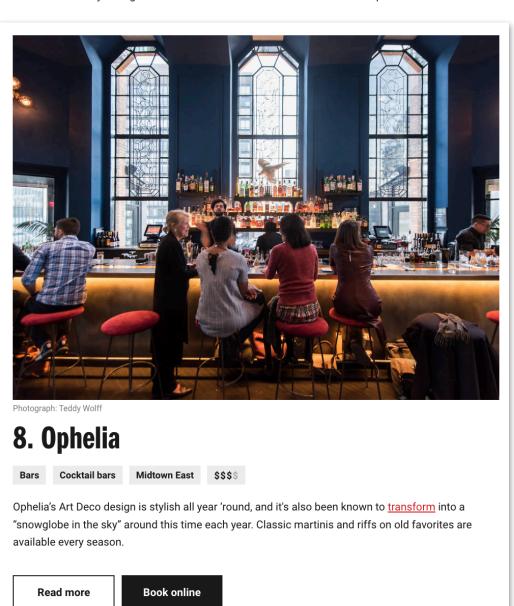


NYC's 21 best rooftop bars for cooler weather

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.



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 it's 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, jeweltone 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.