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Who needs a Hamptons share this summer when it's clear the city is the place to be? From the rooftop pool free-for-alls at Gansevoort Park Avenue and Le Bain, to the sun decks and updated water feature on the expanded High Line, to the resurgence of the Rockaways as a hipster surfer haven, there's no need to leave the five boroughs to get wet. And here are a handful of NYC residences where you can take the plunge.

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*15 Union Square West

It's practically like having a personal 50-foot-long lap pool at your doorstep; since there are just 36 condos at 15 USW, you're guaranteed plenty of solo swim time. (That also holds true for the oversized, 10-person Jacuzzi.) Vicente Wolf, who designed the interiors throughout the building, outfitted the lower-level pool area with blue mosaic tiles, custom lighting and four white-upholstered cabanas, giving the space a sleek, Euro-inspired vibe. Other amenities include a sauna in each locker room. "The residents have been absolutely wowed by the spa and pool," says Shlomi Reuveni of BHS Select, who is selling the building. "One buyer who has recently closed but not moved in yet is so eager to utilize this space that he's been regularly visiting the building just to use the pool." Prices range from a \$3 million one-bedroom to a \$12 million three-bedroom penthouse.

*Trump SoHo

Yes, it's technically a hotel/condo, which means you'll have to share the 6,000-square-foot outdoor pool deck with hotel guests. But with rooms going for around \$500 per night, we aren't talking Motel 6 customers. The seventh-floor location offers great views of the city looking north and west, perfect for lounging around with an early evening cocktail (there's a full bar and light bites available from the adjacent Bar D'eau). You can also practice your game on the bocce court. The pool itself is almost incidental; it's more a place to dip your toes, but a cascading waterfall provides a pleasant ambiance. The pool and bar are open seasonally, and after 6 p.m., it opens to the public. Hotel/condo units are priced from \$1 million to \$2.26 million; penthouses start at \$2.5 million.

*Toren

When SOM Architects designed this 38-story tower, they made sure that it wasn't just a nice addition to the Brooklyn skyline, but also that it was a full-service building with lots of frills. Residents in this somewhat isolated part of Downtown Brooklyn, at Flatbush and Myrtle avenues, got a fitness center with a sauna, a bi-level outdoor deck and a library with a wet bar. Five months ago, Toren's coolest amenity opened: a 53-foot-long, heated indoor lap pool whose design was based on the original pool at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn Heights. Though Toren's ground-level pool area is lacking the mirrored walls the St. George had, it does boast a huge skylight so residents can soak up the sun. And in a building packed with family-friendly amenities — kids' yoga classes, story time at the library — the pool offers dedicated family swim time. Residences range from \$307,000 to \$1.465 million.

*The Edge

Other than swimming in the East River — which, based on "Seinfeld," we wouldn't advise — you can't get a better view of the Manhattan skyline while doing the backstroke than at the Edge. The pool at this waterfront condo complex has three glass walls that, come summer, open to the outdoor deck area. The 65-foot-long, 1,775-square-foot pool is open year-round, and even has a heated floor for the chillier months. Other watery delights: a whirlpool, a steam room and a small shallow plunge pool with a waterfall. Residences range from \$395,000 for a studio to \$2.835 million for a three-bedroom.

*The Ashley/The Aldyn

These Upper West Side sister buildings (one rental, the other a rental-condo hybrid) share amenities, but what amenities they are! The 40,000-square-foot, residents-only space includes a bowling alley, gym, Pilates studio, indoor basketball court and squash courts, plus a rock-climbing wall and a rocking, 75-foot-long pool. The walls surrounding the pool area (where there's also a hot tub) are of gray volcanic rock, and the space is brightened by skylights. There are swimming lessons and event-training classes for would-be triathletes. Ashley rentals range from \$3,935 for a one-bedroom to \$13,800 for a three-bedroom. At the Aldyn, rentals are \$2,450 for a studio up to \$18,450 for a four-bedroom; condos are priced from \$1.475 million to nearly \$14 million.

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