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The Best Bars in America, 2023

From a space-themed bar in San Diego, to conjuring the 70s through wine in New Orleans, and reinventing the quintessential dive in New York, here are all the new spots to order another round or three.



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Philadelphia Andra Hem

Andra Hem is Swedish for “second home,” and in some ways you feel as if like you’ve stepped into someone’s maximalist two story townhouse where the walls are painted peacock blue and mustard, the art is real and esoteric, and the lichen-like wallpaper behind the bar is wild and just the right amount of psychedelic. (Stare at it too deeply and you’ll think you may be hallucinating.) But any altered states of consciousness are probably due to any one of the deftly made drinks like the *Nothing Beets a Dala Horse*, a bracingly awesome beet-infused mezcal-and-horseradish number that will also clear your sinuses. To fully complete the vibe of a Stockholm drinking den, try snacking on elegant potato pancakes and a smorgas of jumbo prawns while asking the bartender what *Ssöoderblandning* is. **What you’re having:** Definitely end your visit with a Lambhattan, a Manhattan made with a lamb-fat washed bourbon. —K. S.

The downstairs bar at Andra Hem might make you think you’ve had too much aquavit.

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