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NYC's Best Oktoberfest Celebrations

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Now that summer, with its breath-hot humidity and hard seltzers, is starting to unwrench its White Claws from NYC's collective neck, we can bask in the beautiful decay of three months of glorious fall. And nothing chimes in this magical stretch quite like Oktoberfest. Remember beer? Trade your glorified La Croix for a 5-pound, 1-liter stein of Weihenstephaner Vitus, and chomp down a delicious bratwurst slathered in spicy mustard while you're at it. You've earned it after a summer spent in the city.

New York has one of the most vibrant Oktoberfests in the United States. With a huge number of German restaurants per capita and an abundance of bars overflowing with *bier*, nearly every fall weekend has something Oktoberfest-related going on. And the party starts in mid-September, so you can start enjoying the festivities while you're still in lederhosen.

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OktoberFest NYC

September 13-15, 21-22, 28-29, October 5-6, 12-13, 19-20

South Street Seaport

Five-pound glass chalices of high-ABV beer might give you the impression that Oktoberfest is more of a sprint than a marathon, but this celebration at the gigantic Watermark Waterfront Bar on Pier 15 in Lower Manhattan disproves that notion. Held over six weekends, Oktoberfest NYC combines giant pretzels, brats, and the finest Bavarian beverages with panoramic views of Brooklyn.

Cost: Free to enter; food and drink items start at \$10