12 Great Places to Drink Outdoors in NYC This Summer

Say what you want about New York’s unforgiving seasons—which go from bone-chillingly cold to unbearably muggy overnight—but watching New Yorkers come out of hibernation after a long winter is one of the great joys of living in this city. Coats are left at home, clunky boots are swapped out for sandals, and every borough bursts with color. After this last unseasonably cool and damp spring, it appears that summer 2017 is finally on its way. And once the temperature heats up enough, there will come the inevitable question: Where will we be getting our alfresco drinks? Here, a selection of new openings and classic favorites where you can indulge under the sun all summer long.

The Roof
Whoever says you can’t see nature in midtown Manhattan hasn’t been to this posh Gerber Group spot atop the Viceroy hotel. If you can squeeze in the elevator during happy hour, you’ll be treated to a near-flawless sunset over an unobstructed view of Central Park. Try the Spicy Paloma—a tequila-grapefruit cocktail that has just the right amount of kick.