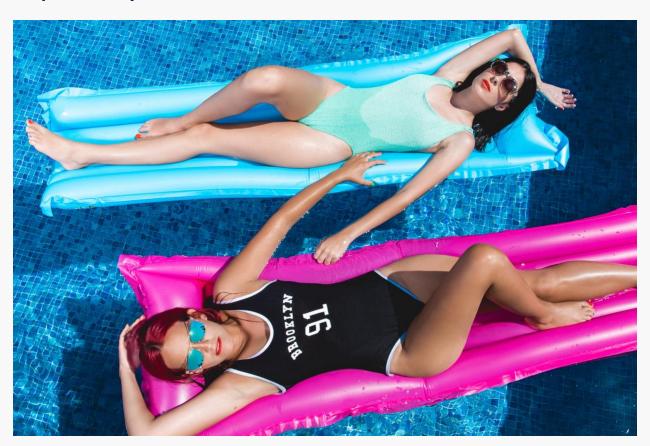


No Pants Zone: How to Legally Go Bottom Free in NYC

There are few pleasures in life more glorious than not wearing pants. If you are doubtful of the validity of this claim, just ask a cartoon bear or Lena Dunham. Both will attest to the benefits of unfettered legroom and the feeling of a cool breeze across the upper thighs. In fact, the only thing better than not wearing pants, is not wearing pants in public. But in order to avoid being arrested for indecent exposure, it is best to wear a swimsuit--the only socially acceptable way of not wearing pants outdoors. Luckily for New Yorkers, May 4 is No Pants Day! Here is TopView's guide to navigating the city in all your bottomless glory.

Step One: Buy A Swimsuit



A day of journeying NYC jeans free is cause for a celebration—and a new swim suit. Check out this list of boutiques that will have you outfitted just right.

For the ladies, there are tons of lingerie and swimsuit shops in NYC, but for an occasion such as this, you'll want something a bit luxurious. For this, look no further than **Linda's** boutique in Murray Hill. **Linda's** carries bra sizes

from AA-N in both bras and swimsuits so there is not a single body type left out here. They also offer a myriad of bottoms from high-waisted to bikini to one pieces. Anything you need you can find to make your day without pants complete.

And fellas--don't fret! You haven't been forgotten! Check out <u>Parke & Ronen</u> in Chelsea for a new set of trunks. They have styles to "suit" every preference. And their inseams range from 2 to 12 inches leaving you to decide just how much legroom you need to run free.

Step Two: Take a Bath



Aaahhh, bathing. It is something many New Yorkers take for granted in fast pace city life. They may take showers for sure, but in NYC both bathtubs and long baths are in short supply.

In many cities around the world, public baths are commonplace. Budapest has nearly 125 heated baths while Turkey has become synonymous with them--and for good reason. The natural mineral waters are known for their healing and relaxing properties.

But if you can't make to Budapest or Istanbul for a dip, trying hitting up <u>Aire Ancient Baths</u> in Tribeca. Styled in both ancient Greco-Roman and Ottoman styles with a modern twist, it is the perfect place to relax in your new bikini.

Step Three: Take A Dip At Le Bain



Now that you are al clean, it is time to get dirty! <u>Le Bain</u>, French for "the Bath," is a nightclub on the top of the Standard Hotel. Located in the Meatpacking District, it is the quintessential NYC experience. Only in New York can you dance to the hottest tunes while ordering a crepe, with a cocktail in hand before taking a dip in the hot tub. - All this in full view of the infamous skyline. Perfectly, gloriously pants free. And oh so New York. Aaahh... can you feel the breeze?