

The Most Luxe Rooftop Bars in New York City

For many, New York is a city lived underground. From hidden tunnels to secret speakeasies to vault-turned-pubs—not to mention the everyday means of commute—there's a whole world beneath the surface of this city that's teeming with life. But once those temperatures start to rise and the rooftop bars open their doors, you can find us city dwellers 50 floors up, with a cocktail in hand.

Ophelia



Courtesy Ophelia

If you're spending a night out at Ophelia in midtown, you're in good company. A favorite of notable New Yorkers such as Frank Sinatra, Miles Davis, and Frank Zappa, this rooftop speakeasy setting takes in all the glamour of old Manhattan. Located in the Beekman Tower, this 1928 building was built by architect John Mead Howells and developer Emily Hepburn under the name of Panhellenic Tower. Taking its design cues from its storied past, the Art Deco-inspired jewel-toned space offers a bites menu from executive chef Antelmo Ambrosio, who fuses locally sourced ingredients with offerings from international artisans. We hear the spinach and artichoke dip is a crowd-pleaser.