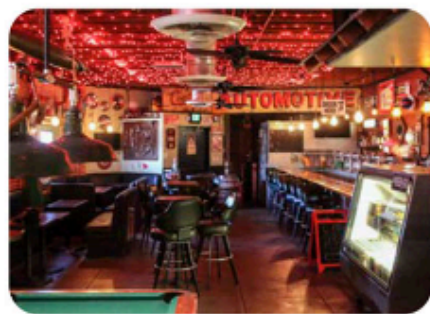


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Great places to drink great beer.



## Seward Alehouse

**Seward, Alaska**

*A local dive as only Alaska can do it, plus great beer*

**What it is:** If you find yourself in the charming coastal Alaska town of Seward—perhaps to visit Kenai Fjords National Park—Seward Alehouse is the unassuming downtown beer bar in which to swap adventure stories. It has a full bar, but the draft list is succinct and locally focused. On the tap list, “Local Beer” comes from nearby Seward Brewing or Stoney Creek BrewHouse; “Alaska Beer” comes from in-state breweries such as Alaskan, Broken Tooth, and King Street; and “Other Beer” is only PBR and Guinness, with the occasional Old Rasputin or Stone IPA. The bottled beer selection has more international options: You might not expect to find bottles of Delirium Tremens in a far-flung town of 2,600 people, but there it is.

**Why it's great:** Seward Alehouse is just the right amount of quirky and rough-around-the-edges to fit its remote environs. (Draft beer is served in Mason jars—no fancy chalices here.) On my visit, a grizzled halibut-fishing captain chatted with me about the week's weather forecast while Whitney Houston's “I Wanna Dance with Somebody” pumped through the sound system. This is a local hangout where camo-clad patrons bring their own cues to use at the free-to-play pool tables. No food on the menu, but outside grub is welcome; the adjacent Lone Chicharron does real-deal street tacos, quesadillas, and homemade *paletas*. —*Kate Bernot*

**Hours:** Noon–2 a.m., daily

**Address:** 215 4th Ave., Seward, Alaska

**Web:** facebook.com/sewardalehouse.alaska



## Glendale Tap

**Glendale, California**

*Loads of drafts with a homegrown retro feel in Los Angeles*

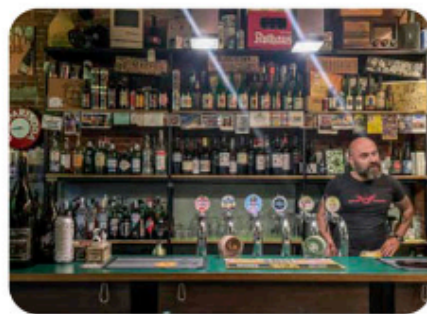
**What it is:** Before the L.A. craft-beer scene really started booming, there was the Glendale Tap. The bustling taproom and bottle shop drips with vintage design elements—note the bar top made from reclaimed bowling lanes—but its 52 taps and accompanying bottle and can list go far beyond the old school, offering brews from around the corner as well as around the world. Just don't call it a mere *bar*. “It's like an extension of my backyard,” says owner Glyn Samuel, where dogs, kids, beer nerds, and everyone else is welcome.

**Why it's great:** When Samuel took over the space 10 years ago, he inherited a now-extinct liquor license that allowed him to sell beer to-go. That helped the Glendale Tap to weather the pandemic, but it also sets it apart from almost every other L.A. bar. Other distinctions include weekend happy hours from noon to 3 p.m., lots of limited beer releases and small batch collaborations, and a “Kids Special” offering of juice and Goldfish crackers to keep the young ones busy and content. There are plenty of goodies for the grown-ups, too. “If you're into beer, we're going to have something you want, haven't had, have been dying to try, or haven't heard of,” Samuel promises. —*Beth Demmon*

**Hours:** 5 p.m.–11 p.m., Tuesday; 4 p.m.–midnight, Wednesday; 2 p.m.–midnight, Thursday; 1 p.m.–1 a.m., Friday; noon–1 a.m., Saturday; noon–11 p.m., Sunday;

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## Diorama

**Florence, Italy**

*Italian craft beer and European highlights in a cool, cozy pub*

**What it is:** This very, very small pub not far from Florence's more touristy areas features a handful of Italian craft beers on draft, a cooler of ever-changing fresh cans from Italian brewers, plus some choice European beers from top producers such as Cantillon. The smart, focused selection pairs perfectly with the generous plates of *salumi*—for beer lovers, this is an ideal spot for *aperitivo*.

**Why it's great:** The beer love runs deep at Diorama, and what it lacks in size it makes up for in focus. It's a great spot to try stuff from some of the better independent Italian brewers, as the lineup on draft and in the small fridge changes often. If gueuze is your thing, the Cantillon bottles are priced reasonably. The snacks seem eerily inexpensive for the quality and quantity—we over-ordered, on the assumption that any menu item priced so low couldn't be so substantive. It's a great place to savor a beer and a snack—or to fall down the Italian craft rabbit hole, as you while away the night. —*Jamie Bogner*

**Hours:** 4 p.m.–1 a.m., Sunday–Thursday; 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Friday & Saturday

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