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MIDOSUJI SUBWAY
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1 L&L



BAR & SHISHA - On the edge of Amemura is the chilled out, friendly L&L. Come for drinks, smoke shisha (water tobacco pipe) or enjoy the surprisingly delicious food. A great mix of locals and expats up for a good time.

I Recommend - the stuffed chicken, it'll blow your mind! Plus the cheapest shisha in town for water-tobacco fiends.

Open: Every day, 11am til late.



2 ROR Comedy Club



LIVE STAND UP COMEDY - Every Friday night at 9pm the comedians at ROR entertain locals and tourists with insights into the funny side of life in Japan. A trip advisor favorite, add some awesome Osaka live comedy to your Friday fun.

I Recommend - checking www.rorcomedy.com for details on special shows featuring visiting international acts.

Open: Show's from 9pm Fridays, plus irregular events.



3 Space Station



VIDEO GAME BAR - Recognised as #27 on the list of 30 "must-do" sites in Japan, cozy, independant Space Station has made big waves for a small bar. Come for classic & contemporary game systems over drinks and friendly banter.

I Recommend - video game themed shots! Tell whoever's on the bar that Rodney says "hi." :)

Open: from 8 til late, every night.



4 Olivera's Burger



HAMBURGER HEAVEN - THE BEST BURGERS IN THE WORLD, hand's down. Try their flagship, "Olivera's Burger", feel months slip off your life expectancy, and be totally okay with the sacrifice. They're *THAT* good.

I Recommend - ordering an Olivera's Burger then waiting in Space Station playing video games. They'll bring it up.

Open: 19:30-ish to 02:30-ish. Closed Wednesdays



5 Far Plane



CREATIVE KINK BAR - Adjoined to an adult goods shop is the fantastic, friendly and funny "Far Plane". If you're looking for a rope bondage mistress to string up your groom on a bachelor party, or just a lively kink-themed drink, this is your joint.

I Recommend - popping in for a ¥ 500 drink and a glance into the creative alternative side of Osaka.

Open: 19:00 til late



6 Mustang



BAR & FALAFELS - Don't be intimidated by the dozens of bras dangling from the ceiling like roosting bats, they don't bite. Mustang is a lively bar where you'll never be short of booze, banter, babes or bodacious falafels.

I Recommend - tasty mediterranean food, booze and talking shit with the awesomely abrasive owner, "Nir". ;)

Open: Weekdays 17:00-05:00, weekends 14:00-05:00



7 Moonshine



KARAOKE BAR - My new favorite karaoke haunt is this cozy counter bar. Laid-back, friendly and fun, this is the best way to experience Japan-style karaoke - in the company of just the right amount of tipsy strangers.

I Recommend - trying the apple moonshine. It's like drinking liquid apple pie - dangerously delicious.

Open: 7pm until 3am most nights, 5am on weekends.



8 Chicken no bancho



FRIED CHICKEN AWESOMENESS! - This best-in-Japan award-winning chicken outlet is one of the best drunken decisions you can possibly make. Choose from the machine, hand over your ticket and prepare to have your mind blown!

I Recommend - any of the chicken wings, or the shiso (plum-leaves) wrapped things. & the chicken-salt fries...

Open: 18:00 until 02:00, every night.



9 Ghost - Ultra Lounge



HIPHOP NIGHTCLUB - Ghost is a popular venue for those who enjoy hiphop club tunes. Pumping beats, flashing lights, lovely ladies and fly bros. BYOBBC - Bring Your Own Backwards Baseball Cap. ;)

I Recommend - being a woman - 1,000 yen or less for entry with 1 drink included! 2,000 plus 2 drinks for men.

Open: 22:00 until late, every day.



10 Moonwalk



BARGAIN COCKTAIL BAR - You pay a ¥ 400 seating charge to enter moonwalk, and then all your drinks are ¥ 200. So that's ¥ 600 for 1 drink, ¥ 800 for 2, ¥ 1000 for 3, etc. (Plus tax) The delicious cocktails get cheaper as you get drunker, nice!

I Recommend - getting in early, 'coz cocktails take time. The busier it gets the longer it'll take to get your drinks.

Open: 19:00-03:00, Closed Sunday



11 Balabushka



SPORTS BAR - A unassuming elevator opens up on the 4th floor to an expansive interior with three pool tables, lots of darts machines and plenty of space to drink & congregate, sports bar-style.

I Recommend - coming here during large international sports events for big screens and communal fan-dom.

Open: 18:00 to late, every night



12 Triangle Park



OUTSIDE GATHERING SPACE - It's grimy. It's got skaters & young folk drinking after dark. It's the concrete heart of Amemura - safely pumping Japanese fun! Buy a can of chu-hai from the supermarket & chill here for a great time people-watching.

I Recommend - starting conversations with strangers. After all, they don't bite. Probably.

Open: Alllllllways. It's a public space, after all.



13 Absinthe/Wormwood

BAR / RESTAURANT -



Absinthe & new downstairs casino/bar "Wormwood" have style, cool & class nailed down. Owner Dmitri runs a tight ship with top quality atmosphere, tasty food and shisha (water tobacco).

I Recommend - enjoying cocktails & the beautiful people.

Absinthe open: 12:00 until 03:00, closed Tuesdays.

Wormwood open: 19:00 until late, closed Sundays.



14 Circus



EDM DANCE MUSIC CLUB - Fans of electronic music will find their drum & base, house, etc, needs serviced here. This stripped-back venue is a temple to EDM music for EDM music lovers, by EDM music lovers. Posers need not apply.

I Recommend - checking the schedule online to see which DJs & genres are on. [www.http://circus-osaka.com/](http://circus-osaka.com/)

Open: 9-ish to well-late.



15 Rockrock



ROCK BAR / NIGHTCLUB - Super-small but also super-energetic. Super-local, but super-famous. If Aerosmith or Metallica have played a gig in town, this is where they after-party. Super-fun on weekend nights, esp Saturday.

I Recommend - bringing all your friendly energy and bouncing to whatever genre they happen to play.

Open: 19:00 til late



16 Rainbow Karaoke



KARAOKE BOXES - Take the lift to the 3rd floor then serenade your group in the privacy of your own room. You can order food and drink, even do cheap all-you-can-drink deals for those whose singing courage is of the liquid variety.

I Recommend - getting into it! Karaoke's a quintessential Japanese pastime, and it's super cheap too.

Open: 0??????



17 Pure



NIGHTCLUB - At odds with its name, Pure's as famous as a pick-up joint as it is a nightclub. Friday and Saturday nights feature all-you-can-drink deals, replete with plastic cups. Entry around ¥2,000/¥1,000 for men/women with 2/1 drinks.

I Recommend - dancing the night away and trying not to think about why the floor is so sticky.

Open: every night from 9pm until late.



18 Shotengai



SHOPPING ARCADE - Pretty much the only part of Shinsaibashi that's awake during the day is this covered shopping street running North past the Glicoman lights. When the shops have closed it's still a good landmark to recognise.

I Recommend - checking it out during the day and at night, using it as a landmark while you're trawling bars.

Open: Every day, 11:00ish-21:00ish



19 Bar One



NIGHTCLUB - A solid choice for those looking to dance to standard club tunes. Enjoying a mix of local and foreign clientele, this is a club like back home - plenty of booze, DJs, bumping, grinding, and people on the pull.

I Recommend - this if you want to see what a nightclub without all the fights looks like. :)

Open: 22:00-06:00 Fri & Sat, 23:00-05:00 other nights.



20 Azasu



JAPANESE KARAOKE - A crazy, friendly, crazy karaoke bar. Did I mention that it's crazy? Super friendly, mostly Japanese clientele and a bar tender who's been known to rock out with his cock out makes for unique memories. :)

I Recommend - first finding the place! On the 2nd floor, next to ???.

Open: ???



21 Blarney Stone



IRISH BAR / LIVE HOUSE - What list of bars would be complete without an Irish entry? The Blarney Stone is a nice friendly example of the genre with English-speaking staff and a great chance to see local bands playing free-to-see gigs.

I Recommend - checking their website to see what gigs they have scheduled and timing your visit accordingly.

Open: 0???????



22 Cherry Bomb



ROCK BAR - A cozy, friendly, 5th-floor venue with a healthy craft-beer selection and delicious tacos on offer. "Taco Tuesday" has ¥200 tacos/tequila shots, so come get wild on a weeknight & play "Zombie Dice" while you're there!

I Recommend - trying the shrimp tacos if you like spicy food. SO GOOD, but they will melt your face, be warned.

Open: From 19:00 on Tues, from 21:00 on other nights.



23 Kama Sutra



KARAOKE BAR - Don't let the name fool you - the only thing sex-related in this bar is how sexy you'll look screaming out classic songs with a bunch of strangers. Take the lift to the 5th floor, hang a left and you'll stumble upon it.

I Recommend - coming early if you fancy being able to sing a song you entered in less than an hour.

Open: 21:00 to 05:00 on Fri & Sat, from 10pm other nights.



24 Cinquecentos



MARTINI BAR - Specializing in martinis doesn't stop them serving every other drink under the sun and being a great place to mingle and chat to both foreigners and Japanese alike. A lively joint any night of the week.

I Recommend - chocolate martinis - yum. But drinks that don't make other men question your sexuality are ok too. :)

Open: 20:00-05:00, except for a 3am close on Sunday.



25 Little Long Beach



BAR - Chad, the appropriately tall, blonde, motorcycle-riding US expat, runs the friendly, low key LLB. Come here for a good mix of foreign and local clientele, plus a few drunken Aussie backpackers from the hostel next door. :)

I Recommend - Pulling up a bar stool, chilling out with a beer and starting conversations with random strangers.

Open: Open 6pm, close 2am, or midnight on Sundays.



26 Lapichu



BAR & SHISHA - One of coolest little bars in Osaka, people come here for the friendly staff, cool sounds & the awesome toilet. You'll want to redesign your home, honestly. Pull up a shisha, chat to the friendly staff or owner Akkun & chill, man.

I Recommend - hitting Lapichu up on a weeknight and ordering an "Acapulco", deliciously lemony and boozy.

Open: from 8pm until 5am, every night.



27 Kinryu Ramen



RAMEN STAND - One of only two post booze-binge eating joints on this nightlife list is Osaka's iconic "Golden Dragon" ramen stand. Dump in as much garlic and kimchi as your heart desires and fortify your stomach for the inevitable hangover.

I Recommend - the chaushu ramen. Put your money into the machine, hand over the ticket then enjoy!

Open: Every day, ??:00-??:00am



28 Bar Core



TINY WHISKEY BAR - That refers to the bar's size, not the servings - it can fit maybe 8 people standing, and that's a squeeze! Whiskey is what they do, and the tuxedo-clad bartender will give you some tasty suggestions.

I Recommend - any of the renowned Japanese brands that are usually much more expensive back home.

Open: ??:00-??:00, Closed ???day