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6 Kelowna lounges to visit for a perfect cocktail

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In Kelowna, you'll find the lounges and pubs are a great recharge after an Okanagan day. The cocktails and drinks on tap definitely offer the opportunity to relax a bit too.

Whatever your plans for a Kelowna evening – be it dressing up or letting loose – we've rounded up the spots that feature the best atmosphere and local cocktails.



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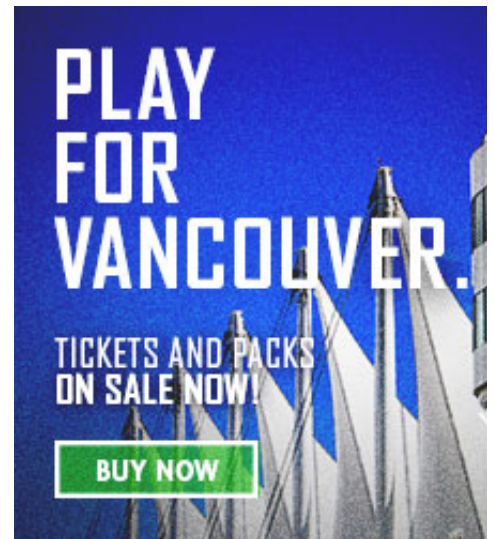
Social 242



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Just like the name suggests, [Social 242](#) is a place to gather with old friends or make new acquaintances. The wrap-around bar at the centre of the lounge keeps the community conversation lively and, if it's event night, you can watch everything as it transpires on large screens overhead. A more intimate setting is available in a number of booths and tables available for those who want to add tapas to their cocktail. Social 242 is centrally located and a great place to start your exploration of downtown Kelowna at night.

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Bacaro Kitchen and Drink



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A modern, cozy lounge with a view of the Sails landmark and the Kelowna harbour, [Bacaro](#) delivers an inviting atmosphere and drinks inspired by the flavours of the Mediterranean – with a touch of the Okanagan thrown in for good measure. The drink menu will lift your spirits as you ponder selections such as the Blue Burro (which is actually pink), the Bacaro Smash or the Last of the Diehards.

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Address: 1675 Abbott Street, Kelowna

Phone: 250-869-0036

Website: 27kelowna.com

Krafty Kitchen and Bar



Image: Krafty Kitchen and Bar

With a commitment to local and seasonal ingredients and avoiding refined sugars, the [Krafty Kitchen and Bar](#) serves up cocktails as fresh as its footprint in Downtown Kelowna. Brand new and already a busy stop for the downtown crowd, Krafty delivers a laid-back atmosphere perfect for a late-afternoon or



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Address: 1500 Water Street, Kelowna

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Website: microkelowna.com

Waterfront Wines



Image: Waterfront Wines Restaurant & Bar

Named the Best Okanagan Restaurant at the Vancouver Magazine Restaurant Awards six years in a row, [Waterfront Wines](http://WaterfrontWines.com) (1180 Sunset Drive) provides a modern, impeccable retreat from the hubbub of the city. Talented bartenders source local ingredients—including fresh juices and herbs, house-made syrups and infused sugars—to create unique cocktails. Waterfront Wines also stocks more than 300 local and international wines and craft beers to offer something for every palate. Located near the Culture District, Waterfront Wines is a good bet for a pre-event cocktail.

Address: 1180 Sunset Drive, Kelowna

Phone: 250-979-1222

Website: waterfrontrestaurant.ca



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