

London Gay Village Guide

Central London

BARS

1. Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street, W1D 4UB

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

2. Her Upstairs

18 Kentish Town Road, NW1 9NX

A sparkling cabaret bar in the heart of Camden! Created by the community, for the community.

3. Comptons of Soho, 52 Old

Compton Street, W1D 6HJ

The Grand Dame of Old Compton Street. This ever-busy drinking den has a cruising downstairs with circular bar, plus a loungeier, grandiosely furnished upstairs. Great music, and they often show live rugby/football matches for the butcher fellas.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. King's Arms

23 Poland Street, W1F 8QL

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

9. Ku Bar Soho

25 Frith Street, WC2A 7BA

This funky bar is a pleasing plateau of comfy seats, plasma screens, great lighting and a diverse clientele. Not forgetting the hot boys behind the bar!

10. Compton Cross

2 Old Compton Street, W1D 4TB

Formerly the much-loved Molly Moggs, The Compton Cross still does drag shows on Sundays! While being predominantly gay, it does also tend to attract a more mixed crowd to its cabaret shenanigans.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Yard

57 Rupert Street, W1D 7PL

A gorgeous New York style loft-bar,

Soho's ONLY smoking balcony and courtyard, plus a bevy of beautiful boys, professional gayers and everyone in-between.

15. Central Station

37 Wharfdale Road, N1 9SD

A cosy queer watering hole nestled in the heart of Kings Cross. Take the edge off with a beer by their roaring fire, or enjoy their live entertainment, great food and roof terrace.

16. She Soho 23a Old

Compton Street, W1D 3BJ

London's only lesbian bar, slap-bang in the middle of Soho. A range of diverse nights, from karaoke to cabaret to resident DJs spinning hot tunes to an up-for-it dance floor.

LATE BARS

17. Them Downstairs

18 Kentish Town Road, NW1 9NX

Her Upstairs's bolschy big sister, home to mad weekly club nights like trans/drag extravaganza, Bombshell!

18. Circa

62 Frith Street, W1D 3JN

Club/bar just 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!

20. 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.

21. Ku Bar Lisle Street and Klub

30 Lisle Street, WC2H 7BA

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

21. Light Lounge

1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR

A thoroughly cosmopolitan cocktail bar close to Chinatown, with a menu full of daring and inventive concoctions. Happy hour every day between 5pm-8pm and all day Tuesday.

22. Village

81 Wardour Street, W1D 6QD

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

CLUB

23. 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, plasmas screens, hot boys and flirty girls – but continues until the early hours of the morning!

24. 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 drag queens and muscle boys, with plenty of special events and wild parties, including G-A-Y 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.

MEN ONLY

29. The Underground Club

37 Wharfdale Road, N1 9SD

North London's fetish destination, with nights and events to suit every weird and wonderful taste. 30. The Stable

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29 Endell Street, WC2H 9BA

A sophisticated 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.

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TEDS PLACE

West Londons only gay & transsexual club

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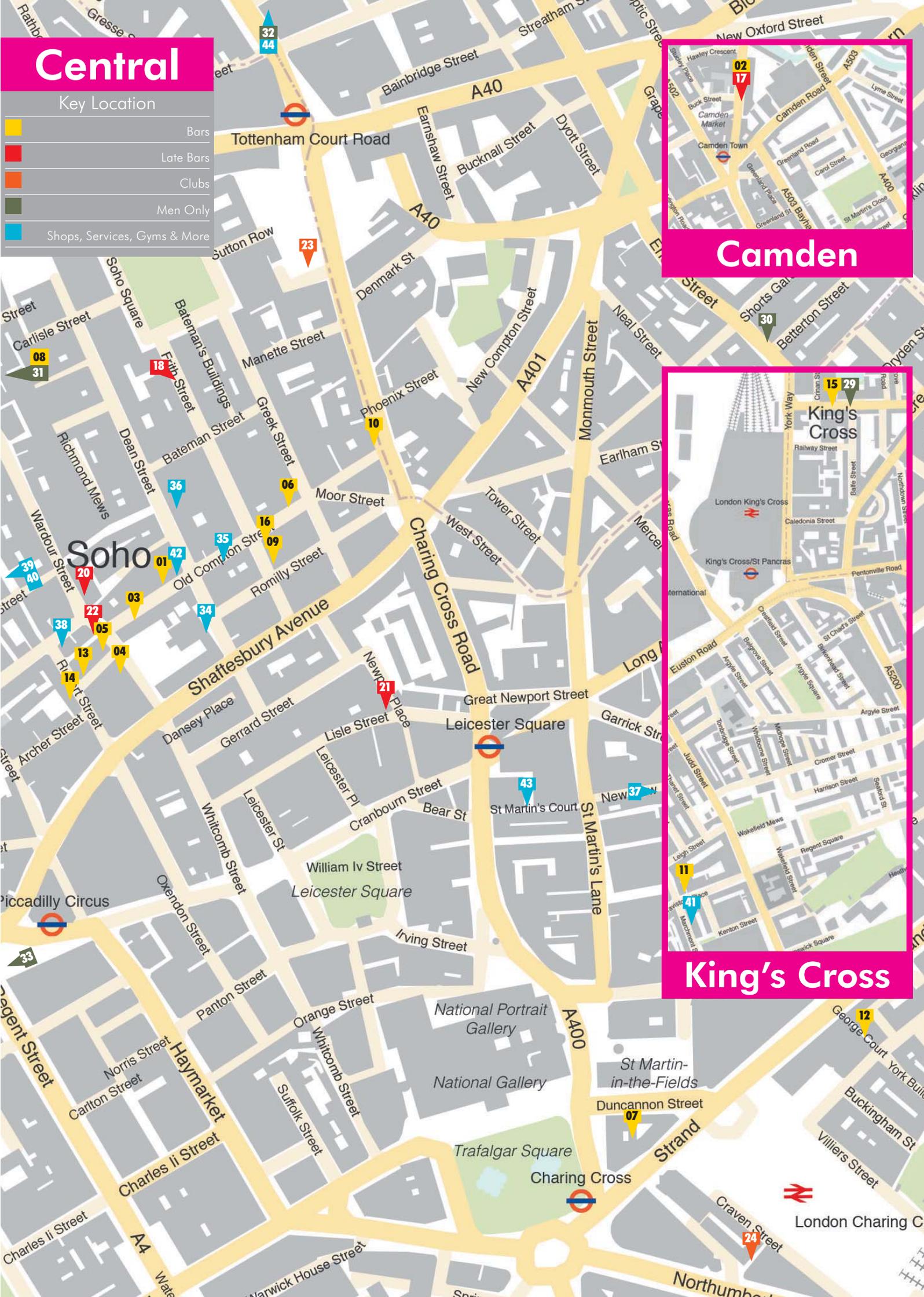
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Open until 1am
62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN

Central

Key Location

- Bars
- Late Bars
- Clubs
- Men Only
- Shops, Services, Gyms & More



Camden

King's Cross

Soho

King's Cross

31. 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.

**32. 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.

**33. Ted's Place
305 North End Rd, Fulham W14 9NS**

A friendly, welcoming basement bar, run by the lovely Ted. With a mix of cruising, underwear and sports kit nights, as well as a pop T-Girl event on every Thursday!

**SHOPS, SERVICES, GYMS AND MORE...
34. 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, PrEP, PEP, Hepatitis

B vaccinations, free condoms, emergency contraception and advice.

**35. 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.

**36. Dean Street Express
35 Dean Street, 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.

**37. Liberation
49 Shelton Street, WC2H 9HE**

The flagship store of latex fashion brand Libidex, it stocks a massive range of rubber clothing, accessories and adult toys. Friendly staff are always on hand to help fresh faces to fetishwear or those looking for something specific.

**38. 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.

**39. X-it Soho
2 Silver Place, Soho, W1F 0JP**

Husband and wife team Sean and Tracy Miller own and run a this unique salon in the heart of Soho. Unlike most traditional salons who offer a variety of treatments, they specialise in hair removal and use the ancient Egyptian art of sugaring to give a less painful and more thorough treatment.

**40. Face Clinic/Soho Skin
7 Silver Place, Soho, W1F 0JT**

Just a 5 minute walk from Carnaby Street, you'll find the London Face Clinic. Specialising in a multitude of treatments including wrinkle treatments, dermal fillers, microdermabrasion and sweating treatments. They also offer skin tag and wart removal, if you have a little something you want taken care of! Soho Skin is a boutique clinic offering the best in skincare and beauty. Step inside our doors and you'll find a choice of advanced facials, nail and beauty services to make you look your best; with our shelves stocked with the latest pampering products from REN, our advanced skincare line by ZO Skin Health, and

a kaleidoscope of colour from Morgan Taylor nail paints.drop

**41. 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!

**42. 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!

**43. Extreme Needle
36 St Martins Court, Covent Garden, WC2N 4AL**

Hidden down a passageway in the West End, Extreme Needle covers all your body piercing and tattooing needs in a quirky, trinket-filled environment. It's staffed by a team of professional and creative artists who are happy to take on any task, big or small.

**44. Freedom Shop,
Capper Street, WC1E 6JB**

Super good value store for all your sexual needs! With special lube and condom packs.

