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# 5 Things to Do for Labor Day Weekend in NYC

Send Out Summer 2014 with a Bang in Manhattan

Sticking around town for the last long-weekend hurrah of summer? Then make it count. Summer in the city is still in full swing this Labor Day weekend, running from August 30 through September 1 in 2014. We've dug through the many goings-on in Manhattan to turn up this list of the 5 very best things to do over the Labor Day holiday weekend, for an end-of-summer finale to remember.



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## 1. Float Your Boat

Let go of your landlubbing ways while the summer sun's still on your side. Nothing beats floating a sailboat out into the harbor—head out on one of the sail-powered schooners of [Classic Harbor Line](#) from Chelsea Piers, or captain your own boat with a sailing lesson from

the [Offshore Sailing School](#), out of Tribeca's Pier 25. After you've learned the ropes (literally) and built up a sailor's appetite, tuck into some oysters down the pier at Tribeca's new hot spot, the [Grand Banks schooner](#), or if lobster's more your speed, hit up a free mini-cruise with the new [North River Lobster Company](#) at Pier 83 on 42nd Street.

Other 42nd Street embarkations worth sticking around for include the feed-your-need-for-speed [The Beast](#), which makes fun 30-minute, 45mph runs out to the Statue of Liberty. Or, hit up history and behind-the-scenes New York Harbor industry on Circle Line's recently launched [Hidden Harbor Tours](#) (Saturday, August 30), in collaboration with the Working Harbor Committee. Or, on Sunday (August 31), check out the Working Harbor Committee's annual [tugboat race competition](#), starting at 10am on 44th Street and the Hudson.



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## 2. Nab 2-for-1 Broadway Tickets

The popular biannual [Broadway Week](#) promotion runs for two weeks in September (September 1–14), kicking off on Labor Day, on Monday. While most Broadway theaters are dark on Mondays, you

can still nab two-for-one ticket deals for Labor Day performances of *Chicago*, *Mamma Mia!*, and *The Phantom of the Opera*.



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## 3. Get Your Art Fix

Some of [summer's most buzzed-about exhibitions](#) will carry over well into September (and further into fall). Don't miss *Jeff Koons: A Retrospective* at the Whitney, marking the artist's most comprehensive retrospective to date

(runs through October 19, 2014). Or, head over to the Museum of Arts and Design (MAD) for *NYC Makers: The MAD Biennial*, which showcases contemporary craftsmanship from more than 100 skilled New York City artisans, artists, designers, and more (through October 12, 2014). Finally, swing by Madison Square Park to catch the tail end of American artist Rachel Feinstein's first public art exhibition in the U.S., the theatrical outdoor sculptural installation *Folly* (through September 7, 2014).



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## 4. Wet Your Whistle on a Rooftop Perch

Wind summer down with New Yorkers' favorite summertime pastime—tippling atop a rooftop bar. If you haven't gotten around to checking out some of summer 2014's

newest vertical drinking oases, beeline straight for our new favorites: the sleek [The Roof at the Viceroy](#), overlooking Central Park and the new One57/[Park Hyatt](#) hotel tower; NYC's highest rooftop perch, [Bar 54](#); or David Burke's [Spyglass at the new Archer Hotel](#), sitting in the shadow of the soaring Empire State Building.



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## 5. Listen to Opera Under the Stars

Pull up a chair in Lincoln Center Plaza for the Metropolitan Opera's free *The Met: Live in HD* festival, piping in 10 simulcast productions on the big screen. The plaza comes littered with more than 3,000 seats,

but do show up early (well before the 7:45/8pm start times) to secure one. On Saturday (August 30), catch an 8pm showing of Donizetti's beloved comedy *Don Pasquale*; on Sunday (August 31, 8pm), it's Massenet's adaptation of Goethe, in *Werther*; and on the festival's finale on Monday (September 1, 7:45pm), round out the weekend with Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*.