

# 5 Places to Celebrate Oktoberfest in NYC

Ahh, yes. As the golden light of September bathes Manhattan in a gentle glow, a new kind of performance is taking shape outdoors. One with clinking steins, sizzling bratwurst, and the joyous hum of conversation. That's right, it's Oktoberfest Season!

Oktoberfest originated in Munich, Germany, in 1810 as a celebration of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Bavaria. Originally held in October and featuring a public horse race, the festival was repeated and expanded over the years, eventually moving its start date to September to take advantage of the better weather and longer days. And thank goodness they did!

While Oktoberfest's roots are firmly in Munich, its spirit has transcended borders to become a truly global celebration; and few places embrace it with as much passion in New York City. The tradition lives on in a big way, with the city hosting a vibrant lineup of festivals and events that transform the streets and beer gardens into lively celebrations.

Thanks to the [Playbill Partner Hotels Booking Engine](#), here are five places we recommend celebrating the season!

## **Watermark (Pier 15, Financial District)**

I put this in the just because while it is not a traditional German Biergarten, Watermark hosts a large, annual Oktoberfest celebration on Pier 15! With stunning waterfront views, this spot is a great option for those who want a more festival-like experience with a beautiful backdrop. They offer a variety of German beers, food, and often feature live music and games just steps from South Street Seaport!

