

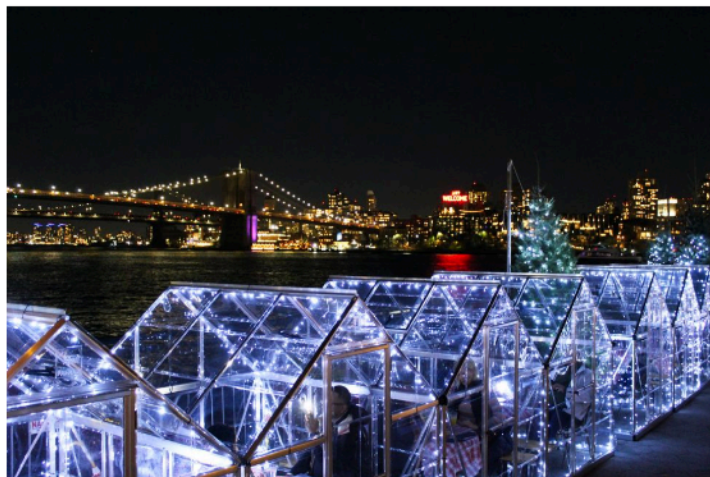
40 MAGICAL HOLIDAY AND CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES TO DO IN NYC THIS YEAR

There's nowhere in the world quite like New York City during the holiday season. If you think the Big Apple is bright and bustling throughout the year, it becomes that much more so during the winter months. Between the decked-out department stores, the Rockefeller Christmas Tree, and all the twinkly lights everywhere you go, Christmas in New York is nothing short of magical.

16. TAKE IN THE HOLIDAY SKYLINE AT OPHELIA

Ophelia Lounge NYC

Ophelia, the Art Deco-inspired cocktail lounge in Midtown East Manhattan, will be transforming into the "Snow Globe in the Sky" for the season. Essentially, the lounge (located at The Grand Terrace at 3 Mitchell Place) transforms into a human-sized snow globe for the holidays, complete with dazzling crystals and sparkling snowflakes. What's more is the view, which sits 26 stories high. All the better to take in the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building, lit in red and green for December.

28. WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND AT WATERMARK

Watermark - Waterfront Bar

Enclosed igloos at the South Street Seaport, overlooking the Brooklyn Bridge—need we say more? We're already waiting at Pier 15, which will soon be transformed into a magical outdoor bar, restaurant, and event space for the season. Once you step through the illuminated tunnel, you'll find lights, trees, and hot cocktails.