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8 NYC Hotels with the Best Rooftops

In the same way that heat rises, so too do New Yorkers as summer arrives. Rooftop season is kicking off, and hotels across the city are unveiling their soaring bars, places of relaxation both for visitors spending the night and New Yorkers just enjoying it. Whether you snag a seat with a view at the Mexican-themed rooftop at Pod 39 in Midtown — pass a Corona and guacamole, please — or hop across the water to the dreamy McCarren Hotel and Pool (formerly King & Grove) in Brooklyn, heading up is the best way to enjoy summer in the city. Read on for the eight best hotel rooftops in NYC where the views, the cocktails and the service are all primo.



Jimmy at The James Hotel

Take the best of [SoHo](#), throw it onto a breezy rooftop (18 stories up), and the result is the Jimmy. The hospitality dream team behind its success — restaurateur Larry Poston, mixologist Johnny Swet and nightlife king David Rabin — knows how to set up a party. With loads of dark wood and recessed lights, the interior design is pure Manhattan swank. Its guests (many of them gaily laughing leggy types) match the slick environs, although the cocktails certainly give the ladies a run for their money. While admiring the vistas, sample sexy drinks such as the Dirty Little Secret, made with vodka, dry vermouth, celery bitters and olive brine. The desserts are equally tasty; try the David Burke cheesecake lollipop tree, which you can't help but eat seductively. *15 Thompson St., 212-465-2000, jameshotels.com*