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Bars that help you rise above the steamy streets

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KICK OFF the summer in high style. Rooftop bar season is in full swing with plenty of new outdoor spaces to take in panoramic views, sip seasonal drinks and shamelessly pose for selfies with the city skyline in clear view.

Whether you're seeking island vibes atop a Greek-influenced roof in Chelsea, want to pig out on "The Gavone" breakfast in an inviting Italian garden in Queens, or would enjoy a fish taco picnic near the East River, there's an outdoor spot for you.

HAYDEN ROOFTOP ATOP HOTEL HAYDEN (127 W. 28th St.; hotelhaydennyc.com)

Greece comes to this elevated, island-influenced oasis in Chelsea with all-white decor, traditional Mediterranean meze (small plates) and waterfront views of 1 World Trade Center. The roof seats 60 and boasts appetizers like herb-marinated feta, stuffed grape leaves and hummus platters along with a seasonal summer cocktail list that includes the Basil Instinct, made with gin, cucumber, lychee and basil. Bigger bites, like grilled octopus, can be devoured at the hotel's onsite Greek restaurant, Mykonos Blue.

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MARINA CAFE (154 Mansion Ave., Staten Island; marinacafesny.com)

This seafood institution and banquet hall has renovated its sprawling outdoor patio space that overlooks Great Kills Harbor on Staten Island. And that includes a raw bar swimming in littleneck clams, oysters, jumbo lump crab meat and oyster shooters available on the Tiki Bar menu. The laid-back ambiance, with palm trees and colorful neon lights at night, is great for taking in views of the water with DJ-spun music on weekends, and a live band every Sunday. Italian menu classics like arancini (rice balls) and a selection of pizzas are also available.



LITTLE RIVER BEER GARDEN, AT RIVERPARK RESTAURANT (450 E. 29th St.; riverparknyc.com)

Picnic vibes and East River views make for a relaxed summer combo at Little River Beer Garden. Tom Colicchio just opened this casual, outdoor terrace space adjacent to his fancy, farm-to-table restaurant called Riverpark in Kips Bay. Guests can enjoy draft beer from Long Island Beer Project, wines on tap, and cucumber lemonades. Expect shrimp, fish tacos, lobster rolls and raw bar items like oysters on the half shell.

REBECCA SANDERS

ALLORA GARDEN (Located outside Allora Italian Kitchen & Bar at 210-35 26th Ave., Bayside, Queens; allorakitchen.com)

This hip, modern Italian restaurant in Bayside, Queens, has launched a trendy outdoor garden space buzzing with charcuterie, burrata and Detroit-style, deep-dish pizza. Chill out with a glass of rose' — or a bottle for \$40 — and don't miss the equally appetizing brunch menu complete with playfully named items like the three-egged dish called "The Gavone" (Italian slang for someone who eats too much). Try new bites like the savory "Cannoli" Salmon Tartare featuring a pasta shell fried and stuffed with creamy salmon.



THE CROWN, HOTEL 50 BOWERY (50 Bowery; jdvhoteles.com)

Savor Asian-centric sips in the heart of Chinatown. This airy, indoor-outdoor space with comfy, white leather couches and whitewashed brick is the perfect ambience for colorful cocktails like the East India, with Fords gin, Pimms, lemongrass, ginger, cucumber and lime. Other seasonally rotating drinks include the Slush Cocktail with dragon fruit, papaya, lychee and tamarind. The roof features simple, light bites like chips and guac, and ceviche.

BORNHOLM

(138 Smith St., Brooklyn; open Fridays-only through Sept. 29; bornholm.nyc)

This Danish beer garden features 15 different brews, along with casual bites. There are homemade Danish sausages; chips and crispy pig skin; and the namesake burger, a thick patty of chuck, short rib and hanger steak topped with remoulade sauce on a homemade brioche bun.

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