



On 19 January 1785, Richard Crosbie, dressed in a fur-lined silk robe and leopard skin cap, became the first Irishman to make a manned flight. Witnessed by over 35,000 people, Crosbie launched his balloon from Ranelagh Gardens in Dublin intending to fly across the Irish Sea, and maybe even around the world. Sadly, he descended into the fishing village of Clontarf, barely five miles away. Although he was rescued after making several further attempts – once with his cat in his arms, Crosbie never realised his dream.

UNTIL NOW

This menu propels Crosbie and his 'Aeronautic Chariot' over the wilds of Bohemia to the mysterious Hindustan, the unexplored territories of New Holland and old Edo in the East; and, armed with cocktails that evoke the spirit of the lands over which he floats, gives this intrepid Irishman the opportunity to imagine what might have been.

If you have any allergies or intolerances, please let the bar team know and they will endeavour to modify the cocktails to suit your needs.

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Redbreast 12-yo Irishi Whiskey Dandelion Coffee Amaro Nonino Mint Chocolate Cream

BEYOND THE PALE \mathcal{L}^{17}

Dipping a little close to The River Liffey, Crosbie jettisoned the contents of his portmanteau and toasted circumnavigation with his own delightful version of Irish whiskey.



Camus vsop Cognac Pain au Chocolat Tonka Beans Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve Champagne

LA REINE

£19

Crosbie toasted his success at saving the locals from a man-eating Alpine beast with Marie Antoinette's favourite chocolate 'pistoles' dissolved in a tot of Champagne.

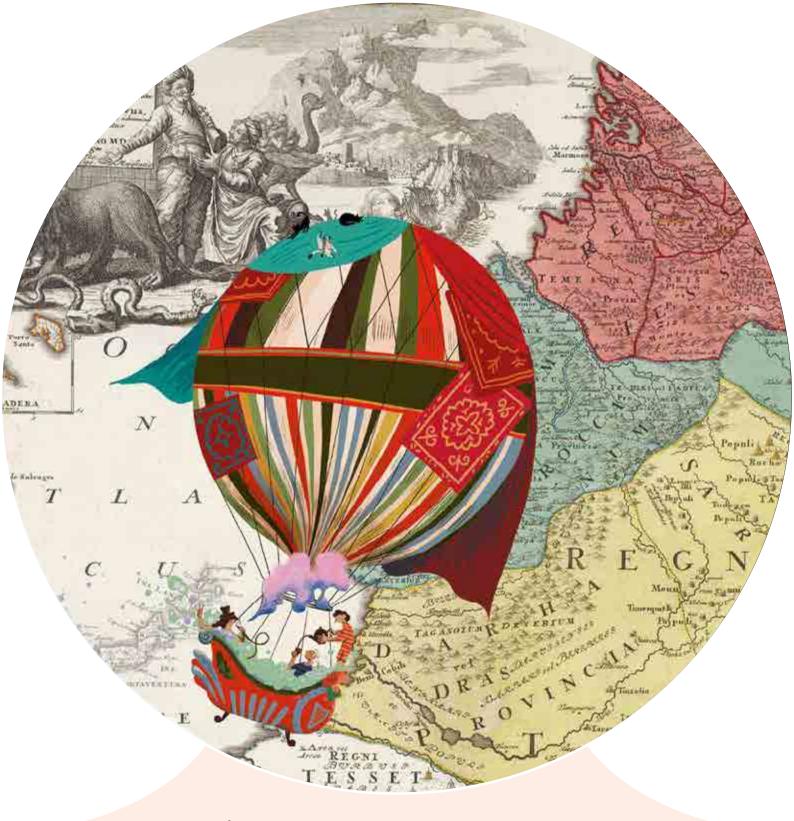


SIPSMITH ORIGIN 1639 GIN Melon Cordial Orange Fino Sherry Padrón Peppers Grapefruit Soda

QUIXOTE

£17

Crosbie's nose quivered as he bobbed his way from Bilbao over fields of burning peppers in Galicia, musky hothouse melons in la Mancha and those zesty orange groves of Seville.



Palmaráe Gin Sahara Figs Almonds Medjoul Date Cordial Acqua Bianca Ras El Hanout Spice

NUAGE

£17

Puffing on a hookah while lying in a fig-scented bath and ruminating on sacred geometry, Crosbie felt completely at home floating on Moroccan clouds the colour of his cocktail.



Altamura Vodka Extra Virgin Olive Oil Mancino Secco Vermouth Fennel Taralli Cordial

BOTTICELLI

£17

Crosbie whipped out his painting-by-numbers set and cruised down the Italian coast, draining amphorae of Roman punch scented with wild herbs - as clear and refreshing as Lake Como.

X Muse Vodka Cucumber & Dill Axia Extra Dry Mastiha Mint Greek Yoghurt Lemon

SILVER NYMPH £16

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"From up here the Parthenon frieze looks perfect as it is", shouted Crosbie to a chisel-wielding foreigner in a tricorn hat. "Cool down with a Cypress-flavoured milk punch instead."



HIGHLAND PARK 12-YO WHISKY YOGHURT, MANGO HONEY, OAT MILK BLACK CARDAMOM, CURRY LEAF TOASTED PISTACHIOS, LIME

AMBER PALACE £17

"If I could distil the orange-pink city of Jaipur with the energy of Calcutta and the smooth, tropical richness of the North Western Ghats I'd have the perfect cocktail", mused Crosbie.

Ki No Tea Gin Heavensake Junmai Ginjo Yuzu Sherbet Amaro Santoni Lychee

SHISONI

£17

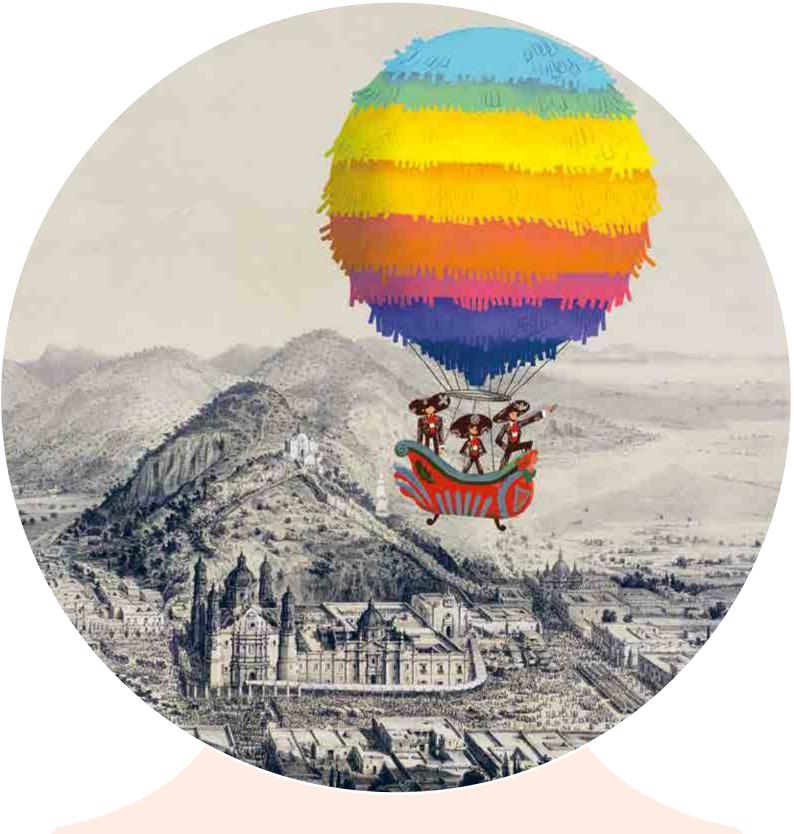
As his chariot grazed the tip of Mount Fuji in the Land of the Rising Sun, Crosbie felt moved to compose haiku in praise of the oriental negroni.



Brugal 1888 Rum Mr Black Coffee Amaro Macadamia Eucalyptus Tincture Banana Lime

KOKA KOALA £17

"We're so close to these antipodean creeks I can see koala bears", said Crosbie as he plucked a tree-top Eucalyptus leaf and plunged it into his smooth, banana rum cocktail.



Abasolo Mexican Corn Whisky Nixta Corn Liqueur Taco Mix The Lost Explorer Mezcal Salmiana Coconut & Lime

PINATA

£17

"With notes of toasted corn, caramel and smoky mezcal, this cocktail is a veritable piñata, bursting with all the flavours of South America", cried Crosbie to the wind.



Black Tears Rum Ginger & Pineapple Shrub Muyu Chinotto Nero Liqueur Mint Soda Water

BLACKBEARD

£17

As Crosbie's chariot circled over Havana, he became emboldened by the scent of spice and dark aromatics that spiralled up from the pirate ship below.



EAGLE RARE BOURBON WHISKEY KARMINIA ROSSO VERMOUTH Dr. Hosteitter's Bitter Liqueur Vetiver Gris

BLUE GRASS

£17

Shaken yet stirred by the falls of Niagara, Crosbie reached for a whiskey sour as golden as the New World prairies and followed the siren call of the Appalachians.



The Macallan 12-yo Whisky Walnut Oil Cocchi Vermouth Rosso Cadello Sandalwood Hydrosol

VIRTUOSO

£18

Swapping a Welsh crwth for a Celtic harp and sipping aged Scotch whisky enriched with fruit and florals, Crosbie's crew made merry as they were swept north from Pembroke to Perth.



Monkey 47 Gin Black Cherry Ratafia Crème de Cacao Chocolate Eau de Vie Kirsch

VALHALLA

£17

"A picnic, we must have a picnic!" cried Crosbie. "Let's gaze upon this wonderful schloss and sup on lip-smacking cherries, chocolate and berries from this forest."



Stauning Rye Whisky Coffee Fennel Savoia Orancio Campari

AFTENKAFFE

£17

Crosbie gave up playing I-spy a Viking when his companion pronounced their postprandial beverage as being as heavenly as a Danish pastry dipped in peat-smoke and fennel.

Silent Pool Gin Hedgerow & Rose Shrub Campari Raspberry Lemon Coconut

RED ALBION

£17

"Dear Yorick..", reflected Crosbie, "this cocktail is as pink as London's red-tiled roofs and as sweet and sour as its inhabitants. Onwards and upwards!"