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10 European Rooftop Bars with Epic Views

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Rooftop bars offer more than just a good drink—they give you a different perspective on a city. Whether it's an open-air terrace with front-row views of an iconic landmark or a discreet hotel rooftop that feels worlds away from the streets below, the right spot can shape the way you experience a destination. From London to Lisbon, Reykjavik to Zurich, these 10 rooftops stand out for their location, design, and sense of place—not to mention their cocktails.

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The Rooftop at The Standard, London



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High above King's Cross on the 11th floor, The Rooftop at The Standard London serves up panoramic city views with a side of NYC swagger. Ride the hotel's iconic red pill-shaped elevator to a terrace of colorful furniture and retro AstroTurf, perfect for cocktails, bubbles on tap, and casual bites like pizza by the slice. If the weather's not playing ball, head one floor down to Decimo, where Michelin-starred Peter Sanchez-Iglesias serves Spanish-Mexican plates and mezcal cocktails against equally stellar views.

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The Rooftop Bar at Hôtel Dame des Arts, Paris



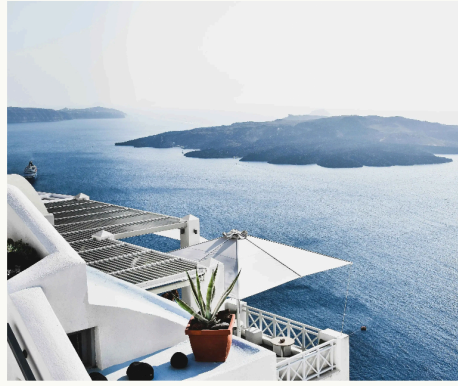
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Above the Left Bank, the Rooftop Bar at Hôtel Dame des Arts delivers Paris in full 360° panorama—Eiffel Tower included. Sip Champagne or a perfectly mixed spritz with oysters or antipasti as the city shifts from golden hour to glittering night. The polished-but-relaxed crowd mixes locals and in-the-know travelers—sleek and intimate without feeling stuff.

From Sacré-Cœur to Notre Dame, every landmark lines the horizon, making this one of the best seats in the city.

- For a **Preferred Platinum** partner perks include \$100 hotel credit, a welcome amenity, daily breakfast, an upgrade and extended check-in/out whenever possible.

Saint Sky Bar, Santorini



Set above the cliffs in Imerovigli, Saint Sky Bar offers caldera views without the crush of Santorini's busier sunset spots. The design is all whitewashed lines and clean edges, with low seating that faces straight onto the Aegean. Cocktails lean classic, the music stays low, and the focus is squarely on the horizon—which, come sunset, delivers exactly what people fly halfway around the world to see.

The Rooftop at El Llorenç Parc de la Mar, Palma



Image courtesy of El Llorenç Parc de la Mar

Above Palma's Old Town in Mallorca, this rooftop lines up the cathedral and bay in one uninterrupted sweep. Tiered infinity pools, cushioned loungers, and shaded daybeds make it as much a daytime retreat as a cocktail spot. The menu is Mediterranean, with local seafood, island olive oil, and a strong Balearic wine list alongside classic drinks. From this height you can trace the curve of the harbor, spot yachts sailing in at dusk, and watch the cathedral glow gold as night falls. The atmosphere shifts from relaxed to lively without ever losing its polished, island pace.

La Muña at La Réserve Eden au Lac, Zurich

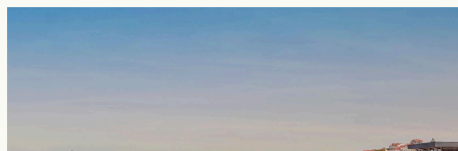


Image courtesy of La Réserve Eden au Lac Zurich

Atop Zurich's grand lakefront hotel, La Muña pairs Nikkei flavours with glittering views over the water and Alps. The rooftop feels like a secret garden in the sky, with leafy plants, sloping glass walls, and an easy elegance. Artful plates of sushi and ceviche share the stage with inventive cocktails, as sailboats drift below and the city's church spires catch the light. Whether you're here for a long lunch or a sunset toast, it's the kind of place that makes you want to linger just a little longer.

- **Fora Perks** include \$100-\$300 food and beverage credit, daily breakfast, upgrade and extended check-in/out whenever possible.

SEEN Sky Bar at Tivoli Avenida Liberdade, Lisbon



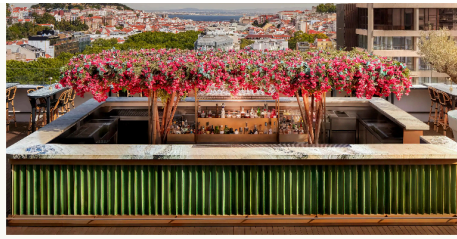


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Lisbon's most glamorous rooftop sits high above its grandest boulevard, delivering 360° views from castle to river. Come evening, the terrace comes alive—Champagne flutes clink, signature cocktails are served, and a live DJ sets the tempo. Lounge seating and lantern light keep the energy going long after sunset, when the city's hills glow in the dark. For a city built on miradouros, this is the one that steals the show.

- **Fora Perks** include \$100 hotel credit, daily breakfast, an upgrade and extended check-in/out whenever possible. For suites, complimentary airport transfers and an additional \$100 hotel credit.

La Terrazza at Hotel Continentale, Florence



Image courtesy of Hotel Continentale

Perched above the Arno, La Terrazza offers one of Florence's most romantic perspectives: the Ponte Vecchio bathed in dusk light. The intimate terrace is dressed in white canvas umbrellas and low-slung seating, the perfect stage for an expertly mixed Negroni. Views sweep from terracotta rooftops to distant Tuscan hills, with the city's church domes rising in between. A favorite for both visiting design lovers and locals marking something special, it's pure Florence—stylish, storied, and unforgettable.

- **Fora Reserve** perks include \$100 food and beverage credit, daily breakfast, an upgrade and extended check-in/out whenever possible.

THE ROOF at The Reykjavik EDITION, Reykjavik



Image courtesy of The Reykjavik EDITION

The Icelandic capital's sleekest rooftop offers glacier-to-sea views and a menu inspired by Nordic nature. By day, crisp air and endless horizons steal the show; by night, candlelit tables and a moody glow set the tone for cocktails. On rare, magical evenings, the Northern Lights ripple across the sky, adding a once-in-a-lifetime backdrop. In a city where rooftop culture is still new, The Roof has already set the standard.

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Issei, Tallinn, Estonia





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Tallinn's fairy-tale skyline meets Nikkei flavors (Peruvian-Japanese fusion) at Issei, high atop the Radisson Collection. From here, spires, turrets, and cobblestones stretch in every direction, a storybook backdrop for plates of ceviche, tiradito, and Pisco cocktails. The space is sleek but warm, its big windows framing the Old Town as the light changes. For a city rooted in medieval history, this rooftop feels fresh and forward-looking—proof that Tallinn knows how to surprise.

Sushi Club at Mandarin Oriental, Munich



Image courtesy of Mandarin Oriental, Munich

Crowning one of Munich's most prestigious hotels, Sushi Club serves pristine sashimi, inventive rolls, and expertly mixed cocktails with panoramic city views. In summer, the rooftop pool adds a resort-like touch, complete with loungers and chilled Champagne. As the sun dips, the city's rooftops turn golden, the Alps hazy in the distance. It's part urban escape, part high-end dining experience—exactly what you'd expect from a Mandarin Oriental, but with a Bavarian twist.

- For a [Mandarin Oriental Fan Club](#) partner perks include \$100 food and beverage or spa credit, daily breakfast, a welcome amenity, an upgrade and extended check-in/out whenever possible.

Honorable Mentions

Five more rooftops that didn't make the main list but are well worth a visit:

- **Cielo Rooftop, Tivat, Montenegro.** A superyacht's-eye view without leaving shore, overlooking Porto Montenegro's marina with sunset cocktails and a sleek, low-key crowd.
- **Le Terrazze Ritual, Sardinia.** Part cliffside bar, part open-air club, this Baja Sardinia favorite serves Costa Smeralda views with a side of late-night energy.
- **Lolita Skyview & Pool Lounge at Only YOU Hotel, Malaga.** Infinity pool, skyline-and-sea views, and just enough glamour to take you from lazy afternoons to happy-hour drinks.
- **Topo at The Hoxton, Brussels.** Bright, colorful, and casual, this rooftop taco spot pairs mezcal cocktails with breezy city views.
- **Zoi, Split, Croatia.** Fresh Adriatic seafood, old-town rooftops, and harbor views—all from a terrace inside Diocletian's Palace.



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