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# The World's Most Expensive Cocktails

Think that \$20 cocktail you're sipping is pricey? Bars and restaurants around the world have upped the ante, offering ridiculous cocktails made with rare, high-end spirits. Consider these your once-in-a-lifetime libations.

Aficionados rarely use top-shelf booze on mixed drinks. If you were lucky enough to score a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle 12 Year, chances are you dropped several thousand bucks on the opportunity to sip it neat—maybe with an ice cube or two. But bartenders and beverage directors at upscale restaurants and bars around the world are finding ways to incorporate rare, expensive bottles of whiskey, cognac, rum, and other spirits into astronomically priced cocktails. It's a thrilling indulgence—if you can stomach the pricetag. Starting at about \$50 and ranging into the thousands, here are some of the most over-the-top cocktails that (a lot of) money can buy:

## Jet Set Manhattan at Tavern on 51 (\$100)

Tavern on 51 is one of several ritzy drinking establishments in the Lotte New York Palace hotel. (Another? Rarities, where one can order a dram of whiskey for a few thousand dollars.) At Tavern on 51, the Jet Set Manhattan, made with Michter's 20 Year Single Barrel Bourbon and vintage Taylor Fladgate 1985 Port, will only set you back \$100. Justin Lorenz, director of wine and beverage for Rarities, sums up the one-percenter appeal nicely: "For someone who has it all, the subtle nuances experienced from the use of these rare [spirits] simply have no substitute."