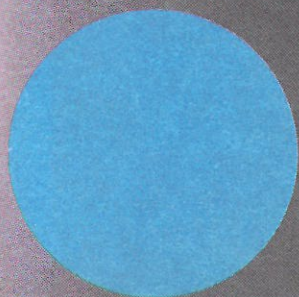


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5 GREAT ROOFTOP BARS OPEN YEAR-ROUND

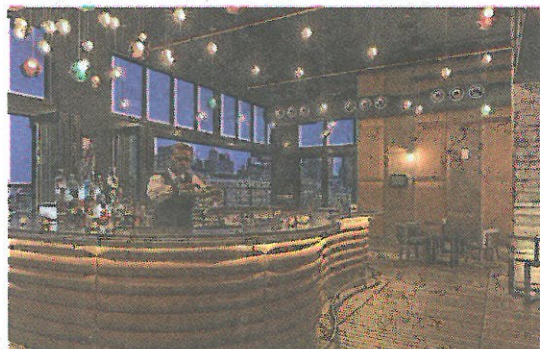
You're not literally on top of the world, but you're forgiven if you feel like it at these all-season watering holes that take happy hour to a whole new level

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BAR HUGO-ROOFTOP AT HOTEL HUGO

Soak in dramatic views of the Hudson River, One World Trade Center and the Statue of Liberty. This SoHo rooftop duplex bar and lounge sparkles like a bronze lantern atop a 20-story tower. The sleek, two-level space serves up artisan and classic cocktails, small plates and desserts. You will be dazzled! (Dress code is smart casual.)

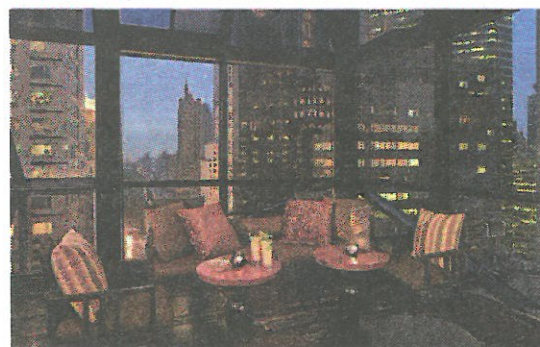


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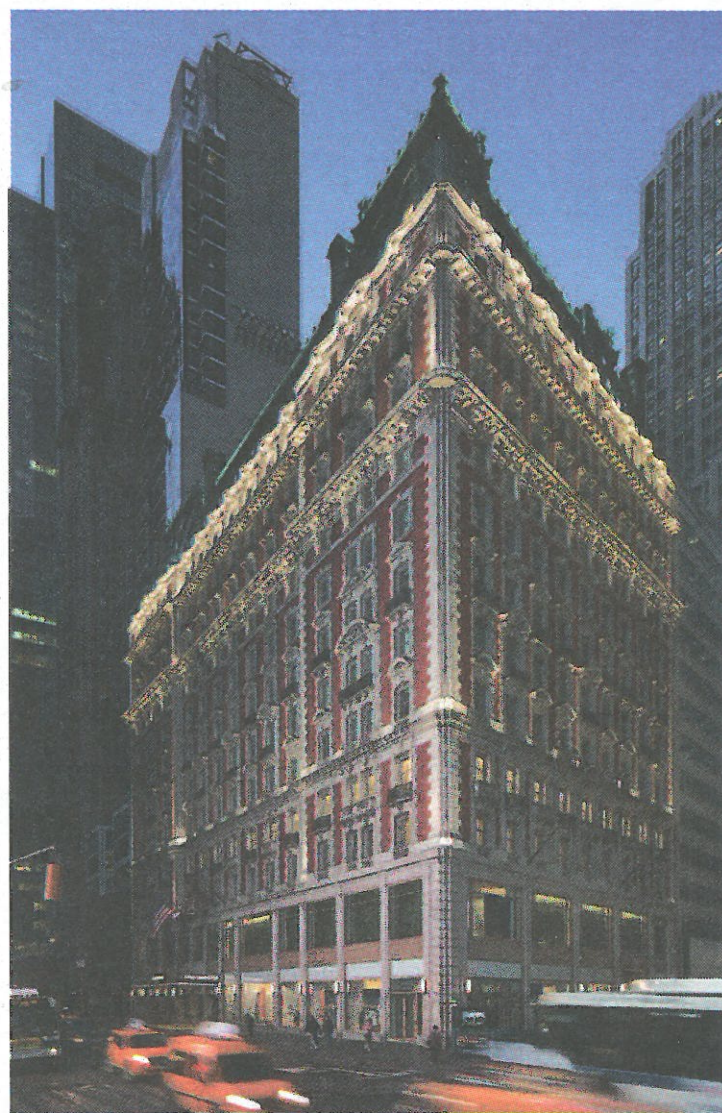
SALON DE NING ROOFTOP BAR, THE PENINSULA NEW YORK,

Salon de Ning is the ultimate way to top off a visit to NYC. Featuring skyline views over Fifth Avenue, this high-end rooftop bar boasts an enchanting setting and world-class cocktails. East meets West here, with Chinese and international influences fusing in a chic mix of cultures reflecting the glamour and style of 1930s Shanghai.

700 Fifth Ave. (at
55th Street);
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THE PENINSULA HOTELS



THE KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL

ST. CLOUD ROOFTOP BAR

Three VIP Skypods that allow you to bask in the glow of Times Square, an ultra-luxe private room, lush living walls of greenery ... that's just the beginning of how dreamy it is at St. Cloud, named for the late-19th-century hotel that once occupied the site. Opened in 1906 by John Jacob Astor IV, The Knickerbocker Hotel welcomed celebrities and dignitaries, and now the legend continues. Oh, and if you're looking for a top-notch spot to ring in 2016, the rooftop just so happens to offer an unobstructed view of the Waterford Crystal New Year's Eve Ball.

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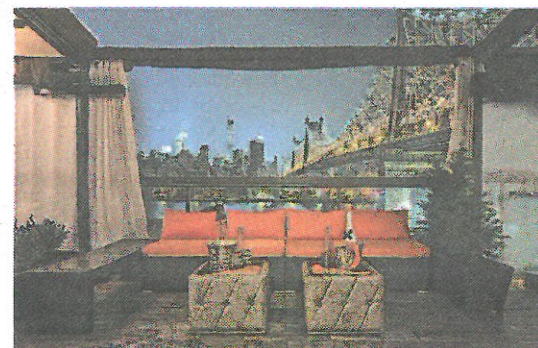


HOTEL CHANTELLE

HOTEL CHANTELLE ROOF

Care to unwind in a Parisian garden? This *ooh-la-la* downtown destination has a retractable roof that closes in fall and winter so you can chill *sans* the shivers. It's a picturesque setting for brunch on the weekends, cocktails during happy hour or indulging in executive chef Seth Levine's divine dishes at dinner. Lamppost lighting, park benches and draping greenery encourage you to kick back in a relaxed yet sophisticated atmosphere.

92 Ludlow St. (at
Delancey Street);
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PENTHOUSE808 AT RAVEL HOTEL

Adjacent to the Queensboro (59th Street) Bridge, Penthouse808 gives you a breathtaking winter view of the city while you cozy up in the warmth of a heated and enclosed rooftop venue. Enjoy an Asian/Pacific Rim menu or sip on cocktails like the Sailor's Stash and the Mahalo.

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