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Everything you need to know about spending the holidays in New York City

With rows of Christmas trees lending the sidewalks their piney scent and glittering lights everywhere you look, [New York City](#) is a [magical place around the winter holidays](#).

It's also massively crowded and often cold, with the propensity to be very expensive (all that holiday cheer can really add up). Since you'll want to be prepared, so here are some important things to consider before you go to New York for the holidays.

What are some non-touristy holiday things to do in New York City?

When in doubt, [head for a rooftop bar](#). Crowning the Beekman Tower in Midtown East, the lounge-y Ophelia transforms into a snow globe for the festive season, while the McKittrick Hotel's Gallow Green channels cozy alpine vibes.