

# SANTÉ!

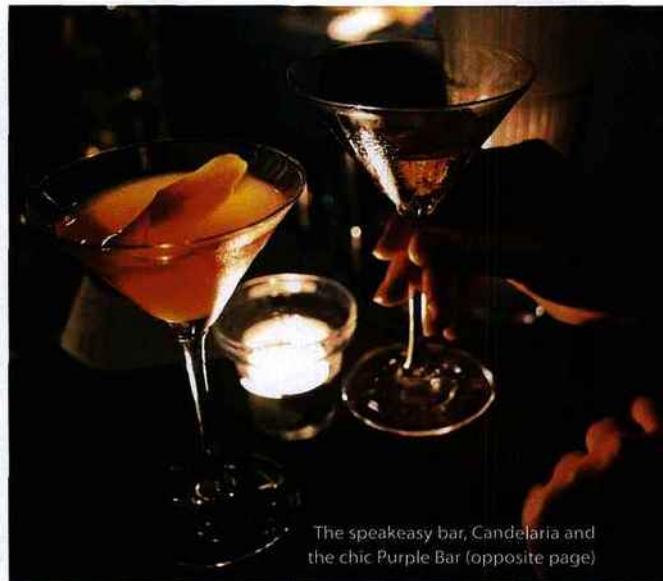
WE BELIEVE CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY. TO HELP YOU TOAST 2014 WE BRING YOU OUR FAVOURITE COCKTAIL BARS WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY A DRINK, OR TWO, IN STYLE.

BY SANDRA ISKANDER

For a step back into the glorious 30s and the seductive Art Deco period, the Purple Bar is one of the most elegant bars in the city that offers an old-world feel, which transports you to another time. With lashings of purple and gold, crystal chandeliers and intimate alcoves, the Purple Bar is a perfect rendezvous spot for a drink in the middle of the afternoon or for a sexy nightcap. The cocktail menu offers old classics including a Dry Martini and Pink Lady and cool creations including Purple Rain, a mix of Mount Gay Eclipse rum, fresh mint and crème de mûre.

For a more laidback vibe you must head to Token 130. This cosy and fun bar found in the hipster-favoured second arrondissement is ideal for a relaxed night out. The cocktail menu features original cocktails mixed with different price-ranged alcohols to suit both your taste and budget. Laurent, the owner, will also happily mix your favourite off-the-menu cocktail as he chats to the regulars at the bar. The vibe here is relaxed and friendly.

Stylish and dark, the Blind Bar offsets Maison Champs Elysées's La Table du Huit's all-white décor with its almost all-black look. The bar features a warming fireplace and playfully uses



The speakeasy bar, Candelaria and the chic Purple Bar (opposite page)

shadows to create a contrast between the black bar and the adjoining restaurant. On the shelves, bottles peek behind black silhouettes, and on the menu, you will find cocktails created to tease your senses as you relax in a very fashion-crowd setting. If you enjoy a sweet cocktail we recommend you try the Jam at Home, a vodka-based drink impressively made with the house's very own raspberry jam.



For a few, carefully mixed cocktails, you must head underground. The Ballroom, the speakeasy hidden behind an unmarked black door next to The Beef Club restaurant, with a burly yet charming gentleman manning the door, descend the winding flight of stairs and be welcomed into the sophisticated cocktail bar that awaits. Inside, find all the beautiful people of the city in the cosy seated areas that make up the three separate rooms of the bar, although the best table is right at the bar counter where you can watch as the barmen mix and twirl, making you the perfect cocktails.

Another speakeasy bar worth checking out while on your bar-crawl is Candelaria. Behind the hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving authentic tacos in the fashionable 3rd arrondissement, behind a simple white door, is where you will find one of the city's coolest bars. The cocktail menu features the Pisco Disco with Barsol pisco, lime and Galliano, and a serving of punch to share between four to six people. The bar gets busy quite quickly so we recommend you either go early for a drink before dinner or later for a fun nightcap.

#### PURPLE BAR

##### L'Hotel du Collectionneur

51-57 rue de Courcelles (8th), 01 58 36 67 00

10am to 2am daily

#### TOKEN 138

138 rue Montmartre (2nd), 01 71 93 08 53

Closed Sundays

#### THE BLIND BAR

Maison Champs Elysées

8 rue Jean Goujon (8th), 01 40 74 64 65

Closed Sundays

#### THE BALLROOM

58 rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1st),

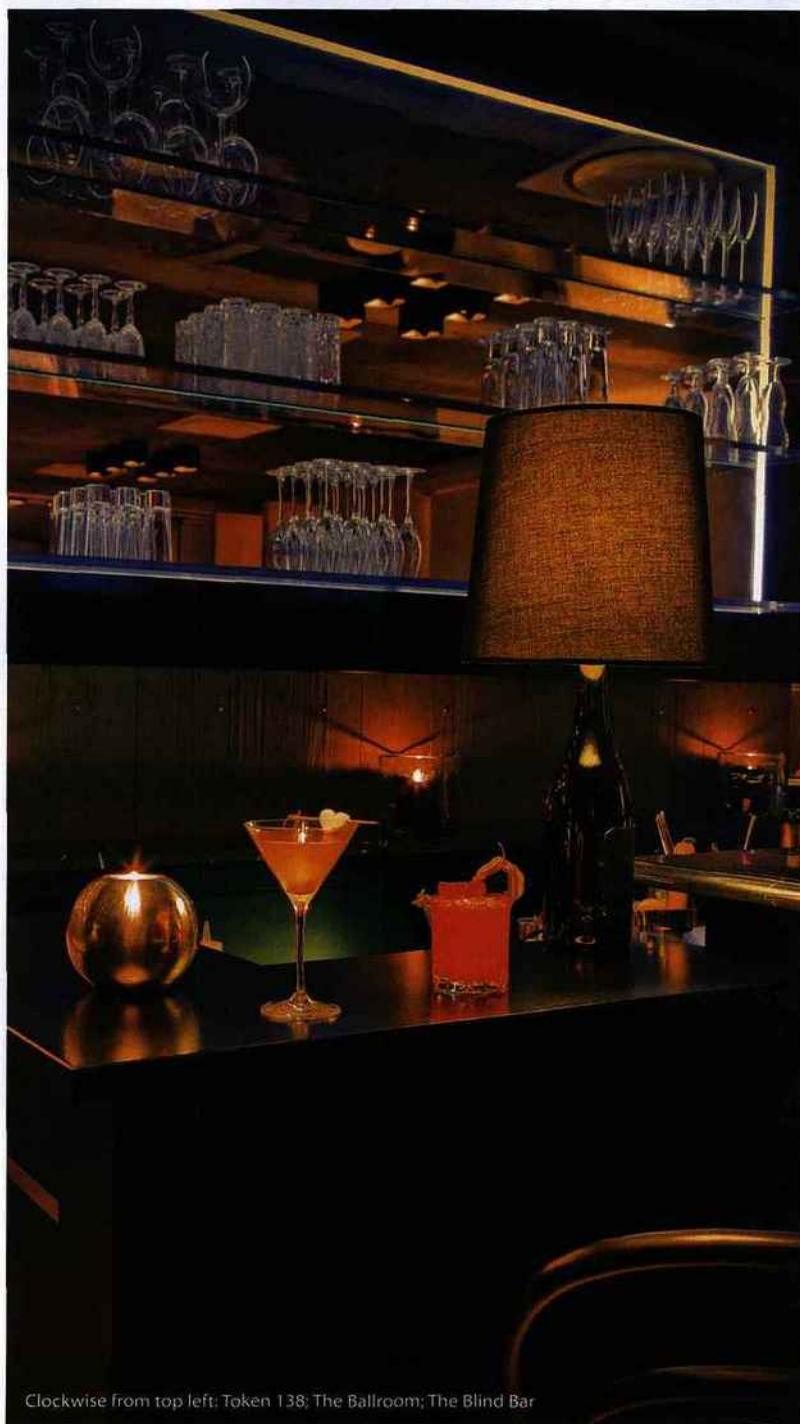
09 54 37 13 65

7pm to 5am daily

#### CANDELARIA

52 rue de Saintonge (3rd), 01 42 74 41 28

6pm to 2am daily



Clockwise from top left: Token 138; The Ballroom; The Blind Bar