



THE WORLD'S *best* HOTEL BARS

WHETHER YOU'RE
VACATIONING OR
TRAVELLING FOR BUSINESS,
THESE BARS WILL HELP
YOU UNWIND AFTER A
BUSY DAY TOURING THE
SIGHTS OR CELEBRATING A
BUSINESS DEAL

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AMARANTO BAR

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL
AT PARK LANE,
LONDON

Contemporary and traditional design blend seamlessly at Amaranto Bar, located in the Four Seasons at Park Lane in London. Dark wood panelling and an eclectic collection of portraits create an English club look, while a steel and glass fireplace and underlit counter of the cocktail bar set a more contemporary scene. Both styles enable fine appreciation of the bar's Italian wine and cocktail list that is second to none, and the bar's "wine wall" is its centrepiece. Lining two sides of the bar, it displays a selection of over 250 labels. If the mood calls for cocktails, head mixologist Ivan Arena will suggest a tipple to suit your style. His bestselling potion is the Amarantini and you'd be silly not to find out why. Too comfortable to leave your chair? The Pierre-Yves Rochon-designed Amarantini drinks trolley provides a theatrical accent for table-side cocktail-making.



SKYE BAR
HOTEL UNIQUE,
SÃO PAULO

Escape the hustle and bustle of South America's largest metropolis at São Paulo's Skye Bar. Sitting atop Hotel Unique and overlooking the picturesque Ibirapuera Park, this urban hideaway will melt away visions of the concrete jungle surrounding you. Skye Bar represents the city's dynamic and forward-looking mindset, while also respecting a guest's desire to unwind and escape. Known for its specialty martini cocktails — their "Red Skye," named after the bar's crimson red pool and a favourite of bar manager Wellington Melo, is a fusion of premium vodka, strawberry liqueur, cranberry juice and fresh strawberries. Delicioso!



FELIX
THE PENINSULA,
HONG KONG

Not just one of the world's leading bars, Felix is a destination all its own. Taking up the top two floors of The Peninsula hotel, the Philippe Starck-designed venue consists of a restaurant, a smattering of different bars and a balcony. The view definitely gives you bang for your buck — a stunning panorama of Kowloon, Victoria Harbour and Hong Kong Island. Definitely bring your bling and work on your swagger, you'll need it to swoop in on the hottest place to be in Hong Kong for champagne, cocktails, glamour, sophistication, fine cuisine and jaw-dropping drinks — and that killer view.



WINK
VIVANTA BY TAJ PRESIDENT,
MUMBAI

Arrive early to snare a seat at Wink, one of Mumbai's hottest bars. Located in the Taj President hotel, the vibrancy and energy of the city streets are carried into the bar, while a dash of style and sophistication is added to the mix. Depending on your mood, either head to the main bar or get comfy in the more relaxed space complete with sofas. Wink's master mixologist, J. Majerik, has some lively concoctions he's willing to prepare; of note is Wink's legendary Wasabi Martini and The Bounty White, awarded the Bacardi Martini Grand Prix 2010. Come for great cocktails, DJs spinning tunes, and to be seen.