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### Weekend Fare

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This Memorial Day weekend includes a roster of events and specials at restaurants. Here are some to check out:

— The pleasant weather should favor dining and drinking outdoors. The Crow's Nest, on the upper deck of [The Water Club](#), on the East River between 28th and 32nd Streets, opens for the season with its views of the Manhattan skyline and Brooklyn waterfront. There will be live music every Sunday. And at the [Meatball Shop](#), at 170 Bedford Avenue (near North Eighth Street) in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, a tented garden is now open with seating for about 30 people.

— All veterans receive a 20 percent discount at [Il Tesoro](#), 1578 First Avenue (82nd Street), on the Upper East Side during a Memorial Day lobster feast. Call (212) 861-9620 for reservations.

— One of the most popular rooftop bars in the city — [230 Fifth](#), 230 Fifth Avenue (27th Street), in the Flatiron district — will have a rooftop garden buffet brunch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The meal is \$29 per person (or \$15 for children and \$10 for men and women in uniform) and includes a mimosa or glass of bubbly.

— [The Bedford](#), 110 Bedford Avenue (North 11th Street), in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, has a new chef: Jason Giordano, who is starting a seasonal, market-inspired brunch menu over the holiday weekend. It includes dishes like North Carolina pulled pork hash and French toast fritters.

— A special brunch and backyard cookout takes place at [Papacitos](#), 999 Manhattan Avenue (Huron Street), in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, on Monday starting at 11 a.m. There will be giveaways, drink specials, live music and Nathan's hot dogs topped with homemade guacamole, spicy queso and more.