

I've been to nearly every NYC rooftop bar: these are the 15 best for summer 2022

New York is skyscraper city, its skyline famously piercing the heavens with tall iconic towers. And yet, it wasn't until relatively recently when some of those sky-high rooftops were finally converted into bars.



Views of the East River and Roosevelt Island from Ophelia Lounge ©
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Best for the Art Deco enthusiast: [Ophelia](#)

Built in 1928 in what was once a women's-only hotel, Ophelia is about as classic New York City as they come. The Art Nouveau stylings, tall ornate cathedral windows and views of the east side Manhattan skyline from 26 floors above the street all make for an ideal venue for drinking a dirty martini, a Manhattan or one of the 14 signature cocktails that are shaken up here nightly. And if all that doesn't make you feel like you're king off the hill, A number one, then there's this little fact: Frank Sinatra used to hang out here.

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