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The Definitive List of the Most Romantic Restaurants in NYC for Every Occasion

A beautiful romantic dinner in NYC is the stuff of dreams (and rom-coms). But with 27,000 restaurants, finding the most romantic restaurants in NYC can be overwhelming—unless, of course, you have help. That's why we've combed the city for the most romantic restaurants in NYC to supplement your date night ideas.

Ophelia, Midtown East, Manhattan

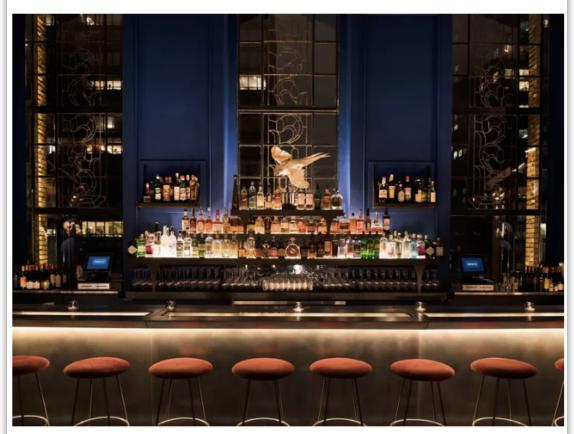


Photo: Ophelia

There's something romantic about knowing that restaurant has a vivid past, and Ophelia dominates in this department. The Art Deco-inspired rooftop lounge is nestled at the tippy top of the legendary Beekman Tower—and back in the 1920s, it was a women's only club and hotel before it became Frank Sinatra's neighborhood hideout whenever Ol' Blue Eyes was in town. The skyline views at Ophelia make for the perfect romantic setting, but you will also be dazzled by the jewel-box interior and cocktails by Bar Director Amir Babayoff with light bites to match. It's also a great option for a Christmas dinner in New York City or a holiday party, as come December it transforms into a crystal snowflake palace known affectionately as the Snow Globe in the Sky.