

These Smaller NYC Boutique Luxury Buildings Offer Sweeping Views

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Sure, New York is packed with residential towers with skyline views. But the reality is, not every buyer has a taste for the supertall life. Fortunately, there's good news for buyers who don't care for heights, as a number of smaller, boutique buildings also offer stunning vistas—without the altitude.

For example, SHoP Architects designed the Lower East Side building 242 Broome with a literal twist. When finished, the 14-story building will include 55 luxury residences, all situated on the fifth floor and above. These floors torque slightly westward, offering plenty of sunlight and dramatic views over the Lower East Side. Each successive floor is also set back to increase privacy.

We've rounded up some developments that aren't skyscrapers, but still boast epic vistas. Each building is less than 15 stories high but offers views that rival some of the city's taller towers.

242 Broome



242 Broome is the first condominium within Essex Crossing, a planned mixed-use development comprising residential, office, retail, cultural and community space on Manhattan's Lower East Side. In order to maximize the views from the building, SHoP Architects designed 242 Broome with a literal twist. When finished, the 14-story building will include 55 luxury apartments, all situated on the fifth floor and above. These floors torque slightly westward, offering tons of sunlight and dramatic views over the Lower East Side. Each successive floor is also set back to increase privacy. In addition, 242 Broome features a landscaped and furnished rooftop that includes grills for outdoor dining and entertaining amid striking views of the Manhattan skyline and the Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Verrazano Bridges.