



COLMORE BUSINESS DISTRICT

# FOOD & DRINK GUIDE



# Introduction

Colmore Business District (CBD) is home to an excellent variety of hospitality and food and drink businesses. The venues in Birmingham's business quarter range from fine dining restaurants, hotels and coffee shops to bars and real ale pubs. There are also great options for food on the go. CBD has plenty to offer in international cuisine, including French, Indian, Thai and Nepalese. Many of the businesses are independent, including a Michelin starred restaurant.

This guide provides a short profile on each food and drink venue in CBD. There is also a map of the area in the centre of the guide, which pinpoints the venue locations.

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# Places to visit

**Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery** (BMAG) first opened in 1885. It is housed in a Grade II\* listed landmark building. There are over 40 galleries to explore that display art, applied art, social history, archaeology and ethnography.

[www.bmag.org.uk](http://www.bmag.org.uk)

**Whitewall Galleries** on Colmore Row presents a great portfolio of artists, ranging from top international names and award winners such as Rolf Harris CBE, Sherree Valentine Daines and Fabian Perez to new talents including Todd White, Gary Benfield and Remi LaBarre. The gallery is continually sourcing new artists from around the world to ensure that the walls remain fresh, cutting edge and exciting.

[www.whitewallgalleries.com](http://www.whitewallgalleries.com)

**Birmingham Cathedral** was designed in 1715 by the English Baroque architect, Thomas Archer. It is located within beautiful grounds, one of the only green spaces in the city centre. The cathedral has a series of exquisite stained glass windows designed by Edward Burne-Jones, who was born nearby on Bennetts Hill. Burne-Jones was one of the later Pre-Raphaelite artists.

[www.birminghamcathedral.com](http://www.birminghamcathedral.com)

**The Old Joint Stock Theatre** (80 seats) is situated above The Old Joint Stock Pub, on the top floor of a beautiful nineteenth century building that used to be a private bank. The theatre hosts an excellent range of shows including music nights, comedy nights and plays.

[www.oldjointstocktheatre.co.uk](http://www.oldjointstocktheatre.co.uk)

# Restaurants



## ASHA'S RESTAURANT

0121 200 2767 | [www.ashasuk.co.uk](http://www.ashasuk.co.uk)  
Edmund House 12-22 Newhall Street B3 3LX

Included in the Michelin Guide from 2009 to date and winner of 11 prestigious awards, Asha's Restaurant offers the best in authentic Indian cuisine. It has a range of superb signature cocktails, a great ambience and offers excellent service for customers!

## CHI BAR & GRILL

0121 233 3150 | [www.chibar.co.uk](http://www.chibar.co.uk)  
61 Newhall Street B3 3RB

A stylish grill bar that is a perfect mix between a restaurant and a chill out lounge. If you want sleek surroundings, unbeatable authentic flavours of coal fuelled Tandoori meats and naan breads, all without spending ££s, then this is the place for you.

## HOTEL DU VIN BISTRO

0121 200 0600 | [www.hotelduvin.com](http://www.hotelduvin.com)  
25 Church Street B3 2NR

Unique style and luxury in the heart of Colmore Business District. The Bistro is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner and offers a menu rooted in classic European cuisine with a contemporary edge.

## JOJOLAPA

0121 212 2511 | [www.jojolapa.co.uk](http://www.jojolapa.co.uk)  
55-59 Newhall Street B3 3RB

Jojolapa is a family run Nepalese restaurant, the first to bring Himalayan style cuisine to the Midlands. The extensive menu provides a careful selection of both spicy and subtle dishes allowing you to enjoy authentic Nepalese food prepared by master chefs with years of training in their native lands.

# Restaurants

## METRO BAR & GRILL

0121 200 1911 | [www.metrobarandgrill.co.uk](http://www.metrobarandgrill.co.uk)  
73 Cornwall Street B3 2DF

Award winning bar & restaurant that's become a city institution. Great grills & seafood and tempting bar plates sit alongside a superb wine & champagne list, plus real ales, chilled lagers and a full range of spirits. Drinking or eating, business or pleasure!



## OPUS RESTAURANT

0121 200 2323 | [www.opusrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.opusrestaurant.co.uk)  
54 Cornwall Street B3 2DE

Independent and market fresh, Opus Restaurant has an outstanding commitment to seasonality and sustainability. The daily changing, modern British menu is ingredient-led, reflecting what Chef Director David Colcombe buys from the markets every morning.



*'The kitchen's fondness for provenance shows'*  
The Good Food Guide 2012 2 AA rosettes.

## PRIMITIVO

0121 236 6866 | [www.primitivo-birmingham.co.uk](http://www.primitivo-birmingham.co.uk)  
10 Barwick Street B3 2NT

Indulge in delicious modern British cuisine with a hint of continental influences freshly prepared and cooked in Primitivo's open kitchen. With its charming and warm environment, buzzing atmosphere and friendly service, Primitivo is a great place for either corporate business meetings or dining with friends.



Refried beans or 'Frijoles Refritos' are actually only fried once! Frijoles Refritos actually means 'well-fried'.



## PURNELL'S

0121 212 9799 | [www.purnellsrestaurant.com](http://www.purnellsrestaurant.com)  
55 Cornwall Street B3 2DH

Purnell's is a chic, contemporary fine-dining restaurant, set up by Michelin starred Birmingham chef, Glynn Purnell in July 2007. The restaurant has its own bar and lounge area, for diners only, where a pre-dinner drink or after dinner coffee or digestif can be enjoyed on comfortable sofas.

## SAFFRON

0121 212 0599 | [www.saffronbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.saffronbirmingham.co.uk)  
126 Colmore Row B3 3AP

Saffron is a 60 seat restaurant that showcases Chef Patron, Sudha Saha's uncompromising quest to refine Indian cuisine. Saffron's lunch, pre-theatre, à la carte and five course taster menus are updated quarterly with the best quality seasonal ingredients.

## THE ASQUITH

0121 200 1588 | [www.theasquith.com](http://www.theasquith.com)  
11 Newhall Street B3 3NY

Glynn Purnell's second restaurant, The Asquith is located on Newhall Street in the heart of Birmingham's thriving business district. Head Chef Jason Eaves works closely with Glynn Purnell to offer classically French inspired cuisine, influenced by only the finest seasonal produce.

## THE THAI ORCHID BIRMINGHAM

0121 212 1000 | [www.thaiorchidbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.thaiorchidbirmingham.co.uk)  
7 Bennetts Hill B2 5ST

A Thai oasis within Colmore Business District, offering lunchtime buffets and an impressive à la carte menu. A vast array of authentic dishes from all over Thailand is served. All food is prepared using traditional Thai ingredients and fresh produce.

# Restaurants

# R e s o ur c e s B a r s

## ALL BAR ONE

0121 212 2551 | [www.allbarone.co.uk](http://www.allbarone.co.uk)  
43 Newhall Street B3 3NY

All Bar One on Newhall Street is a vibrant city centre bar where you can eat, drink and escape the stresses of the day with laidback sophistication. The iconic homemade burgers, fresh tapas and lazy brunches make the bar what it is.

## BUSHWACKERS

0121 236 4994 | [www.bushwackers.co.uk/birmingham](http://www.bushwackers.co.uk/birmingham)  
Lower Ground Floor & Basement, Exchange Building,  
103 Edmund Street B3 2HZ

Birmingham Bushwackers is a bar and grill with a refurbished terrace. The comprehensive lunch menu boasts a great range of meals to suit all tastes. In the evenings, Bushwackers turns into a trendy bar with drinks promotions and a great value à la carte menu in the restaurant.

## EDMUND'S LOUNGE BAR & EATERY

0121 200 2423 | [www.edmundsbar.co.uk](http://www.edmundsbar.co.uk)  
106-110 Edmund Street B3 2ES

Edmund's is about relaxed drinking and dining in comfortable surroundings. Whether it's a lunchtime snack, or evening meal, you'll be suitably impressed by the food. There is a great range of continental beers and top quality traditional cask ales along with wines from around the world and cocktail list.

## GINGER'S BAR

0121 200 1588 | [www.gingersbar.co.uk](http://www.gingersbar.co.uk)  
11 Newhall Street B3 3NY

Ginger's Bar is a sleek cocktail bar and lounge. This latest venture by Glynn Purnell has been launched to complement The Asquith restaurant located in the same venue. The theme of the cocktail bar is adapted from the Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire era and has a relaxed Manhattan vibe throughout.



## PUB DU VIN

0121 200 0600 | [www.hotelduvin.com/pubs](http://www.hotelduvin.com/pubs)  
25 Church Street B3 2NR

Imagine a traditional British pub with a Hotel du Vin twist. Pub du Vin offers local ales from Kinver, Purity and ABC to name a few, all served in traditional pewter tankards with classic English pub dishes or rustic sandwiches.



## THE JEKYLL & HYDE

0121 236 0345 | [www.thejekyllandhyde.co.uk](http://www.thejekyllandhyde.co.uk)  
28 Steelhouse Lane B4 6BJ

The Jekyll & Hyde is a quirky intimate city centre public house. Enjoy fantastic home cooked food, amazing cocktails and real ales. The Victorian inspired first floor Gin Parlour has the Midlands' largest selection of Global Gins.



## THE OLD CONTEMPTIBLES

Nicholson's Pubs  
0121 200 3310 | [www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk](http://www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk)  
176 Edmund Street B3 2HB

You'll find all the best traditions of the great British pub residing within The Old Contemptibles' historic walls: a superb range of cask ale from breweries far and wide, quality pub food, a first-class service and a warm and vibrant atmosphere, all set in a beautiful building.



## THE OLD JOINT STOCK PUB & THEATRE

0121 200 1892 | [www.oldjointstocktheatre.co.uk](http://www.oldjointstocktheatre.co.uk)  
4 Temple Row West B2 5NY

The Old Joint Stock Pub & Theatre is a delightful grade two listed building. It houses a fantastic pub and theatre venue, offering the full range of Fuller's Classic Cask Ales, delicious food, including speciality pies, and superb entertainment in the theatre.





## THE OLD ROYAL

0121 200 3841  
53 Church Street B3 2DP

The Old Royal offers classic pub grub and great value cask ales, all within a traditional British pub setting.

## THE SQUARE PEG

0121 236 6530  
[www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk/home/pubs/the-square-peg](http://www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk/home/pubs/the-square-peg)  
115 Corporation Street B4 6PH

The Square Peg offers a mix of traditional British meals, popular international dishes and a range of regional and global beers, wines and ciders.

## THE WELLINGTON

0121 200 3115 | [www.thewellingtonrealale.co.uk](http://www.thewellingtonrealale.co.uk)  
37 Bennetts Hill B2 5SN

The Wellington is a specialist real ale pub. As a freehouse, The Wellington is able to buy beer from any supplier and so obtains brews from all over the country, including the many excellent breweries in the West Midlands.

## UTOPIA

## THE COUNTRY BAR

0121 233 3666 | [www.bar-utopia.co.uk](http://www.bar-utopia.co.uk)  
16 Church Street B3 2NP

Utopia the Country Bar has a comprehensive range of cocktails as well as an extensive selection of wine to enjoy by itself or to accompany one of its meals.

The most popular pub name in Britain is "Red Lion", with "The Crown" following closely behind.



Bars and Pubs Guide



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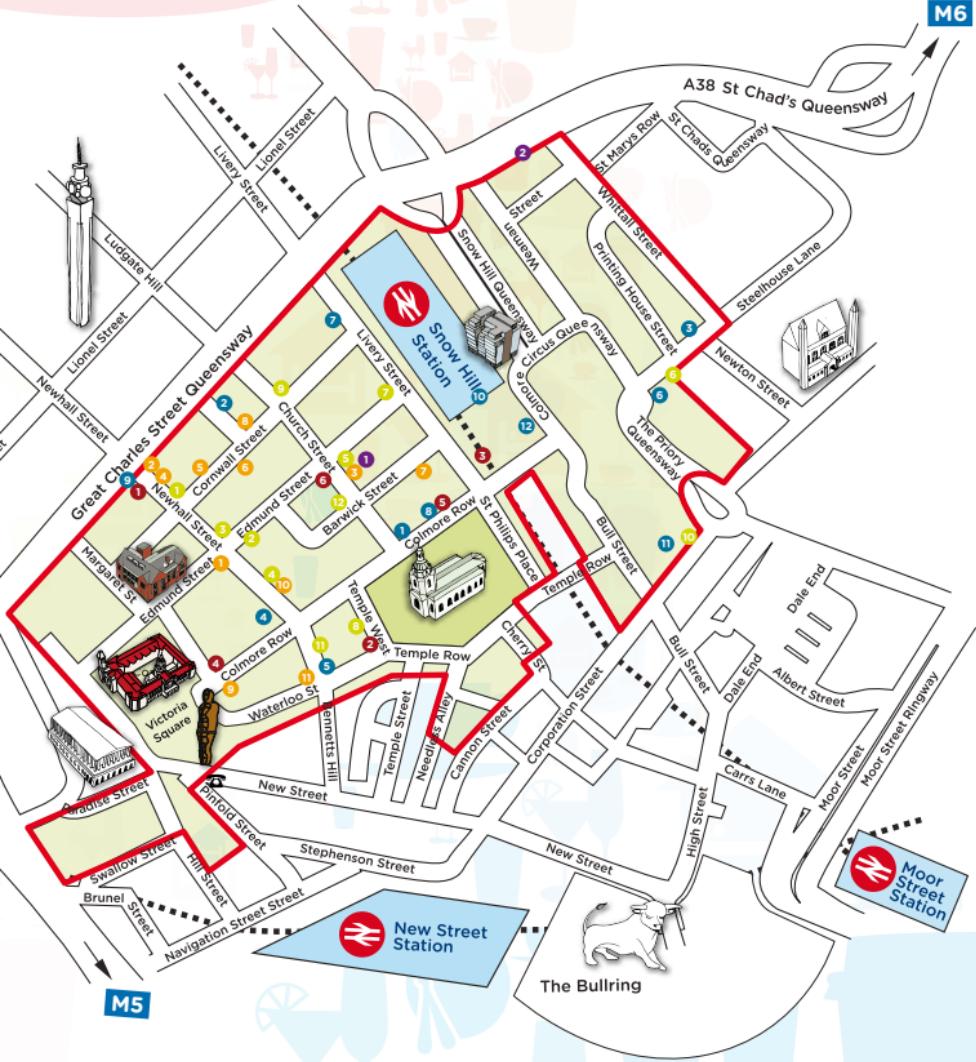
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# Hotels

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## HOTEL DU VIN

0121 200 0600 | [www.hotelduvin.com](http://www.hotelduvin.com)  
25 Church Street B3 2NR

Unique style and exquisite luxury in the heart of Colmore Business District. The previously disused Birmingham Eye Hospital was converted to provide 66 rooms around a courtyard. The Bistro is open seven days a week.

## THISTLE BIRMINGHAM CITY

0871 376 9005 | [www.thistle.com/Birmingham](http://www.thistle.com/Birmingham)  
St Chad's Queensway B4 6HY

Thistle Birmingham City is located 2 minutes from Snow Hill Station and is perfect for business or leisure purposes. Monty's Brasserie is a superb restaurant for business or dining with friends, with a warm welcome and view to St Chad's Cathedral. Whimsey's Bar, Lounge & Terrace offers guests a more laid-back dining experience.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the oldest hotel still in operation is the Hoshi Ryokan, in the Awazu Onsen area of Komatsu, Japan which opened in AD718.



# Top agent sous parties

## CAFÉ COSTES

0121 236 6072 | [www.cafecostes.co.uk](http://www.cafecostes.co.uk)  
58 Newhall Street B3 3RJ

Eat, drink and relax is the ethos at Café Costes. There is a great selection of teas, coffees, and deli style food prepared by their Baristas and chefs. Café Costes is an independent café, boasting space, style and service, along with a mean cappuccino!

## CAFFÈ NERO

0121 233 9800 | [www.caffenero.com](http://www.caffenero.com)  
42-47 Waterloo Street B2 5QB

A European style coffee house, offering premium espresso-based gourmet coffee and authentic Italian food products, all in a relaxing atmosphere.

## COSTA COFFEE

0121 233 3041 | [www.costa.co.uk](http://www.costa.co.uk)  
7 Colmore Row B3 2BJ

Costa Coffee provides great coffee, using the finest beans, techniques and equipment. There are also a variety of lunchtime options, cakes, pastries and snacks.



Fact

Coffee is the second most traded commodity on earth...Oil is the first.

# Coffee Shops & Cafés

## STARBUCKS

[www.starbucks.co.uk](http://www.starbucks.co.uk)

0121 200 2559 | 31 Colmore Row B3 2BS

0121 236 2660 | 125 Colmore Row B3 3SD

Starbucks Lloyds (on Colmore Row by the Council House) and Starbucks Colmore Row (towards Snow Hill Station) provide a service for people who work in and around Colmore Business District, with fresh coffee and a variety of breakfast treats. These stores have a comfortable atmosphere and are great places to hold meetings.

## URBAN COFFEE COMPANY

0121 236 0207 | [www.urbancoffee.co.uk](http://www.urbancoffee.co.uk)

30 Church Street B3 2NP

Urban Coffee Company is an excellent independent coffee shop and is dedicated to offering a unique coffee experience! A rustic, yet contemporary company, it has created a great "wine tasting for coffee" experience for the customer!



# Top 10 on the Go



# BAGEL NATION

0121 233 3636  
Unit A Colmore Row B3 2BU

Bagel Nation is independently owned and offers a unique breakfast and lunch time menu as well as corporate and event catering. The food is made fresh to order in front of customers. Bagel Nation is situated within the former Grand Hotel.



# BON BON NEWSAGENTS

0121 236 2976  
3 New Market Street B3 2NH

Bon Bon sells newspapers, magazines and tobacco, as well as a good selection of sweets, snacks and soft drinks. They offer freshly made sandwiches, baguettes and hot breakfast sandwiches all prepared daily on the premises. They also supply a wide range of office buffets to many businesses within Colmore Business District.



# HINDLEY'S BAKERY

0121 236 2886 | [www.hindleys-bakers.co.uk](http://www.hindleys-bakers.co.uk)  
128 Fountain Court, Steelhouse Lane B4 6DR

Hindleys Bakery offers a range of bread, cakes, sandwiches and savouries. Perfect for lunch or a quick snack.



# MR BEN'S POTATOES

Newhall Street

Hot jacket potatoes to warm you up on the coldest day. Mr Ben's offers a wide range of fillings.



## PHILPOTTS

[www.philpotts.co.uk](http://www.philpotts.co.uk)

0121 233 3262 | 34 Bennetts Hill B2 5SN

0121 212 2757 | 36 Colmore Circus B4 6BN

Philpotts offers award-winning sandwiches made by well mannered, trained staff in shops fitted with English oak, Italian marble and state of the art kitchens. Colmore Business District has two.



## RUSTIC SANDWICH SHOP

0121 233 4444

35 Livery Street B3 2PB

At the Rustic Sandwich Shop all sandwiches are made freshly in front of you. Choose from a wide selection of fillings and build the perfect sandwich. There is also a variety of home cooked hot food on offer, which is prepared daily. A great lunchtime option.



## SIMPLY EAT

0121 236 8141 | [www.simply-eat.co.uk/about](http://www.simply-eat.co.uk/about)

35 Colmore Row B3 2BS

Simply Eat is a refreshingly simple new Sandwich Bar chain, which offers classic hot and cold food in a welcoming environment at great value. You can choose from a variety of dishes, from delicious baguettes and toasties to baked potatoes and a range of hot and cold drinks.



## SUBWAY

0121 212 9684 | [www.subway.co.uk](http://www.subway.co.uk)

York House, 64 Newhall Street B3 3RJ

A huge range of Subs, wraps, salads, treats and drinks to choose from. Every Sub is made fresh in front of you, exactly the way you want it on the bread of your choice. You choose the salad and sauce you like too.

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## THOROUGH BREAD

0121 233 0184  
Unit 4, Snow Hill Station, B3 2QD

If you travel to Colmore Business District by train, why not grab a fresh cup of coffee from Thorough Bread located in Snow Hill Station. Along with hot drinks, the bakery offers a range of sandwiches and cakes.



## TUCKER'S SANDWICH BAR

0121 236 8268  
9 Minories Shopping Centre B4 6AG

Located in the Minories Shopping Centre, Tucker's Sandwich Bar offers freshly made to order sandwiches and baguettes. The perfect place for a cooked breakfast with hot food available daily.



## LITTLE WAITROSE

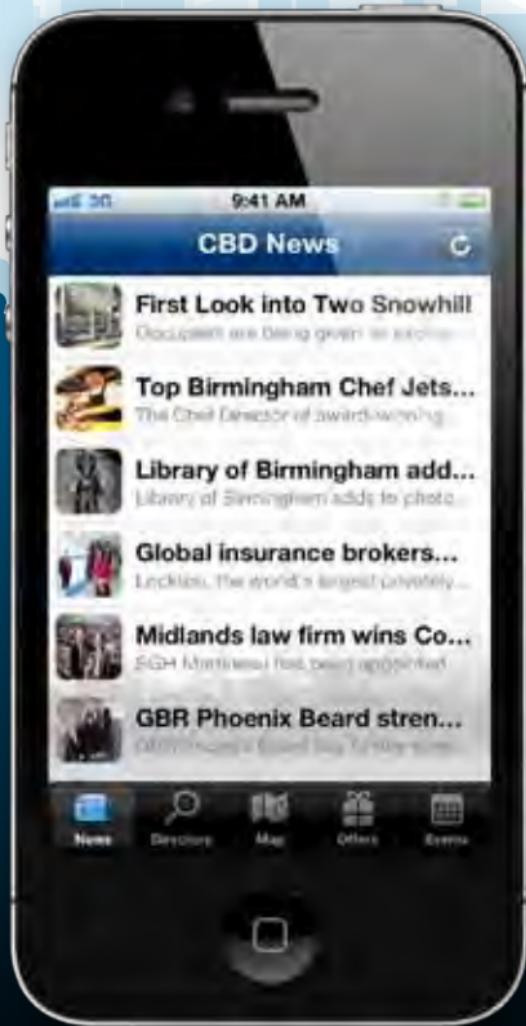
0121 200 3244 | [www.waitrose.com](http://www.waitrose.com)  
1 Colmore Row B3 2BJ

Inside your local little Waitrose you'll find a blend of freshness and convenience, with a great selection of delicious groceries and quality prepared food. Everything you need for a tasty lunch or a quick and healthy supper - all laid out simply, to make your life easier.



The largest chocolate ever made was a chocolate marzipan. Made in the Netherlands over a three-day period, it weighed 4,078 lbs.

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