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NYC Rooftops Up Their Game For The Fall Season



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Fall vibes are strong at these NYC rooftops with cozy decor and seasonal cocktails CREDIT: JENNA BURKE

It's no secret that warm weather and rooftops go hand in hand, and the return of rooftop season is always an exciting time in NYC. With fall in full swing, we're swapping our frosé with cider, but it turns out that the rooftop party doesn't have to stop when the temperatures drop. At these three NYC rooftop bars, highlighted below, the fall season brings warming cocktails, cozy decor and other special touches — on top of an always-killer view.



The Fireside Lounge at Roof at Park South CREDIT: ROOF AT PARK SOUTH

Roof at Park South

Located atop the Park South Hotel in NoMad, Roof at Park South has embraced the season by introducing a special fall menu for the first time since it opened in 2014, with additions in both its food and drink offerings.



Frozen apple cider cocktail CREDIT: JENNA BURKE

Both hot and frozen cocktails grace the menu, including an Irish Coffee (Paddy Irish whiskey, Counter Culture coffee, house whipped cream) and a frozen apple cider cocktail made with Don Q añejo rum, apple cider, maple and Grand Marnier.



Clarified White Russian CREDIT: JENNA BURKE

The menu was designed to "express fall flavors in unexpected, yet approachable ways," noted Nancy Cushman, co-owner and founder of Cushman Concepts, which leads operations at Roof at Park South. Cushman added, "We always love a good riff on a classic," and detailed the old-school way the bar's White Russian is made: "We use a very old technique called milk clarification to smooth the flavors of the drink and make it crystal clear."



Jumbo soft pretzel with beer cheese for dipping CREDIT: JENNA BURKE

The food menu is full of comforting favorites like a wagyu and ground chuck cheeseburger, plus new additions like the jumbo soft pretzel with beer cheddar fondue.



The Roof at Park South gets cozy for fall CREDIT: JENNA BURKE

On the decor front, plaid fleece blankets, pumpkins, gourds and cornstalks bring home the fall theme. "Our guests enjoy the cozy feel of our space during the cooler weather days and nights next to our fireplaces and heaters," said Cushman. Since opening, the Roof at Park South has remained open through the end of October. "Rooftop season is something that New Yorkers look forward to with great anticipation and excitement and it's also a season that we don't want to let go of either. We like to extend enjoying the outdoors as long as possible!" said Cushman.

Roof at Park South is located at 125 East 27th Street. It closes for the season on November 1.