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## New York City's New Hot Spot: Dutch Kills, Long Island City

Call it the summer of Queens. For years, this outer borough has been hailed as the next Brooklyn, and Long Island City its Williamsburg, but this month, one small section of LIC in particular—just north of Queensboro Plaza—has emerged as a new seasonal hot spot: Dutch Kills, an industrial hamlet turned happening micro-hood.

From fresh sculptural gardens to some of the city's best ramen, Dutch Kills and LIC proper are home to one-of-a-kind, only-in-Queens style experiences, well worth a trip on the 7 train. Here, six of the best reasons to cross the East River now and kiss Manhattan (and Brooklyn!) good-bye for the summer.



## Boro Hotel

Billed as the borough's first design-savvy boutique hotel, the <u>Boro</u> opened its doors this month to unveil a raw industrial space (cement bricks, concrete floors) with Instagram-friendly touches—think tiny succulents and Le Labo candles on tables. All west-facing rooms have unhindered views of the Manhattan skyline, from the red brick houses of Harlem all the way down to One World Trade. The rooftop bar alone will be worth the trip.