

FOOD & DRINK

## WHERE TO WATCH THE KENTUCKY DERBY IN NYC

The Kentucky Derby is the world's greatest sporting event for anyone feeling "meh" about sports. The race itself is the height of athleticism -- competing thoroughbreds' training regimens rival any Olympian's and their jockey companions are in better shape than most of us could ever dream of. But, for spectators, the first Saturday in May is all about floppy hats and mint juleps.

Why watch a bunch of sweaty dudes chasing balls for hours when you can see majestic horses gallop for two heart-pounding minutes? For those of us outside of Churchill Downs, the Derby is more about the party than the race. Saturday, May 5 is made for fashion and bourbon. Bow ties > jerseys, and silver cups > bottles of Bud all day, every day. If you can't make it to Louisville for the main event, [Saratoga Springs](#) is the next best place. And New York City is fine, too! Here are the best places to watch the Kentucky Derby in NYC this Derby de Cinco.

### Haven Rooftop

132 West 47th Street

Starting at noon

Can't decide between Kentucky and Mexico this May 5? Well good thing this town is big enough for the both of them! Haven Rooftop will host Derby *and* Cinco parties, because mixing bourbon and tequila is tops. Derby time starts at noon, complete with endless mint juleps and a big-hat contest. At 4pm, the fiesta begins, with ceviche, guacamole, quesadillas, and margaritas. Haven will screen the race on eight 55-inch TVs, and "Derby hat" is just a funny way of saying "sombrero."

