Shannon’s Bar Guide (Local)

If I’m out at a bar in Pasadena, more than likely I’ll be at one of these places.

**Best Tap Room**

**STONE BREWERY TAP ROOM**

220 S Raymond Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105

[https://www.stonebrewing.com/visit/outposts/pasadena](https://www.stonebrewing.com/visit/outposts/pasadena)

An outpost of the famous Stone Brewery from San Diego, stick to the experimental beers (right side of the beer list). The pros stop in here while waiting for a table at La Grande Orange.

**Best Place for a Scotch or Bourbon**

**THE BLIND DONKEY**

53 Union St, Pasadena, CA 91103

[http://www.theblinddonkey.com/pasadena](http://www.theblinddonkey.com/pasadena)

It’s dark and mahogany colored, just like the bourbons on their extensive list. Spherical ice is the name of the game here if you get it on the rocks.

**Best Place to Find a JPLer**

**THE ALTADENA ALE HOUSE**

2329 Fair Oaks Ave, Altadena, CA 91001


If you want to over-hear the table next to you talking about aerobraking on Mars, this is the place to be.
**Best Dive Bar**

**THE 35’ER**
12 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91105
[https://35erbar.com/](https://35erbar.com/)

*If you want to try that drink you haven’t had since college, this is the place.*

**Best Cocktails**

**THE RAYMOND 1886 BAR**
1250 S Fair Oaks Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105
[https://www.theraymond.com/](https://www.theraymond.com/)

*Located inside the Raymond restaurant, they have one of the best cocktail programs in Pasadena*

**Best Place to Enjoy the Weather with a Drink**

**MAGNOLIA HOUSE**
492 S Lake Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101
[https://www.theraymond.com/](https://www.theraymond.com/)

*You’re in a craftsman house, but you’re also outside, see for yourself at this hip place for libations*

**Best Happy Hour**

**OTIS BAR AT LA GRANDE ORANGE**
260 S Raymond Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105
[https://lgostationcafe.com/](https://lgostationcafe.com/)

*Get there before 7pm to enjoy some of the most reasonably priced cocktails around that won’t give you a headache in the morning*
Best Place to Pay Too Much for a Drink and Feel Good About It

**The Langham Huntington Pasadena**

1401 S Oak Knoll Ave, Pasadena, CA 91106


You’ll feel like you’re on vacation when you step out onto the large patio of The Tap Room to watch the sunset over the hills of San Marino. Make sure to walk around this beautiful property before leaving.

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Best All-American Bar

**Barney’s Beanery**

99 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91105

[https://barneysbeanery.com/](https://barneysbeanery.com/)

How can you not have fun sitting inside a school bus inside a bar.

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Best Irish Bar

**Griffins of Kinsale**

1007 Mission St, South Pasadena, CA 91030

[https://griffinsofkinsale.square.site/](https://griffinsofkinsale.square.site/)

Pull up to the bar for a proper pour of Guinness

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Best Vinyl Bar

**Gold Line**

5607 N Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90042

[https://goldlinebar.com/](https://goldlinebar.com/)

Take the Metro Gold Line to this bar of the same name to listen to DJs spin classic deep tracks from their “record-breaking” collection of vinyl records