

10 Plus Ways to Celebrate July 4th in NYC with Fireworks and More!

The Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks are back again this year! What began in 1976 as part of America's Bicentennial celebration transformed New York Harbor into a dazzling stage, complete with fireworks launched from barges, dramatic lighting around the Statue of Liberty, and even a helicopter carrying an American flag overhead. Fifty years later, as the nation celebrates its 250th anniversary, this year's display promises to be one for the books—an unforgettable spectacle honoring both the city's skyline and the country's historic milestone.

10. **A 250th Special BBQ Dinner and Cocktails at Ophelia Ahead of July 4th**



Perched above the city with sweeping skyline views, [Ophelia](#) will celebrate Independence Day and America's 250th with two nights of festive programming. On July 3rd, beginning at 10 pm, guests are invited to kick off the holiday weekend with a pre-party celebration featuring music by DJ Anthony Vera, signature cocktails, and patriotic energy above Manhattan. On July 4th, the venue will host its Afterglow Celebration Sunset Soirée from 5 PM to 9 PM, followed by an afterparty from 10 PM until late. Guests can enjoy live DJs, handcrafted cocktails, and panoramic NYC skyline views. Special menu offerings include the "250th Special" featuring Bourbon BBQ Short Rib served with mac and cheese and cornbread, as well as an American Cheesecake topped with fresh blueberries, raspberries, and festive sparklers.