

LONDON

The city of kings and Queens! One of the most attractive cities in Europe for the gay visitor, London features a vast amount of bars, cafes, clubs, restaurants and theatres, all located in the historic centre.

London offers a unique cocktail of sophistication, understatement, spark and unbridled hedonism. The British capitals' eight-million-plus population has kept a convincingly intimate and unthreatening feel, much of it down to its village-like atmosphere spread across 32 boroughs, each with individual and local character.

Home to Europe's largest gay and lesbian population, London remains a hot spot for the discerning international gay traveler. In London one is seldom far from a gay pub, bar or club, with literally hundreds of venues throughout the capital. Soho has long replaced Earls Court as London's gay mecca, and offers a wide range of gay pubs, restaurants and a great variety of restaurants. Vauxhall has established itself as London's other gay neighborhood and fancies itself as giving Soho a run for its money. But gay Vauxhall is predominantly nocturnal, with big dance clubs and bars.



GAY & LESBIAN BARS

G-A-Y Bar

G-A-Y Bar is in the heart of Old Compton Street. The bar is a spin-off from the G-A-Y club at The Astoria and is a massive success. Lots of TV screens with pop videos playing make this a popular bar with younger men. There are often cheap drink offers during the week, meaning no matter what night you visit, there's going to be a crowd. The basement bar is aimed at Lesbians, and has a very comfy chilled atmosphere.

Mon-Sat noon-12am, Sun noon-10:30pm
30 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1 (area: Soho)
020 7494 2756
www.g-a-y.co.uk

The Edge

The Edge is fantastically located at the top end of Soho Square, a great place to visit in the summer. The venue covers three floors and is a popular choice for private parties. During the day, food is served in this relaxing café style environment.

Mon-Sat noon-1am, Sun noon-10:30pm
11 Soho Square, Soho, W1V (area: Soho)

020 7439 1313

www.edgesoho.co.uk

Village

Fashionable, yet easy going gay bar at the end of Old Compton Street, Village is always busy but comfortable. Village is unlikely to be the top choice for many, instead the second for the majority.

Nevertheless, it's not one to be overlooked, the cosy atmosphere makes this place incredibly people friendly, and you are sure to get talking to a local here, most of whom will insert a 'the' before Village.

Mon-Wed 16:00-01:00, Thu-Sat 15:00-01:00, Sun 15:00-23:00

81 Wardour Street, London, W1D 6QD (area: Soho)

020 7434 2124

www.village-soho.co.uk

Ku Bar

Ku Bar has moved from Charing Cross Road to the street just behind China Town, in the same place where West Central was a few years ago. In its new bigger home, it's still run by Gary and full of very young cute twinks (and even cuter bar staff). The main bar, as you enter, has a fun pop music driven party atmosphere. Upstairs there's a quieter more intimate chill out area, and downstairs is the small Ku Klub that has DJs and drag queens on certain nights. In the week there are very cheap drink promos, making Ku Bar not only one of the most fun places on the scene to hang out, but also one of the cheapest!

Mon-Sun 12:00pm-11:00pm, Fri-Sat 12:00pm-3:00am,

30 Lisle Street, London, WC2H 7BA (area: Soho)

020 7437 4303

www.ku-bar.co.uk

The Garrison

Very nice food, reasonably priced, gay and straight.

99-101 Bermondsey Street, London, SE1 3XB

020 7089 9355

www.thegarrison.co.uk

Bar Code Vauxhall

Popular dance bar in the London Vauxhall area, with masculine edge and frequent parties

mon 18:00-01:00, thu 18:00-03:00, fri-sat 18:00-09:00, sun 18:00-03:00

Bar Code Vauxhall

Arch 69, Albert Embankment, London

www.bar-code.co.uk

Comptons of Soho

Comptons of Soho is a large traditional styled gay bar in London for real men: lots of skins and other rough guys. Cruisy and horny atmosphere. Very popular bar.

mon-thu 12:00-23:30, fri-sat 12:00-00:00, sun 12:00-22:30

53 Old Compton Street, London

www.faucetinn.com/comptons

The Royal Vauxhall Tavern

Gay cabaret bar with shows and popular Sunday afternoons in London Vauxhall
mon 19:00–00:00, wed-thu 19:00–00:00, fri 21:00– late, sat 21:00–02:00, sun 14:00–00:00
372 Kennington Ln, London
+44 20 78201222
www.theroyalvauxhalltavern.co.uk

FitLadz

Play and cruise party with men only zone upstairs.
fri 22:00–05:00
Arch 69, Albert Embankment, London
www.fitladz.club

The Shadow Lounge

Glitzy, glamour-loving and low-lit lounge club veering towards a Studio 54 sensibility. Refurbished in early 2012, then rebooted in 2014.
Mon to Sat 9pm—3am
Brewer St (Wardour Street), London, Soho
+44 20 7317 9270
<http://www.theshadowlounge.co.uk/>

The Yard

Opened 1995, the Yard is a popular bar with two distinctly different spaces, including the outdoor and garden-like Courtyard, which is heated in winter and which gives this venue the buzz it's known for.
Mon to Wed 4pm—11.30pm; Thu 3pm—11.30pm; Fri to Sat 2pm—midnight; Sun 2pm—10:30pm
57 Rupert St, London, Soho
+44 20 7437 2652
<http://www.yardbar.co.uk/>

Rupert Street

Popular destination for movers and shakers
Mon to Wed noon—11pm; Thu noon—11.15pm; Fri and Sat noon—11.45pm; Sun noon—10.30pm
50 Rupert St (Winnett St), London, Soho
+44 20 7494 3059
<http://www.rupert-street.com/>



GAY & LESBIAN RESTAURANTS

Balans Soho

Balans Soho is a very trendy gay restaurant open almost 24 hours, so a great place for a very late meal. Located on Old Compton Street in the heart of London's gay area, it has large windows overlooking the street and is a great place for people watching - either those walking past or those inside; especially the waiters!

Mon-Thu 8am-5am, Fri-Sat 8am-6am, Sun 8am-2am
60 Old Compton Street, London, W1D 4UG (area: Soho)
020 7439 2183
www.balans.co.uk

Dragon Palace

Excellent Chinese food, gay friendly
207 Earls Court Road, London SW5 9AN (area: Earls Court)
020 73701461
www.thedragonpalace.com

The Pembroke

Excellent food, good beer, gay friendly.
261 Old Brompton Road, Earls Court, London, SW5 9JA (area: Earls Court)
020 7373 8337
www.thepembrokesw5.co.uk



GAY & LESBIAN NIGHT CLUBS

Popstarz

Friday 10pm-4am – Indie night
SIN Nightclub, 144 Charing Cross Road, London, WC2 (Area: Soho)
www.popstarz.org

G-A-Y Late

G-A-Y Late is the latest addition to the G-A-Y Empire and follows on with the same formula; namely friendly people, a camp atmosphere and lots of fun.
Daily from 23:00 to 03:00
5 Goslett Yard, WC2H 0ER (Covent Garden)
0871 971 5753
www.g-a-y.co.uk

The Underground Club

The Underground Club hosts different fetish and cruise parties during the month
mon-tue 13:00–01:00, wed 15:00–01:00, thu 13:00–02:00, fri-sat 13:00–04:00, sun 13:00–00:00
37 Wharfdale Road, London
www.theundergroundclub.net

XXL (at Pulse)

Big club for big men and many others
Wed 9pm—3am; Sat 10pm—6am
London, Southeast
+44 20 7261 0981
<http://www.xxl-london.com/>

Fire

Shirtless man-to-man clubbing on a big scale, located just seconds from Vauxhall tube.
39 Parry St, South Lambeth Rd , London, Vauxhall
+44 20 3242 0040
<http://www.firelondon.net/>

WE Party (at the Coronet Theatre)

Monthly or so glamour and buzz, marked by visual spectacle, on-the-pulse sounds from resident
DJs and go-go boys and dancers on show.
Sat 11pm—7am (occasional)
26-28 New Kent Rd, Elephant and Castle, London, South
<http://www.wepartylondon.com/>

Nudity

Gay naked pub dance party, featuring dance floor, bar, chill out room and play area.
Albert Embankment 66, London
www.nudityclub.co.uk

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