

## Late Night Show

### **NEW DELHI**

WHAT? They are new; they are hip; and they cater to everyone. Check out the trending night haunts in the capital for an elevated clubbing experience.

#### THE HONG KONG CLUB

Far away in the Aerocity, Hong Kong Club or HKC (as it's affectionately called) is a Chinese-themed restaurant at the Andaz Hotel. The restaurant is housed in a glass pavilion and the dramatic interiors reflect Chinoiserie with a modern, sultry and sumptuous mood accentuated by art, woven around the love story of a young Indian sailor Arya and his love in Hong Kong, Li Na. The menu represents the modern Hong Kong Cantonese, and is inspired by the traditional dim sum teahouses, little restaurants at street corners and sophisticated fine-dining restaurants and bars in Hong Kong. The open kitchen celebrates the drama and artistry of the five chefs.

The bar, which forms the hub of the restaurant, is a striking spot to lounge with small plates and eclectic cocktails. It offers special cocktails, inspired by the twelve signs of the Chinese Zodiac. The restaurant also offers delightful and discreet hideaways for special occasions and intimate moments, in private dining rooms. The Hong Kong Club has a large variety of spectacular acts including exotic dancers, themed shows, aerialist and acrobats who perform regularly. So, plan your visit according to their schedule of artists and you won't be disappointed.

#### THE ELECTRIC ROOM

Set amid the peaceful oasis of The Lodhi Hotel, The Electric Room captivates with its electrifying concept. The night club promises a combination of daunting and eclectic genres of HKC offers special cocktails, inspired by the twelve signs of the Chinese Zodiac.



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[TOP TO BOTTOM] The dance area of the Electric Room; the spectacular bar of Noi; HKC's Lobster Crab Spinach Shumai and Bao Mixed Mushroom.



the delectable food and savoury drinks, which compete for attention with their state-of-the-art sound system. Being one of the few clubs in the city that is operational till dawn, the place with its electrifying red and black colour scheme paired with diffused lighting, is the place for your dance nights. The ritzy club is open all day and night and caters to any type of cravings — fantastic food, experimental cocktails and music. The booths fill up early, but you can stand, dance or just chat, though the music is addictive and will ultimately force you to jive. Their cocktails are fantastic. Since, they don't have a fixed menu, they will create anything you like. Start with classics, then become experimental. The line-up of artists at The Electric Room is very good. Fridays, it is Indie and Experimental music. After midnight, you can dance to the Club tunes and the Underground music that the DJs bring to the floor. Likewise, on Saturdays, there is Pop Rock and Hard Rock, and the DJs bring more underground music and Hip Hop.

music, played by the in-house DJ. Complemented with

#### NOI

Located in the heart of Delhi, The Chanakya now houses the city's newest high-spirited bar, Noi. The comfortable, family-friendly bar offers a good blend of fine spirits and delicious food. With the first-of-its-kind wine-on-the-tap concept in Delhi, Noi has an in-house DJ with eclectic music that's perfect for dancing. The space has been designed by the award-winning New York-based Rockwell group and features elegant dine-in areas and live cooking theatres, complemented by stellar wine and spirit offerings. The food menu is essentially of the popular MKT (an upscale food court of sorts) and therefore, has a variety of cuisines on offer. Choose eclectic small bites and pour your wine from the tap and enjoy before heading towards the ultra-luxurious cinema.

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# The Brewery Circuit

### **BENGALURU**

WHAT? Craft beer seems to be the new buzz in Bengaluru, what with the sudden boom in the number of microbreweries sprouting across the city. Plan a visit to any one of these to unwind and have a great time.

BIG BREWSKI BREWING COMPANY, HENNUR Well, this place has definitely made the headlines for being Asia's biggest brewpub, boasting of an expanse of 65,000 sq ft and design that reminisces of the classic European town square feel, created by renowned architect Soumitro Ghosh. Whether it is a relaxed brunch with family or nightout with friends, Big Brewski is great for all. As you step inside, get ready to be surprised by the multilevelled extravaganza of the brewpub, complete with a large flowing water body, an amphitheatre, fire torches in the pavilions and more. The brewery boasts of 16 types of home brews, while the large open kitchen spearheaded by celebrity Chef Sabyasachi Gorai dishes out global favourites. The thin crust pizzas are a popular choice, which comes from a massive wood fire pizza oven. What's more, they even make their own bread at the in-house patisserie. Craft cocktails stand out with all its syrups being made in house, from ingredients that comprise of fresh shrubs and herbs.

XOOX BREWMILL, KORAMANGALA The newly launched XOOX (pronounced Zooks) is a "live craft brewing space". Spread over 15,000 sq ft, it was previously an industrial mill. Designed by Jatin Hukkeri, Principal Architect, Workroom for Design + Architecture (WDA), the space exudes an elegant and classy feel. With tall glass windows, the space is lit with sunlight during the day. Existing truss work has been used, cladded with bricks and given a wood finish here. Their Apple Cider stands out in the menu, inspired from the French cider making process,



[CLOCKWISE FROM TOP] The interiors of XOXO Brewmill; the amphitheatre of Big Brewski Brewing Company; rooftop of Bangalore Brew Works and Big Brewski Brewing Company.



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with notes relatively fruity, sweet and pretentious with crisp aftertaste. Signature cocktails such as XOOX G&T, is unique due to the inclusion of Campari and a red wine reduction with grape. With a focus on global cuisine, the menu is dotted with Modern Indian, Western & Oriental dishes.

WANDERERS, KALYAN NAGAR Inspired by travellers, this craft brewery and artisanal cafe is great for social bonding or even catching up on some pending emails from work. Wanderers grabs the attention of passersby with its brick-clad facade and large windows. Step inside and you can choose to experience three levels of service, each with its own thematic ambience inspired by the wanderers of the seas, land and skies. From the hull shaped bar, to world maps, imagery of the seas and other memorabilia of travellers, Wanderers is designed of guests to relax. They offer authentic craft beers and cuisine that has popular global dishes. Interestingly the Indian cuisine is presented as region specific such as Trans Himalayan, Gangetic Plains and Deccan Plateau, among others. The menu also suggests the craft beer that pairs well with every dish. Another interesting feature is that you can 'Tap Your Beer' by just recharging the brewery's card, and swiping it over the display tab to pick your choice. Entertainment is vital, and Wanderers regularly hosts stand-up comedy nights, upcoming artists, storytelling sessions, pop-up markets and more.

BANGALORE BREW WORKS, RESIDENCY ROAD Overlooking the beautiful city skyline, BBW is a rustic-style brewery. Designed by Aamir & Hameeda Associates, the decor uses raw finishes in its design elements, while industrial grunge comes alive with its furniture and decor. And with the rooftop pool in play, it doubles the fun factor instantly. Large white canopies spread over the entire space allows you to take in the best of the outdoor space, even when the weather takes a turn. Crafted beer and certain signature dishes take inspiration from the local flavours. While its beers are titled after the city's streets like Brigade Lager or Commercial Stout, its 'Bombat Bangalore' menu offers region specials such as Chicken Ghee Roast or Mangaluru Masala Prawn Fry. These local dishes are a must try. The latest from its brewery is the Quinoa beer, which is wonderfully light, pairs well with most foods and is gluten-free. BBW also offers Seasonal Ales and beers, including interesting ones such as Mango Beer and Christmas Ale.

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