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Cocktails WITH A VIEW

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With an iconic skyline and some of the world's best mixologists to boot, Manhattan is home to dozens of breathtaking rooftop bars that draw in those wishing to take in both the views and some cocktails. While many of the city's high altitude watering holes are located in Times Square or downtown, there are a handful of venues you don't need to hop on the subway to get to. And while many people save their rooftop revelry for warm summer days, don't discount the enchanting snowy views you can enjoy come wintertime.

Ophelia Lounge

Head up to the 26th floor of The Beekman Tower, at 3 Mitchell Place, where you will be greeted by an opulent pewter-cast bar and twinkling lights dangling overhead. Paying homage to the building's art deco past, the rooftop bar has an enclosed patio that offers 360-degree views of the bustling city. Their namesake cocktail, Ophelia's Ascension (\$21), features a blend of pepper-infused mezcal, bourbon, aromatic bitters, and cedar smoke with habanero pepper, but my favorite, as a loyal east side resident, is obviously the Far East Side (\$24), featuring shiso-infused mizu shochu, Tanqueray gin, yuzu, and yellow chartreuse. Punchy, yet refreshing. The lounge doesn't just serve up cocktails, either. Chef Antelmo Ambrosio's food menu offers everything from light bites to more substantial fare — think stuffed cremini mushrooms, spicy tuna tartare, and truffle mushroom ravioli. It's a sophisticated spot to spend a free evening.

