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Where To Watch The Kentucky Derby In NYC

The Kentucky Derby is the world's greatest sporting event for anyone feeling "meh" about sports. The race itself is the height of athleticism -- competing thoroughbreds' training regimens rival any Olympian's and their jockey companions are in better shape than most of us could ever dream of. But, for spectators, the first Saturday in May is all about floppy hats and mint juleps.

Why watch a bunch of sweaty dudes chasing balls for hours when you can see majestic horses gallop for two heart-pounding minutes? For those of us outside of Churchill Downs, the Derby is more about the party than the race. Saturday, May 5 is made for fashion and bourbon. Bow ties > jerseys, and silver cups > bottles of Bud all day, every day. If you can't make it to Louisville for the main event, [Saratoga Springs](#) is the next best place. And New York City is fine, too! Here are the best places to watch the Kentucky Derby in NYC this Derby de Cinco.

The Roof

The nauticalish lounge at the top of the Viceroy Central Park has the perfect level of yacht-swank to accommodate your big-ass hat. Southern jazz tunes will ring out all afternoon while guests will sample a series of down-home snacks like fried chicken and biscuit sliders, country ham deviled eggs, and fried pickles. Mint juleps start at \$16. Bust out that seersucker -- the best dressed Derby-goer will win a venue gift card. Reservations recommended.