

Bastille Day in NYC 2021 guide

French-ify your life during Bastille Day—NYC celebrates France with outdoor parties with wine, cheese and streamed performances

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Bastille Day may look a little different this year, but it'll still be red, white and blue!

Francophiles can celebrate Bastille Day—NYC's annual celebration that usually includes [street fairs](#), dance events and performances (the cancan!)—through a number online and live events, including French Institute Alliance Française's Bastille Day Celebration, which is happening in Central Park this year.

So don your beret and red, white and blue outfit and settle in for some French-themed fun.

When is Bastille Day?

The holiday is always held on July 14 to celebrate French National Day (July 14, 1789). When the French holiday does not fall on a Sunday, NYC celebrations are held either the Sunday before or after.

What is Bastille Day?

Bastille Day, also known as French National Day, is a holiday celebrating the beginning of the French Revolution and the Storming of the Bastille.

Where is Bastille Day?

While the most popular Bastille Day celebration usually takes place on 60th Street between Lexington Avenue and Fifth Avenue on Sunday, when there are multiple fetes that happen all over the city during (a normal) summer.

Best things to do for Bastille Day

5. Specials at NYC restaurants

[Estuary at ONE°15 Brooklyn Marina in Brooklyn Bridge Park](#) is commemorating Bastille with a special menu from Executive Chef Jonathan Rodriguez that includes deviled eggs with Cajun spiced mayo and smoked trout roe, steak tartare served with dijon and capers that's topped with a quail egg, côte de boeuf in a peppercorn sauce served with fries and salmon sorrel with fingerling potatoes and baby carrots. They will also be serving two biodynamic wines, both of which were delivered to the marina via cargo sailboat [Grain De Sail](#)—they are white: Domaine Des Maravilhas, Côtes du Rhône, France 2019 (Clairette) or Red: Maestral Domaine Des Maravilhas, Côtes du Rhône, France 2015 (cinsault, Grenache, Syrah).