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# Manchester's 11 best breakfast dishes and where you can get them

**Pen and Pencil**

**Vibes:** Inspired by Mad Men, The Pen and Pencil is named after the famous steakhouse on New York's East 45th Street, which is one of Don Draper and co's favourite haunts in the hit series. Expect cocktails, chrome and pin-up posters in the bathrooms.

**Dish:** Steak and Eggs. Who said you can't have steak for breakfast? The Pen and Pencil signature is Pave rump steak, served with two fried free range eggs, hash browns and a herb hollandaise. And it's gluten free - bonus.

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## REVIEW | Pen & Pencil | Northern Quarter

### Ruth Allan finds not just another new Northern Quarter venue

Everything from service to timings, brightness and soundtrack are spot on - and the result makes for a great night out.

> *"What this new bar has got that others aspire to is an almost unnoticeable quality"*

I ♥ MCR

## Dig Into A Bottomless Boozy Brunch

Elsewhere in the Northern Quarter, the Pen & Pencil offers all you can eat and drink between 10am and 2pm for £35 on the final Saturday of every month.

# 11 Diverse Things To Do In Manchester

# City to be shaken and stirred

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YOU know the cocktail revolution has become part of drinking culture when a festival committed to them comes to town. That festival launches next week: Manchester Loves Cocktails is running in around 20 bars across town and putting on about 40 special events and takeovers.

The cocktail – essentially a skilfully mixed drink containing three or more ingredients – is no longer just that refined special occasion treat at the end of the night. Cocktails have become part of our regular drinking culture, and this festival is all about showcasing why.

Best of all, it's all about doing that in a completely affordable way to fuel our appetite for a quality beverage. Bag yourself a £10 wristband, and you can pick up ANY of the special cocktails for £4.50 (£8 without a wristband) from August 8-14.

Throughout the week, bars will be making classics and fresh new concepts with gins, tequilas, Mezcals, rums, vodkas, whiskies and Scotches, and all kinds of other unusual spirits.

As if that isn't persuasion enough to go, here's all the information on the bars, the cocktails, and the best events taking place at the inaugural Manchester Loves Cocktails.

These are the bars, in alphabetical order, where you can bag a special cocktail at any of these bars next week: The Alchemist; Arcane; Black Dog Ballroom; The Botanist; Cane & Grain; Corridor; Cottonopolis; El Gato Negro; Epernay; The Fitzgerald; Gorilla; Hawksmoor; HULA Manchester; The Liars Club; Luck Lust Liquor & Burn; Lost In Tokyo; Mojo; The Pen & Pencil; Red Door; Tariff & Dale; Whiskey Jar; Tusk.

## THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST

QUACK & FORTH
- A HISTORY OF VODKA COCKTAILS
19:00 - 21:00 | THE PEN & PENCIL

In partnership with Aylesbury Duck Vodka
A journey through the development of the vodka based cocktail and where it fits in modern cocktail culture.

MANCHESTER Loves COCKTAILS

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## Manchester's first ever cocktail festival

Manchester's first ever cocktail festival takes place this summer, between August 8 & 14.

## Cocktail festival shakes up drinking in the city

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## MANCHESTER LOVES COCKTAILS - A NEW FESTIVAL THAT DOES WHAT IT SAYS

SQUAREMEAL

## Squaremeal Review of The Pen and Pencil

There's a *Mad Men* feel to this small, bright all-day bar and eatery, which takes its name from the notorious mid-20th-century joint on New York's 'Steak Row'. A daytime list offers brunch and lunch dishes with an American twist – steak and eggs, American rarebit, Reuben sandwiches – while the supper menu is split between small plates and larger dishes such as surf & turf and jambalaya. Our toasted Philly steak sandwich showcased perfectly rare rump steak glazed in oozing Monterey Jack, with sautéed onions and peppery rocket; and though an 8oz steak burger was cooked beyond the advertised medium, it remained juicy. There are no puddings, but health-conscious folk might prefer the smoothies such as Triple Berry Cleanser or You've Met Your Matcha. A decent cocktail list lies in wait for the less virtuous; the Tomorrowland cocktail, featuring Mozart Gold chocolate liqueur and mint choc-chip ice cream, finished us off nicely.

*the sweet seven five.*

**The Verdict**

I'm charmed by The Pen and Pencil because of its little quirks; from its bold, magazine-wallpapered bathrooms as pictured above, to its perfect pairing of naked lightbulbs and bright flowers accompanied by a view of the city's signature street art. The vibe of the afternoon was calm and comfortable, with indie classics playing and the staff ready to serve you with a smile. So, if you're looking for an edgy lil' spot to chill in, or somewhere vibrant to hold a special event, The Pen & Pencil offers a spacious alternative to a generic function room and its menu presents way more than house wine and club sandwiches. Fresh and fun, The Pen and Pencil has nailed exactly what an inner city bar and eatery is all about.

# Manchester's unknown must-eats

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