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THE BEST OKTOBERFESTS IN NYC

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The first Oktoberfest, way back in 1810, celebrated the marriage of the Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. Two hundred and eight years later in New York, we're celebrating something a little less romantic: 2-liter beers; weisswurst and spicy mustard; the sweet, sweet sound of tubas; and a reassuringly European excuse to drink all day.

Despite its name, Oktoberfest begins in September, allowing Germans -- and you -- to oom-pah-pah in the warmer nights. That gives us more weeks of celebrating all over the city with German beers, German music, and hangover-preventing German food. Just in case you want to add a little costuming to the celebration, a frankly stunning array of lederhosen and dirndls are available for two-day shipping with Amazon Prime (Lederhosen4u, please contact me about my influencer rates). While you wait by the mailbox, you can start practicing your German:

I'm wasted, can you call me a Lyft? Ich bin betrunken, bitte nenne mich Lyft?



OKTOBERFEST NYC, 2017 | WATERMARK BAR

OktoberFest NYC

September 21-23 and 27-30, October 4-7 and 11-14

Financial District

Held in Watermark's 3,500-square-foot space in Pier 15, this Oktoberfest has all the Hofbrau, Weihenstephan, and Radeberger you can handle. While the view's not Munich, it does have a perfect panorama of the Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges. Turn cash into tickets for food and drink purchases -- each ticket costs \$10, and it takes two to fill up a large stein (\$15, sold separately) or buy a giant pretzel. If you're planning on bringing your *Freundes*, save a little cash by buying a package: \$500 gets you 55 tickets and three large steins.