



HOBART

A golden spot for cocktails or an afternoon glass of wine, T42's comfy sofas and booths have views over the water. If the weather is warm, choose a table on the wharf overlooking the marina. During the week the vibe is cruisy and relaxed, with cool lounge music. Weekends are buzzy and busy, packed with a young crowd out for the evening. The restaurant is fab with fresh fish from the wharves outside on the menu.
Elizabeth St Pier (03 6224 7742)

SYDNEY

Hugos Manly has a fabulous outdoor feel – its big windows open right up. Kick back in a Yuzuru Yamakawa-designed “relax” chair, snuggle into the Missoni cushions, and order a pitcher of Pimm’s. Don’t leave without having one of the famous thin-crust pizzas (go for the slow-roasted pork belly with radicchio). It’s the kind of place you could arrive for lunch and still find yourself there at dinner.
Manly Wharf, East Esplanade (02 8116 8555)

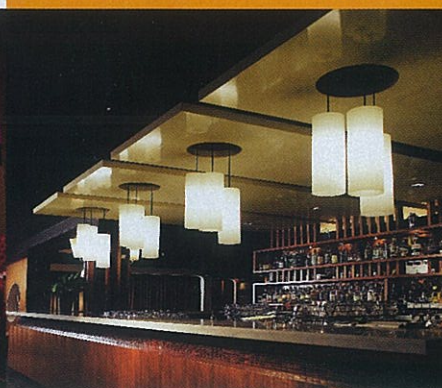
COCKTAIL HOUR

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! CATCHING UP FOR DRINKS WITH FRIENDS IS IMPERATIVE (OR IS THAT APERITIF?)



BRISBANE

Zuri is a great spot if you love the boudoir aesthetic. The ultra-luxe chocolate and raspberry interior is flatteringly lit by lamps and chandeliers. The bar itself is in front of the stage, and tables and booths form the periphery. Dance the night away or slink off to the sidelines to swap secrets with friends. The cocktails are amazing. And the food is bite-sized Japanese. Yum!
Shop 1/367 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley (07 3257 4999)



PERTH

On sultry summer evenings, the cocktail garden at Luxe Bar comes into its own – BamBOO is a breezy, tropical space. Indoors is more grown-up, with soft furnishings and velvet drapes in chocolate and coffee tones. The underground Red Room can be booked as a private den. They take their cocktails seriously at Luxe – the Espresso Martini is sensational.
446 Beaufort St, Highgate (08 9228 9680)



MELBOURNE

Flutter into the magic world of The Butterfly Club. Moonlighting as a cabaret venue, it's also home to a bar housing Australia's largest collection of kitsch, from plastic tulips to 50s lamps. (Over the past 10 years, regulars have donated each and every item.) Navigate your way past antique theatre seats, sink into one of the mismatched lounge chairs, and order a smoky Polish Martini.
204 Bank St, South Melbourne (03 9690 2000)