

# BUDGET and BLOWOUT guide to Manchester

Manchester's edgy bars and stylish restaurants offer plenty of choices to perk up jaded palates

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Manchester was once reputed to have more restaurants and bars per square mile than any other city in the UK. Even today, the city's eat-out landscape boasts an exciting mix of traditional pubs, Michelin-starred restaurants, clubs and bars.

## BUDGET



\* **Katsouris Deli** in the city centre serves mouthwatering chicken piri-piri sandwiches stuffed with an entire chicken breast for around £3. (Tel: +161 819 1260). Only soups at **Shlurp** – perfect for a light lunch treat. Don't miss their amazing broths made from Asian chicken, the smoked haddock and corn chowder. Priced from £2.75 to £3.75. (shlurp.co.uk)



\* Hearty British pub fare – that's **Mr. Thomas's Chop House**. Don't miss the onion soup, £5.99, and corned beef hash, £12.99. Its secret recipe takes 10 days to make! (tomsmanchester.thevictorianchophousecompany.com) \* The fun never stops at **Sapporo Teppanyaki** as you sit around the chef's iron griddle. Try a Manchester roll, made of swordfish for £8.75. (sapporo.co.uk)



\* The legendary **Dry Bar** is a must visit. Established by Factory Records in the mid 1980s, it's a great place to combine music and a pint of beer at £3.30. (Tel: +161 236 9840) \* The eclectic décor of the **Odd Bar** is offset perfectly by its tasty bar snacks and cocktails. The Terre Cortese Marche Bianco is £2.95 for a small glass. At night, the beats of indie pop reign supreme. (oddbar.co.uk)



\* Overlooking the Piccadilly Gardens, the **Ramada Manchester Piccadilly** is situated in the city centre, making it the perfect location to discover one of the liveliest cities of the North. Rooms from £80. (ramada.com) \* **Old Trafford Lodge** at the Lancashire County Cricket Club boasts 68 rooms with sweeping views of the Old Trafford cricket pitch, £54 per room. (oldtraffordlodgehotel.co.uk)



\* Check out the **Arndale Market** located in the city's Northern quarter for food at budget prices, right from organic breads to speciality teas. (manchestearndale.com) \* The twice-monthly **Real Food Market** at Piccadilly Gardens is a great place to buy everything from fresh meats to confectionary. Treat yourself to farm-baked cakes and pies or choose from soups, patties and sausages. (manchestermarkets.com).

## BLOWOUT



\* The elegant restaurant **Room** in the city centre is where you should go for classic dishes served with great style. A meal here brings back memories of old fashioned dishes such as prawn cocktail £7.95, lamb moussaka £17.50, coq au vin and crab on toast, both at £8. (roomrestaurants.com)



\* You cannot miss a meal at **French**, the city's best French restaurant. Former recipient of a Michelin star, (the city's first) it serves authentic French food in a regal environment. Classics such as the Chateaubriand are available at £69 for two. (Tel: +161-236-3333)



\* Step out of the super-fast elevators at the Hilton and you are sure to be entranced by the view and the stylish décor of **Cloud 23**, Manchester's first 'sky bar'. The cocktails like Sally Cinnamon (a brandy and cider concoction) are worth a try at £9 upwards. (cloud23bar.com)



\* The choice of the swish set, the **Malmaison Hotel's** black and red décor is reminiscent of the Moulin Rouge. This one-time warehouse is now a gorgeous boutique hotel and the perfect venue for business trips or luxury breaks. Rooms from £105 upwards. (malmaison.com)



\* The annual **Feast Market** sells fresh produce from fudge to French baguettes, and offers a wonderful open-air shopping experience for lunch on the move and a novel way to purchase eclectic foods under one roof. (manchestermarkets.com)

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