



Boisdale is a cross between a gentleman's club and a rather grand old jazz bar. Owner Ranald Macdonald acquired the various parts of this charming building at different times, and furnished them expertly to create a coherent whole. Some elements, such as the antique furnishings, are highly traditional, but there's also a bohemian atmosphere, as befits a place that once housed Francis Bacon's studio.

Enter through the main door and the first thing you notice is the spectacular bar. Boisdale stocks 170 Scotch malts and numerous single grain, premium blended Irish and American whiskeys. Bartenders also specialise in jazz era cocktails – try the award-winning Bloody Mary.

Behind the main room is the Courtyard Garden, with retractable roof for al fresco summer dining – there's also the Auld Restaurant, which has its own bar, and the Jacobite Room. Then you arrive at the Back Bar, a lovely retreat that resembles a traditional country pub. The atmosphere here is best suited to the whiskeys – and don't forget to inspect the wonderful Havana cigars in the humidor by reception.