

# RUBICON

BAR & CIGAR LOUNGE

## THE SIGNATURE COCKTAILS MENU



# THE BEGINNING OF THE JOURNEY AND THE WAR

Welcome to Rubicon, where every cocktail tells a story and every sip takes you on a timeless journey. Inspired by Julius Caesar's legendary crossing of the Rubicon River in 49 BC, our menu honours a moment that changed history forever. With the bold declaration, "The die is cast," Caesar's fateful decision marked the dawn of a new era for Rome and the world.

In that same spirit of boldness, Rubicon Bar invites you to embark on your own journey of discovery. Each cocktail is thoughtfully crafted to capture the essence of Caesar's rise, his triumphs, challenges, and legacy. Combining historical inspiration with modern artistry, our drinks promise a rich, unforgettable experience.

Built on the pillars of sustainability, personalization, and zero waste, our signature menu is designed to offer not just exceptional flavours but also a commitment to the future.

So, raise your glass and step into history. Once you cross the Rubicon, there's no turning back.



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THE DIE IS CAST

RIVERBED  
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THE ENVELOPE

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FIUMICINO



# The Fiumicino

The Rubicon, formerly called Fiumicino, was the boundary between Roman provinces and the Republic. Any general crossing it into the Republic had to relinquish command or face death as a traitor. In 49 BC, Julius Caesar's crossing of the Rubicon defied this rule, triggering a civil war against Pompey for control of Rome. This act of war became a pivotal moment in history.



## THE RECIPE

METHOD | GLASSWARE | GARNISH

Vodka  
Lemongrass  
Grapefruit  
Pine nuts  
Pomegranate fresh

### METHOD

Sous-vide  
Soda (Top-up)

### GLASSWARE

Nude Highball

### GARNISH

Grapefruit peel / Pomegranate seeds

# The Merge

Inspired by Julius Caesar's legendary crossing, this cocktail honours the Rubicon - the river that marked a point of no return. A three-arched bridge, 26 metres long and 6 metres wide, enabled Caesar's fateful journey, merging history with destiny. Like the bridge, The Merge symbolises bold choices and the fusion of elements to create something unforgettable. Sip on history, where every flavour tells a story of courage and transformation.



## THE RECIPE

METHOD | GLASSWARE | GARNISH

Whisky  
Maple  
Pineapple  
Cinnamon  
Cloves

### METHOD

Batch and clarify

### GLASSWARE

Old Fashioned

### GARNISH

Homemade pineapple-flavoured caviar

# The Route of Treason

The Rubicon, known as the Route of Treason, was where Caesar's 49 BC crossing defied Rome, sparking war and reshaping history. Many rulers followed this path, leading armies to change nations. Our Route of Treason cocktail embodies that bold rebellion — a drink for those who dare to defy and make history.



## THE RECIPE

METHOD | GLASSWARE | GARNISH

Tequila  
Curd chilli  
Passion fruit  
Sri Lankan cinnamon  
Timur pepper  
Tamarind

GLASSWARE  
Nude whisky glass

GARNISH  
Curd chilli with Timur pepper

# The Regal Period

The Rubicon River, flowing from the Apennines to the Adriatic, marked a choice of death or loyalty to Caesar. His soldiers faced war, knowing it could destroy them or crown an emperor. This cocktail embodies this tension, crafted for those bold enough to embrace risk and rise to greatness.



## THE RECIPE

METHOD | GLASSWARE | GARNISH

Cognac  
Betel leaf  
Golden syrup  
Gooseberry

GLASSWARE  
Whisky glass

GARNISH  
Betel skeleton



# The Envelope

Losing his governorship was a setback, but returning to Rome powerless was worse. After crossing the Rubicon, Caesar sent envelopes rallying his loyal soldiers. The Envelope cocktail symbolizes this call to arms — a drink for those who value loyalty and the strength of unity, embodying a leader's daring spirit.



## THE RECIPE

METHOD | GLASSWARE | GARNISH

Coconut whisky

Banana

Vanilla

Falernum

Lime

### GLASSWARE

Golden rimmed glass

### GARNISH

Banana slice

# The Silent Depth

Julius Caesar's crossing of the Rubicon sealed his fate, sparked a war, and ended the Roman Republic, symbolizing the shift from caution to bold, irreversible action. Our upcoming cocktail recipe draws from this historic moment, offering bold flavours and daring choices. Sip and experience a journey of power, ambition, and the fine line between control and chaos.



## THE RECIPE

METHOD | GLASSWARE | GARNISH

Vodka  
Orange  
Lime  
Vermouth  
Plum pickle

GLASSWARE  
Tall Highball

GARNISH  
Plum foam with grated orange

# The Riverbed Riveria

Sides of Rubicon symbolizes the unseen side of war — the bloodshed, sacrifice, and hidden struggles. Like Caesar's fateful crossing, it represents a point of no return, capturing the essence of conflict and the sacrifices made in history's shadows.

## THE RECIPE

METHOD | GLASSWARE | GARNISH

Gin  
Berry liqueur  
Jasmine  
Anise  
Lemon

GLASSWARE  
Tumbler glass

GARNISH  
Edible flower



# The Die Is Cast

Inspired by Caesar's famous words, The Die is Cast marks a point of no return. Knowing his fate was sealed, he moved forward with resolve. This cocktail embodies that bold moment - a drink for those who embrace risk and certainty, knowing there's no turning back.



## THE RECIPE

METHOD | GLASSWARE | GARNISH

Gin

Basil

Tomato

Balsamic

Parmesan

### METHOD

Batch and clarify

### GLASSWARE

Highball

### GARNISH

Cheese tuile and basil leaf