

The 35 best rooftop bars in NYC

In New York City, “underground” is good. [Speakeasy-themed bars](#). Hidden [streets](#). Secret [gardens](#). The *actual* [underground](#). But sometimes you want to soar above it all, sipping effervescent libations among the clouds like some kind of fancy bird with an expense account. You want to be uplifted.



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9. Ophelia

Bars

Cocktail bars

Midtown East

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Rather than a destination for screaming Saturday night revelry, Ophelia is the kind of place you’d go to trade conversation and maybe a few secrets. Fashioned with soaring cathedral windows that look out onto the East River and jewel-toned blue walls, this is one of the most elegant rooftop experiences New York City has to offer.