

The Cruise Room

A few weeks ago, *The Docket* set sail at The Cruise Room. And it was marvelous. Elegantly beautiful in all its brilliant ruby red magnificence, this Denver landmark is a gem worth seeing for yourself. Modeled after a lounge on the famed luxury ocean liner *Queen Mary*, The Cruise Room opened the day after Prohibition was repealed by the 21st Amendment in 1933. At 87 years old, The Cruise Room has the distinction of being Denver's oldest continually running bar.

The Cruise Room is authentic Art Deco. Completely restored in 2012 and classified as a "historic bar" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, this is the kind of interior architecture that transports you to another point in history.

The sound of toasts clinking, candles flicker in reflection atop smooth, shiny black tables, a little bit of my friend's French 75 sloshes from the tippy top of her martini glass and onto the white marble floor. From the jukebox comes light jazz standards alongside big band favorites, and as the girl from Ipanema goes walking, I find myself wishing I were wearing a black tuxedo with wide lapels and a satin stripe down the pantleg. Then the time travel fantasy would truly be complete.

Before I moved to Denver, they told me that The Cruise Room was a must-see destination, and they were right.

Bon voyage!

LOCATION:

The Oxford Hotel
1600 17th St.,
Denver, CO 80238

DRINK SUGGESTION:

REMEMBER THE MAINE

2 Rye Whiskey
 $\frac{3}{4}$ Italian Vermouth
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Cherry Heering
2 Dashes Absinthe

Stirred with ice, strained into a chilled cocktail glass, and garnished with a cherry.

HOURS:

Sunday through Thursday,
4:30 p.m. to 11:45 p.m.;
Friday and Saturday,
4:30 p.m. to 12:45 a.m.

