



## Where To Celebrate Bastille Day This Weekend



*(agent.j.loves.nyc/Flickr)*

July 4th has come and gone which means it is time for a new excuse to eat and drink to excess. This weekend swap your hot dogs and beers for croissants and wine in celebration of Bastille Day 2013.

Want to know some great places to flex your French side? Ooh la la there are many.

The Brooklyn Commune Project is hosting a [Bastille Day Sharebq](#) in the garden of The Invisible Dog Art Center on Bergen Street. Entry is free as long as you bring something to contribute, be it a home cooked dish, some drinks, or even a song. (Maybe something by Edith Piaf?) The party goes from 2 p.m. to sundown.

If you want to go for a more authentic experience, the French Institute Alliance Francaise will host their annual [Bastille Day fete](#), boasting a jam packed schedule of family-friendly Frenchness. Offerings include tastings for \$20 and free live performances, all held on 60th Street between Fifth and Lexington Ave.

If you are looking for some pre-Bastille Day fun—nothing wrong with getting a petite head start—then head over to Governors Island on Saturday evening for [A Magical Evening at Fete Paradiso](#). Take a

spin on some [vintage carnival rides and carousels](#) while enjoying live musical performances and French DJs. Early pre-sale tickets go for \$40, once those are gone pre-sale GA are \$50.



*Petanque players (adroosh/Flickr)*

One of the biggest annual Bastille Day celebrations is held on Smith Street in Cobble Hill. Running 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., this **block party** offers attendees a ton of French food and drinks from local restaurants like [Bar Tabac](#). The highlight of the day is a massive petanque tournament, which is sort of like bocce. Prefer a more low key Saturday celebration? Enjoy some Bastille Day-eve puppy love during a [French Bulldog Party](#) in the backyard of [By Brooklyn](#) in Carroll Gardens. Entry is \$10 if you BYOB (bring your own bulldog) and \$15 if you just want to show up and roll around in a sea of small dogs. The party kicks off at 3 p.m. and includes some French snacks and drinks.

Of course there are a lot more options for your Bastille Day weekend celebrations, including a Bastille Day fete at Fort Greene's [Chez Oskar](#), a [French Spirits Soiree](#) at the Astor Center, and a specialty French menu at Williamsburg's [Roebling Tea Room](#). Vive la France!