

14 Cocktail Festivals In 2020 That Are Worth The Trip



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Spirits

I cover food, drinks and the culture of both.

It's a good time to be a drinker. It's also a good time to be someone who makes drinks, sells drinks or otherwise cares about what goes into your glass. Because, in addition to having a bevy of great bars and spirits at your disposal, cocktail festivals and conferences abound, which means it's never been easier to learn about the trade, network with peers and make some like-minded friends.

Bar Convent Brooklyn (June 9-10)

This [trade-only event](#) brings together bar, restaurant and beverage professionals for an opportunity to network with peers and learn about new trends, techniques and products. Demonstrations and panel discussions are supplemented with hands-on tasting sessions, where you can learn about esoteric spirits and how to use them. Plus, you'll be in New York, home to dozens of great cocktail bars, so you'll never run out of things to do.