

# NYC's 21 best rooftop bars for cooler weather

NYC's best winter rooftop spots have retractable roofs, warming cocktails and fireplaces.

Some might assume that sky-high imbibing is a spring and summertime affair, but it's always [rooftop season](#) in NYC. Even during rain, wind and lower temperatures, we simply swap the sunshine and [frozen drinks](#) for [fireplaces](#) and [hot cocktails](#) while still soaking up the [skyline view](#). So grab a sweater and set your sights on the stars at the best cooler weather rooftops in NYC this winter.



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## 8. Ophelia

Bars

Cocktail bars

Midtown East

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Ophelia's Art Deco design is stylish all year 'round, and it's also been known to [transform](#) into a "snowglobe in the sky" around this time each year. Classic martinis and riffs on old favorites are available every season.

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## **Time Out says**

**The history of Ophelia runs deep. When The Panhellenic Tower opened in 1928, it was the only hotel at the time to be managed by women. It continued its feminist legacy as a social club for women entering the workforce (sort of like a prototype for The Wing). Today it pays homage to its early feminist days welcoming all types of guests into a decadent barroom fashioned with soaring cathedral windows, jewel-tone blue walls, and glass showcases filled with vintage oddities.**

At first, it may feel awkward strolling through a quiet apartment building's bright lobby at 9pm, bypassing the doormen and hustling into a packed elevator with three cranky, middle-aged European tourists. But once you reach the 26th floor of Beekman Tower, Ophelia's sultry old-world appeal instantly clicks. The bar—once named Top of the Tower—even served oh-so-casual customers like Frank Sinatra and Frank Zappa.