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HOW TO SNEAK INTO 13 HOTEL POOLS IN MANHATTAN

It's hot. Hotels have [rooftop](#) pools. And it doesn't take a rocket scientist to put two and two together. It takes... a math scientist, who will tell you that you need to figure out how to get in said rooftop pools to beat the heat. Well, this handy guide should help.

We field-tested just how impenetrable a bunch of NYC's best rooftop hotel pools are, then laid out crucial details for you to plan your next attack.



The James New York

Soho

Level of sneak difficulty: Hard

How to get in: This rooftop pool is also accessible only during the day, and all floors need the power of a room key. Unfortunately, I arrived on the scene after-hours, but I was told from an inside source (let's call him the Deep Throat of hotel pools) that if you can get yourself to the top floor, the stairs lead directly up to the roof and to a pool that has 1) pretty kickass views of lower Manhattan, and 2) its own bar. So yeah, it's time to whip out your social skills and make a friend again.

Also: if you happen to go after-hours, you can still drink at the bar, The Jimmy, and stand next to the pool. But be forewarned – there's a bouncer there who told me in no uncertain terms that if you jump into the pool with all of your clothes on, he will *definitely* throw you out.