



# HOBART

—With a reputation for world-class beer, whisky and wines, you're never far from a tasty tippie in Tasmania's capital. Local Danielle Ross Walls shows us where to go to enjoy a great-value drink—



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Hobart meets Tokyo in this funky bar with a focus on sake, Japanese beer, cocktails and whisky. The atmosphere is cosy and casual and the sake bottle chandelier is definitely Insta-worthy. On Sundays from 3-5pm, delight in \$15 jugs of Sapporo and \$8 Suntory Whisky Highballs teamed with \$3 serves of karaage chicken, which comes accompanied with Bar Wa Izakaya's special chilli miso.

**DON'T MISS:** Half-price oysters from 4-6pm daily.

[barwaizakaya.com](http://barwaizakaya.com)

## > RAINCHECK LOUNGE

This popular venue in trendy North Hobart features fine local wines, beers and spirits. The menu offers classic café dishes and modern Australian options along with their signature friendly service. Get extra lucky from 3-6pm Tuesday to Saturday with \$10 cocktails and \$8 tapas plates. They also serve breakfast, lunch and dinner – and their reputation for good coffee is widely known.

**DON'T MISS:** The Buddha bowl and beer deal for \$25 on Thursdays.

[rainchecklounge.com.au](http://rainchecklounge.com.au)

## > FERN TREE TAVERN

A 10-kilometre drive from the centre of town will have you breathing the fresh mountain air of kunanyi/Mount Wellington, surrounded by dramatic scenery of towering eucalypts and lush ferns. Halfway up the mountain, you'll be greeted with hearty country-style cooking and local beverages combined with genuine hospitality at this family-friendly tavern. From 4.30-6.30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Tasmanian beers are discounted. If you're not a beer fan, check out the wine list loaded with great Tassie reds and whites, single malt whiskies and gins. Families should arrive on Thursdays from 5.30pm, when kids under 12 eat free from the kid's menu.

**DON'T MISS:** The roast of the day – check the blackboard.

[fentreetavern.com.au](http://fentreetavern.com.au)



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## > THE LOUNGE BY FROGMORE CREEK

The sophisticated yet unpretentious atmosphere here makes it feel like a classy extension of your living room, albeit set in the stunning Macq01 complex with views of the city and waterfront sweeping up to kunanyi/Mount Wellington. At The Lounge by Frogmore Creek (sibling to the popular vineyard in Cambridge), you can relax on velvet sofas and, from 4-6pm Monday to Friday, spoil yourself with \$5 Stella Artois off the tap, plus \$10 Tassie wines and cocktails.

**DON'T MISS:** The "Clooney" Nespresso Martini.

[frogmorecreek.com.au](http://frogmorecreek.com.au)



### > BRUNSWICK HOTEL

This convict-built pub – thought to be the second oldest in Australia – opened as the Coach Inn in 1827 but is now a gastropub loved by locals. Enjoy your drinks by the original sandstone open fire or check out the rustic-chic backyard beer garden. From 4–6pm Fridays, treat yourself to selected schooners of draught and bubbles for only \$5. After a mid-week special? Every Wednesday night from 6pm, the pub offers a \$25 "Pint and Parmie" deal made with free-range, locally sourced chicken.

**DON'T MISS:** A schooner of Tassie's Captain Bligh's at happy hour prices. [brunswickhotelhobart.com.au](http://brunswickhotelhobart.com.au)

### > MR GOOD GUY

This vibrant, playful restaurant and bar, located in the CBD's Ibis Hotel, is known for its cocktail list featuring an infusion of Asian flavours and old favourites. If cocktails aren't your thing, you can access the best deals any day of the week from 4.30–5.30pm, with schooners of James Boag's beer, plus \$5 house wine and sparkling. Pair your beverages with small plates of South-East Asian street food, which utilises the best fresh Tasmanian produce.

**DON'T MISS:** The bao buns with fried chicken, pickled sweet potato and sesame.

[mrgoodguy.com.au](http://mrgoodguy.com.au)



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### > BAAA BAR

Close to the CBD and the waterfront, this cosy bar is set in the lobby of The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel. Relax at the end of a workday with their signature Black Devil craft beer for \$7.50, or from 5.30–6.30pm, you can get two glasses of house wine for the price of one. Schooners are also the price of a 10-ounce glass and each week the bar features one of their signature cocktails as a weekly special.

**DON'T MISS:** Two-for-one wines. [oldwoolstore.com.au](http://oldwoolstore.com.au)

### > RUDE BOY

If a cheeky Pina Colada is calling your name, take yourself on a journey at this funky Caribbean rum and food bar in the heart of the CBD. Here, the flamboyant décor complements cocktails with a difference. From 4–6pm daily, indulge in \$6 sparkling and lagers and the \$10 Rhubarb, Raspberry and Sparkling Spritz.

**DON'T MISS:** The "Rhineland" cocktail, featuring sustainable ingredients such as egg-shell soda. [rudeboyhobart.com.au](http://rudeboyhobart.com.au)

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