

TOP 10

What's on in November 2023

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This November, we're heading around the world, from Athens to Singapore, for some of the biggest trade shows of the year.



UK bar teams will be taking over a London hotel this month

Plus, there's a Bourbon and barbecue festival in two different US cities, and a world-famous distillery will open its doors to the public once again.

Keep scrolling to find out our pick of the top 10 spirits events happening this month.

Yamazaki Distillery reopens



What: Suntory Spirits welcomes the public back to its distillery

Where: The outskirts of Kyoto, Japan

When: 1 November

Suntory Spirits has renovated its Yamazaki Distillery and is offering two new-look tours to the public. Yamazaki was the first malt whisky distillery in Japan.

The renewed facilities include a new entrance, which has been transformed into a 'forest', and a new reception for the Whisky Museum.

The tours will walk visitors through the distillery where the Yamazaki single malt brand is made, and allow them to enjoy a tasting of its whisky.

Mangrove Global x Soho hotel



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The Global Spirits Masters

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 28, 2023

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DEADLINE: JANUARY 26, 2024

The Rum & Cachaça Masters 2024



What: Bars from across Britain head to London

Where: The Soho hotel, London

When: 1-3 November

Teams from the Lake District's Henrock, Cornwall's CICI's Bar and Cardiff's LAB22 are all heading to Refuel, the bar at London's Soho hotel, for a series of bar takeovers.

They'll be serving up cocktails using Mangrove brands, such as Portobello Road, East London Liquor Company, Avallen, Aluna and Stauning.

New Hampshire Annual Distiller's Showcase



What: New England's largest premium spirits showcase

Where: DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, New Hampshire, US

When: 2 November

Try some of the 600 spirits distributed by New Hampshire Liquor & Wine Outlets at this event, which is also raising funds for New Hampshire Food Bank.

More than 25 local restaurants will also be providing food at the event.

Confirmed exhibitors include Grey Goose Vodka, Elijah Craig Bourbon and Engine Gin.

Spirit of the South West Festival

What: The first festival dedicated to spirits producers from South West England

Where: Spirited store, Bristol

When: 3 November

Bristol-based retailer Spirited has teamed up with events provider Cut Point Co to create a festival to bring together spirits producers from Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall.

There will be sampling, cocktails and stories from the faces behind the distilleries.

Companies confirmed for the event include Bristol whisky maker Circumstance Distillery, Welsh gin distiller Silver Circle (located fewer than 30 miles from Bristol), Frome-based rum producer Silver Craft and Penzance's Pocketful of Stones.

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This November will see two Whiskey Wine & Fire Festival events go ahead in the US, with whiskey bars, cocktails and firepits galore.

Guests will receive a souvenir glass to taste samples from distillers including WhistlePig, Westward Whiskey, Uncle Nearest and more.

Seminars with master distillers and pit masters will take place in the Tasting Theater, while live musicians will play bluegrass, Americana and country.

Plus, a portion of the proceeds go to Spirit of Hope Children's Foundation.

Bar Convent Singapore



What: The industry's biggest on-trade event heads to Singapore

Where: Pasir Pajang Power Station, Singapore

When: 6-7 November

Bar Convent Berlin was one of our top events of last month but, if you missed it or are on the other side of the globe, the show is heading to Singapore for the first time this year.

One highlight of the event is 'Homegrown Heroes', where bar teams from across Asia will show off their talents in a series of guest shifts. Participants include ReCraft from the Philippines, Hybrid from Vietnam, **Penrose from Malaysia**, and Lost in Thaislation from Thailand.

There will also be educational sessions, tastings and a closing party – and a wellness session to help you feel your best.

Athens Bar Show



What: A three-day celebration of bartending, hospitality and spirits

Where: Technopolis, Athens, Greece

When: 7-9 November

Now in its 13th year, Athens Bar Show gathers spirits exhibitors from across the world, with confirmed stands for this year including Diplomatico Rum, Gin Mare and Campari Group.

This year's programme also features guest speakers such as **Salvatore Calabrese**, **Simone Caporale** and Robert Simonson.

And if it's all Greek to you, don't worry – there will be live translations between Greek and English using wireless

headphones.

Plus, the show will conclude with a closing party where some of the best bars in Greece, Europe and the wider world will serve signature cocktails alongside music.

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