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Wake Up to a Vacation in the City that Never Sleeps! Fun, Fresh New York Hotels

As autumn flutters into the Big Apple, out-of-town friends and friends of friends (as well as scores of readers of my travel articles) email to ask about the best places to sleep in my city that never sleeps. **New York** is an especially vivacious visit during the fall—with **Halloween hoopla**, **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade**, and the festively decorated drama of December. This holiday season instills extra merriment: dancing Rockettes of **Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular**, ice-skating in **Bryant Park**, tutu-watching at **George Balanchine's The Nutcracker at New York City Ballet**, and the tree lighting at **Rockefeller Center**—just for starters.

This year, many more travelers have requested recommendations for a “fun, hip, new-ish hotel” rather than a “beloved, tried-and-true grand classic.” (Though I do love that latter category, too!) Thankfully, New York City is experiencing a design-driven hotel boom. So here are five fresher-on-the-scene properties that exude personality and extend pizzazz-y amenities.

And since most visitors want to applaud Broadway shows, four of these hotels are within easy walking distance of the theater district. The fifth hotel is located downtown, near the Freedom Tower and Statue of Liberty.

THRILL TO DAVID BURKE'S FABRICK

Celebrity chef **David Burke's** over-the-top creative magic is spellbinding at **fabrick** restaurant, on Archer's ground floor. Be prepared not only for tasty treats, but whimsical presentations. Popular musts include the candied bacon, avocado panna cotta, angry tacos, lobster dumplings, and jar of house-made pickles. Executive chef **Adin Langille's** artistry shimmers as well. Gobble up chocolate-hazelnut Burke-n' Bag (a playful twist on the famous Hermes Birkin Bag), strawberry-rhubarb Napoleon, caramelized



PEER AT THE SPYGLASS

Archer's rooftop bar is *Spyglass*, perched on the 22nd floor with inviting indoor and outdoor spaces. It boasts a va-va-voom view of the Empire State Building. Mixologist Joe Goglia stirs up such evocative libations as First Crush, You Look Smashing, and Top of the World. Small plates from *David Burke's fabrick* restaurant are served.

