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ROOFTOPS
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What's a bar like you doing in a place like this?

Bar Hugo is not on top of the subway or near hip restaurants and bars or trendy shops. It's not really in SoHo, though it's been called "SoHo East." Two streets away from the Hudson River on an industrial stretch of Greenwich Street, near the Department of Sanitation's truck washing depot and salt shed, and close by a huge UPS distribution center, lies the recently constructed Hotel Hugo, designed by Italian architect Marcello Poggi. On the hotel's 20th floor is the beautifully appointed Bar Hugo.

Apparently, the fashionistas have discovered Bar Hugo, as it is near Skylight Clarkson Square, an enormous event space that is used for many things, including New York City Fashion Week events each spring and fall. And once a few supermodels have partied at a roof bar, others follow – even if it is slightly off the beaten track.

Bar Hugo rewards you for going out of your way to find it with tasteful original artwork, comfy leather couches, blown glass lighting, and a generous happy hour every Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8pm. Come for the luxury digs and premium cocktails, but stay for the floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook the twinkling city lights on one side of the bar, and the setting sun shimmering over the Hudson River on the other.

This year-round destination with a smart-casual dress code has a large indoor area that will keep you toasty all winter, as well as a narrow West-facing terrace where you can catch the breeze in the warmer months.

Bar Hugo is a dancing destination as well. Shake your booty every Tuesday night at Decades Night, where the DJ spins top hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s, and flashback cocktails are served, including Kamikazes, Sex on the Beach, and Disco Champagne. Each Sunday, swivel your hips to live Cuban music while sipping cocktails inspired by the Caribbean culture, including classic mojitos.



Address Hotel Hugo, 525 Greenwich Street, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10013, +1 (212)608-4848, www.hotelhugony.com/food-and-drink/bar-hugo-rooftop, reservations@hotelhugony.com | **Getting there** Subway to Houston Street (Line 1, 2), or Spring Street (Line E) | **Hours** Sun-Wed 5-11pm, Thu-Sat 5pm-midnight | **Tip** In the warmer months, party one level up from Bar Hugo at the outdoor Cuban-themed terrace bar Azul on the Rooftop, where it's as if a small slice of Havana landed in Lower Manhattan. The Sunday night Cuban dance party from Bar Hugo moves upstairs and outdoors to Azul during the warmer months (525 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013, www.azulrooftop.com).