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Leaves are falling and the air will soon be crisp—but things are just starting to heat up in New York City.

That's when the boroughs and beyond come alive with fall festivals, street fairs, inspiring new exhibits, the hottest music acts and booze-filled fêtes.

Our Ultimate Fall Guide packs in everything you need to know about those events and more. And if you're looking to escape the city for some apple-picking or a weekend getaway, we've got

that covered too.

Groove to Diana Ross at The Rooftop at Pier 17 on Sept. 30 or rock out with Elton John at Madison Square Garden on Oct. 18 and 19, or Nov. 8 and 9.

There's plenty of family-friendly fun to be had this autumn, from the Queens Farm Children's Fall Festival on Oct. 28 to "Home Alone" in Concert at the New York Philharmonic Dec. 20 and 21.

Adults who want to imbibe have varying

Octoberfests to choose from—whether you want to indulge in huge pretzels, bratwurst and hard cider locally at Munich on the East River, or take a scenic trip to a state park on the Circle Line Sightseeing Bear Mountain Cruise while enjoying German grub and drinks.

Or scare yourself silly at the Blood Manor in Tribeca or the Horseman's Hollow in the Hudson Valley upstate.

Flip through the pages of this guide to find out more about these events and dozens of others.

CLASH OF THE TEUTONS

Octoberfest brings 'brats, bands & beer

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Break out the lederhosen and dirndls. The dog days of summer have finally passed, which can only mean one thing: it's time for Oktoberfest.

Sure, Munich and New York City are more than 4,000 miles apart, but with the spread of Oktoberfest celebrations put on by the Big Apple, it'll feel like no distance at all.

Check out the best 'Fest spots to chug those German suds:

JERSEY CITY CRAFT BREW FEST

You don't have to cross the Atlantic for this Oktoberfest celebration—just the Hudson. Enjoy waterfront drinks at this daylong festival, which will also feature live music and plenty of food. More than 150 brews, many from local Jersey breweries, will be up for grabs.

Tickets range from \$15-\$70, and are available in two sessions, from 1-4:30 p.m., or from 6-9:30 p.m., on Nov. 17. Harborside 3 Atrium, Jersey City.

CIRCLE LINE SIGHTSEEING BEAR MOUNTAIN CRUISE

Head out of town for the day on a two-and-a-half-hour cruise ship up to Bear Mountain State Park, where the leaves are orange and the beer onboards is ready for the taking. Choose from various German food and drink, including bratwurst, schnitzel and potato salad, which you can wash down to the tunes of a live band.

Cruises run weekends from Sept. 22-Nov. 11, plus Oct. 8, and tickets are \$65 for adults and \$52 for kids ages 3-12. Pier 83, W. 43rd & 12th Ave. <https://www.circleline.com>

BROOKLYN BREWERY BEER AND CHEESE PAIRING CLASS

Who says chugging copious amounts of beer can't be educational? Cheese experts Saxelby Cheese mongers are teaming up with Brooklyn Brewery for an event that'll transform attendees into cheese whizzes who know just how to pair the brewery's Oktoberfest with Saxelby's special Oktoberfest Willoughby fromage.

Tickets are \$75, event is Sept. 24 at Brooklyn Brewery, 79 North 11th St.



WATERMARK OKTOBERFEST

If you prefer your beers with a view, then this South Street Seaport bar is the place to be. Nosh on traditional dishes like brats and pretzels, and put your strength to the test with stein holding contests (you can fill yours to the brim with authentic German beers like Hofbrau, Weißenstephan and Radeberger). Kids are welcome, too, so bring the family along for cornhole and ping pong.

Open every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Sept. 21 to Oct. 14, from noon-midnight. Attendance is free, but all food and beer items are \$10, and reservations are highly recommended. Liter steins are on sale for \$15. 78 South St. <http://oktober-fest.nyc>



MUNICH ON THE EAST RIVER

The brainchild of the East Village's Zum Schneider, this take on Oktoberfest sticks closely to its German counterpart. For the fifth year in a row, head to the event's waterfront tent off the FDR Drive for original furniture, an Oompah band and traditional food, including giant pretzels and bratwurst.

Beers on tap include HB Trautwein, Andechs and Weißenstephan, but for the less ale-inclined, there's also white wine and hard cider.

The tent is open from Sept. 28-30 and Oct. 3-7. General seating tickets are \$28, while reserved seating tickets are available for \$10 more. VIP tickets are \$100. Tent located at 24-20 FDR Drive Service Road East, at 22nd St. <https://nyc.zumschneider.com>