

## 24 HOURS IN LONDON'S SOHO - HOW TO DINE FROM MORNING 'TIL NIGHT

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Nestled in the bustling heart of London, Soho pulsates with electric energy, enticing visitors with its kaleidoscope of restaurants, pubs, bars, and shopping experiences at the epicentre of London's dining scene. Traverse through its streets, where renowned eateries mingle with hidden gems, a microcosm of London's diverse dining culture awaits. What better way to explore this iconic neighbourhood than a full day of eating and drinking? This insider guide will highlight how to savour 24 hours in Soho; from eggs 'n bacon in the morning to sipping cocktails in a speakeasy at night.

### Morning

**10am:** Commence your Soho sojourn with a stop at the small but mighty 'caf', **The Breakfast Club**, renowned for its legendary Full English Breakfast, aptly named 'The Full Monty'. Amidst the quirky decor and smell of frying bacon, the cheerful chatter of Soho regulars and visitors alike provides a jolly atmosphere to start the day. Or hit up **Flat White**, an antipodean-style coffee shop, popular with locals for its banana bread as much as a dose of caffeine in the morning.

**11am:** For an alternative mid-morning meal, head to **Dishoom Carnaby** for the iconic Bacon Naan Roll accompanied by bottomless Masala Chai. The outdoor terrace on Kingly Street also provides an ideal location to take in the morning sun whilst partaking in a spot of people-watching over breakfast. Or take in a hearty Shakshuka or Fattah accompanied by freshly baked pitta bread at **Imad's Syrian Kitchen** to fuel up for a busy day of shopping on the streets of Soho. Those with a sweet tooth should head to **buns from home** for hand rolled croissant buns or **Crumbs & Dollies** for a decadent spread of cupcakes, cookies, and brownies.

**The Breakfast Club, 11 Berwick Street, Soho**

**Dishoom Carnaby, 22 Kingly Street, Soho**

**Imad's Syrian Kitchen, Top Floor, Kingly Court, Carnaby Street**

**buns from home, 63 Broadwick Street**

**Crumbs & Dollies, 1 Kingly Court, Carnaby Street**

**Flat White, 17 Berwick Street**

### Afternoon

**12pm:** After working up an appetite shopping at stores from the likes of **GANNI** to **Reckless Records**, visit **Bar Kroketa**, **Dehesa**, **Maresco**, or **Tapas Brindisa** for some of the best Spanish tapas in town. Each bringing a unique slice of Spanish bar culture to Soho and within walking distance of another; an ideal route for a tapas crawl along the streets of W1.



**2pm:** Spend an afternoon at the counter at **Kiln** to experience open-fire rural Thai cooking on a wood-burning kiln oven and grills. Or slurp up some noodles at **Ramo Ramen**, a Filipino-Japanese ramen house combining staple foods from Japan with the flavours of the Philippines.

**4pm:** Head to **Blue Posts** on Rupert Street for an afternoon pint, a Soho institution where people have been drinking for nearly 300 years. Imbibe British craft beers in the pub or venture upstairs to discover **The Mulwray** - a hidden wine bar specialising in fine and natural wines from the old world and the new.

**Bar Kroketa, 21 Beak Street**

**Dehesa, 25 Ganton Street**

**Marseco, 45 Berwick Street**

**Tapas Brindisa, 46 Broadwick Street**

**Kiln, 58 Brewer Street**

**Ramo Ramen, 28 Brewer Street**

**Blue Posts, 28 Rupert Street**

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### Evening

**6pm:** Kickstart the evening at **Kolamba** for Sri Lankan-style home cooking with a fiery blend of curries, sambols, and rotis. The menu is ideal for sharing family style or knocking back a couple of 'short eats' if dining solo or in a couple. For a special occasion, visit **Bébé Bob**, 'the most glamorous rotisserie restaurant' in town, for chicken, caviar, fine wine, and champagne. Or make a beeline to **Mountain**; a Michelin starred establishment with a showstopping menu including red prawns with house-made stracciatella and a crowd-pleasing whole lobster caldereta.

**8pm:** For a sit-down occasion, look no further than **Rita's** - a laidback restaurant where American Modern dining meets seasonal British produce. The drinks program is focused on low-intervention wines and cocktails made with organic spirits including rare tequilas and mezcal. Another must-visit for dinner is the recently opened **Donia** on the top floor of Kingly Court. The open kitchen and intimate dining room provide a buzzing backdrop to indulge in the very best of contemporary Filipino cooking via flavourful sharing plates and clever cocktails.

**Rita's, 49 Lexington Street**

**Kolamba, 21 Kingly Street**

**Donia, Top Floor, Kingly Court, Carnaby Street**

**Mountain, 16-18 Beak Street**

**Bebe Bob, 37 Golden Square**

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### Late



Soho is renowned for its vibrant nightlife and diverse range of bars, making it the perfect destination for bar hopping. The venues often stay open late into the night, providing plenty of opportunities for revellers to continue into the early hours of the morning.

**10pm:** Spend the evening at the drinking den of the Scoundrels, **Cahoots**, or head to the legendary basement club at **Ronnie Scott's** - a hotspot for world-class jazz musicians. Music heads can also experience a line-up of live music and international DJs at **Hovarda**, an Aegean-inspired bar and restaurant serving cocktails and wines. For spectacular views over the Soho streets and skyline, visit **Flute** on the top floor of Broadwick Soho hotel. Sip on sophisticated libations in the opulent rooftop bar that features an ever-changing list of innovative cocktails.

**12am:** Visit **Speedboat Bar** for a taste of the bustling late-night canteens of Bangkok's own Chinatown. Open until 1 am on Fridays and Saturdays and playing Thai pop and rock beats to keep the party going.

**1am:** End the night at **SOMA**, an Indian-accented drinking den found in a basement on Denman Street. Open until 2am during weekdays and 3am during the weekend, the snug speakeasy is perfectly suited for indulging in leisurely cocktail sipping well into the night.

**Cahoots, 13 Kingly Court**

**Flute, The Broadwick Hotel, 20 Broadwick Street**

**Hovarda, 36-40 Rupert Street**

**Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street**

**Speedboat Bar, 30 Rupert Street**

**SOMA, 14 Denman Street**

### **About Soho**

Soho is a world-famous shopping and dining destination in the heart of London's West End, synonymous with culture, creativity and innovation. Made up of one square mile of vibrant interconnecting streets including the globally renowned Carnaby Street, it's home to a multi-dimensional mix of international flagships, independent boutiques and innovative, new concept stores. The epicentre of London's dining scene, its unique day-to-night hospitality offer comprises high-quality restaurants, cafés, bars and pubs.

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