

GUIDE:

The Best NYC Rooftops For Eating & Drinking



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The NYC streets get extra-mean in the summertime. Tourists, hot garbage, mosquitos, bands of interns learning how to drink - it's rough out there. But there's a place where you can get away from it all. Actually, there are 18 places, and they're all rooftops. Here's our list of the best rooftop bars in NYC. These aren't the clubby spots where you pay a cover to dip your feet in a pool the size of your kitchen. They're the places where you'll actually want to hang out, drink, and feel a breeze on your face that, magically, doesn't smell like garbage.

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Spyglass Rooftop

Midtown

📍 45 West 38th Street

Spyglass is only a few doors down from the Refinery Rooftop, and it's a perfectly good outdoor-drinking alternative. It's a little bit smaller, but it still has some great views of the Empire State Building. This is the rooftop lounge at the Archer Hotel, and it feels like a nice little cocktail bar that also just happens to be on top of a building. Bring a date if you're in Midtown and you're looking for something classier than an Irish pub.

