Nine snug hotel bars to warm you up in winter

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The weather outside may be frightful, but in these snug hotel bars, things are – well – quite delightful. Our top picks exude warmth and coziness, with features such as leather banquetts, wood paneling, strong drinks and hot fireplaces. Let it snow!

Rose Bar at the Gramercy Park Hotel (http://www.oyster.com/new-york-city/hotels/gramercy-park-hotel/), New York City

There’s a reason the Rose Bar is a celebrity favorite. Despite its soaring wood-beamed ceilings, the space feels intimate and exclusive, with a billiards table, big limestone fireplace and walnut bar. It’s the perfect hideaway on a chill winter’s night.

39 Degrees Lounge at the Sky Hotel, a Kimpton Hotel (http://www.oyster.com/aspen/hotels/sky-hotel-a-kimpton-hotel/), Aspen

This swanky lounge blends traditional ski-lodge touches (a stone fireplace, wood wall paneling) with modern, sophisticated décor. The big fireplace is a focal point of the space, and the creative cocktails help make this one of Aspen’s most happening spots.

Putney Road Pub at the Forty Putney Road Bed and Breakfast (http://www.oyster.com/vermont/hotels/forty-putney-road-bed-and-breakfast/), Vermont

The pub at this Vermont bed and breakfast is the definition of cozy: It's homey, welcoming and very small. Wine, beer and champagne are on offer, and craft beer tastings are offered on certain Saturday nights.

The Bar at the Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado (http://www.oyster.com/santa-fe/hotels/four-seasons-resort-rancho-encantado/), Santa Fe

Winter can bring freezing rain and snow to the Southwest, which makes the bar at this Four Seasons resort particularly inviting in the colder months. It's modern and warm, with a dramatic fireplace and wood accents. A martini menu is on offer, as well as an extensive wine list.

The Auld Dubliner at The Village at Squaw Valley (http://www.oyster.com/tahoe/hotels/the-village-at-squaw-valley/), Lake Tahoe

This popular bar was modeled after the cottage pubs in rural Ireland, and we have to say, the design is awfully convincing. There’s a solid wooden bar, hanging lanterns and old-fashioned bar stools – not to mention Guinness served in 20 ounce pint glasses. Live music is sometimes offered.

Bookmarks Lounge at the Library Hotel (http://www.oyster.com/new-york-city/hotels/library-hotel/), New York City

At night, the hotel's Writer’s Den (a cozy area with working fireplace and heated terrace) and Poetry Garden (a greenhouse with wraparound terrace) become Bookmarks Lounge, a cozy, upscale spot serving cocktails inspired by literature.

The Simple Truth Lobby Lounge at Hotel Veritas (http://www.oyster.com/boston/hotels/hotel-veritas/), Boston

At night, the lobby of this cozy boutique hotel a few blocks from Harvard Square turns into a sophisticated cocktail lounge. The style is a mix of Victorian and Art Deco, and the warm fireplace, oversized chairs and antique-finished furniture are both classy and homey.

The Bookstore Bar and Café at the Alexis Hotel, A Kimpton Hotel (http://www.oyster.com/seattle/hotels/alexis-hotel-a-kimpton-hotel/), Seattle

The aptly named Bookstore Bar and Cafe is exactly what it sounds like – a combination of a bookstore and a bar. Whether you love to read, love to drink, or love to do both at once, this local hot spot has you covered. Nothing says winter coziness like curling up with a good book and a strong beverage. The bar is so popular that it has plans to expand; it will be closed in January but will reopen in February with twice as much space.

The Lobby Bar at the Viceroy Snowmass (http://www.oyster.com/aspen/hotels/viceroy-snowmass/), Colorado

The two-sided fireplace is the highlight of this appealing lounge, which features local artwork and lots of wood accents. Comfort food with a southern twist is served, such as popcorn crawfish and okra.

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