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Celebrate Independence Day

The welcomed return of Fourth of July celebrations is a reminder of New York City's signature resilience when times get tough. To help you plan your weekend festivities, we've put together a list of events happening in and around the city, recipes for the at-home chef and, of course, fireworks!

Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest

Coney Island's century old tradition has returned for your viewing pleasure. Since 1916, Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest has taken place on the Fourth of July and now attracts thousands of spectators each year. In-person tickets to the event have already sold out, but you can still tune-in to watch on ESPN starting at 10:45 a.m. [Click here](#) for more details.

Celebrate at the State Capital

If you're feeling adventurous, make your way up to Albany for the [45th Annual Independence Day Celebration at Empire State Plaza](#) on July 4. Festivities will include live performances, food and beverages from a mix of local vendors and a fireworks finale by New York's own [Santore's World Famous Fireworks](#).

July 4th Fireworks in New York City

There will be no shortage of fireworks around New York City this year! If you are planning a viewing party with friends or family, head over to [NYC Insider Guide](#) for a comprehensive list of parks, riverboat cruises and venues to enjoy the show. Don't forget about the fireworks and local showdown at Yankee Stadium July 2 - July 4 where the Yankees will face the Mets.

Staten Island's Historic Parade

Ever heard of Travis, Staten Island? The small patriotic neighborhood has held an [Independence Day parade](#) every year since 1911! This year, the parade will take place on Sunday, July 4 at 12 p.m., rain or shine. [Click here](#) to learn more about the significance of the parade and the town's historic roots.



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Classic New England Lobster Roll

Lobster rolls are truly a summertime staple. [This refreshing classic New England recipe](#) is sure to be a big hit at your holiday party and even includes tips on where to buy lobster, the best buns for stuffing and side dishes to complement the main course.

Insanely Good Grilled Corn Recipes

An ear of corn with the classic butter and salt combo is delicious, but [these toppings are even better!](#) From Delish, the list includes mouthwatering grilled corn recipes like [cheddar bacon ranch](#), [Old Bay](#), [Mexican street corn](#) and more.

Peach Cobbler

Fruity cobbler desserts are a must for any Independence Day celebration. [This peach cobbler recipe](#) is not only sweet—it's super easy too! You probably have most of the ingredients in your pantry, and the prep time is only 10 minutes.

Ice Cream Sandwich Cake

Elevate your ice cream game with [this simple, no-bake ice cream sandwich cake](#), which requires little more than a pack of ice cream sandwiches, Cool Whip, hot fudge and caramel. Feel free to sprinkle on extra toppings like nuts, sprinkles or M&Ms for extra pizzazz – you've earned it!