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The Best Rooftop Bars in NYC

The calendar says it's time for the sun to shine, for flowers to bloom, and for New Yorkers to get outside again. But New York City weather doesn't always agree with spring's technical arrival. We all want to put our coats away, break out the open-toed shoes, and bask on rooftop bars, but we've still got to be patient and ease into it.

Still, high-altitude imbibing calls out. Fortunately, there are plenty of places to enjoy elevated drinks regardless of the temperature outside. These are the best places to sip or swig in the great updoors whether the season is lion or lamb-like.

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Lower East Side

This 15th-floor lounge plays to the Lower East Side going-out crowd with cocktails carbonated and bottled in-house, punches made with small-batch spirits, and Irving Roasters coffee to keep partiers awake throughout the night. When it's not pool weather, views are best enjoyed on the indoor chaise lounges, banquettes, and high-top communal tables, where you can also order grilled cheese, franks in a blanket, or kale Caesar salad (naturally).

