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## America's Best Outdoor Bars

Welcome summer and celebrate getting together for some snacks, sips, and fresh air.

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There's something about eating and drinking outdoors that makes everything taste a little better, and the time of year we enjoy it most is fast approaching. Across the country, locals are returning to favorite spots as well as the ones they save for special occasions.

We've traveled (virtually) around the country looking for those outdoor bars and lounges that make their guests feel welcome, serve their favorite libations, feed them well, and create the atmosphere they're after. Some are fancy hotel rooftops and others are down-to-earth, casual bars. Many are set in historic parts of town like Atlanta's Nine Mile and The Outsider in Milwaukee, making them destinations for visitors exploring the cities.

Bar food has become a draw, and it's no longer just peanuts and pretzels. Wagyu beef, truffle fries, and caviar appear on a few menus, but never fear — tacos, burgers, and pizza are still there too. Live music and lawn games like bocce and cornhole add a party atmosphere, and views of city skylines and ocean waves create brilliant backdrops at several of these spots.

While your local happy place may not be on this list, we're hoping you'll be inspired to gather a few friends and head out to a favorite spot to welcome summer and celebrate getting together for some snacks, sips, and fresh air.



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## **Sky Top at Adero: Scottsdale, AZ**

With a daytime panorama of the surrounding mountain ranges and a blanket of stars at night, [this modern outdoor cocktail lounge](#) is a delightful spot for al fresco cocktails and dining. The specialty cocktail list includes the "Stargazer" and "The Old Astronomer," as well as gourmet small bites like the kaluga caviar, Hudson Valley foie gras potstickers, and short rib poutine.