

London Gay Village Guide

Central & Soho

BARS

1. Admiral Duncan

54 Old Compton Street, W1D 4UB

Landmark traditional gay pub slap bang in the middle of queer street. A friendly, mixed-bag clientele for uncomplicated drinkin' and entertainment seven nights a week.

4. City Of Quebec

12 Old Quebec Street, W1H 7AH

This long-serving pub is a traditional boozier in every sense. Popular with a more mature gay crowd and their admirers, there are quiz nights, karaoke, weekly Sunday night cabaret and basement disco.

5. Comptons of Soho

52 Old Compton Street, W1D 6HJ

The Grand Dame of Old Compton Street. This ever-busy drinking den has a cruisy downstairs with circular bar, plus a loungeier, grandiosely furnished upstairs – complete with a full menu of pub grub and lunches on Sundays. Great music, and they often show live rugby/football matches for the butcher fellas.

6. Duke Of Wellington

77 Wardour Street, W1V 3TH

A local pub right in the heart of the West End. This more traditional-looking gay boozier boasts an eclectic and friendly clientele and is particularly busy at weekends.

7. Friendly Society

79 Wardour Street, W1D 6QB

A discreet door hides a wonderful kitsch and kooky sub-surface bar where Barbarella meets Barbie. Friendly, fun and quirky.

8. G-A-Y Bar

30 Old Compton Street, W1D 4UR

Soho's palace of pop, which boasts three floors of purple-walled, pop tuneage beamed from loads of plasma screens.

Scores of pretty young party things and endless cheap drinks promotions means you're assured a fab night out.

9. Halfway II Heaven

7 Duncannon Street, WC2N 4JF

A traditional gay boozier, with a friendly bunch of after work regulars and off-duty drag queens who are very welcoming to newcomers. Downstairs boasts regular cabaret and karaoke nights.

10. King's Arms

23 Poland Street, W1F 8QL

Long-serving, friendly and always popular drinking den for bears and their pals.

11. Ku Bar Frith Street

25 Frith Street, WC2A 7BA

Affectionately known as 'Baby Ku', spread over two floors, the funky basement bar is a pleasing plateau of comfy seats, plasma screens, great lighting and a diverse clientele. Not forgetting the hot boys behind the bar!

12. Molly Moggs

2 Old Compton Street, W1D 4TB

Offering not only a warm and friendly atmosphere, Molly Moggs also has a packed event programme across the week, generally involving singing and sequins. A cosy, charming venue that, whilst being predominantly gay, does also attract a mixed crowd to its cabaret shenanigans.

13. New Bloomsbury Set

76b Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG

A gorgeous spot for socializing nestled in the heart of bustling Bloomsbury. Pulling in a diverse mix of suave and sophisticated gays, from professionals to students, the cushioned cubby holes are great for big groups or an intimate date.

14. Retro Bar

2 George Court, WC2H 6HH

A hidden gem that brings a slice of 'Shoreditch cool' to the West

End. A laid-back, trendy but unpretentious crowd, chillin' to indie and retro tunes.

15. Rupert Street

50 Rupert Street, W1D 6DR

This popular bar has a sophisticated and stylish clientele, with a diverse food menu during the day and live DJs playing to a packed-out venue at the weekend. A favourite pre-clubbing destination.

16. Yard

57 Rupert Street, W1D 7PL

A wonderful, relaxed venue with a gorge New York style loft-bar, Soho's ONLY smoking balcony and courtyard, plus a bevy of beautiful boys, professional gayers and everyone in-between.

LATE BARS

17. Manbar

79 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0NE

One of the newest bars on the scene with sexy lighting and a hot, funky crowd. A range of events every evening, from talent nights to bear clubs, with DJs, buzzing beats and the works.

18. Circa

62 Frith Street, W1D 3JN

Cozy club/bar off Soho Square, featuring super-friendly staff and a buzzing atmosphere. DJs play pop and clubber beats, with a late license until 1am. Worth checking out for the amazing mirror-ball DJ booth alone!

19. Edge

11 Soho Square, W1D 3QE

Featuring four gorgeous floors of bar and club action; a great place for after work drinks and a haven for pretty young things/polysexual party peeps at the weekend, plus top DJs. Not forgetting their super late license on Friday and Saturday nights until 3am!

20. Escape

10 Brewer Street, W1F 0SE

A late night, ever-popular cozy dance bar with music videos and DJs.

21. Freedom

66 Wardour Street, W1F 0TA

A polysexual, two-floor bar that caters to many a well-heeled gayer and their trendy hetero acquaintances. There's also a glitzy disco downstairs with club nights, live performances and more.

22. The Green Carnation

4-5 Greek Street, W1D 4DD

Opulent, refined, slick and sexy, the upstairs is deliciously decadent and full of well-heeled gayers, whilst the ground floor is much clubbier.

23. Ku Bar Lisle Street and Ku Klub

30 Lisle Street, WC2H 7BA

A wonderful, three-floor bar/club with a diverse crowd of party pumpin' pretties. Upstairs has the gorgeous champagne bar, perfect for private parties, the ground floor is regularly heaving, and the Ku Klub is open 7 days a week with different themed nights of pop tuneage. The beautiful bar boys will have your mouths watering.

24. Village

81 Wardour Street, W1D 6QD

A three-floored wonder of stunning Soho socialites enjoying chilled-out drinks.

CLUBS

25. G-A-Y Late

5 Goslett Yard, WC2H 0EA

The late night version of its Old Compton Street sister, which sticks to the winning formula of top pop, plasma screens, hot boys and flirty girls – but continues until the early hours of the morning!

26. Heaven

Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG

Probably the most famous gay disco on Earth! Boasting five rooms of sounds, this legendary venue caters to a wild mix, from polysexual and studenty crowds to mad trannies and muscle boys, with plenty of special events and wild parties, including G-A-Y

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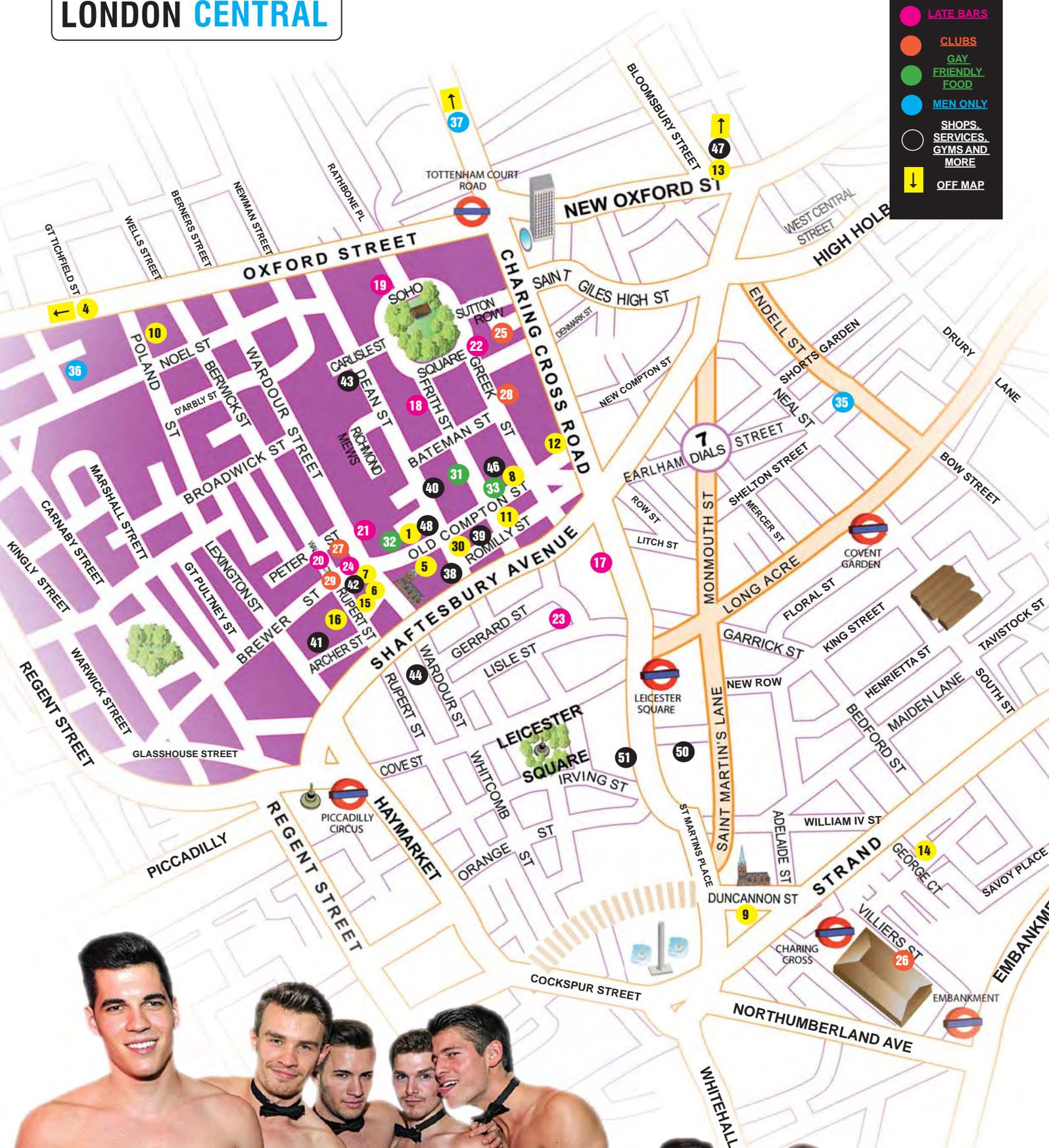
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every Thursday (Porn Idol), Friday (Camp Attack), pop artists perform live or regular themes every Saturday, and dance night Popcorn every Monday. Playing the best in pop, dance, R&B and anything you can shimmy to.

27. Madame Jojos 8-10 Brewer Street, W1F 0SE

A legendary Soho venue that exudes an opulent air of glamour, with various nights of kitsch cabaret, top live music, club nights, including the wonderful Trannyshack every Wednesday.

28. Miabella 12-13 Greek Street, W1D 4DJ

A sexy Soho boutique lounge club, host to glam nights such as the eternally popular Room Service, every Thursday.

29. Shadow Lounge 5 Brewer Street, W1F 0RF

The spiritual home of the swish, stylish scene queen, this decadent club de jour is pumping seven nights a week with glamorous louche loungers and dancefloor divas alike. The weekends are packed with cocktail-sipping, air-kissing urbanites and more than a few celeb clienteles nestled in the enclaves. With top DJs, and a trendy selection of music, it's open to all, but there are plenty of benefits for members.

GAY-FRIENDLY FOOD

31. @Siam 48 Frith Street, W1D 4SF

A contemporary Thai restaurant in the heart of Soho, @Siam offers gorgeous surroundings with a great atmosphere and an authentic, memorable Thai dining experience. With swanky modern décor, well-dressed staff and a menu crammed with a selection of eclectic food choices, @Siam is a delicious and affordable option in the heart of Soho.

32. Balans 60-62 Old Compton Street, W1D 4UG

London's queen of gay-friendly dining, slap-bang in the heart of Soho's gay village. Featuring a varied menu of modern international cuisine, superb cocktails, fine wine list and

late night/early morning dining. Quite simply the place to be seen with Cosmo in hand and hot boy in tow.

33. Balans Café 24 Old Compton Street, W1D 4TP

You can always spot an array of trendy Sohoites, media types and gays about town enjoying a breakfast, brunch or late night snack in this buzzing café.

MEN ONLY

35. Sauna Bar 29 Endell Street, WC2H 9BA

Does exactly what it says on the tin – a fab sauna and bar for boozing and cruising. Includes spa, sauna, steam room, cabins, video lounge and massage services, in a discreet location in the bustling Covent Garden, just a hop, skip and a jump away from Soho. A perfect way to release some after work tension.

36. Sweatbox 1-2 Ramillies Street, W1F 7LN

A sauna, gym and emporium of spa therapies and massages all under one roof, this ultra modern, men-only space also holds regular club events such as foam parties, with 1-day and weekend passes, plus monthly and annual memberships available. Open until 2am weeknights and 24 hours over the weekend.

37. Vault 139 Whitfield Street, SW1W 0HH

A cruise bar where you can have drinks at the bar and unwind in front of the movie screens or wander the dark corridors and hidden vaults to discover secret treasures. There's also themed nights of nudity and underwear-only. Just a stone's throw from Soho.

SHOPS, SERVICES, GYMS AND MORE...

38. 56 Dean Street 56 Dean Street, W1D 6AQ

A welcoming, ultra modern and very friendly sexual health clinic that offers both walk-in and appointment services. With

fast HIV testing, Hepatitis B vaccinations, free condoms, emergency contraception and advice.

39. Clone Zone 35 Old Compton Street, W1D 5JX

A gay man's shopping paradise, featuring DVDs, toys, clothes, underwear, books, magazines and more. Plus, head to the basement downstairs for a feast of strictly adults-only goodies, such as porn, DVDs, dildos, plus fetish/bondage gear.

40. Dean Street Express 35 Dean Street, Soho, W1D 6AQ

If only all sexual health services were so forward-thinking! The walk-in service that allows you to register quickly, and get tested faster by doing your own swabs for STIs. Results get texted to your phone. Open Monday-Sunday. HIV tests may take a little longer.

41. Centred Unit 1, 10-11 Archer Street, W1D 7AZ

Kairos in Soho (KiS) is a registered charity and community development organization with the long-term vision of a society where every LGBT person is able to live free from prejudice, harassment and discrimination. Providing a safe place, and a range of activities to develop a sense of community, a support network and wider social and strategic change.

42. Prowler 5-7 Brewer Street, W1F 0RF

The number one stop for your every gay need; ranging from toys to clothes, books to DVDs and a dedicated section for porn, Prowler have got it all! Located in the heart of Soho, Prowler offers a comfortable, easy shopping space with friendly staff on hand to ensure you find exactly what you need.

43. Soho Salon 5 Carlisle Street, W1D 3BJ

This chic, modern, family business offers a wide range of treatments, with friendly staff that adhere to the highest standards. There are laser treatments for hair reduction, thread veins, acne or skin rejuvenation, plus micodermabrasion, oxygen facials and more. Other male

grooming treatments include waxing and sugaring, or you can choose from a range of massages.

44. Turning Point 32a Wardour Street, Soho, W1D 6QR

This leading health and social care organization provides help for those affected by drug and alcohol misuse, mental health problems and those with learning disabilities. They offer a 'Smart Muscle Service' for users of performance and image enhancing drugs every Tuesday from 6-9pm.

46. Outlet 32 Old Compton Street, W1D 4TP

Gay accommodation agency to suit all budgets and tastes, from holiday accommodation to long-term rentals and more.

47. Gay's The Word 66 Marchmont Street, Bloomsbury, WC1N 1AB

Not just the UK's only gay bookshop, it's also a wonderful resource of gay literature and information, from serious to camp. There are also regular readings, meetings and a real community vibe. A little walk from Soho but worth it!

48. Fifty&Dean 50 Old Compton Street, W1D 4UB

Featuring men's designer underwear, loungewear, streetwear and other goodies upstairs and R18 DVDs, sex toys and adult playthings down in the basement, with a cool industrial-style decor to boot!

50. Extreme Needle 36 StMartin's Court, Covent Garden, WC2N 4AL

Offering a different kind of prick than perhaps the type you're used to, Extreme Needle has two studios in central London that boast professional and artistic tattoo design and body piercing.

51. Leicester Square Theatre 6 Leicester Place, WC2H 7BX

Located minutes from Soho, Leicester Square Theatre presents a varied mix of shows, from camp cabaret featuring London's finest drag talent to Hollywood a-listers via outrageously camp pantos.