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Suggested cocktail plans for 1, 2 or 3 days

From our guide **Top 10 Best Cocktail Bars in Paris**. Print it or save it to your phone.



These plans use only bars from this guide. Book where you can, and keep a backup nearby.

Day 1: The Marais

Start early with a drink at Cambridge Public House near République, then walk to the Haut Marais for Candelaria, where you can eat tacos at the front before moving to the cocktail room. Finish at Little Red Door, booked in advance. All three are within a short walk of one another, so you need no transport.

Day 2: Left Bank and the grand bars

Begin on the Left Bank at Prescription Cocktail Club for an early drink, then take the metro to the Palais-Royal area for Danico. Finish with a classic at Bar Hemingway at the Ritz, which is within walking distance of Danico. Dress smartly for the Ritz and arrive early to avoid a queue.

Day 3: The 10th, Oberkampf and Belleville

Start at Le Syndicat on rue du Faubourg Saint-Denis for a French spirits cocktail, then take the metro to Bastille for Moonshiner. Finish uphill at Combat in Belleville. If you prefer a calmer last night, swap Moonshiner for Le Bar du Bristol and make it a special evening.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Little Red Door

How to get there: Metro to Filles du Calvaire, Temple or Arts et Métiers, then a short walk through the Haut Marais.
How long to spend: One to two hours, usually as the first or second bar of the evening.
Best time to go: Early evening on a weekday, or with a booking on a weekend.
Tip: Book ahead through the official channel and ask the bartender to suggest a drink from your tastes.
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2. Candelaria

How to get there: Metro to Filles du Calvaire or Saint-Sébastien Froissart, then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours, or longer if you eat at the taqueria first.
Best time to go: Early evening on a weekday, before the crowds arrive.
Tip: Look for the taqueria, not a bar sign, and ask the staff for the way in.
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3. Cambridge Public House

How to get there: Metro to République or Filles du Calvaire, then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, or a weekday night for more space.
Tip: A good first stop or an easy place to end the night, particularly for groups.
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4. Prescription Cocktail Club

How to get there: Metro to Odéon or Mabillon, then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours, or longer on a late night.
Best time to go: Early evening, or later in the week if you like a livelier crowd.
Tip: Check the official site for current hours, as they vary by day and the bar can close for a short summer break.
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5. Bar Hemingway

How to get there: Metro to Opéra, Tuileries or Concorde, then a short walk to Place Vendôme.
How long to spend: One hour, or a little longer for a second drink.
Best time to go: Early evening, when it is easier to find a seat.
Tip: Dress smartly and check the Ritz website for current hours and any booking advice.
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6. Le Bar du Bristol

How to get there: Metro to Miromesnil or Champs-Élysées Clemenceau, then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, when the room is calmest.
Tip: Dress smartly and check the hotel website for hours, booking and the art exhibition.
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7. Danico

How to get there: Metro to Bourse, Palais Royal or Pyramides, then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening on a weekday, or with a booking at the weekend.
Tip: Enter through the Daroco restaurant and ask staff for the way to the bar.
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8. Le Syndicat

How to get there: Metro to Strasbourg Saint-Denis or Château d'Eau, then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, before the bar fills.
Tip: Ask for a drink built around cognac, armagnac or calvados if you want to try something new.
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9. Moonshiner

How to get there: Metro to Bastille, Bréguet-Sabin or Chemin Vert, then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening on a weekday, or later in the week for a livelier crowd.
Tip: Go through the Da Vito pizzeria and tell staff you are heading to the bar.
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10. Combat

How to get there: Metro to Belleville or Pyrénées, then a short walk uphill.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, or a weekday for a quieter room.
Tip: Ask for the cocktail of the day, and combine your visit with a walk in Belleville.
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Getting around Paris

The metro is the quickest way to reach most bars, and many are a short walk from a station. Check the RATP website for current tickets, routes and late-night services, as the metro does not run all night. Night buses cover many routes after the last trains, and taxis and ride-hailing apps are an option for late returns. Walking between bars in the Marais or around the Palais-Royal is pleasant in good weather. Plan your route home before you start, particularly if you finish in Belleville or the outer arrondissements.

Opening times, prices and transport change often, so check with each venue or operator before you go. For the full guide, photos and FAQs, see https://toptravelinsider.com/top-10-best-cocktail-bars-in-paris/.