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# The 15 Best Places To Grab A Drink In Fort Lauderdale

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Whether you're looking to bar hop or just grab a cocktail, downtown Fort Lauderdale is home to a host of bars, pubs, clubs and taverns offering live music, food specials and, of course, extensive libation menus and happy hours.

The scene caters to all ages, so you're sure to find the right spot to meet friends for a drink (or two). We've broken down our favorite bars based on age groups. Keep reading to find out where to plan your next happy hour.

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### **Himmarshee Public House**

Open until 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, Himmarshee Public House is known for its lively sports bar atmosphere, unique take on American cuisine and impressive happy hour, which offers half-off everything behind the bar from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Friday.

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### **American Social Bar & Kitchen**

With locations in downtown Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Tampa, American Social has craft beer down to an art with a self-serve station. Happy hour is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and features half-price liquors, beer (over 40 craft brews on draft) and wine, as well as \$6 apps.

721 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale; 954.388.0291; [americansocialbar.com](http://americansocialbar.com)  
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### **Rhythm & Vine**

Part backyard—complete with a vintage Airstream bar—part lounge, Rhythm & Vine defines eclectic and local with its thrifted furnishings and South Florida-based DJs. Get \$3-off drinks and \$5 Old-Fashioneds, margaritas and Negronis on Friday nights from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

401 NE Fifth Terrace, Fort Lauderdale; 954.533.3734; [rhythm-vine.com](http://rhythm-vine.com) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20190914042611/http://rhythm-vine.com/>)

### **Laser Wolf**

Laser Wolf is a beer bar with 12 rotating draft lines and over 100 cans and bottles. If you're looking for something low-key and no frills, it's the spot to grab a cold brew and hang out with friends. The dive bar also hosts art shows, pop-up shops, food trucks, record swaps and beer tastings. It is open until 2 a.m. every night except Sundays.

901 Progresso Drive, Ste. 101, Fort Lauderdale; 954.667.9373; [laserwolf.bar](http://laserwolf.bar)  
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### **Glitch Bar**

Located in Flagler Village, Glitch offers patrons craft beer and classic arcade games in a modern bar setting. With 112 bottled and canned beers, an assortment of cocktails and video games from the '70s, '80s and '90s, this pub-meets-arcade is open nightly until 2 a.m. and hosts beer tastings, DJs and drink specials.

905 NE Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale; 954.616.5762; glitchbar.com (<https://web.archive.org/web/20190914042611/http://glitchbar.com/>)

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### **YOLO**

Enjoy a \$5 happy hour from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at YOLO with cocktails and wines by the glass on the restaurant's patio, lit by pretty string lights. The new American restaurant also offers contemporary starters like ribeye beef skewers with Shanghai dipping sauce and YOLO chips with melted blue cheese, rosemary, bacon and truffle.

333 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale; 954.523.1000; yolorestaurant.com  
(<https://web.archive.org/web/20190914042611/http://yolorestaurant.com/>)

### **Stache Drinking Den + Coffee Bar**

This speakeasy-style cocktail lounge and coffee bar has a wide selection of hand-crafted cocktails and spirits, including an extensive whiskey menu with over 300 varieties. It also serves Miami-favorite Panther Coffee on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those who would rather meet friends over caffeine rather than alcohol. It's two-for-one drink special is offered every Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., followed by live music.

109 SW Second Ave., Fort Lauderdale; 954.449.1044; stacheftl.com (<https://web.archive.org/web/20190914042611/http://stacheftl.com/>)

### **Big City Tavern**

Classic American food and craft beer are hallmarks of this rustic spot on Las Olas. It offers dozens of California varietals by the glass and bottle, as well as a rotating beer selection, on tap and bottled. Select cocktails are just \$8.50 every day from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.. Big City also has a late-night menu on Fridays from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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### Apothecary 330

Another concept by JEY Hospitality Group, the group behind Fort Lauderdale favorites Tacocraft, ROK:BRGR and Pizzacraft, Apothecary 330 is a cozy cocktail bar located in Fort Lauderdale's Himmarshee Village. Happy hour is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with \$4, \$5 and \$6 cocktails; \$5 wines by the glass; and \$2 off draft beers.

330 Himmarshee St., Fort Lauderdale; 954.616.8028; [apothecary330.com](http://apothecary330.com)  
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### The Hideaway

Housed in a historic building near the downtown and Las Olas neighborhoods, The Hideaway is a speakeasy-style bar that serves artisanal cocktails and craft beers and offers a unique rotating menu.

21 W. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale; 954.945.5545; [thehideawayftl.com](http://thehideawayftl.com)  
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### For Your 40s



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### Elbo Room

One of Fort Lauderdale's most well-known beach bars, the Elbo Room (established in 1938), is still touted for drawing a "spring break crowd," but classic rock and Jimmy Buffett cover bands—live music daily until 1 a.m.—keep plenty out-of-college regulars coming back for a drink. With its Key West vibe and full bar, the spot has some of the best views of A1A and Fort Lauderdale Beach in the city. It's a classic that will never go out of style.

241 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale; 954.463.4615; [elboroom.com](http://elboroom.com)  
(<https://web.archive.org/web/20190914042611/http://elboroom.com/>)

### Vinos on Las Olas

The wine bar, hidden in a cute alleyway off of Las Olas Boulevard, offers fine wine (by the glass and by the bottle), craft beer and an assortment of Italian, French and Spanish-inspired tapas. Happy hour is held Mondays through Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Daily specials include \$12 off beers, \$5 white and red sangria, \$6 wine and \$6 tapas by the glass and \$6 tapas.  
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922 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale; 954.765.6730; vinoswinebars.com  
(<https://web.archive.org/web/20190914042611/http://vinoswinebars.com/>)

### Wine Watch

The wine bar and shop celebrated its 35th anniversary this year and boasts a large selection of fine global bottles for sale (and drinking) and offers regular tastings and light bites. Wine Watch also hosts a dinner series pairing food with the best bottles. Call directly to get details on Wine Watch's next series.

837 NE Third Ave., Fort Lauderdale; 954.523.9463; winewatch.com (<https://web.archive.org/web/20190914042611/http://winewatch.com/>)

### Original Fat Cat's

Original Fat Cat's is one of Fort Lauderdale's best old-school dive bar. With over 80 beers and live music daily, this local spot is open until 4 a.m. every day.

320 SW Second St., Fort Lauderdale; 954.467.5867; facebook.com/originalfatcats/  
(<https://web.archive.org/web/20190914042611/http://facebook.com/originalfatcats/>)

### The DownTowner

A "local landmark with riverside dining" on Fort Lauderdale's New River, The Downtowner offers a selection of wine and cocktails, as well as seafood, sandwiches and burgers. Drop in on Friday after work for daily specials and some all-American food, or stop in Saturday or Sunday for live music.

10 S. New River Drive E, Fort Lauderdale; 954.463.9800; thehistoricdowntowner.com  
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