

New York City's Best New Hotel Rooftop Bars

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Best New Rooftop Bars & Outdoor Terrace in New York City

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New York City has more rooftop bars than any other American city, providing trendy lounges many levels above the hustle and bustle down below. Head to the Flatiron District, Chelsea, Midtown, SoHo, and other New York City neighborhoods for these new rooftop bars, where the cocktails are great but the views are even better.

You'll find each of these rooftop lounges at new hotels, but luckily, you don't have to be an overnight guest to join the party -- and you usually won't have to pay a cover charge to enter. However, hotel guests will typically get priority, and it's not uncommon for these popular venues to be closed for a private event. Don't despair: Though this year marks the first summer for each of these bars, most of these rooftop bars will remain open year-round.

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Upstairs Rooftop Bar & Lounge at the Kimberly Hotel

This casual lounge (outfitted with twinkling overhead lights, comfy wicker chairs, and tufted leather armchairs) feels like you're hanging out on a friend's rooftop -- but with full bar service and a menu of small plates. The rooftop space also serves brunch, with favorites like whole-wheat blueberry pancakes drizzled with Vermont maple syrup. From this 3,000-square-foot terrace 30 stories above the sidewalk, soak in views of the Chrysler Building and Midtown Manhattan. It also has a retractable glass ceiling and walls, so this rooftop bar doesn't have to close during a thunderstorm.

What to Order: Oh Yoko (soju and sake with lemon grass, ginger, and mint)

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