

Venue Review - Smashing Workshop sample

Venue Name	Cousin Jill's Karaoke Lounge
City	London
Neighborhood	West End
Type [bar, club, etc.]	Lounge
Address	42 Albemarle Street, Mayfair, London, W1S 4JH
Hours	M-S 5:30pm-1:30am
Day/Night	Night
The Scene	<p>Forget images of drunken old men groaning away to Sinatra, or that sinking feeling which accompanies every time you hear the opening chords of Robbie Williams' 'Angels'. This exclusive Mayfair lounge will blow away every conception you've ever had of what it means to do karaoke.</p> <p>From the outside, Jill's is an unassuming place which you could easily miss if you weren't paying close attention. On the inside, you'll feel like you stumbled into a plush 19th century manor house. The décor is an amazing mix of Korean and British furnishings, oozing elegance and class.</p> <p>The set-up is thus: Jill's is an exclusive venue, in the sense that booking ahead is essential. The helpful staff will help organise your night - there are three private 'rooms' to choose from, depending on your group size and tastes (and, of course, budget). Once you arrive, you will be shown to your room and for the rest of the evening will have your own personal waiting team to attend to your needs.</p> <p>The lounge boasts 20,000 songs. To put this into perspective, the average pub catalogue has roughly 1,000 to 3,000. Even if you don't 'do' karaoke, being with a small group of good friends getting drunk on champagne whilst singing and dancing around a plush library is something only Cousin Jill's can offer.</p>
Crowd	You're responsible for bringing your own!

Entertainment/Music	Ditto!
Food/Miscellaneous	Great Korean cuisine. Budget for around £20 per head for an evening meal. Served 6:30-10:30pm
Prices	£25 for 3 hours in the 'snug room', including complimentary drink and snacks. Further drinks around £3-4 per beer/glass of wine.
Website	http://www.cousinjills.com/
Dress	Anything goes. Smart casual recommended.
Hot Nights/When to Go	Marketed as a 'bespoke experience', so entirely up to you.
Tip:	Makes for a great girl's night out, but especially good for hen nights and also a quirky place to break the ice with work clients. The prices seem cheap, but budget for a costly night out - karaoke and getting drunk go hand in hand, and with the plush atmosphere you're going to want to get intoxicated on only the finest champagne.