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## The 10 Best Drinking Cities in America

In certain towns, drinking isn't just some postwork activity—it's a pursuit of otherworldly libations, a quest for the perfect craft beer, a way to experience a city's history through its taverns and dive bars. It's places like these you travel to to soak up America's greatest pastime

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### San Francisco

The Eater's  
Drinking City

→ There are plenty of places in San Francisco where you can get a wedge of Mt. Tam paired with a nice Cabernet blend. But to me, that's not really drinking. I'm not saying all you need is a Bud and a bowl of pretzels (though often that'll do); I just mean that appreciating the harmony of food and wine is a different sort of pursuit than going out for a martini or three. Fortunately, in this city you can now get both: Where you seek out a good meal is where you'll find a grade-A cocktail.

**Absinthe**, a Hayes Valley bistro with a Belle Epoque-style bar, is my first stop when I'm in town. Waiting for my Point Reyes Kumamotos to be shucked, I sip a Daedalus, a head-clearing mix of Jameson, ginger syrup, and orange bitters that makes me forget I've been on a plane for six hours. The follow-up order is a consistently tasty *croque-monsieur*.



### Beyond Peanuts

The best snacks we ate to soak it all up

### Fried Chickpeas

Also supercrunchy and salty—a competitor with popcorn for best carby bar snack.  
*Where: Absinthe in San Francisco*

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