

SAN DIEGO
BOTTOMS UP!

Barçon Cocktail Co. launches in San Diego.

Some cocktail hours feel more like an idle intermission between the ceremony and reception, but the new **Barçon Cocktail Co.** is transforming the preparty into a seriously stylish event. The collaboration between San Diego's award-winning cocktail lounge Sycamore Den and food truck catering company A MIHO Experience creates Instagram-worthy setups with craft libations poured in ornate glassware, farm-to-table bites, and bartenders in bow ties and aprons. Here, the Barçon team shares drink menu ideas for the ultimate cocktail hour. Cheers! \$25-\$35 per hour for bartenders plus \$16-\$22 per guest, barconcocktails.com —AR

SOMETHING NEW



DRINK IT DOWN
Barçon Cocktail Co.'s Gold Figger makes a festive adult beverage.

Chic Beachside Affair

Bride's cocktail: Mai Thyme

Splash of hibiscus thyme tea (steep a handful of hibiscus with 2 sprigs of fresh thyme in 4 ozs. of hot water and 1 tsp. of maple syrup); 3 ozs. fresh unsweetened pineapple juice; 1 tsp. of fresh-squeezed lemon; 1½ ozs. of dark rum; and pineapple wedge, rainier cherry, and thyme sprig for garnish

Fill a rocks glass with ice. Pour in a splash of hibiscus thyme tea; add dark rum and lemon; then top with various garnishes.

Groom's cocktail: Imperial Buck

3 ozs. ginger beer, ½ oz. lime juice, 1½ ozs. dark rum, cascara-tea concentrate (25 grams of cascara coffee cherries steeped in 10 ozs. of hot water for 15 minutes. Strain the cascara; keep the liquid; and let cool), lime peel and cascara cherries for garnish.

Fill an Old-Fashioned glass with ice. Pour in rum, ginger beer and lime juice. Drizzle with the cascara-tea concentrate for a light float, and finish with lime peel and cascara cherries for garnish.

Lush Tropical Party

Bride's cocktail: La Palomita

1½ ozs. tequila reposado; 2 ozs. fresh grapefruit juice; 2 ozs. club soda; ½ oz. honey syrup; 2 dashes citrus bitters; rosemary salt (grind in a mortar and pestle) for glass rim; and fennel fronds, Firestix and grapefruit peel for garnish

Combine tequila, grapefruit juice, honey and bitters over ice in a shaker and shake gently. Strain and pour into a coupe with a rosemary salted rim; then add club soda. Garnish with a grapefruit peel, fennel fronds and a Firestix.

Groom's cocktail: Gold Figger

2 overripe fresh figs (brown turkey figs are preferred), stalks trimmed; 2 fresh mint leaves, julienned; 2 ozs. bourbon; 1½ Tbsp. honey; 1 oz. water; 1½ Tbsp. fresh lime juice; ice cubes

Place figs and julienned mint in a shaker; pour the bourbon overtop and muddle. Next, add honey, water, lime and ice into a shaker. Shake and pour into a rocks glass. Garnish with a big round fig.

Sophisticated and Classic Soiree

Bride's cocktail: California Love

½ nectarine; 2 lime wheels; 2 cherries; 2 sprigs lemon thyme; ¼ oz. simple syrup; 1 cup crushed ice; 1½ ozs. Flor de Caña; and lightly charred pineapple wedge and thyme for garnish

Soak several skewers in water for 10 minutes. Place nectarine, lime wheels and cherries onto individual skewers. Char over a grill until some blistered spots appear. Let cool. Place fruit in a rocks glass and muddle with a thyme sprig and simple syrup. Pack glass with ½ cup of crushed ice; pour in Flor de Caña. Add the rest of the ice. Garnish with a blistered pineapple wedge and a sprig of thyme.

Groom's cocktail: The Gentle Swizzle

1½ ozs. reposado tequila; 1 oz. amontillado sherry; ¾ oz. fresh lime juice; 1½ ozs. simple syrup; ¾ oz. Fernet-Branca; 3 dashes angostura bitters; 2 ozs. ginger beer; 2 kaffir lime leaves; and mint and kaffir lime leaves for garnish

Muddle mint and kaffir lime leaves into a glass with simple syrup. Pour tequila, sherry, lime, Fernet-Branca, bitters and ginger beer. Stir and add garnish.



SOMETHING BLUE A classic pointed-toe pump, SJP's satin Valentina in Liberty Blue (\$545) is a shoe-in for your walk down the aisle.

LOS ANGELES

Well-Heeled "Branching out into bridal was a decision that our customers helped us make," says *Sex and the City* star and newly minted shoe mogul Sarah Jessica Parker, explaining the expansion of her SJP collection to include bridal shoes. "We kept hearing that women were wearing our shoes on their wedding days, and soon enough, we were seeing tons of images on Instagram of brides walking down the aisle wearing SJPs. It became apparent to us that there was this great space in the market for the unconventional bridal shoe," she continues. The whimsical collection of pretty pumps, bejeweled stilettos and satin sandals is available in a range of colors including Tiffany blue, moonstone, mint, crisp white, raisin and nero. Each style features SJP's signature grosgrain, some of which have a robin's-egg blue color perfect for brides looking for something blue. "There's something incredibly flattering about a girl choosing to wear our shoes for her most special day, and we so hope we're deserving of that honor," says Parker. \$350-\$585, *Nordstrom*, 189 The Grove Drive, L.A., 323.930.2230, nordstrom.com —PW

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