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10 best rooftop bars in Europe

Amazing Europe rooftops you should visit in 2023. From the coast of Amalfi to the heart of London, these elevated venues are bound to make for a memorable experience.

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Rooftop bars Europe | Courtesy of Aurora Rooftop Bar

Stretching from the colder part of the Atlantic in the north, to the much more pleasant Mediterranean in the south, Europe is a diverse continent. It is also home to a range of the world's largest and most historic cities, offering many superb rooftop bars.

There aren't that many high-rise buildings and skyscrapers in Europe (compared to Asia and America), but still you can find some of the best rooftops in the world here. Much thanks to the great food.

Another thing that's fantastic about the best rooftop bars in Europe is that they are often open for lunch. Something that is more rare in other parts of the world. The lunch-hangout is often the best rooftop experience: more relaxed, and the view is usually better in daylight.

While Europe holds much more than 10 fantastic rooftop bars, this is our hot-list of the 10 best rooftop bars in Europe you should visit in 2022.

1. Vista Sky Bar at Hotel Mediterraneo Sorrento

/ AMALFI COAST

Vista Sky Bar - Photo: www.mediterraneosorrento.com/

Located just outside central Sorrento, Vista Sky bar offers jaw-dropping ocean views and a relaxing atmosphere that begs you to stay just a little while longer.

With live jazz and bossa nova music, comfortable lounge areas, a large drink selection that includes champagne and champagne based signature cocktails, you won't find a better spot to enjoy a drink while overlooking Naples Bay.

Available as a wedding or party venue, this rooftop bar has eclectic hours, so make sure to give them a call before visiting and maybe making a reservation in advance.

If you're hungry, the Vesuvio Roof Restaurant is right below and will provide you with delicious food and an unforgettable romantic atmosphere.

VISTA SKY BAR

Hotel Mediterraneo Sorrento, Corso Marion Crawford, 85, 80065 Sant'Agnello NA

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2. The Duchess / BUDAPEST

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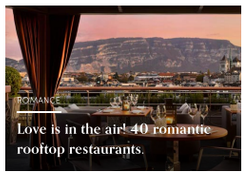
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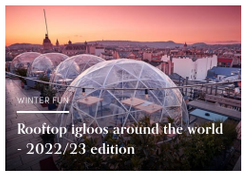
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The Duchess - Photo: https://theduchessbudapest.com/

Perched on top of the amazing **Matild Palace** in the heart of Budapest, The Duchess offers a world of decadent luxury, high above the city rooftops.

Set in a beautiful and historical building, this hidden rooftop hideaway is equally beautiful. Take Budapest's oldest elevator up to the top floor and follow a secret corridor to step into a unique setting.

Decorated by award-winning MKV design London, a sleek and luxurious indoor lounge leads out to the open air terrace, where you are surrounded with amazing views over famous Budapest sights, like Elisabeth Bridge, the Danube River and the Gellért Hill.

Playful yet sophisticated, the rooftop bar serves an extensive collection of some fantastic and unique cocktails, the finest liquors and exceptional wines. The Duchess is a venue for a truly elevated experience.

THE DUCHESS

Matild Palace, Budapest, Váci u 36, 1056

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3. The Bank Roof Bar / ISTANBUL

The Bank Roof Bar - Photo: www.thebankhotelistanbul.com/

In the hip and popular Karaköy area you find The Bank Hotel, an historic old bank building turned into a modern hotel, featuring a beautiful rooftop bar to enjoy Istanbul from above.

Called The Bank Roof Bar, the 7th floor rooftop is an open air and beautiful space, dressed with comfy loungers, lush plants and a cool bar, and surrounded with magnificent views over the Old City.

While taking in the vistas over Golden Horn, Bosphorus, Hagia Sophia, Topkapı Palace and the Blue Mosque. you can sip signature and classic cocktails, a wide variety of whiskies, and local & international wines, and nibble on a unique selection of finger food.

Filled with a pleasant upscale-casual atmosphere, The Bank Roof Bar is open daily to all for an imperishable experience elevated above Istanbul.

THE BANK ROOF BAR

Azapkapı, Bankalar Cd. No:5, 34321 Beyoğlu, Istanbul

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4. Rossio Gastrobar / LISBON

Rossio Gastrobar - Photo: www.altishotels.com/

Located at the **Altis Avenida Hotel** and overlooking Lisbon's famous Rossio Square, Rossio Gastrobar is a wonderful place for enjoying top-notch drinks and delicious food.

Known for its seasonal menu, the drinks and food offered in this gastro bar are always changing and are made with local and fresh ingredients, resulting in an unforgettable culinary experience.

With an Art Deco decor that still manages to be comfortable, you'll be able to kick back and relax while enjoying the views of Santa Justa, the Tagus River, and the Rua Agustina Arch.

The bar offers a comprehensive drink menu that covers all the basics, but for the adventurous, there's also a signature cocktail menu that brings together familiar tastes with a dash of the new.

Created by the Michelin star Chef, João Rodrigues, the food is some of the best you'll be able to find in Lisbon, which means you can't leave without having a bite or two.

ROSSIO GASTROBAR

Altis Avenida Hotel, 120 Rua 1º Dezembro, Lisbon

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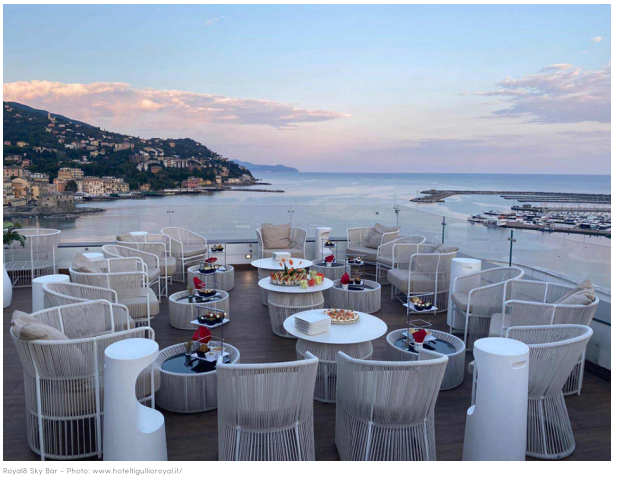
5. Royal8 Sky Bar / RAPALLO – PORTOFINO COAST



Royal8 Sky Bar - Photo: www.hotelligulliroyal.it/

There is something special about coastal Italian rooftop bars, and when you find one perched above the beautiful Ligurian Riviera, chances are you're in for a memorable experience.

This is truly the case with the stylish Royal8 Sky Bar, located on the 8th floor of Hotel Tigullio Royal, found on the central promenade of Rapallo.

Dotted with modern and comfy lounge chairs, the elegant and open-air rooftop terrace comes surrounded with breathtaking 180º views of Tigullio's Gulf.

As you watch over the coastline you can enjoy enjoy crafted signature cocktails and plenty of delicious bites. Prime time to visit? Most likely during a sunset and what is described as 'the most glamorous aperitif in Liguria'.

ROYAL8 SKY BAR

Piazza IV Novembre, 3, 16035 Rapallo – Portofino Coast - GE

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6. Hey Güey / ROME

Hey Güey - Photo: https://www.chapter-roma.com/

A subtropical oasis, found in the very heart of Rome, Hey Güey rooftop bar is set on top of the glamorous and gritty hotel **Chapter Roma**.

Surrounded with cactus flowers, figs of 'India' and packed with Mexican vibes, here you can get closer to the Pacific Ocean and the beaches of Acapulco, all while enjoying panoramic views over the old town Roman roofs and domes.

Bright and airy, with an informal yet trendy atmosphere, the rooftop menu offer both gourmet taqueria dishes, like signature tacos, empanadas and quesadillas, as well as fresh signature summer cocktails and frozen margaritas.

HEY GUEY

Via Santa Maria Dè Calderari 47, Pantheon, 00186 Rome

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7. TaKeT / GOTHENBURG

TaKeT - Photo: http://ogbg.se/

Celebrating 5 years during 2021, TaKeT (The Roof) offers beautiful views of the Göta Älv river and the dockyards, as well as a variety of events that make it one of Gothenburg's most popular destinations.

With a friendly and relaxing atmosphere, TaKeT is often the chosen venue for live DJs, yoga classes, brewery takeovers, art exhibitions, and more, meaning there's always something to be found when visiting!

Equipped with comfortable lounge areas, as well as the more traditional bar stools, TaKeT knows how to entertain all kinds of people, and that extends to its food and drink menu.

Cocktails, both classic and signature, wines, craft beer, street food and BBQs, there's no denying the people behind TaKeT sure know how to set the mood!

Visit for sunshine views and a fantastic atmosphere, or since recently also under the retractable roof, making TaKeT a year-round venue.

TAKET

Skeppsbroplatsen 1, 41121 Gothenburg

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8. Aurora Rooftop Bar / VIENNA

Aurora Rooftop Bar - Photo: www.bar-aurora.at/

Perched high on top of the fantastic **Andaz Vienna Am Belvedere**, located right by the Schweizer Garten, Aurora offers amazing panoramic views in a chic and stylish setting.

The word Aurora comes from the magical Northern Lights, and the rooftop takes inspiration from the Nordics, both in design and menu.

Minimalistic yet beautiful, the rooftop menu is filled with creative and crafted signature cocktails with a Scandinavian touch, as well as tasty bar bites and a fine selection of spirits, beer, wine and champagne.

New for 2021 is the beautiful Veuve Clicquot Chandelier outdoor bar, which, complemented with lounge tunes and the views, makes Aurora Rooftop Bar very well worth a visit.

AURORA ROOFTOP BAR

Arsenalstraße 10, 1100 Vienna

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9. Savage Garden / LONDON

Savage Garden - Photo: www.savagegarden.co.uk/

Savage Garden is branded as 'London's wildest rooftop bar'. But it is also so much more, offering dual terraces and amazing views over the UK capital.

Perched on the 12th floor of **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel London - Tower Hill**, the rooftop space holds a stylish indoor lounge, as well as a the Pink Gin Terrace facing south, and the Wildside Terrace with a retractable roof.

Apart from amazing views over Tower Bridge and the London skyline, the rooftop bar aslo serves a creative and exciting menu. 'Bar food, but not as you know it' is complemented with crafted and unique signatures cocktails, as well as an extensive wine & champagne selection.

Visit for some relaxing afternoon cocktails on the suntrap terrace, or bring a more festive mode for a night time visit, when the views are just as great and the vibe and music even greater.

SAVAGE GARDEN

DoubleTree by Hilton London, 7 Pepys St, London

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10. La Muña / ZÜRICH

La Muña - Photo: www.lareserve-zurich.com/

Situated on top of the amazing hotel **La Réserve Eden au Lac Zurich**, La Muña rooftop restaurant and bar is just about as beautiful as the classic hotel.

Set right by the water, the rooftop terrace offers an amazing 360° view over Lake Zurich, as well as the historic city center and the alps.

While the outdoor terrace is the best spot for views, the chic indoor part of La Muña is also well worth a look, equipped with antique-looking furniture and historical wooden floors.

Inside, or under the huge parasols outside, you can enjoy a fantastic selection of food and beverages, packed with Peruvian and Japanese influences. From Cheviche and Sushi to a bar menu including both sake and signature summer drinks.

With a chill-out vibe and great service, setting and views, La Muña brings the extra beautiful to the beautiful city of Zürich.

LA MUÑA

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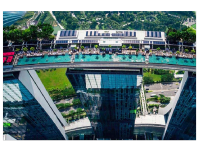

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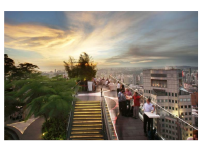

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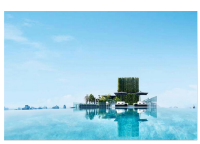

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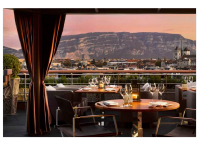

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