

Your guide to a great weekend

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They're dressed for Oktoberfest at the Watermark Bar in lower Manhattan.

It's the 'fest of times and the 'wurst of times. So hoist a stein to mark Oktoberfest. To find the best spots to celebrate in NYC, just ...

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an oversize beer pong played with volleyballs and trash cans. You can soak up some of that German beer with giant pretzels, brats and more. Andrew Freerks, 35, celebrates Oktoberfest every year along with his father, sister and brother-in-law. It may not be as authentic as the fests they've attended in Germany, but it's still a heck of a party. "This is like New York takes over Oktoberfest," he says.

By **TIM DONNELLY**

ALESSANDRO Iorlano traveled from Las Vegas to the Manhattan waterfront last weekend, fully loaded for Oktoberfest. He had a bachelor party's worth of bros in tow, all wearing lederhosen they bought online, and each holding a collectible glass stein full of beer. They had drained a few already, but when it came time for a group photo, Iorlano looked at the tornado of partying and stray cornhole bags around him and got the urge to go bigger. He hoisted a full stein of beer, turned it upside down and emptied all of that golden German brew directly into his mouth and down his clothes.

"I felt the vibes here — it's just crazy," the beer-soaked 27-year-old tells The Post. "I wanted to top the craziness. Look at this Oktoberfest — I love it. I'm obsessed with it."

Iorlano and his fellow lederhosen were here to get wild, but NYC has enough Oktoberfest fêtes for every taste, from authentic German family events to a booze cruise. Here are the top spots to say "prost!" this year.



Alessandro Iorlano gets in the spirit of the annual beer-drinking festival which began in Bavaria.

Unless you're celebrating in the actual Alps, the view from the Watermark Bar on South Street is hard to beat. The pier stretches out into the East River, with the Brooklyn Bridge providing an Instagram-worthy backdrop for photos with roller-skating beer maids and 1-liter glass steins. The vibe here is frat party meets beer hall: The speakers pump pop music, and the pier is packed with games, including pingpong, cornhole and

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