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BEST HOTEL BARS

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Great stays. Even better evenings.



Six continents, six addresses. The BN selection pairs distinctive hotels with bars worth making time for. A curated edit, without ranking.

🌐 EUROPE / LONDON

The Savoy



A London address with deep cocktail roots: the American Bar opened in 1893. Our choice for a stay built around classic evenings and a sense of occasion.

🌐 NORTH AMERICA / NEW YORK

The Ritz-Carlton, NoMad



Make the hotel part of a Manhattan weekend: Nubeluz crowns the building with skyline views. Our pick for the city-as-spectacle experience.

🌐 AFRICA / CAPE TOWN

Mount Nelson



Afternoon tea, distinctive dining and Planet Bar create reasons to linger. Our Cape Town choice for a stay where the hotel itself earns time in the itinerary.

🌐 ASIA / SINGAPORE

Raffles Singapore



Home of Long Bar and the Singapore Sling, first mixed here in 1915. Choose it for a hotel story that extends naturally into your evening plans.

🌐 SOUTH AMERICA / BUENOS AIRES

Alvear Palace



The hotel's Lobby Bar brings French-style woodwork and a long social tradition to Recoleta. Our choice for an evening with a more formal, old-world mood.

🌐 OCEANIA / SYDNEY

Park Hyatt Sydney



A harbour address with waterside dining and cocktails inspired by native botanicals. Choose it when the setting should shape the rhythm of your stay.

Tap an entry for its official guide. Hotel vignettes are artistic interpretations.

The bar is the destination.



From heritage counters to skyline rooms, these six hotel bars give every stop its own character. Pick the atmosphere that suits your evening.

★ LONDON / THE SAVOY

American Bar

Cocktail heritage, reworked classics and a proper sense of occasion. The bar's story reaches back to 1893.

BN MOOD / A CLASSIC EVENING

★ NEW YORK / THE RITZ-CARLTON, NOMAD

Nubeluz

José Andrés' rooftop venue combines modern cocktails, small bites and 270-degree skyline views. Cocktail attire requested.

BN MOOD / CITY LIGHTS

★ CAPE TOWN / MOUNT NELSON

Planet Bar

A pre-dinner address for classic cocktails and globally inspired bar snacks. Our edit for a relaxed start to an evening in Cape Town.

BN MOOD / AN UNHURRIED APERITIF

★ SINGAPORE / RAFFLES

Long Bar

The birthplace of the Singapore Sling pairs earthy, 1920s-inspired decor with a relaxed atmosphere. Walk-ins only.

HOUSE ICON / SINGAPORE SLING

★ BUENOS AIRES / ALVEAR PALACE

Lobby Bar

French-style wood panelling frames an international cocktail selection. The hotel traces its role as a social meeting place to 1932.

BN MOOD / OLD-WORLD ROMANCE

★ SYDNEY / PARK HYATT

The Bar

Locally inspired cocktails draw on native botanicals, alongside a substantial wine offering. Smart casual is the venue's stated dress code.

BN MOOD / AUSTRALIAN FLAVOUR

Tap an entry for official details. Check current menus, reservations and entry policies before visiting. Venue facts checked 20 October 2026; mood labels are BN editorial suggestions.

Bring the ritual home.



THREE RECIPES / EACH MAKES ONE DRINK / ALL MEASURES IN ML

01 Dry Martini

CLEAN / DRY / PRECISE

60 ml London dry gin + 10 ml dry vermouth.

Stir with plenty of ice until thoroughly chilled. Strain into a chilled martini glass. Finish with a lemon twist or an olive.

BN NOTE / A dry 6:1 house ratio; adjust vermouth to your taste.



02 Negroni

BITTER / BRIGHT / BALANCED

30 ml gin + 30 ml Campari + 30 ml sweet red vermouth.

Add everything to a rocks glass filled with ice. Stir gently to chill and dilute. Garnish with an orange slice.

BN NOTE / Equal parts make the proportions easy to remember.



03 Espresso Martini

RICH / SILKY / COFFEE-FORWARD

45 ml vodka + 25 ml Kahlúa + 25 ml fresh espresso.

Let the espresso cool slightly. Shake all ingredients hard with plenty of ice, then double-strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with three coffee beans.

BN NOTE / This version uses coffee liqueur for sweetness; no syrup.



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