

15 Most Romantic Bars In NYC

There are three ways to think of romance when visiting [a New York City bar](#). There are the types of places that promise a special (and expensive) night, where a fashionable dress code and reservation are bound to prove you've got both style and the ability to plan ahead. There are places that are more low-key and intimate, where candlelit corners invite quiet conversations to unfold over reasonably priced wines. Then there are the kinds of places that, in this writer's opinion, are the best: the classic New York haunts that evoke a deep sense of romantic nostalgia. These are the places where a date isn't necessary to feel love for the history that has seeped into the walls and to appreciate the charm found by sipping martinis in the same nooks where famed New Yorkers once sat.

New York's bars span a wide spectrum, with many offering a timeless romance no matter your relationship status. Having spent more than 15 years living in New York City, I've traversed these streets as a single woman, an engaged fiancée, and now a happily married wife, which is to say that I've both sipped cocktails in the company of a loved one and taken myself out on romantic solo dates. Wherever you are in your journey, I've got a place for you.

Ophelia Lounge In Midtown



Located inside the historic Beekman Tower, Ophelia Lounge NYC is a rooftop cocktail bar that has been touted as one of the city's most romantic. When it comes to romance, ambiance is everything, and Ophelia nails it inside and out. An outdoor terrace and panoramic views of the East River and Midtown skyline are paired with cathedral-style windows and an Art Deco design that makes this rooftop lounge feel at once vintage and romantic. For a date you're eager to impress (and willing to drop some serious cash), consider one of Ophelia's Champagne experiences, which pairs a fine bottle of Champagne with a tower of small bites and a dessert. The Beekman Tower, which Ophelia Lounge calls home, was originally built in 1928 as a women-only residence for sorority members and later served as a hotel. The bar space was eventually restored and reopened as the Ophelia Lounge, with many of the original design elements still reflected today.