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New York Rooftop Bars: 10 Awesome Options for Summer



Renaissance New York Hotel 57's Rooftop Terrace

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When the warm weather descends on NYC, everyone heads to the elevators and hits the button for the penthouse. The Big Apple is awash with awesome rooftop restaurants and watering holes, and this season there are some exciting newcomers raising the sky-high bar even higher. Our slideshow below chronicles some of the best new top-floor action in town, and we've also thrown in a few old favorites that are offering new twists. You better hurry and get upstairs, because prime rooftop season will be over before you can say "Labor Day."

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This outdoor lounge hasn't been open to the public before this year, which is a crime considering the gorgeous views of the Chrysler building offered by the spot. You can sink into one of the sofas that are scattered throughout the space and enjoy the vistas featuring the classic Art Deco building while sipping on a cocktail or two. Red bricks and small trees make the city streets below seem very, very far away. The hotel itself was built in the 1920's, but it has since been spruced up (and we doubt that the rooftop terrace regularly hosted DJs back then).

The Details: 130 E. 57th St.; 212-753-8841