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8 Ways To Celebrate Spring In New York City

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Flaunt your best florals and prepare for sunshine — spring has arrived. From garden parties to flower festivals, we have found the best things for New York City's winter-weary locals and visitors to do this season.

Flower Festivals

Spring is in full bloom during the Sakura Matsuri cherry blossom festival at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Held on April 28 and 29, the festival is one of the most anticipated on the calendar. The buds reach their peak during the celebration, guaranteeing a picturesque sea of pink plants in addition to a packed itinerary of nearly 60 events honoring Japanese culture, from tea ceremonies to musical performances.

And if you haven't already, take a trip to the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx to see The Orchid Showbefore it closes on April 22. The showcase features a series of

installations by Belgian floral artist Daniel Ost. We particularly love the exhibition's evening hours (the last is on April 20), when adults can enjoy cocktails along with live music and dance performances among the lush floral arrangements. Try the Dancing Lady, a signature sip created just for the event by Edible Bronx's head mixologist.

Once the orchids leave town, the Garden Art and Antiques Fair will take up temporary residence at the New York Botanical Garden (May 3 through 6), filling the space with a gorgeous display of rare floral species and exquisite garden ornaments.