

How to Plan the Most Indulgent, Over-the-Top Trip to New York City

Hunter S. Thompson once wrote, “The only way I can handle New York City is to live there. It’s a disastrous place to visit.” The outlaw author had a point: trips to the Big Apple have a way of gutting bank accounts, testing the limits of hepatic fortitude, and short-circuiting the nervous system. But with all due respect to the Godfather of Gonzo, a jaunt to New York done properly is even more fun than mescaline and a .44 Magnum fired into the midnight sky over the Rockies.

Ophelia Lounge



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Perched atop the historic Beekman Tower, Ophelia Lounge draws a medley of dapper finance types, glamorous young women in their Carrie Bradshaw era, and cocktail nerds. Grab a seat by the windows to admire the twinkling lights along the East River while you imbibe.

The Omacocktail tasting is a 90-minute procession of seven mini cocktails paired with small plates. The pours are petite enough that your palate still works by the final round, and standouts include a Spanish-style gin and tonic and an elixir built around genever, the old-school Dutch forerunner to gin. Luxurious dainties like caviar bumps and tuna tartare spoons complement each pour.

Now that you have some ideas on how you can get the ultimate NYC indulgence for your stomach. Come back tomorrow so we can tell you where to stay and the off-the-beaten-path experiences to really get the NYC vibe.