

ENGLISH BAR

BUCHAREST





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THE HEAVEN OF THE BALKANS

The most famous bar in the Balkans blends over a century of tradition with the “buzz” that comes from being the meeting point of the city, creating a unique atmosphere. The English Bar has played host to clandestine meetings, business deals both great and small, espionage and tremendous celebrations in its colorful history. Opened in 1914 and originally located at the front of the hotel, the bar was named the American Bar and changes its name to English Bar between the two World Wars. A safe haven for many people during troubled times in the 20th century, the bar was immortalized in the Balkan Trilogy and other novels.

The English Bar moved to its current location when the hotel was extended in the 1960s.

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A PIECE OF HISTORY

Athenee Palace was previously home to both British spies and the Gestapo.

A. L. Easterman called it the “most notorious caravanserai in all Europe. ...the meeting place of the Continental spies”.

In 1948 the hotel was nationalized by the new Communist government, who famously bugged every room, tapped every phone (and every pay phone within half a mile), and staffed the entire hotel with informers: “The hotel’s general director was an undercover colonel in the Securitate’s Counterespionage Directorate; the hotel’s deputy director was a colonel in the DIE, the Romanian external intelligence organization. The doormen did surveillance; the housekeeping staff photographed all documents in the guests’ rooms. The prostitutes in the lobby and in the bar and in the nightclub reported directly to their employers; the free-speaking bon-vivants and Romanian intellectuals hanging around the café, not to mention a number of the guests, had been planted.”

Dan Halpern.



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DRINKS



FROM THE CELLAR

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING

	by glass	by bottle
Dom Perignon • France		2250 lei
Veuve Clicquot Brut • France		850 lei
Moët & Chandon Brut • France		800 lei
Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve • France	125 lei	680 lei
Villa Sandi Prosecco Superiore Milesimato • Italy	45 lei	300 lei
Vila Babiciu • Bule Fine • Romania	45 lei	165 lei

ROSÉ

	by glass	by bottle
Piper Heidsieck • Sauvage Rosé • France		850 lei
Vila Babiciu • Bule Fine • Romania	45 lei	165 lei

WHITE

	by glass	by bottle
Solo Quinta • Recaș Alb • Romania		340 lei
Gitana • Autograf • Cardonnay • Moldova		235 lei
Vila Babiciu • Bordeaux Blanc • France	35 lei	156 lei
Jidvei • Ana • Sauvignon Blanc • Romania	45 lei	220 lei
Jidvei • Maria • Pinot Gris • Romania	45 lei	220 lei
Gitana • Alb de Gitana • Fetească Regală & Chardonnay • Moldova	45 lei	156 lei

ROSÉ

	by glass	by bottle
Jidvei • Mysterium • Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz • Romania	50 lei	235 lei
Vila Babiciu • Rosé • Syrah • France	45 lei	350 lei

RED

	by glass	by bottle
1000 Chipuri • Syrah • Romania		265 lei
1000 de Chipuri - Pinot Noir - Romania	55 lei	265 lei
Davino • Domaine Ceptura Rouge • Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Fetească Neagră • Romania		450 lei
Vila Babiciu • Bordeaux Rouge • France	35 lei	156 lei
Gitana • Rosu de Gitana • Rară Neagră & Cabernet • Moldova	35 lei	156 lei
Gitana • Saperavi • Moldova	75 lei	340 lei

All prices are inclusive of VAT and are shown in Lei
Toate prețurile includ TVA și sunt afișate în lei

BOTTLE BEER

Bucur Blonde Brune	(35 cl) 30 lei
Tuborg	(33 cl) 35 lei
Carlsberg	(33 cl) 35 lei
Somersby Pear Apple	(33 cl) 30 lei
Kronenburg Rouge	(33 cl) 35 lei
Weihenstephaner Hefe	(33 cl) 40 lei
Guinness	(33 cl) 40 lei
Carlsberg %0	(33 cl) 35 lei

DRAUGHT BEER

Bucur	(40 cl) 25 lei
Guinness	(40 cl) 45 lei

GIN & 1724 TONIC

Beefeater Dry Gin	(40 cl) 40 lei
Beefeater 24	(40 cl) 45 lei
Bombay Sapphire	(40 cl) 45 lei
Gin Mare	(40 cl) 60 lei
Hendrick's	(40 cl) 65 lei
The Botanist	(40 cl) 60 lei
Monkey 47 Dry Gin	(40 cl) 60 lei
Etsu: Japanese gin	(40 cl) 60 lei
Malfy Rosa Gin	(40 cl) 60 lei

VODKA

Wyborowa	(4 cl) 35 lei
Absolut	(4 cl) 40 lei
Eyko: Japanese Vodka	(4 cl) 65 lei
Belvedere	(4 cl) 70 lei
Grey Goose	(4 cl) 60 lei
Beluga	(4 cl) 65 lei

TEQUILA

Olmeca Blanco	(4 cl) 40 lei
Olmeca Gold	(4 cl) 40 lei
Ocho Blanco	(4 cl) 50 lei
Ocho Anejo	(4 cl) 50 lei
Espolòn Gold	(4 cl) 50 lei

RUM

Havana Años 3	(4 cl) 40 lei
Malibu	(4 cl) 40 lei
Diplomatico Mantuano	(4 cl) 40 lei
Ron de Jeremy Spiced	(4 cl) 40 lei
Brugal Añejo	(4 cl) 40 lei
Havana Años 7	(4 cl) 45 lei
Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva	(4 cl) 45 lei
Barcelo Imperial	(4 cl) 70 lei
Diplomatico Single Vintage	(4 cl) 75 lei
Zacapa 23 Years	(4 cl) 80 lei
Diplomatico Ambassador	(4 cl) 215 lei

COGNAC

Metaxa 12 Stars	(4 cl) 45 lei
Martell VS	(4 cl) 50 lei
Martell VSOP	(4 cl) 60 lei
Martell Cognac XO	(4 cl) 160 lei
Hennessy XO	(4 cl) 215 lei

LIQUEUR & DIGESTIVES

Ricard	(4 cl) 35 lei
Jägermeister	(4 cl) 35 lei
Sambuca	(4 cl) 35 lei
Amaro Del Capo	(4 cl) 35 lei
Pater Spirit - Tuica de prune	(4 cl) 35 lei
Caffo - Grappa Vecchia	(4 cl) 35 lei
Sake Hakutsuru Junmai Dai Ginjo Sho Une	(4 cl) 45 lei
Kahlua	(4 cl) 35 lei
Cointreau	(4 cl) 35 lei
Martini Vermouth	(4 cl) 35 lei
Baileys	(4 cl) 35 lei
Amaretto	(4 cl) 35 lei

WHISKY AROUND THE WORLD

SCOTTISH BLEND

Johnny Walker Green Label	(4 cl) 40 lei
Johnny Walker Black Label	(4 cl) 45 lei
Johnny Walker Gold Label	(4 cl) 70 lei
Johnny Walker Blue Label	(4 cl) 215 lei

ROYAL MEETS WHISKEY

Chivas 12 Years	(4 cl) 45 lei
Chivas 18 Years	(4 cl) 55 lei
Chivas Royal Salute 21 Years	(4 cl) 145 lei

SCOTTISH SINGLE & SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT

Aberlour 12 Years	(4 cl) 45 lei
Glenlivet Founders	(4 cl) 50 lei
Glenmorangie 10 Years	(4 cl) 65 lei
Glenlivet 15 Years	(4 cl) 70 lei
Glenfiddich 18 Years	(4 cl) 75 lei
Laphroaig 10 Years	(4 cl) 75 lei
Talisker 10 Years	(4 cl) 80 lei
Oban 14 Years	(4 cl) 85 lei
The Macallan 12 Years	(4 cl) 85 lei
Glenfiddich 21 Years	(4 cl) 125 lei
The Macallan Rare Cask	(4 cl) 275 lei

BLEND

Ballantine's Finest	(4 cl) 40 lei
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IRISH

Jameson Irish Whisky	(4 cl) 45 lei
The Flaming Pig: Irish Whisky	(4 cl) 45 lei
Tullamore Dew	(4 cl) 45 lei

BOURBON

Four Roses	(4 cl) 40 lei
Jack Daniel's	(4 cl) 40 lei
Makers Mark	(4 cl) 50 lei
Gentleman Jack	(4 cl) 55 lei
Crown Royal	(4 cl) 55 lei
Jack Daniel's Single Barrel	(4 cl) 60 lei
Kurayoshi Pure Malt	(4 cl) 70 lei

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COCKTAILS



THE AMALFI COCKTAIL

The Amalfi cocktail was very fashionable during the 1930's. It originally came from the coast of Amalfi in Southern Italy, a premium destination for the wealthy cosmopolites during the golden age of yachting. A Romanian variation that used to be served at Athenee Palace in the '40s, using Tuica instead of Limoncello, was immortalized in Rosie Waldeck's novel, "Athene Palace", in the following passage: A complex odour floated about the table of the Old Excellencies, as the greyhound maneuvered me to the settee behind their strategic table. There was the vivid scent of Turkish coffee coming from the small, handleless cups and of the Turkish cigarettes which the Old Excellencies smoked endlessly. Mingled with this were the sharp scent of toilet water and the sweet smell of arabi. But uppermost was the smell of the copper-coloured liquid which came in their cocktail glasses-"amalfi", the Excellencies hastened to explain, a combination of vermouth and tuica, the national plum schnapps. "Have an amalfi, Madame", Bratianu-beard broke the silence, and without waiting for my answer he smacked little kisses into the air, which was, I learned, the Rumanian way of calling the waiter. A smarmy little barman came up to the table from across the room, and Bratianu-beard said, "Un amalfi pour madame, Henri".



COCKTAILS

AMALFI • Peter Spirit - Țuica de Prune / Martini Rosso / Angostura Bitters	(30 cl) 60 lei
BERRY NEGRONI Brockmans Gin / Campari / Carlos Alberto Red Italian Vermouth	(30 cl) 60 lei
RUM OLD FASHION Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva / Old Fashioned Bitter / Sugar syrup	(30 cl) 60 lei
DRY GIN VODKA MARTINI served from the freezer Gin / Vodka / Dry French Vermouth	(30 cl) 60 lei
MANHATTAN Whisky / Angostura Bitter / Carlos Alberto Red Italian Vermouth	(30 cl) 55 lei
NEW YORK SOUR Whisky / Fresh lemon juice / Sugar syrup / Red wine float	(30 cl) 60 lei
TOMMY'S MARGARITA Ocho Tequila / Fresh lime juice / Agave syrup	(30 cl) 60 lei
DAIQUIRI Diplomatico Planas / Fresh lime juice / Agave syrup / Powder sugar	(30 cl) 55 lei
AMARETTO SOUR Amaretto / Lemon Juice / Egg White	(30 cl) 55 lei
BOULEVARDIER Campari / Sweet Vermout / Whiskey	(30 cl) 55 lei
KIR ROYAL Crème de Cassis / Sparkling wine	(30 cl) 55 lei
ESPRESSO MARTINI Vodka / Coffee liquor / Espresso fresh	(30 cl) 60 lei
APEROL SPRITZ Aperol/ Prosecco	(30 cl) 55 lei
HUGO White Rum / Elderflower Liquor / Lime	(30 cl) 55 lei
BLOODY MARY Vodka / Tomato juice / Bloody Mary spices mix (Angostura Bitter / Worcester sauce / salt / pepper)	(30 cl) 55 lei
COSMOPOLITAN Vodka/ Cointreau/ Cranberry Juice	(30 cl) 55 lei
OTHER CLASSICS	(30 cl) 55 lei
LONG DRINKS	(30 cl) 65 lei

SUC PROASPĂT & MOCKTAILS

Suc proaspăt stors
Freshly squeezed of the day

(40 cl) | 30 lei

Limonadă făcută proaspăt
Homemade lemonade

(40 cl) | 30 lei

Virgin Mojito
Shirley Temple
Virgin Cosmopolitan
Virgin Tequilla Sunrise

(40 cl) | 35 lei

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APA & RĂCORITOARE

Dorna (apă plată/minerală) (still/sparkling)

(33 cl) | 25 lei

Dorna (apă plată/minerală) (still/sparkling)

(50 cl) | 30 lei

Coca-Cola, Fanta, Sprite

(33 cl) | 25 lei

Tonic Water 1724

(33 cl) | 35 lei

Ginger Beer

(33 cl) | 25 lei

Red Bull

(33 cl) | 35 lei

CAFEA

Espresso
Espresso Double
Cappuccino
Flat White
Latte Macchiato
Ice Coffee
Caffe Frappe
Irish Coffee
Hot Chocolate
Extra Shot

COFFEE

(3 cl) | 20 lei

(6 cl) | 25 lei

(15 cl) | 25 lei

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(15 cl) | 30 lei

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(3 cl) | 10 lei

CEAI

English Breakfast
Earl Grey
Classic Green
Jasmine Tea
Peppermint
Camomile
Caffe Frappe
Lemon Sky
Red Berries

TEA

(25 cl) | 25 lei

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