

SELF

Rooftop Bars Worth a Visit

Whether you're looking out at a glittering skyline, a sandy beach or even a gritty neighborhood ... there is something about a rooftop bar that makes the cocktail hour that much more enjoyable. These are 10 of the country's best.



Jimmy, the James Hotel

New York, NY

Even the bathrooms have extraordinary views at this super-cool '70s den crowning SoHo's eco-chic James Hotel. From the chaises ringing the teak-decked pool, lap up the 360-degree panoramic vista of Manhattan, including the Woolworth Building and the Brooklyn Bridge. The people-watching isn't bad either. Handcrafted cocktails are as well conceived as the décor. The Mexican Bee Hive is made with single-barrel tequila, lavender syrup and a chunk of honeycomb. Small plates from in-house restaurant David Burke tout lobster and fennel dumplings and pretzel crab cakes. Bring a date...the vibe is surprisingly romantic.