New York City offers many ways to ring in the holidays: watch the Rockefeller Center tree lighting, take in a showing of the *Nutcracker*, or ice skating in Bryant Park. But let's be real: The best way to cheer on the season is by tasting it — and there's no better place than one of its holiday-themed cocktail bars.

**Ophelia**

Cocktail lounge Ophelia is once again decorating its sky-high space (located on the 26th floor of a Midtown skyscraper) to look like a snow globe. Sheepskin throws and dangling snowflakes create a festive vibe that's not overbearing, with cocktails mixed with horchata, walnut bitters, and other seasonal ingredients. Bar snacks like truffle fries, baked brie brulee, and wagyu beef tartare are priced between $20 and $40 each.

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