

Irish Spirit

Choose your own adventure at The Dead Rabbit Grocery and Grog, an award-winning Irish saloon in the Financial District. You can have a classic Irish pub experience by drinking a beer at the downstairs taproom, where sawdust covers the floor, or try communal punch, small plates and legendary cocktails (the bar's own renditions of classic recipes from 1850-1900) at the upstairs parlor. No matter which space you choose to cozy up in, this bar is a must-visit on any trip to the Big Apple. | **The Dead Rabbit Grocery and Grog, 30 Water St., 646.422.7906**

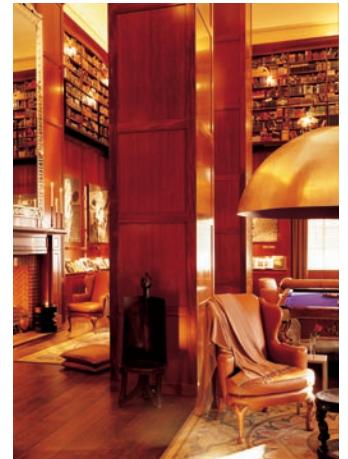


Playful Library

While chess sets, luxe leather sofas and a crackling fireplace at the Hudson Hotel's Library Bar set a sophisticated atmosphere, the lounge doesn't take itself too seriously. Gorgeous black-and-white portraits of cows wearing Chanel hats hung around the establishment and the royal purple pool table with a UFO-esque dome overhead add a playful touch to the library. Try the maple mojito for a spring twist on a classic summer cocktail that shows off the bartenders' creativity. | **Library Bar, 356 W. 58th St., 212.554.6217**

Shanghai Speakeasy

A dark, tiny bar with no sign contains a little Chinese secret: baiju. Though most Americans have never heard of it, baiju is one of the most consumed liquors in the world and it's the focus at Lumos. The bar makes the grain-based Chinese spirit more palatable in innovative cocktails, like the Dirty Martini (left, Shui Jing Fang baiju, Chinese pickled brine and salted plum). On weekends, head to the exclusive back room for Shanghai-style burlesque and belly dancing. | **Lumos, 90 W. Houston St., 646.692.9866**



Paddle Pros

Late nights of drinking and pong shed their frat boy image at SPiN, a social Ping-Pong club co-owned by actress Susan Sarandon. Games here consist of totally addictive competitions among friends with cocktails in hand. The space itself sets a cool mood, with live DJs, selfie stations and paintings by local artists. Costumes are encouraged (think: cheesy '80s athletic wear), especially on Friday nights during the "Dirty Dozen" tournament and dance contest. | **SPiN, 48 E. 23rd St., 212.982.8802**