

The best Oktoberfest events in NYC this year

Contrary to its moniker, Oktoberfest—the annual autumnal celebration anchored in Munich, Germany, with satellite festivities all over the globe—kicks off in September. Lucky for you, New York City hosts some of the best boozy, musical sausage fests in the world. This year's events include weeks-long waterside parties, brewery bashes and even lobster-fueled feasts—all with plenty of German (and local!) beer to start your fall eating and drinking plans out right.

2. OktoberFest at Watermark Bar



Get autumnal near the water with skyline views at Watermark Bar on Pier 15. Watermark's OktoberFest features steins of German beer (expect traditional Hofbrau as well as Weihenstephan and Radeberger brews), with mini-kegs available for order.

Also don't miss the brats and the supersized pretzels synonymous with the season in NYC, all in the open air from September 12 through October 26. Lederhosen are encouraged and reservations are recommended.