The 10 most over-the-top festive bars in NYC

When the weather outside is frightful, drinking seasonal spirits inside a cozy holiday-themed bar can be quite delightful. In New York City, there are many spots to cure your winter blues while surrounded by over-the-top decorations and with an overpriced cocktail in hand. From Christmas classics like Rolf’s and Pete’s Tavern to high-end heated snow globes at the rooftop bar Mr. Purple, there is no shortage of festive spots to make the season merry and bright.

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Ophelia

On the top floor of the historic Beekman Tower in Midtown East is Ophelia, an Art-Deco-inspired cocktail lounge. This year, the bar’s winter installation of a “snow globe in the sky” gives New Yorkers a chance to drink under sparkling crystals and snowflakes. Located on the 26th floor, Ophelia also has sweeping views of the East River and beyond. The menu offers a twist on classic cocktails, including a Caribbean Old Fashioned made with rum and a gin martini with lime and tarragon. Book a table here.