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Historic and high proof



By **Karen Tina Harrison**
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We New Yorkers take pride in our traditions — especially when they involve bars and booze. And several cocktails that originated in the Big Apple are still poured around the city.

“Classic drinks hold their own in modern times,” says

cocktail guru Jonathan Pogash. “When you drink an iconic cocktail in a historic bar, you’re brought back to an era when life was simpler and uncluttered with cosmos and appetinis.”

These seductive signature cocktails at legendary lounges still rule the night.



Campbell Apartment's Prohibition Punch



(Cat Cutlilo)

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The bar at the historic Algonquin

South Side at the '21' Club

Back when 52nd Street was nicknamed Swing Street, Bogart and Bacall made the scene at this fabled hangout. Its \$15 South Side sizzles with Barbancourt Haitian rum. "The South Side was invented here in 1936," says '21' bartender Tara Wright. "Now you'd call it a mojito. Then, they just called it a stiff drink. But it's as intoxicating as ever."

21 W. 52nd St.
212-582-7200
21club.com

Maker's Mark Manhattan at the Algonquin

Dorothy Parker and her fellow wits at the Algonquin's fabled Round Table quipped over quaffs like this classic, smoothed over with Maker's Mark Kentucky bourbon.

59 W. 44th St.
212-840-6800
algonquinhotel.com

Red Velvet at Bull & Bear

At the Waldorf-Astoria's horseshoe-shaped mahogany bar, hotel residents Dwight Eisenhower, Frank Sinatra and the Hilton sisters have ordered this now-\$18 creamy martini named for the hotel's famous cake.

49th St. at Lexington Ave.
212-872-4606

The Bobby Short at Bemelmans Bar

The Carlyle's departed cabaret icon, Bobby Short, would sip from a coffee mug perched on his piano in the hotel's timeless bar. Only its contents weren't java — it was cognac. His gingery namesake brew, \$19, comes in a mug, natch.

35 E. 76th St.
212-744-160
thecarlyle.com

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Sidecar at PJ Clarke's

Strong with brandy, sweet with Cointreau and tart with lemon, this century-old libation is made for the young and the restless. It's \$13 at PJ Clarke's, the ever-cool, clubby midtown saloon.

915 Third Ave.
212-317-1616

Prohibition Punch at The Campbell Apartment

The Gothic stained glass in Grand Central's regal bar will bewitch you. So will the bar's copious \$16 potion made with Appleton rum, Grand Marnier and Moët Champagne.

Grand Central Terminal
212-953-0409



The bar at The Campbell Apartment

Clamdigger at Waterfront Crab House

The Long Island City waterfront once rollicked with riverboat rowdies. This 1881 saloon still packs a punch with its boxing theme and vodka-and-tomato tipple topped with two fresh clams. The cost? Nine clams.

2-03 Borden Ave.
718-729-4862
wfcrahhouse.com

Red Snapper at The King Cole Bar

The spiced tomato concoction, aka Bloody Mary, was created at this landmark bar in the St. Regis Hotel. It's now \$18, and you can savor it beneath a Maxfield Parrish mural.

2 E. 55th St.
212-753-4500
stregis.com

Lychee Collins at Monkey Bar

Tennessee Williams was often found at Monkey Bar in his home hotel, the Elysée, which he called the Easy Lay. Nowadays, you can monkey around with this \$12 cocktail featuring house-infused lychee gin.

60 E. 54th St.
212-838-2600



The Red Snapper at the King Cole Bar



The Red Velvet at Bull & Bear

peek-a-boo!

He's still at it!

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