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## On The Double

New Lounge by Owners of Lotus and Milk & Honey

New York nightlife...from faux zebra seating to scantily costumed cocktail waitresses to celebrity-architect bathrooms, clubs have tried everything to stand apart. Everything, that is, except serve you a drink worth remembering.

Not at the newly opened **Double 7** (on 14th street – hence the name), where the owners of **Milk & Honey** and **Lotus** provide a meticulously researched menu of historical drinks (made with fresh fruits and juices) that changes daily. The intricate preparation at the crocodile-embossed leather bar makes you feel like you're watching a mixologist Da Vinci at work.



A wall of 300 hand-blown amber bulbs lights up this low-key but sexy space, and a DJ adapts to the crowd's mood.

Request the **Ramos Gin Fizz** (not on the menu), a throwback to 1890s New Orleans, with over a half-dozen ingredients including egg whites, cream and citrus (somehow it's damn good).

Beverage-making is a science here; they use special block ice instead of chips (slower-melting and leaves more room for liquor), offer chocolate pairings, and even sex up sobriety with a non-alcoholic cocktail list.

With drinks this memorable, you can expect the wait at the door to be too.

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