offers Glaswegians a refreshing tropical vibe in the heart of the city. 'In the basement you will discover the Tiki bar with a cocktail menu that looks like an old pirate map, full of delicious cocktails served in an authentic ceramic Tiki Mug. Upstairs, the restaurant serves great exotic food with influences of Caribbean flavours.'

Manchester

Further South in Manchester, Amit recommends The Liars Club.

'If you want to travel to the Caribbean without leaving Manchester, this place is the perfect venue.' Recently named "Speakeasy Bar of the Year" by man.com, it boasts a creative and exotic list of sharing cocktails served in elaborate Tiki

volcanoes, pineapples and coconut shells. Sit back and sip while listening to the reggae tunes and afro-beats.

London

In London, Amit's first choice is Trailer Happiness, a ground-breaking lounge and Tiki bar in the heart of Portobello Road, famous for great music and great cocktails. For Amit, the bar's reputation is well deserved and well protected – 'Trailer' is the long-time home of the Notting Hill Rum Club and with its collection of around 200 rums it's a firm favourite among rum lovers worldwide.'

Another great rum venue is Cottons Rhum Shack run by Ian 'Rum' Burrell, the world famous Global Ambassador for Rum. In addition to travelling the world to spread the gospel of rum he runs Cotton's

and aims to 'Bring the Caribbean sunshine to Shoreditch'. It is a Colourful, laidback venue for classic and modern Caribbean cuisine... and Rum.

As a vibrant city there are almost too many London venues to mention but Artesian at the Langham Hotel, Mahiki in the West End, Milk & Honey in Soho and Trader Vic's in the London Hilton on Park Lane are all worth a visit.



01

Tiki Bar & Kitsch Inn

214 Bath St, Glasgow
G2 4HW
+44 141-332-1341
tikibarglasgow.com

04

Mahiki

1 Dover St, London W1S 4LD
+44 207-493-9529
mahiki.com/london

02

Trailer Happiness (above)

177 Portobello Rd,
London W11 2DY
+44 207-041-9833
trailerhappiness.com

05

Cottons

55 Chalk Farm Road,
London NW18AN
+44 207-485-8388
cottons-restaurant.co.uk

03

Artesian Bar

1C Portland Pl,
London W1B 1JA
+44 207-636-1000
artesian-bar.co.uk

06

Trader Vic's

22 Park Ln,
London W1K 1BE
+44 207-208-4113
tradervicslondon.com

07

Rum Kitchen

1st Floor, Kingly Court,
Carnaby St,
London W1B 5PW
+44 207-920-6479
therumkitchen.com

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Liars Club (below)

19A Back Bridge Street,
Manchester M3 2PB
+44 161-834-5111
theliarsclub.co.uk

08

Portside Parlour

14 Rivington St,
London EC2A 3DU
+44 203-662-6381
portsideparlour.co.uk

09

Rum and Sugar

1, Warehouse, West India
Quay, Canary Wharf,
London E14 4AL
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rumandsugar.co.uk





Destinations:
NORTH AMERICA



CANADA

Our Insider:

Danielle Tatarin, a leading drinks expert, Joe Howell, a member of our ACR International Panel and Gabrielle Panaccio, a leading Canadian mixologist

Canada's diverse and bustling drinks scene serves up an impressive nightlife, with fantastic dining, bars and nightclubs across the country.

Montreal

In Montreal Gabrielle's highlights are Le Lab Comptoir a Cocktails and Barraca Rhumerie. 'At the Lab, they have more than 40 rums and at Barraca over 75.' Both are great places to discover new rum and the staff are very passionate about what they do.

Quebec

Also, in Quebec City, restaurant bars seem to be stealing the limelight, notably Talea owned by the eclectic and passionate Baptiste Gissinger and Chateau Frontenac with its beautiful and well stocked Le Sam cocktail bar.

Furthermore, in Quebec City new bars are opening all the time, such as Batinse Bar and Le Sacrilege, proving that this vibrant location has plenty to offer locals and globetrotters alike.

Toronto

Home to an extensive range of rum, there's nowhere more eclectic than the Monarch Tavern. Operating

since 1927, it's something of a local landmark and offers something for everyone – from cosy, neighbourhood bar upstairs to casual cocktail lounge and events space downstairs. For a quiet night in or a lively night out, the Monarch Tavern has it all.

For a more considered atmosphere Joe recommends the Temperance Society, a speakeasy located in College Street. Described as 'a haven for those who enjoy drinking well with other civilized adults' it's a private members club reputed to have Toronto's best world-class selection of fine spirits and cocktails".

If you've got the gift of the gab, you might try the Spoke Club located in the heart of Toronto's bustling King West Strip. Spin a good yarn at the door or better still make friends with a member and you'll enjoy an elegant but informal ambience with some of finest food and drink in the city.

Vancouver

According to Danielle, Calabash Bistro is the best place to drink rum in Vancouver. 'It has the largest selection of rum in the city with over 100 varieties on offer.'

For a true escape, she recommends The Shameful Tiki Room. 'You will find all the tradition of Tiki drinks in this charming room dedicated to an authentic Tiki experience. Exotic cocktails like the Zombie, Jet Pilot and Mai Tai are expertly mixed. It is the only place in the city with a "Rum Club", where members receive your passport and explore their 50 rums from around the world.'

Additionally, The Keefer Bar offers a great selection of unique rums and is known for their dazzling cocktail menu. 'They offer spirits flights which is great to experience different rums from the Caribbean side by side.'

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Le Sacrilege

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Batinse Bar

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GUEST GRADE

CHICAGO

Our Insider:

Panel member
Peter Vestinos.

Synonymous with Tiki bar culture, Chicago is one of the rum cities of the US. Establishments like Three Dots and a Dash and Lost Lake have become 'must-visit' bars for Tiki lovers from all over the world. Situated downtown Three Dots and a Dash boasts more than 200 rums and offers the authentic Tiki experience against a Polynesian-island setting.

The 'Three Dots' founder, Paul McGee, has recently opened another great Tiki spot intriguingly called Lost Lake. In a short space of time it has already earned a number of accolades including the Chicago Reader's award for Best New Bar and an appearance in Drinks International's list of the 100 best bars in the world.

If Tiki is not really your thing, Peter recommends The Betty. A welcoming, neighbourhood bar located in the Fulton Market District, The Betty has a spectacular dining area and an outstanding drinks menu all making for a great night out.

The true 'insiders' choice is the Sportsman's Club. Frequented by bar tenders it has a menu of four drinks that change every day – the choice of which is left completely in the hands of those rocking the bar that night. Lively, friendly and popular amongst professionals it soon fills up but the rum cocktails are truly worth the effort.

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Lost Lake

3154 W. Diversey Ave,
Chicago, IL 60647
lostlaketiki.com

03

Three Dots and a Dash

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Illinois
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threedotschicago.com

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The Betty

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Chicago, Illinois
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thebettychicago.com

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Sportmans Club

948 N Western Ave,
Chicago, Illinois
drinkingandgathering.com



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Our Insider:

Florida ACR Panel Member,
John Lermayer.

A 'home-grown' concept created specifically for the new Miami Beach, the Sweet Liberty is the brainchild ACR's John Lermayer. Located in the up-and-coming Collins Park area alongside the Bass Art Museum, Sweet Liberty offers guests world-class cocktails and creative American food. Conceived and managed by restaurateur David Martinez and award-winning bartenders John Lermayer and Dan Binkiewicz, Sweet Liberty takes visitors on a food and beverage adventure from sophisticated to simple to downright delicious.

The Rum Bar at the Ritz Carlton, offers live Latin music, transporting guests back to 1940's Cuba with its Havana-style bar and all-round Latin elegance. Palmetto high ceiling fans, rich-dark woods and a sultry ambiance echoing bygone days are presented with a contemporary twist. With an intoxicating range of over 85 rums, piscos and cachaças, Rum Bar's seasoned mixologists create incredible cocktails - the Black, Blue and Classic Mojito, as signature favourites.

Another taste of old Cuba can be found at the Cubaocho Museum. A unique place located in the heart of Little Havana, it is the home of Cuban history and also houses a bar offering an impressive selection of rum.

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Sweet Liberty

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Rum Bar (below)

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Cubaocho

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NEW YORK

Our Insider:

Jason Cousins,
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In Jason's opinion there are two different styles of rum bars across this eclectic and buzzing city – the fun Tiki style rum bars and the more laid-back bars suited for relaxing sips of rum.

'One of my favourite places in Brooklyn is Fort Defiance. Once a month they turn the bar into The Sunken Harbour Club, a Polynesian themed rum bar.

New York also has its fair share of pop-up bars such as Brian Miller's touring 'Tiki Mondays' night, a collaboration with New York's top bartenders. The turnout is always good – reflecting New Yorkers love of real Tiki: complex dry drinks made with well-crafted rums. Jason also recommends Extra Fancy and Forest Point for great rum cocktails in the city.

If Tiki isn't for you, New York has some amazing rooftops that are sure to impress. Here you can join the more spirit-focused crowd who like to sip and savour rum simply on its own or with an ice cube. Jason suggests Brandy Library and Rum House which both serve rum straight up with a touch

of class. But in his opinion, there's one setting that beats them all – 'A friend's rooftop in Brooklyn sharing a bottle of rum and a great conversation.'

In NYC rum also takes on a seasonal flavour as Jason explains. 'Rum Manhattans are good for the colder weather and rum blends great with hot drinks too.' Rum, of course, is classic with eggnog, a tippie that New Yorkers love during winter. But come summer, the rum daiquiris are in full flow, a cool antidote to the city's hot crowded streets.

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The Library

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Montana's Trail House

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montanastrailhouse.com

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Extra Fancy

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Brooklyn, New York 11211
+1 347-422-0939
extrafancybklyn.com

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Rum House

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therumhousenyc.com

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Forrest Point

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Fort Defiance (below)


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New York 11231
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fortdefiancebrooklyn.com

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Brandy Library (right)

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New York 10013
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brandylibrary.com



A photograph of the interior of a bar named Rum House. The room is dimly lit with warm, golden light from several hanging lantern-style lamps. The walls are dark wood-paneled, and a large, circular mirror is mounted on the right wall. A red tufted leather booth runs along the back wall. In the foreground, there are several round wooden tables with matching chairs. A piano is visible on the right side of the image.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Our Insider:

'H' Joseph Ehrmann is a mixologist and consultant working at several established rum businesses in and around San Francisco.

The rum industry in the San Francisco Bay Area is traditionally focused on Tiki culture – a Polynesian theme inspired by Maori carvings and mythology. But more recently a wave of refurbishments and a new generation of drinkers are bringing rum bang up to date at some fresh energetic venues.

For Bay Area rum culture, 'H' thinks Trader Vic's is as significant a bar as any. 'Home of the "Original Mai Tai", the current Emeryville bar replaced the 1934 Oakland original, the place where Tiki rum culture began.' Following in its wake, Trad'r Sam's opened in 1937, and although now in need of a serious update, it is the oldest Tiki bar in the world still pouring rum.

Many old-fashioned Tiki establishments have had new life breathed into them, such as the Tonga Room and Hurricane Bar – opened in 1945 and designed by MGM's set director. This Tiki classic was saved from demolition and revived in 2013, ready to serve up classic Tiki drinks to today's drinkers.

Another addition to the Tiki scene is Forbidden Island, which opened in the mid-2000s and continues to be a vibrant take on the Mauri theme. And further fuelling the resurgence in Tiki popularity is the multi-award winning Smuggler's Cove. With over 500 bottles of rum and at least two of the city's most experienced bartenders, this is a definite stop for rum fans. Bay Area explorers will also appreciate Longitude, a more modern Tiki bar in the 'mainland' of downtown Oakland.

Breaking away from Tiki to the real roots of San Francisco, Hobson's Choice, a Victorian Punch House on upper Haight Street features a great rum collection, daily punch bowls and a relaxed vibe. And to sample a more exotic flavour, head over to Cantina, a downtown bar with a focus on Latin spirits and cocktails, and an extensive, eclectic and often rare rum selection.



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Trader Vic's

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Trad'r Sam's

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**Tonga Room
& Hurricane Bar**

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Forbidden Island (below)

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Smugglers Cove (leftv)

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smugglerscovesf.com

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Longitude

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