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Where to Drink Now

The top new bars in basements, on rooftops,
and at every elevation in between.



Uptown Classic **BAR PLEIADES AT** **THE SURREY HOTEL**

*20 E. 76th St., nr. Madison Ave.
212-288-3700*

It's a haunt fit for Blair Waldorf: Art Deco details, a sleek black bar, sexy photography, quilted-leather-lined nooks. The Coco Chanel-inspired lounge is part of the Surrey Hotel's recent \$60 million-plus overhaul, and, thanks to owner Daniel Boudard and master mixologist Cameron Bogue, the best reason to drink on the Upper East Side. Seasonally changing cocktails reflect Bogue's own international travels (and, at \$14 to \$19 a pop, the bar's high-rent digs). Right now, one of the themes is Mexico, with spicy concoctions like the Piñasca: Sombra mezcal, grilled pineapple, cayenne, agave nectar, and lime juice (\$17). A menu of spruced-up bar food (tempura prawns, cod-brandade croquettes) was unveiled just last week.

A Bar for Every Stage of Your Mating Life

Where to toast a first crush, a new baby, a return to singledom, and other booze-enhanced milestones.
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COURTING A CO-ED CRUSH
ENTWINE

765 Washington St., nr. W. 12th St.; 212-727-8765
 A West Village date bar within fist-pumping distance of Cielo and Kiss & Fly, but with a far more mature atmosphere (and unintrusive soundtrack). Start in the first-floor garden, then slide into the darker, sexier lower level if things are going well.



IMPRESSING A FIRST DATE
BILL'S PLACE

148 W. 133rd St., nr. Seventh Ave.; 212-281-0777
 Jazzman Bill Saxton's narrow brownstone club epitomizes New York cool. Its building hosted Billie Holiday's first gigs and now it's a BYOB hangout for working musicians. Hit the Friday midnight show, a raucous bebop session stretching to early morning.



PROPOSING MARRIAGE
BAR PLEIADES

20 E. 76th St., nr. Madison Ave.; 212-772-2600
 Talk about memorable: At Daniel Boulud's uptown charmer, the deep banquettes are surrounded by creamy, quilted walls that will make your beloved feel like she (or he) is luxuriating in a Chanel purse. Assuming you get a yes, the Surrey Hotel's romantic suites are just an elevator ride away.



BACHELOR PARTY
HAPPY ENDING

302 Broome St., nr. Forsyth St.; 212-334-9676
 This purposefully sleazy former massage parlor boasts a debauched crowd, a party-fueling soundtrack, and repurposed sauna rooms that double as semi-private nooks. The bar may be known for its tame weekday readings, but late nights in the basement, anything goes.