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Raising the Bar

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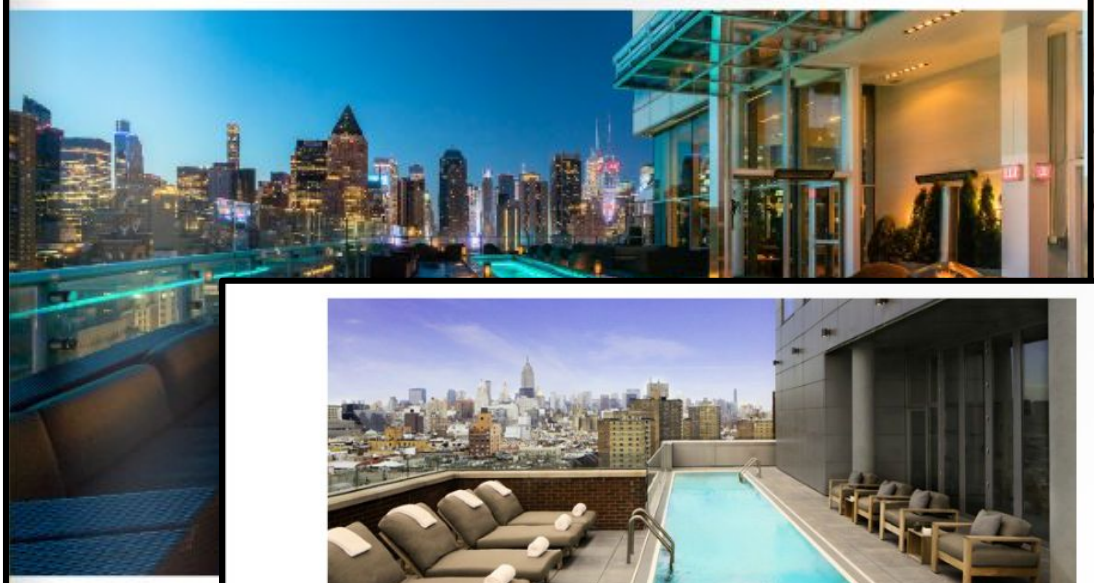
With warm weather upon us, seasoned New Yorkers have been enjoying longer days at food festivals, outdoor performances in the park, and al fresco dining on rooftops. From trendy hot hotel perches to low-key people-watching hideaways, let's take a tour around Manhattan for the best roof bars that are as unique in atmosphere as their location. Breathtaking views are only some of the perks you'll find while you're on top of the world.



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MR. PURPLE AT HOTEL INDIGO

Passing oversized artwork created by Lee Quinones, the legendary subway graffitist, visitors ascend 15 floors and one flight up to *Mr. Purple*. The chic, lofty-look is evident by the use of wood, concrete, metal pipes and glass globe lights. The skyline is the art. The wide bar, tables and the contemporary leather banquette in the spacious room offer a view of the East Village. During warmer months, open doors lead to a narrow terrace where purple tables and chairs suit intimate gatherings. Lounge chairs, a bar, and an outdoor pool adorn the west side of the building. The famous Mr. Purple cocktail is created with Casamigos Reposado Tequila (George Clooney and business partner Rande Gerber's creation in 2012), cranberry liqueur, allspice dram, apple and lemon. Beer on tap and bottles also available as well as sparkling wines by the glass or bottle. The extensive bar menu suits all tastes. Hummus, salads, burgers and flatbreads are featured. Try the specialties that include crispy fried calamari and tuna tartare with radish and harissa, served with wonton chips—all spectacular.

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