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3 New York City Hotels With Private Yachts On Call

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There's a summer amenity making waves among Manhattan's luxury properties. Credit: iStock-Art Wager

Between the skyscrapers, subway cars and concrete, it's easy to forget that Manhattan is, in fact, an island, with the Hudson River on one side and the East River on the other. And often, the best way to get a great view of it all requires a change of perspective.

One way some New York hotels are helping their guests see the city in all its beauty is by offering a surprising amenity: luxury watercraft that show the city from an all-new angle. These vessels, much like their proprietors, are lavish, with exclusive charters, onboard menus catered by top culinary talent and ample pours of champagne. And beyond the undeniably impressive bells and whistles, these over-the-top sails deliver one-of-akind vantage points of Lady Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and the city skyline.

If you're ready to set sail on an unforgettable experience of the city, these three hotels are waiting to show you around the high seas.



The Mark's 70-foot beauty takes you to some of NYC's famous sights. Credit: The Mark

THE MARK

The sight of Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star The Mark's gleaming, vintage 70-foot Herreshoff sailboat accomplishes an impressive feat - it's nearly as stunning as the Statue of Liberty view it provides guests. The luxury vessel, expertly crafted with Indian teak decks and custom brass fixtures, was built in 1921 and is one of the last-remaining Herreshoffs. The hotel's two-hour sunset cruise begins in Tribeca's North Cove Marina and offers a privileged vantage point of downtown Manhattan's mosaic of skyscrapers, including One World Trade Center.

The boat can fit up to 25 ticketed guests. For those treks, Jean-Georges Vongerichten, the legendary chef of The Mark Restaurant, curates an onboard menu infused with a nautical spirit. Passengers can expect perfectly buttered Maine lobster rolls; oysters served with a smoky trout roe; fresh gulf shrimp paired with a tangy, sweet chili sauce; and chilled watermelon, lusciously combined with Coach Farm chèvre. But if you'd like to keep your cheeses and caviar to yourself, the ship is also available for private charters.