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THE VERY BEST ROOFTOP BARS AND LOUNGES IN THE WORLD

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Are the best bars in the world the ones that serve the best drinks? Sometimes, though, that's not really the point. What really attracts guests back to the same bar again and again, regardless of whether they're locals or tourists, is the careful orchestration between a striking setting and a pitch-perfect ambiance, elevated further by wonderful hospitality. As it happens, the establishments that can nail all of that tend to be able to figure out how to make a pretty darn good drink, too. Win-win, then.

Here, the Very Best rooftop bars and lounges that made the cut.

PEACOCK ALLEY AT WALDORF ASTORIA NEW YORK



Courtesy, Waldorf Astoria New York

After an eight-and-a-half-year closure, the Waldorf Astoria New York is back. It's better than ever, and that isn't hyperbole, either. It retained all of its best and most stunning old-school features, while elevating its guest rooms and myriad public spaces to a new, modern tier. Right at the heart of it all is the renowned Peacock Alley. The updated menu has been crafted by NYC bartending icon Jeff Bell, and you'll find signature drinks, historic favorites, a full lineup of martini riffs, and bar bites ranging from caviar service to club sandwiches. There's no place better to sit back and soak up the scene than here, so settle in for a round or two.

