



# *A new cocktail* **OF BARS** *in the city*



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Although some people say New York or London now have the edge on the French capital when it comes to new restaurants, Paris appears to be claiming the cocktail bar crown! And where there's a new bar, there's a new cocktail, because mixology is now an art. To whet your appetite, here's just a selection of the city's most stylish, low-key and off-the-wall lounges. *BY MICHEL DOUSSOT*



## SECRET BARS

### LAVOMATIC

The Vgroupe, who designed this bar, have a great sense of humor. Washed out after a hard day at work? Dive into this strange laundromat where, once you've passed through the unassuming door, you climb up into a light-filled space with splashes of color, including pouffes bearing the Brillo brand used by Warhol. The menu includes cocktails, natural wines and light meals.

■ 30, rue René Boulanger, 10<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday to Saturday from 6pm to 2am. [www.lavomatic.paris](http://www.lavomatic.paris)

### LE JAMBON BAR

If you need something stronger than one of Jambon Beurre's sophisticated gourmet sandwiches, the bar in the vaulted cellar serves wines and champagnes in cozy surroundings or to takeout. Boards and snacks perfect the experience for gourmets, who'll find plenty to talk about here!

■ 117, rue Saint-Honoré, 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday to Saturday from 6:30pm to 0:30am. [www.lejambonbeurre.net](http://www.lejambonbeurre.net)

### GERMAIN CLUB PARADISIO

Next to the Germain restaurant, a secret black door gives access to the MK2 Germain Paradisio cinema, which turns into a night bar at weekends. Pick a cocktail or choose from a selection of champagnes (Ruinart, Dom Pérignon, etc.) to sip in an arty decor designed by Xavier Veilhan and India Mahdavi. The DJs are chic and fun, just like the clientele!

■ 25, rue de Buci, 6<sup>th</sup>. Friday and Saturday from 11:30pm to 04am.



Blaine Bar.

### BLAINE BAR

There's nothing on the outside that would suggest there's a basement bar hidden behind the black iron door, which you can't open unless you know this week's password. Benjamin Roussel, who opened the space, uses the code to ensure it keeps its exclusive air, reserved for those in the know. Inside, the seats are velvet and the cocktail glasses are vintage, with drinks ranging in price from €13 to €17. The jazz concerts and DJ sets are a must.

■ 65, rue Pierre Charron, 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Wednesday to Saturday from 7pm to 05am. Password on <https://fr-fr.facebook.com/blainebar>

### LES DESSOUS DU PANTHÉON

In the great Latin Quarter tradition, the entrance to this bar is easy to miss. A speakeasy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it serves cocktails made with vodka, rum, gin and bourbon. Meals are also available. Don't miss this bar's evening shows (jazz, vocalists, comedy, theatre, etc.) and DJ sets.

■ 163 bis, rue Saint-Jacques, 5<sup>th</sup>. Thursday to Sunday from 5pm to 2am. [www.lesdessousdupantheon.fr](http://www.lesdessousdupantheon.fr)



Germain Club Paradisio.