

# Drink Up Brew City

Heading to Milwaukee to crack a few beers and celebrate Harley-Davidson's 110th anniversary while the fighters on the UFC 164 card crack some skulls? Let Octagon vet and Wisconsin local Danny Downes serve up some hot spots. **By DANIEL DOWNES**



## STAY

### COUNTY CLARE GUEST HOUSE

Milwaukee's home for Irish hospitality. Enjoy comfy en suites influenced by historical Irish inns, and then step downstairs to the pub for a bite to eat and live traditional music. Maybe Conor McGregor will show up. (1234 N. Astor St., Milwaukee, countyclare-inn.com)

### IRON HORSE HOTEL

Down the street from the Harley-Davidson Museum and renovated from a 100-year-old bedding factory, the Iron Horse Hotel is Milwaukee's first luxury boutique hotel. For an additional fee, they'll even pick up your motorcycle from your house and ship it to the hotel for your stay. (500 W. Florida St., Milwaukee, theironhorse-hotel.com)

### BREWHOUSE INN & SUITES

Located in a restored Pabst brewhouse, this recent Milwaukee addition has Victorian stylings with modern conveniences. Maybe you'll uncover Captain Frederick Pabst's hidden treasure. (1215 N. 10th St., Milwaukee, brewhousesuites.com)

## SEE

### THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON MUSEUM

Learn the history of motorcycle development and even sit on many of the bikes in the various galleries that dot this 20-acre facility. (400 W. Canal St., Milwaukee, harley-davidson.com)

### THE BREWERS

Come for the baseball, stay for the famous Sausage Races. As fighters step on the scales, the Brewers will be stepping up to

the plate against the Angels. (Miller Park, 1 Brewers Way, Milwaukee, milwaukeebrewers.com)

### MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

Show off your artistic side and browse more than 30,000 works of art along Lake Michigan. A Picasso can be just as beautiful as a flying armbar...sometimes. (700 N. Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee, mam.org)

### MILWAUKEE BREWING COMPANY

What would be a trip to Brew City without a brewery tour? The folks at Milwaukee Brewing show off some true hospitality and make sure your pint glass is full before the tour even starts. (613 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, mkbrewing.com)

### THE ORIENTAL LANDMARK THEATRE

More of a movie palace than theater, The Oriental, built in 1927, holds the record for most continuous showings of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. (2230 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee, landmarktheatres.com)

## EAT

### COMET CAFÉ

A Milwaukee icon, the Comet specializes in comfort food from scratch. On Sundays, in lieu of a bread basket to begin a meal, Comet Café gives you a basket of bacon. (1947 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee, thecometcafe.com)

### BLUE'S EGG

Located above the Roufoussport MMA Gym, this restaurant has been on the city's "Best Brunch" list every year since

opening in 2010. Avoid the eggs Benedict before working out. (317 N. 76th St., Milwaukee, bluesegg.com)

### MADER'S

A Milwaukee institution for more than a century, Mader's has filled the bellies of US presidents, foreign dignitaries, and Kanye West with traditional German fare. (1041 N. Old World 3rd St., Milwaukee, madersrestaurant.com)

### BREWSKI'S SPORTS CLUB BAR & GRILL

UFC heavyweight Pat Barry has kept this sports bar in business with his wing and pizza consumption alone. His go-to drink is a fruity rum concoction simply known as "a bucket." (304 N. 76th St., Milwaukee, brewskiss.com) ➔

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## DRINK

### BRYANT'S

From the plush velvet walls to the vintage audio system, there's no better place than this 75-year-old cocktail bar to get your Don Draper mojo flowing. (1579 S. 9th St., Milwaukee, [bryantscocktail-lounge.com](http://bryantscocktail-lounge.com))

### BURNHEARTS

If you consider yourself a craft beer drinker, be sure to stop by this Bayview neighborhood bar for a cozy environment and high-quality brews. (2599 S. Logan Ave., Milwaukee, [burnheartsbar.com](http://burnheartsbar.com))

### THE NOMAD WORLD PUB

Milwaukeeans flock to this spot for European soccer games and the infamous prix fixe where you get a beer, shot, and a cigarette for \$5. The Midwest version of ballin' on a budget. (1401 E. Brady St., Milwaukee, [nomadworldpub.com](http://nomadworldpub.com))

### OLD GERMAN BEER HALL

The OG serves only the finest drafts straight from Munich. Just be careful about how much you imbibe before you

play a round of hammerschlagen. Beer, nails, and hammers don't usually mix well. (1009 N. Old World 3rd St., Milwaukee, [oldgermanbeerhall.com](http://oldgermanbeerhall.com))

### GREAT LAKES DISTILLERY

Wisconsin's first craft distillery, take the tour or just sit and relax in their cocktail lounge. (616 W. Virginia St., Milwaukee, [greatlakesdistillery.com](http://greatlakesdistillery.com))

### TRAIN

#### ROUFUSPORT MIXED MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

The premier location for Milwaukee MMA. Catch UFC fighters like Erik Koch, Anthony Pettis, and Pascal Krauss, and be sure to learn some Muay Thai from kickboxing guru Duke Roufus. (321 N. 76th St., Milwaukee, [roufusport.com](http://roufusport.com))

### NX LEVEL

Get your sweat on alongside UFC fighters, as well as MLB and NBA players, elevating their strength and conditioning. Be sure to call ahead of time. (W229 N1687 Westwood Dr., Suite D, Waukesha, [nxlevelathletics.com](http://nxlevelathletics.com))

## Koch's Picks

UFC featherweight and Milwaukee transplant **Erik "Newbreed" Koch** dishes on his favorite Milwaukee spots.

### AJ BOMBERS

Koch calls this his "favorite restaurant." Winner of Milwaukee's "Burger Wars," give their Barrie Burger a shot. It's just your usual peanut butter bacon cheeseburger. According to Koch, though, "The best thing on the menu is the buffalo chicken egg rolls." (1247 N. Water St., Milwaukee, [ajbombers.com](http://ajbombers.com))

### LIBRARY CLUB

If you're looking for a little nightlife, Koch recommends this East Side club that actually looks like a library on the inside. As he puts it, "I don't drink often, so you'll usually find me there with a Red Bull fist pumping." Let's hope the lighting is good enough to take a video. (1905 E. North Ave., Milwaukee, [thelibraryclubmke.com](http://thelibraryclubmke.com))

### UMAMI MOTO

"It's a little more expensive, but you definitely get what you pay for. The service is

excellent and the sushi is amazing. My two favorite things right now are the Milwaukee roll and the salmon-wrapped crab." (718 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, [umamimoto.com](http://umamimoto.com))

### CIELITO LINDO

Whenever he's out of training camp, Koch says he could "eat these tacos all day." Big portions for a small price have been the calling card at this taqueria in the Walker's Point neighborhood for years. (739 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, [cielitolindomilwaukee.com](http://cielitolindomilwaukee.com))

### SHOWTIME SPORTS BAR

"I have to give a shout-out to my buddy Anthony's place! If you're an MMA fan, you have to come here. Be sure to get the steak sandwich wrap, but ask for it deep-fried. It tastes good, but it's not good for you." (11400 W. Silber Spring Rd., Milwaukee, [showtimemke.com](http://showtimemke.com))