The 10 Best NYC Secret Bars And Speakeasies, And How To Find Them

Hidden drinking dens are a dime a dozen in New York – if you’re in the know. Take, for example, Please Don’t Tell, accessed via a 1940s wooden phone booth inside Crif Dogs (and the only time we condone drinking and dialling). Then there’s the Blind Barber, a barbershop by day, lounge by night; Angel’s Share, hidden within a Japanese restaurant; and East Village institution Death & Co, the watering hole of choice for casual tipplers and professional bartenders alike. New York’s Prohibition days may be long behind it, but the city’s discerning imbibers are still seeking thrills in sumptuous speakeasies and clandestine cocktails. Here, we pull up a stool to NYC’s finest new-generation bars with old-world charm.

The Campbell

Formerly known as the Campbell Apartment, this legendary Jazz Age institution tucked away in the southwest corner of Grand Central Terminal has found a new lease of life. Ingrao Inc and the Gerber Group pay homage to the venue’s past life as the private office and reception hall of financier John William Campbell, retaining several of the 13th-century Florentine-inspired design details, such as the soaring, hand-painted ceilings, a grand stone fireplace, a century-old leaded glass window, original millwork and Campbell’s personal steel safe. A menu of elevated bar fare (including mini lobster rolls and meatball parmesan sliders) complements classic and modern cocktails.

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