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Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15 through October 15, and highlights the many contributions the Hispanic and Latino communities have made to our county. As one of the most diverse cities in the U.S., there are dozens of events to celebrate and we've chosen some of the best for you to enjoy.

La Cocina de Loisaida

[La Cocina de Loisaida](#) is a monthly, in-person cooking class taught by Maria Bido at Essex Market in Lower East Side, Manhattan. In celebration of Puerto Rican cuisine, the next two classes will focus on traditional arroz con gandules, pernil, and Yuca con mojo de ajo y cebollas.

A La Calle Block Party

Head over to West 89th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenue for [Ballet Hispánico's A La Calle Block Party](#) on October 2 from 12 to 4 p.m. Hosted by Ballet Hispánico, there will be a full day of performances, dance lessons, food and more. Check out the highlights of previous block parties [here](#).

Las Flores de mi País

NYC Parks' Latino Society invites you to [Las Flores de mi País](#) at The Arsenal Gallery in Central Park. Selected artworks explore interpretations of Latinx culture through native flora, symbols and textiles. There will also be a virtual tour and discussion on September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Where to Dine-Out

If you're looking to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at some of the amazing restaurants the five boroughs have to offer, look no further than [The Infatuation's collection of go-to spots](#). Try a [plant-based Colombian dinner](#), [high-end Mexican for brunch](#) or finish the night off at [Tulcingo Bakery](#).



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Olive Street Garden Block Party

Olive Street Community Garden in East Williamsburg, Brooklyn is hosting a [Garden Block Party](#) to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on October 10. The festival will include food and music at St. Nicolas Church and the street will be closed to cars between 12 and 3 p.m.

Virtual Comics Chat with NYPL

The Riverside Public Library will host a [Virtual Comics Chat](#) on October 13, for youth ages 13 to 18. The discussion will explore comics and manga that feature Hispanic characters and storylines. [Advance registration](#) is required and attendees who visit the library after the chat will receive a free comic.

Afro-Latinidad

On October 2, the Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education will host [Afro-Latinidad](#), a celebration of the Afro-Hispanic and Latinx communities. Located near the Hunts Point section of The Bronx, the event will include musical performances by [Melvis Santa](#), [Aurelio Martinez](#), [Grupo Rebolu](#), and more. [Register for the free event today.](#)

Hispanic Poetry in Motion

Langston Hughes Queens Public Library will host [Hispanic Poetry in Motion](#) on October 1. Hispanic poets from New York City will share personal works and well-known pieces. The event will also include a musical performance by [Fernando Bianco](#).