

MELBOURNE'S BEST

KARAOKE

Karaoke is the best fun you can have standing up and this town boasts a plethora of places to do it...

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1 KBOX KARAOKE
Everything a good karaoke venue should be: extensive collection of English and Oriental hits, gleaming disco balls, and plenty of booze to get you in the singing mood. 52 Latrobe St, Melbourne 3000. www.kbox.com.au.

2 CHI LOUNGE & KARAOKE
The perfect venue and practice your Mandarin singing skills. The venue has six Asian-inspired private rooms and a selection of over 20,000 classic hits to keep you and your mates crooning till the wee hours. Lvl 1-3, 195 Little Bourke St, Melbourne 3000. www.chilounge.com.au.

3 CHAPLIN KARAOKE BAR
This chic joint has an impressive song selection and a top-of-the-line sound system. All the usual brews are available but for something more adventurous try their Korean drinks. 428 Little Bourke St, Melbourne 3000. www.chaplinskaraokebar.com.au.

4 JANKARA KARAOKE
It's a sink-or-swim policy at this free karaoke bar. Dozens of punters take to the mic each night to tackle their favourite hits in front of complete strangers. Sound nerve-wracking? Not to worry, there's booze on hand. 300 Russell St, Melbourne 3000. www.jankara.com.au.

5 STRIKE BOWLING QV
Make your evening an all-rounder by combining bowling with karaoke. Knock down some pins, make a pit stop at the bar, then go a bit of Katy Perry in a (thankfully) private room. QV, 245 Lt Lonsdale St, Melbourne 3000. www.strikebolwingbar.com.au

6 SHOYA
This hidden gem in Chinatown offers Japanese barbecue-style dishes as well as sushi and sashimi. After dinner head upstairs to Tearose, order a few cocktails and belt out your favourite tunes in the private karaoke rooms. 25 Market Ln, Melbourne 3000. www.shoya.com.au.