



The Monarch Bar



KANSAS CITY

Once dubbed the “Paris of the Plains,” Kansas City is again living up to its Prohibition-era nickname.

Why Now: Barbecue, jazz and baseball are classic reasons why Kansas City always will be a sought-after city in the Midwest. But thanks to a slew of hotel openings, homegrown brands getting national attention and the steadily vibrant dining and arts scene, the city has positioned itself as a bona fide cultural destination.

Where to Go: Bunk at one of the several new hotels to have popped up: the 21c Museum Hotel near the Power & Light District, Crossroads Hotel in its namesake area and recently renovated The Fontaine in Country Club Plaza. Fuel mornings with an energizing cold-pressed juice at Ruby Jean’s Juicery—the ginger-spiked Veg

Out—before checking out the stacks of premium denim at Baldwin Market. (*Vogue* recently named the KC-born brand a top 10 finalist for the Fashion Fund Award.) Grab a prepared lunch from City Market or a burnt-ends sandwich from Gates Bar-B-Q and have a picnic on the lawn of The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art;

a spot by the oversized shuttlecock sculptures is prime real estate. The Blue Room Jazz Club is the place for live jazz, especially during Monday evening jam sessions. Afterward, sip inventive cocktails at Manifesto, a basement lounge in a former Prohibition-era speakeasy. This fall, keep an eye out for an Armistice Day commemoration ceremony at the National WWI Museum and Memorial and the Open Spaces 2018 art festival (running through October 28), with performances by The Roots and Kansas City native Janelle Monáe.

— SHAYLA MARTIN

HIT THE TOWN

📍 **Negro Leagues Baseball Museum**

Dedicated to preserving the legacy of African-Americans in baseball.

📍 **The Monarch Bar**

Drinks inspired by the butterfly’s migratory patterns.

📍 **Mutual Musicians Foundation**

Century-old jazz hall hosting local musicians.



TRAVEL FOOTWEAR

MAHABIS CLASSIC 2

Give your feet an “ahhh” moment after a day of sightseeing with these comfy wool slippers. Their minimalist design makes them easy to pack, while colorful sneakerlike bottoms let you wear them indoors or outside. \$95



HURRICANE XLT2 SANKUANZ SANDALS

Put your best sandal forward with Teva’s new collaboration with Sankuanz and Chinese fashion designer Shangguan Zhe. The stylish geometric straps make them as fitting for happy hour as they are for a night around the campfire. \$100



XERO SHOES TERRAFLEX

Hit the ground running with these ultralight trail shoes. The soles are guaranteed for 5,000 miles, and they roll up to fit in your pocket—meaning they’ll take you everywhere you want to go while feeling like nothing at all. \$99.99



Borealis Basecamp

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Watch the northern lights dance across the sky from the comfort of your furnished glass-ceilinged dome at the new **Borealis Basecamp** outside of Fairbanks • Tap into something good at Baltimore’s **Guinness Open Gate Brewery & Barrel House**, the brand’s first U.S. spot to open in 60 years • High-end wellness resort **Chablé Maroma** has landed in Mexico’s Riviera Maya, complete with a 17,000-square-foot spa • Peruse the cooking tomes at **Cookbook Bar & Café** in Texas’ Austin Public Library, then sit down to meals pulled from their pages • Famed eateries from across the country—Hattie B’s Hot Chicken, Pok Pok Wing and more—have converged under one roof at the **Block 16 Urban Food Hall** in The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas.