

### Irish Spirit

Choose your own adventure at The Dead Rabbit Grocery and Grog, an award-winning Irish saloon in the Financial District. You can have a classic Irish pub experience by drinking a beer at the downstairs taproom, where sawdust covers the floor, or try communal punch, small plates and legendary cocktails (the bar's own renditions of classic recipes from 1850-1900) at the upstairs parlor. No matter which space you choose to cozy up in, this bar is a must-visit on any trip to the Big Apple. | **The Dead Rabbit Grocery and Grog, 30 Water St., 646.422.7906**



### Playful Library

While chess sets, luxe leather sofas and a crackling fireplace at the Hudson Hotel's Library Bar set a sophisticated atmosphere, the lounge doesn't take itself too seriously. Gorgeous black-and-white portraits of cows wearing Chanel hats hung around the establishment and the royal purple pool table with a UFO-esque dome overhead add a playful touch to the library. Try the maple mojito for a spring twist on a classic summer cocktail that shows off the bartenders' creativity. | **Library Bar, 356 W. 58th St., 212.554.6217**

### Shanghai Speakeasy

A dark, tiny bar with no sign contains a little Chinese secret: baiju. Though most Americans have never heard of it, baiju is one of the most consumed liquors in the world and it's the focus at Lumos. The bar makes the grain-based Chinese spirit more palatable in innovative cocktails, like the Dirty Martini (*left, Shui Jing Fang baiju, Chinese pickled brine and salted plum*). On weekends, head to the exclusive back room for Shanghai-style burlesque and belly dancing. | **Lumos, 90 W. Houston St., 646.692.9866**



### Paddle Pros

Late nights of drinking and pong shed their frat boy image at SPiN, a social Ping-Pong club co-owned by actress Susan Sarandon. Games here consist of totally addictive competitions among friends with cocktails in hand. The space itself sets a cool mood, with live DJs, selfie stations and paintings by local artists. Costumes are encouraged (think: cheesy '80s athletic wear), especially on Friday nights during the "Dirty Dozen" tournament and dance contest. | **SPiN, 48 E. 23rd St., 212.982.8802**