

## STOP-OVER COCKTAILS

Whether you're chasing your next flight or hopping on another train, there is always time for a drink — and with this list, you can be sure it'll be a good one. Illustrations by KITT SANTOS.



### Hartsfield–Jackson Airport, Atlanta

If you're looking to slam a few drinks before you get on the plane, hold up — even the world's busiest airport has time to enjoy a quick Old Fashioned, and with class. One Flew South in the Atlanta Airport promises an upscale dining experience with some cocktails that you can enjoy leisurely. Opened in 2008, the quaint interiors, made up of marble and wood, are both homey and refined, the perfect combination to take your Old Fashioned with good ol' slab of bacon. Classic.



### St. Pancras Station, London

This is not a place to be rushed, rather a sight to behold with slow steps and champagne in hand. The Victorian architecture and classic interiors are worth a little stroll, maybe with a side of window shopping. As for the champagne, we recommend you end that stroll at Searcys, the longest champagne bar in the station. Sit down and let it sink in; maybe take a strawberry on the side for good measure.



### Belize City Airport, Belize

Hot dogs and booze may not be the first things to come to mind when considering “pre-flight dining” but Jet's Bar at Belize City International Airport makes a case for why they should be. In this simple unassuming airport, Jet's Bar is a place of quirky respite, with its walls covered in novelties and souvenirs collected over the years: international currencies, police badges, old photographs — you name it. The food is undeniably stripped down and simple, proving that, sometimes, one can never go wrong with a reliable classic to kick back and relax. Even if it is, indeed, just a glass of rum punch and a classic hot dog.

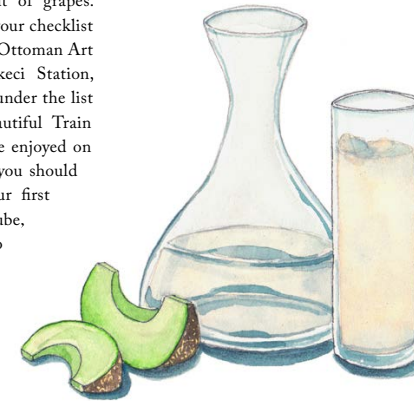
### Grand Central Station, New York City

Hate it or love it, the busy city of New York does not slow down for anything — in Grand Central Station, neither should you. So go on ahead, and walk straight past the cafeteria and step into the tiled walls of Oyster Bar, where the air is good and salty behind their classic counters and the drinks straight to the point. We recommend a dry gin martini with an olive. Opened in 1913, Oyster Bar is an oldie but a goodie, a place to down your drink with a freshly shucked oyster on the side.



### Sirkeci Station, Istanbul

We urge you to make it your traveler's mandate to drink like a local. In Istanbul the locals' drink of choice is called raki, an aniseed-flavored spirit coerced out of grapes. You can cross this one off your checklist while you're waiting at the Ottoman Art Nouveau building of Sirkeci Station, what has been cast online under the list of the World's Most Beautiful Train Stations. While raki can be enjoyed on the rocks, we recommend you should take it slow and take your first glass cloudy, with an ice cube, and some green melon to wash it down.



### Changi Airport, Singapore

What's good in the airport that has everything? Well, head on to the bar that serves everything: Raffles Bar in Changi Airport includes tasting bars, a private lounge, and individual boutiques with master distillers on the second storey for nine different spirit brands. But if all that has your head spinning wondering where to start, ask for the Singapore Sling, a local favorite that was created by Mr. Ngiam Tong Boon right at Raffles Bar roughly in the 1900s. Give or take a hundred years later, the Singapore Sling is still around and hitting the spot.