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These Are New York's 5 Best Hotel Pools

New York is not a tropical destination, but as any local can tell you: it gets really goddamn hot in the summer. While that's not exactly in the forefront of visitors' minds when they're planning their next trip, it is reality.

When the sweltering months hit (see: now), there's nothing better than finding a glorious oasis to relax, poolside. But all pools are not made alike. And in a city where time and resources are limited, it's essential to choose wisely.

Whether you're visiting or just taking a personal day for some much needed R&R, here are our five favorites in the city and how to make the most of them.

Mr. Purple at Hotel Indigo
171 Ludlow St, New York, NY

Wifi: Free

Non-hotel guests: Day passes are \$50 per person, or you have options for a table anywhere from \$75-125.

The Vibe: While the pool itself is small, the Lower East Side's Mr. Purple is the best downtown option. There's tons of seating, bars inside and out, and they're far enough from the pool to not be intrusive. A reggae-heavy playlist helps you get away without having to get away.



The Menu: Great food in solid portions. The kale and grilled shrimp salad makes a great light bite, and for something with a little more substance, get the fried chicken sandwich (with fries, duh) and make sure to ask for a side of hot sauce. Drinks will run you about \$16 a piece; the Melon Baller is delicious, but if you're feeling like getting started early, try the Barrel of Monkeys.