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# Top 10: the best New York hotels for rooftop bars

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**A**n insider's guide to the best hotel rooftop bars in New York, featuring the top spots for cocktails, live music, swimming pools and shimmering city views



## Gansevoort Meatpacking NYC

New York, United States

Telegraph expert rating **8/10**

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From **£214** inc. tax

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If you're looking for the beating heart of the now-landmarked Meatpacking District, you've found it. The rooftop bar and pool is where it's at, the owners are attempting to move away from the space's urban roots, installing authentic Moroccan lamps, leafy papyrus plants and bold fabrics, warming up the sky-high refuge that made the hotel so popular.





## The Knickerbocker

New York, United States

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Bellhops in baggy knickerbockers and chunky Doc Martens set the tone: there's an authenticity and attention to detail here that's rare for Times Square. The 16th floor rooftop bar and terrace, St Cloud, with its ivy covered walls, opens in the summer, offering private seating, a cigar lounge by Nat Sherman and stunning Time Square views.



## The Standard, High Line

New York, United States

Telegraph expert rating **7/10**

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## Wythe Hotel

New York, United States

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The style at this hip 70-room hotel housed in a converted 1901 factory building is industrial meets contemporary. The sixth-floor bar and terrace, Ides, with its sweeping Manhattan and Brooklyn views, is the place to be for a cocktail at sunset.



## SIXTY SoHo

New York, United States

Telegraph expert rating **8/10**

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The former 60 Thompson hotel underwent a major recent facelift, but designer Tara Bernerd's modern, sophisticated aesthetic retains its homely feel. The rooftop terrace ABOVE (sic) Sixty SoHo is open from May to October and offers panoramic views of the city and fine craft cocktails.



## Refinery Hotel

New York, United States

Telegraph expert rating **9/10**

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From **£164** inc. tax

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The Refinery Rooftop (recently recognised by USA Today readers as the best rooftop bar in the United States) plays host to DJs and pleasant people, with both indoor and outdoor space, a fireplace, and great views of the city. Accessed via the lobby, hotels guests receive doorman preference.





## Hotel Hugo

New York, United States

Telegraph expert rating **8/10**

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From **£126** inc. tax

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A newcomer to the recently-coined “Hudson Square” neighbourhood (adjacent to SoHo), this hotel provides respite not too far from the crowds. Pass the Cuban-inspired graffiti and walk up the staircase to dine on small plates at the recently-opened outdoor Azul (inspired by street-side restaurants in Havana), or step off the lift to the enclosed Bar Hugo.





## Hudson

New York, United States

Telegraph expert rating **8/10**

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From **£110** inc. tax

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This place oozes style and character, with a beer garden, moody nooks for cocktails, a ski-lodge-theme bar and great design feats such as a chartreuse-lit escalator that hurdles you up to a 40-foot-high lobby dripping with shrubbery. Urban Alice has found her Wonderland.



## Archer Hotel

New York, United States

Telegraph expert rating **8/10**

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From **£137** inc. tax

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This brick, steel, and glass 22-storey boutique hotel in the Garment District has been open for about a year and features both a restaurant and rooftop bar. After you eat, visit Spyglass bar on the rooftop for a panoramic view of the city and a not-to-be-missed close up of the Empire State Building.





## Conrad New York

New York, United States

Telegraph expert rating **8/10**

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This sprawling 463-suite Tribeca hotel overlooking the Hudson River has a buzzing rooftop bar, impressive art collection (you can't miss the swirling 100ft-high Loopy Doopy painting by American minimalist Sol LeWitt in the lobby atrium) and a superb Mediterranean restaurant. In summer months, head up to the rooftop bar where an ice lolly dipped in a glass of Prosecco is the speciality drink.

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