



NYC Lifestyle

Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day is of great significance as it honors U.S. military personnel who lost their lives while serving our country. It's also a reminder that summer is just around the corner. Whether you spend the long weekend honoring service members, or plan to join one of the many weekend celebrations around town, we encourage you to enjoy – and of course – have a happy Memorial Day!

Side By Side Block Party

[Side By Side](#) is a weekend-long celebration landing in Flatiron Plaza on May 28. Festivities include a free block party with special guest DJ Questlove and a benefit concert starring John Legend and Jason Derulo. A portion of proceeds from the benefit concert will be donated to Northwell's Military Liaison Services.

Pack the Perfect Beach Lunch

The art of packing a cooler is a highly admirable skill and can really elevate your outing on a hot beach day. Small details, like keeping ice-to-munchie ratio at 2:1, can make all the difference. [Follow these tips](#) to keep your drinks cool and your lunch fresh, because nothing's worse than a warm lemonade.

Bring Your BBQ to the Park

There's no better way to kick off the summer than a barbecue with friends and family. Before planning your weekend, make sure to review [NYC Parks' list of designated barbecuing areas](#) in all five boroughs, along with rules to keep everyone safe, including the environment!

Hotel Pools Open to the Public

Looking to treat yourself to a staycation in the city? Try spending the day at one of Manhattan's ritzy rooftop hotel pools. Timeout collected [some of the best hotels with rooftop pools](#) that are open to the public (for a fee). You can purchase a pass ahead of time or reserve a cabana for your party.



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Homemade Snow Cones

[Learn how to make snow cones](#) at home and you'll never have to wait around for the ice cream truck again. After blending your ice, it's time to pick your toppings. While you can purchase the classic artificial syrups, there are also healthier options available including coconut milk with maple syrup or homemade peach sauce.

Holiday Sales

From cookware and tech to upscale fashion, read [the holiday edition of The Strategist](#) for the best Memorial Day Weekend sales. And don't forget about your pets – they deserve a shopping spree too! Chewy's Memorial Day sale includes items up to 30% off and buy two get the third free, like this [Mandalorian silicone treat mat](#).

Restaurant Deals

Dine out, see a movie and plan next week's meals, all at a discount this weekend. [Applebee's](#) is offering one free Fandango ticket for Top Gun: Maverick for every \$25 spent. Along with the many restaurants offering deals and special discounts for service members, meal-kit companies are offering deals as well, like [HelloFresh's](#) offer of 16 free kits.

New to Netflix

If you prefer to spend your long weekend in the comfort of your air conditioning, check out [this list](#) of new Netflix content. From the long-awaited Stranger Things Season 4, to newly added classics like You've Got Mail, you can easily fill your weekend with binge-worthy viewing. While you're at it, try this recipe for [parmesan barbecue popcorn](#).