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tavern [tavern taverns] BrE ['tævən] ^{*} NAmE ['tævərn] ^{*} noun (old use or literary) a pub or an [†]inn

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French taverne, from Latin taberna 'hut, tavern'. Compare with tabernacle.

Example Bank:

• It is said he was killed in a tavern brawl.

• the Bell Tavern

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[Date: 1200-1300 Language: Old French, Origin: taverne, from Latin taberna 'small simple building, shop']

1. British English old use a [†]pub where you can also stay the night

2. a word for a bar, often used in the name of a bar:

Murphy's Tavern

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• bar a place where people go to buy and drink alcoholic drinks: A man went into a bar and ordered a drink. | Let's meet up in the hotel bar. | The city centre is full of wine bars and restaurants. | The club has a restaurant and a cocktail bar.

• **pub** a building in Britain where alcohol can be bought and drunk, and where meals are often served: Do you fancy going to the pub? | a country pub

- public house British English formal a pub: The fight took place outside a public house in the city centre.
- sb's local informal a pub near where you live, especially one you often go to: The Red Lion's my local.

• inn a small hotel or pub, especially an old one in the countryside – often used in the name of the hotel or pub: The Bull Inn dates back to the 15th century. | The hotel was once a 17th century coaching inn (=used by people travelling by coach and horses).

gastropub a pub that is known to serve very good food: a gastropub with a riverside restaurant | the Windmill Gastropub
tavern British English a pub in the past where you could also stay the night – used nowadays in the names of some pubs: the Turf Tavern | Marlowe was killed in a fight in a tavern.

• watering hole *informal* a bar, pub etc where people drink alcohol – often used humorously. A watering hole is also the name for a place where wild animals go to drink: The bar became a popular watering hole for journalists. | What's your favorite watering hole?

• dive informal a bar, club etc that is cheap and dirty: The place is a bit of dive.

• honky-tonk American English informal a cheap bar where country music is played: They played in every honky-tonk in Tennessee.

saloon a bar in the western United States. Also used in Britain about the part of a pub which has comfortable chairs where you can sit and relax: I felt like a cowboy walking into a saloon in the Wild West. | Do you want to stay in the saloon, or would rather go into the other bar?

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