

9 NYC restaurants that go hard on holiday decor

The Rockefeller Center tree lights are on, Fifth Avenue window shopping is in full swing thanks to knockout displays, festive booths are up at Union Square and Bryant Park, and that can only mean one thing: Holiday season has officially arrived.

Ophelia Lounge (Midtown East)



Ophelia is embracing winter with a shimmering beads installation that mimics icicles. Photo credit: Ophelia

If stunning Manhattan and East River views are your way of ringing in the holidays, Ophelia Lounge atop Midtown East's Beekman Tower is the way to go. Catch the twinkling skyline outside at one of the lounge's four outdoor terraces (there's sheepskin throws if you get cold) and then head indoors to feel like you're in a snow globe thanks to a ceiling installation of shimmering beads meant to resemble icicles and snowflakes. Take it up a notch with Ophelia's New Year's Eve dinner that has a magician, hors d'oeuvres, and a Champagne toast at midnight.