

# Renaissance 57 in New York City expands rooftop bar

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Hotel Check-in is always on the lookout for great outdoor venues during summer and spring, or even fall, if temperatures are cooperative. But no matter. Some hotels are willing to keep their outdoor spaces open even in cold weather months—with heated lamps.

For all those people who want to hang out outdoors, even in 100-degree weather, we've found another option for you in midtown Manhattan. The Renaissance 57 hotel in New York recently opened its rooftop bar in New York. Hotel Check-in checked in. Here's the rundown:

NEW YORK – Find a spot at the Rooftop Terrace at Renaissance New York Hotel 57 and prepare to stare at the Chrysler building all night long.

Many New York rooftop bars have great views, but this is one of the few unobstructed ones we've found.

Don't expect a scene though. There is no DJ. No dance floor. No pool.

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The Rooftop Terrace is a low-key, lovely place to grab a drink in the middle of hustling and bustling Midtown Manhattan.

The terrace is open from 5 to 11 p.m. nightly. That's early by New York standards. But the hotel owners cut revelers off at 11 p.m. to make sure guests and neighbors are not disturbed.



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Still, it's a great place to start your evening, or end it, if you're not the going-to-bed-at-5 a.m. type.

The hotel has been around for a while, but it kept the rooftop as a bare, plain industrial space. For the rooftop bar, the designers wanted to create a modern, comfortable setting while maintaining the red brick wall on one side and the lower brickwork walls surrounding the seating areas.

General Manager Steve Batta wanted it to feel like "a high-end backyard."

Natural light-colored pavers were placed on the floor. The furniture was custom-built to allow for mingling in small groups. A new enclosed bar structure looks like the exterior of the hotel.

But in a nod to modernity, the menu is delivered on a Kindle so that guests can look up ingredients and brands or surf the Internet while waiting for their drinks.

The hotel is almost 90 years old but it's clearly adapting to the times.

Readers: Would you check out the Rooftop at Renaissance 57?