



### Skytop Lounge

You can find welcome respite from the endless crowds of Times Square at the tallest hotel rooftop bar in the city, located on the 54th floor of the Hyatt Times Square. Bar 54, the sophisticated sky-high lounge, has three things going for it: ample choices of well-made cocktails, savory bar snacks and shared plates, and killer vistas of the Chrysler Building, One World Trade Center and all of Downtown from the outdoor terrace (open for viewing, even in winter). This place was clearly made for groups—the large tables seat gatherings of friends comfortably as they sip premium punch designed to serve parties of three or more. Advance reservations are suggested.

| **Bar 54, 135 W. 45th St., 646.364.1234**



### Perfect Presentation

Hotel bars can be hit or miss. Fortunately for the Dream Midtown, The Rickey is a hit whose excellence is most evident in its cocktails, which are as beautiful as they are tasty. The Pomegranate Rickey, for example, is chilled with a pomegranate-seed-studded ice cube, while the Rickey Ricardo (*left*) comes with a generous sprig of mint. The crown jewel at this lounge is the Bourgeois Pig, a martini made with Belvedere vodka, truffle-washed vermouth, muddled truffle and rosemary. At \$50 a pop, it's worth savoring every last drop.

| **The Rickey, 210 W. 55th St., 646.756.2054**



### Canny Cocktails

Little bottles of liquor aren't just for airplanes anymore. Genuine Liquorette, a recently opened subterranean bar in Little Italy, pops baby bottles, neck down, in mixers, like Dole pineapple juice and San Pellegrino citrus sodas, for canned versions of palomas, mojitos and piña coladas (*above*). There's also a self-service program—grab a full-size bottle from the shelves lining the joint and have your fill. It's priced by weight, so you can have as little (or as much) as you like. | **Genuine Liquorette, 191 Grand St., 646.726.4633**

### Victorian Den

Looking for a place to get cozy on the Upper East Side this winter? Step inside The Auction House, a two-room, Victorian-style bar with red velvet drapes and sofas, ornately framed mirrors, crystal chandeliers, marble tables and macabre oil paintings that create an ambience somewhere between romantic drinking den and haunted house. Choose from the menu of cocktails, beer and wine, then snuggle up next to the fireplace for a toasty evening. While the bar is generally relaxed, it has rules: a ban on fur garments and a sometimes-enforced age minimum of 25. | **The Auction House, 300 E. 89th St., 212.427.4458**



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