

The Best New York City Rooftops Bars to Celebrate Summer

From penthouses in Midtown to East River crow's nests, here are the NYC rooftops that aren't tourist traps

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This past winter in New York City was a humdinger—blizzards shut down the MTA, sidewalks stayed slick with greasy ice, and it was still chilly in early May. But a punishing winter has a silver lining: we relish balmy weather all the more once it arrives. At long last, picnic baskets have returned to Domino Park, miniskirts to the West Village, and revelry to our fair city's rooftops.

Ophelia Lounge



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The historic Beekman Tower has been a Midtown East landmark since 1928. Its rooftop bar, Ophelia Lounge, is an Art Deco sanctuary suspended above the East River. Brass fixtures, velvet banquettes, and black-and-white harlequin tile evoke the Roaring Twenties, while cutting-edge mixology keeps things firmly in the present. For the full shebang, order the Omacocktail tasting menu, an indulgent procession of miniature cocktails paired with luxurious bites like caviar bumps and tuna tartare spoons.