

"Historic Bars Around the World"

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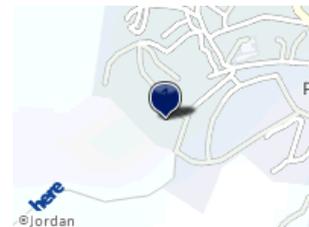


 by Ankur P 

Cave Bar

"Ancient Cave Bar"

Set against a dimly-lit cavernous atmosphere, the Cave Bar in Petra is touted to be the oldest bar location in the world. The bar is entombed in a rock carved by Nabateans nearly 2,000 years ago. Today it is part of the Petra Guest House, and is characterized by a grand piazza at the entrance. The insides are hazily lit, with lush armchairs for comfortable seating. Enjoy a cup of Jordanian red wine with small bar food such as potato wedges and fish and chips.



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 Wadi Musa, Petra Guest House Hotel, Petra



 by (vincent desjardins) 

McSorley's Old Ale House

"An Institution for over 150 Years"

McSorley's is a Cooper Union landmark that first opened its doors around the Civil War. It is one of the former operating bars in the city. McSorley's serves two unique beers, McSorley's Lager and McSorley's Cream Stock Ale, and they are served two mugs at a time. Inside, you'll find sawdust on the floor and historic bric-à-brac alongside photos and news clippings. The menu is decent, with delectable appetizers like hearty cheese plates. Just be sure to keep the pub's centuries-old motto in mind: "Be Good or Be Gone!"



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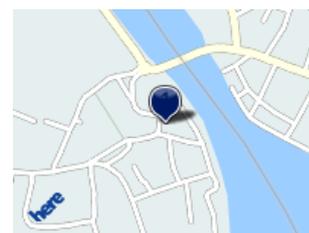


 by Sharoniflynn 

Sean's Bar

"Oldest Pub in Ireland"

Sean's Bar has a reputation for being one of the oldest pubs in Europe. The locals believe that because the pub is near River Shannon many ancient travelers halted at this pub to retreat and enjoy a couple of drinks and unwind to live music. The place still offers the same hospitality that it offered all those years back. Sean's Bar is a cozy nook that hosts live music and serves beer. The ambiance of the restaurant has a uniqueness to it. Sean's Bar is undoubtedly the jewel of Ireland and hence sees a rush of visitors from across countries.



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 by Melissa Doroquez 

The Bell in Hand Tavern

"Hear Ye Hear Ye"

Established in 1795, The Bell in Hand Tavern has the distinction of being the oldest continuously-operating tavern in America. This bi-level restaurant and bar features nightly live music and karaoke Tuesdays for added entertainment. The uniquely designed rooms have a character of its own and are used for private as well as corporate functions. The pub has a impressive list of draft as well as bottle beers apart from cocktail



specials. Nosh on the tasty American fare along with your choice drink while listening to some music. Surely you will enjoy this historic place that has been entertaining the locals for centuries now.

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Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese

"Historic Reinvention"

Rebuilt after the great fire of 1666, the Cheshire Cheese has probably changed little since Charles Dickens, Doctor Johnson, and Arthur Conan Doyle used to drink at the upstairs bar. The basement and sub basement offer endless nooks and crannies for a quiet drink, serving organic German lager and a range of Adnams ales. Lawyers mix with city office types on weekday lunchtimes, and it's standing room only. Evenings are quieter, though, you have to arrive before eight to get a seat on a wooden bench on Friday nights. St Paul's Cathedral is a 10 minute walk up Ludgate Hill, and Dr Johnson's House is five minutes away, clearly signposted from Fleet Street.



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The Bingley Arms

"1000 Year Old Pub!"

The Bingley Arms is said to be more than 1000 years old and is believed to be the oldest pub in Britain. It was a rest house of the catholic priests in those olden times. The place has a wonderful, mystical, rustic charm to it such that every nook and cranny of the place has a story to tell. It is situated away from the hustle of the city. They serve an array of mouth-watering culinary delights to tantalise your taste buds and also have special Sunday menus. They also offer a variety of wines and beers to choose from. Check website for details on menu.



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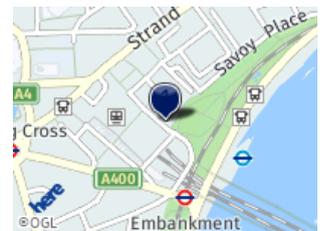


by Graeme Maclean

Gordon's Wine Bar

"Cavernous & Candle-Lit"

Clamber down the steep, narrow staircase to cross the threshold of this Gothic-style 19th-century wine cellar- the oldest in London. Although located on busy Villiers Street, this institution of a wine bar (and former home of Rudyard Kipling) is preceded by an anonymous, even derelict-looking exterior. With nothing but a few cobweb-covered jars in a neglected window, only the faint lettering that begrudgingly spells the word 'Gordon's' invites you in. Downstairs, Londoners in the know huddle beneath low arches and antique clocks to enjoy wines from across the globe by candlelight. Besides the myriad of wines on offer, Gordon's has a noteworthy selection of sherry, port and Madeira served from wooden casks behind the bar. Also available is a variety of light dishes and continental cheeses with a generous hunk of French bread and butter.



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Spaniard's Inn

"Dick Turpin's local"

This charming and historic public house was originally built in 1585 and is believed to have hosted the Spanish Ambassador to the court of King James I, hence the name. Dick Turpin, the Highway robber, is one of its former illustrious punters; his famous pistol is even on display here. The Spaniard's Inn is also steeped in literary history; poets like Byron and Keats are said to have downed a pint at the bar. The pub's snug, paneled rooms and open fires make it a welcome retreat, and the real ale is



another crowd-pleaser. A stone's throw from Kenwood, it is an ever-popular conclusion to a weekend stroll on Hampstead Heath. The Inn's garden is well cared for and ideal for a summer afternoon brunch or casual drinks with friends.

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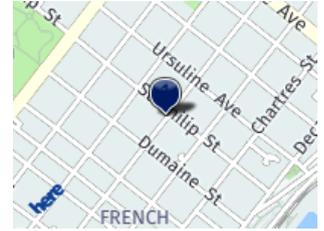
[Spaniard's Road, London](#)



Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Bar

"Unique Bourbon Street Bar"

Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Bar is (as its name implies) located in a former blacksmith's shop and safe house for smugglers during the 1800s. It boasts of having survived the fire that burned down the French Quarter in the late 1800s and being the oldest building to house a bar in the United States. In the back of the bar, a musician plays a grand piano and croons through drunken sing-a-longs like Piano Man and You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling. The bar has reasonably priced drinks compared to many of its Bourbon Street counterparts and is the best bet on Bourbon Street if your feet are tired from walking and you have had your fill of raucous mayhem.



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Hofbräuhaus

"Munich's Best Known Beer Hall"

This famous pub draws people from all over the globe. Its unique charm comes from Bavarian music and its notable architecture, which attests to its history. Tasteful beer and schmankerl complete the offer at this lively beer hall. In the summertime, locals head towards its wonderful courtyard, while the Festsaal room hosts a Bavarian evening with music every night, which costs a few Euros for admission. The meals and beer are perfect for a group of friends. Established in the 16th Century, this has become a local landmark. Any trip to Munich will be incomplete without a visit to Hofbräuhaus.



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Café Vlissinghe

"Old Pub of Bruges"

Herberg Vlissinghe is estimated to be more than 450 years old. The place exudes nuances of history and culture of Bruges. The pub is away from the hustle of the city and hence locals lovingly describe the place where they feel tranquillity. The place has a wonderful, earthy charm to it. It is a great place to enjoy local food and some of the best locally brewed beers. Omer happens to be their famous beer. The place also sells souvenirs such as beer glasses and postcards. It is closed on Mondays and Tuesday. The place does not accept credit cards. It is a must visit when in the city.



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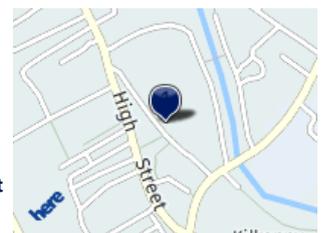
[Blekersstraat 2, Bruges](#)



Kyteler's Inn

"Wonderful Medieval Inn"

Kyteler's Inn is an excellent example of a medieval tavern and dates back to 1324. The pub takes its name from a local Kilkenny woman, Dame Alice Kyteler, who married four times and was convicted of practicing witchcraft in the same year. Tastefully restored, the pub's traditional interior with timber floors, wooden tables and an open fire makes for an excellent atmosphere. The Irish stew comes highly recommended.



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[Kieran's Street, Kilkenny](#)



by Chad and Steph

The Brazen Head

"Pioneered Ireland's Tavern Culture"

Across the river from the Four Courts stands The Brazen Head, reputed to be the oldest pub in Europe. A tavern has stood on this site since Viking times and The Brazen Head celebrated its 800th birthday in 1998. James Joyce was a regular and makes two references to a "Brazen Head" in Ulysses. Today one can enjoy a drink, order some scrumptious food and listen to the impromptu Irish traditional sessions that usually take place at the weekend; all in a historical and literary setting.



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Al Brindisi

"Oldest Historia"

Al Brindisi is a beautiful bar and is more than 500 years old and can prove that it's been serving drinks since at least 1435! In the Ferrara region of Italy, this lovely bar is rustic and has a warm appeal. They serve some of the finest wines with some of the best culinary delights of the region. The place would leave one spellbound. The place hosts a variety of events and still is a veteran watering hole for the locals.



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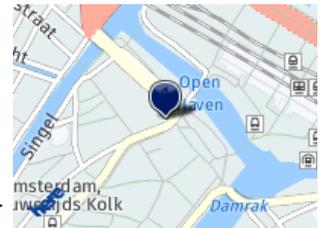


by Stichting Jacob Spin

Cafe Karpershoek

"De Karpershoek Overflows with History"

Cafe Karpershoek is Amsterdam's oldest bar, operating from its Centraal Station-adjacent location since 1606. A typical Dutch cafe, Karpershoek allows guests to experience a historic watering hole that favours conversation over music and lingering guests over to-go cups. The interior is beautifully preserved, featuring dark brown accents and elegant woodwork. With coffee in the day and a full bar at night, De Karpershoek is a must for visitors who want to soak up the history of Amsterdam's bar scene.



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