



NYC Lifestyle

June 24, 2023 to July 7, 2023

Finally, summer!

Summer is in full swing, so it's high time to enjoy our city's outdoor parks, music festivals, and holiday fireworks. From grilling along the Hudson River to a LEGO-inspired theme park, this week's NYC Lifestyle has just what your summer needs!

July 4th Fireworks Yacht Cruise

Experience NYC's Independence Day fireworks up-close on a [Fourth of July Family Fireworks Yacht Cruise!](#) Setting sail from Manhattan's Skyport Marina, the luxury Avalon Yacht offers spectacular views of the annual firework show, a three-hour premium open bar, a full dinner buffet, and live DJs.

Elsie Rooftop 4th of July Party

Enjoy the holiday vibes at [Elsie Rooftop's 4th of July rooftop party](#) in Times Square! You can dance the night away in front of picture-perfect views of Times Square and the NYC fireworks show with a live DJ, small plates, and crafted cocktails.

Malibu Barbie Café

Master Chef finalist Becky Brown has curated a Barbie-inspired dining experience in anticipation of the doll's silver screen debut. Located at the South Street Seaport, the family-friendly [Malibu Barbie Café](#) features a 1970s food and drink menu, exclusive merchandise, and a life-size Barbie box for a laughable selfie.

Bryant Park Picnic Performances

Grab a blanket and head over to one of Bryant Park's free picnic performances this summer. Check out the summer lineup [here](#), and make sure you get there early for a good spot! Before you go, take a look at The New York Times' picks for [best picnic blankets](#).



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Grilling in Riverside Park

Looking to get the grill going with the family? What better place than [Riverside Park](#) where you can enjoy an outdoor barbecue along the Hudson River (at West 145th Street). If that's too far uptown, [check out this list from 6sqft](#) of the best parks for outdoor grilling. Be sure to bring your own grill accessories.

Chinatown and Little Italy Food Tour

Empire Tours is hosting a two-hour culinary tour of [Chinatown and Little Italy](#). The tour includes stops at the neighborhoods' most popular restaurants led by a local historian. Tickets start at \$70 per person and all food is included.

LEGOLAND New York

The [LEGOLAND New York](#) theme park is now open! The 150-acre park is just 90-minutes outside NYC in Goshen, New York, including attractions such as a dragon-themed roller coaster, massive LEGO replicas, a water playground, and more. If one day isn't enough, consider a stay at the [LEGOLAND Hotel!](#)

Water Lantern Festival

Flushing Meadows Park's [Water Lantern Festival](#) takes place on July 8, during which visitors can design their own Chinese lanterns and set them afloat in Meadow Lake. Starting at 5:30 p.m., there will be food trucks, live music, and plenty of activities for kids.