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Our New York 2011-2012

This guide has been prepared by your public library as a service to the community. We hope that residents will find it useful.

The information included is accurate as of September 2011. Phone numbers have been furnished so that you have the option of calling ahead and confirming the data we have provided. Changes occur constantly.

The city's crime rate is going down with regularity. However, caution is still advised. Women should hold onto their purses and never hang them on a chair in a restaurant. Men are advised to carry wallets in their front pants pocket (never in a hip pocket). Of course, avoid deserted blocks in out-of-the-way neighborhoods. If a street feels unsafe, it probably is. Proceed to the nearest avenue and take a taxi. These precautions should be undertaken in any major city in the world.

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Transportation

Driving in Manhattan can be a nightmare of gridlocked streets. During rush hours especially, it's best to park your car, walk, or use public transportation. Though you will get to see much more by bus, the subway is the fastest way to get around the island.

Subway & Bus

Run by the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), the subway system operates 24 hours a day, is cheaper than a cab, relatively safe and the best way to travel during peak hours. The fare is \$2.25* (\$1.10 for seniors and those with disabilities**) and children under 44 inches tall can ride free with a paying adult (up to 3 children per adult). You can also pay with a MetroCard sold at vending machines in most stations, subway station booths, MetroCard buses and some stores. The vending machines accept cash, major credit cards, and ATM or debit cards. You can transfer numerous times but such transfers generally have a 2-hour time limit. A good source for figuring out the best way to get to your destination is www.hopstop.com or phone the MTA at (718) 330-1234. Of course, you can ask the station agent or pick up a map of the subway system at station booths. Prices for buses are the same as above and you can pay with a MetroCard or exact change in coin (no pennies). A transfer is issued (upon request) when boarding the bus only. It is valid only for routes traveling in the same direction and there is a 2-hour time limit.

*Fares are expected to increase sometime in 2011 and 2013.

**The reduced fare is not available during peak periods, 6-10 AM and 3-7 PM.

Using your MetroCard

If you're too fast or too slow when swiping your card, the turnstile will ask you to swipe again. Do not move to another turnstile as you will be charged a second time. I've had to ask a station clerk for help as my swiping skills are quite limited!

Museums, Historic Houses and Special Places

Jericho cardholders may reserve free passes to numerous museums by going to the Jericho Public Library website at www.jericholibrary.org and clicking on the "Museum Passes" icon. Once you have accepted the Museum Pass Policy, click on the icon again at the bottom of the page. This will take you to the online reservation system. You may choose from the list of museums to which the JPL subscribes.

American Folk Art Museum – 45 W. 53rd St. – (212) 265-1040 – www.folkartmuseum.org

Displays include a wide range of American folk art from the 18th century to the present. The building itself is a work of art. Designed by the husband-and wife team of Tod Williams and Billie Tsein, the bronze panels on the façade reflect light from different angles. A visit to the gift shop is a must.

American Museum of Natural History – Central Park West at 79th St. – (212) 769-5100

www.amnh.org

Founded in 1869, this outstanding museum, covering four city blocks, presents the natural sciences to the lay person. It contains approximately 36 million artifacts ranging from microscopic organisms to the Star of India sapphire. Make sure to take a free "highlights" tour. A visit to the Rose Center for Earth & Space is also a must. To insure your admission to the Space Show, particularly on weekends, order your tickets online. Don't miss the film called *Journey to the Stars* narrated by Whoopie Goldberg. Children (adults as well) will love the Butterfly Conservatory which is open from October through May.

Asia Society – 725 Park Ave. (70th St.) – (212) 288-6400 – www.asiasociety.org

Founded in 1956 by John D. Rockefeller III to serve as a showcase for Asian and Asian/American art, the Asia Society underwent a \$30-million dollar expansion that doubled the exhibition space. Call ahead or go online for a schedule of exhibits.

Bronx Zoo Wildlife Conservation Park – Bronx River Pkwy. at Fordham Rd., Bronx – (718) 367-1010 – www.bronxzoo.com

The zoo covers 265 acres of parkland (Bronx Park) and is home to over 4,000 animals. Many are endangered species. The most popular exhibits include the Congo Gorilla Forest, the Himalayan Highlands Habitat, the Children's Zoo and the Wild Asia Complex which has a narrated monorail tour (May-October). The admission is pay-what-you-wish on Wednesdays though there is an additional charge for some exhibits. The New York Botanical Garden shares Bronx Park with the zoo.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden – 900 Washington Ave. (at Eastern Pkwy.), Brooklyn – (718) 623-7200
www.bbg.org

Rejuvenate your spirit in the 53 beautifully landscaped acres of the Garden adjacent to the Brooklyn Museum of Art. Make the trip in late April when the cherry blossoms are in bloom. Admission is free Tuesdays and Saturdays before noon.

Brooklyn Museum of Art – 200 Eastern Pkwy. (Washington Ave.), Brooklyn – (718) 638-5000
www.brooklynmuseum.org

Housed in a monumental beaux arts building, it is the second largest art museum in the U.S. (second only to the Met) and boasts magnificent collections ranging from Egyptian antiquities to contemporary American art. Make sure to visit the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art which opened in the spring of 2007 and is home to Judy Chicago's *The Dinner Party*. See the 23 American period rooms as well.

Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine – 1047 Amsterdam Ave. (112th St.), (212) 316-7490
www.stjohndivine.org Call (212) 932-7347 for tour information and reservations.

Construction of this building (the largest Gothic cathedral in the world) has been a work in progress since 1892. For a truly interesting Manhattan experience, make a reservation for a tour. St. John's embraces an interfaith tradition but remains the seat of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Center for Jewish History – 15 W. 16th St. – (212) 294-8301 – www.cjh.org

Opened in late 2000, this building houses the most extensive collection of Jewish art, history and literature. It unites the American Jewish Historical Society, the Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and the American Sephardi Federation. Yeshiva University Museum occupies the main gallery space.

Children's Museum of Manhattan – 212 W. 83rd St., (between Broadway and Amsterdam Aves.)
(212) 721-1234 – www.cmom.org

The five stories of this building provide interactive exhibits for children ages 2-12. Activities include art workshops, storytelling, puppet shows, science programs, etc. There are wonderful activities for children 4 and under, as well as programs for older children.

China Institute Gallery - 125 E. 65th St. (between Lexington & Park Aves.), (212) 744-8181
www.chinainstitute.org

The focus is on Chinese art, history and culture. The institute's gallery is open for two exhibitions each year (September-November and March-June). Check the website for interesting programs.

Citi Field – Roosevelt Ave. off the Grand Central Pkwy, Queens – (718) 507-8499 – www.mets.com
The beautiful new home of the New York Mets opened in 2009. Check out the Jackie Robinson Rotunda.

The Cloisters – 99 Margaret Corbin Dr., (Fort Tryon Park & 190th St.) – (212) 923-3700
www.metmuseum.org

A branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, this complex was constructed from the ruins of five medieval cloisters. Don't miss the famous Unicorn Tapestries and the Unicorn Garden which blooms with the flowers and plants depicted in the tapestries. Free Highlights Tours are offered Tuesday through Friday and Sunday at 3 P.M. Check the website, as you may want to schedule your visit to coincide with a concert or other special program. After the tours, relax and have an espresso and biscotti at the café.

Columbia University – Broadway & 116th St., Visitor's Center (212) 854-4900 – www.columbia.edu
Columbia University covers 34 acres in Morningside Heights. There are sculptures by Rodin, Giacometti and Moore as well programs that open to the general public. Tours can be arranged through the Visitor's Center, located in Room 213, Low Library beginning at 1 P.M. on weekdays. Right across the street from Columbia's main gate is Barnard College which also gives tours - (212) 854-2014.

Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum – 2 E. 91st St. (Fifth Ave.) – (212) 849-8400
www.cooperhewitt.org

A branch of the Smithsonian Institution, the museum is housed in the former home of industrialist, Andrew Carnegie. It is a treasure trove of decorative arts. Though it is still open, the museum is undergoing a renovation which is expected to greatly increase gallery space. The new area is expected to be completed in 2013.

Ellis Island – Ellis Island, New York Harbor – (212) 363-3200 or (212) 561-4500 for Wall of Honor information or (212) 269-5755 for ferry information – www.ellisland.org - The ferry leaves from Battery Park.

After a magnificent restoration, the island's main building opened as the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. Make sure to see the film, "Island of Hope, Island of Tears," and take the audio guide (\$8) as it is extremely worthwhile. The audio tour covers the Statue of Liberty as well. Admission is free but the ferry is \$12 round-trip. The ferry stops at both Ellis Island and Liberty Island (Statue of Liberty).

El Museo Del Barrio – 1230 Fifth Ave. (104th St.) – (212) 831-7272 – www.elmuseo.org
Founded in 1969 by artist Raphael Montanez Ortiz and a group of Puerto Rican educators, artists, parents and community activists, it is now the leading Latino arts and cultural institution focusing on contemporary artists. It is located on northern end of Museum Row.

Empire State Building – 350 Fifth Ave. (at 34th St.) – (212) 736-3100 – www.esbnyc.com
This 102-story building opened in 1931 during the depths of the Depression at a cost of one million dollars and since that dreadful day, September 11, 2001, it is once again the tallest building in New York. There are observatories on the 86th and 102nd floors to view the panorama of the city. To bypass long lines, we strongly urge you to buy observatory tickets online. There's a \$2 surcharge, but it's worth it! You can now call in advance for a visibility report (877) 692-8439.

Federal Reserve Bank – 33 Liberty St. (between William & Nassau Sts.) – (212) 720-6130
www.newyorkfed.org

Free tours of the subterranean gold vaults (valued at \$140 billion) are given five times a day but reservations must be made at least five days in advance. The hour-long tours cover the vaults, the trading desk and “FedWorks,” a multimedia exhibit where you can track hypothetical trades. Make sure you have a photo ID (driver’s license or passport) or you will not be admitted. Arrive at least 20 minutes before your scheduled tour to go through security.

The Forbes Galleries – 62 Fifth Ave. (12th St.) – (212) 206-5548 – www.forbesgalleries.com
Tucked within the lobby of Forbes Magazine headquarters, the galleries display the personal collections of Malcolm Forbes. You may visit from Tuesday through Saturday from 10-4 and admission is free. Thursdays are reserved for group tours with advanced reservations.

The Frick Collection – 1 E. 70th St. – (212) 288-0700 – www.frick.org
This is a highlight of any trip to New York. Once the luxurious home Henry Clay Frick, the mansion serves as a magnificent backdrop for the collection of masterpieces ranging from the Renaissance to mid-nineteenth century. Children under 10 are not permitted and children ages 10-16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Gracie Mansion – East End Ave. at 88th St. – (212) 570-4751 – www.nyc.gov
Once the country house of a wealthy merchant, it is the official home of New York City’s mayor. Mayor Bloomberg chooses to live in his own residence but he holds meetings and entertains here. Guided tours may be arranged but you must make a reservation. Walk-ins are not permitted. Delightful “tea tours” may be arranged for groups of 25-30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$25 per person.

The High Line – On the west side of Manhattan from Gansevoort St. in the meatpacking district to W. 30th Street – www.thehighline.org
This is a “walking” elevated park that was once a railroad track for freight trains. The last section to 30th Street is scheduled to open June 2011. Check the website for children’s programs, water features and announcements.

The Hispanic Society of America – Audubon Terrace (W. 155 - W. 156th Sts) – (212) 926-2234
www.hispanicsociety.org
The Society houses a treasure trove of Spanish ceramics, medieval tombs and the art of such painters as Goya, El Greco and Velasquez. Another attraction is the outdoor sculpture garden created by Anne Hyatt Huntington.

International Center of Photography (ICP) – 1133 6th Ave. (W. 43rd St.) – (212) 857-0000
www.icp.org
Founded in 1974, it has become a leading museum and photography school showcasing the works of some of the most famous photographers in the world. Visit the website to check on current exhibitions.

Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum – Pier 86 at W. 46th St. & 12th Ave. – (212) 245-0072
www.intrepidmuseum.org
The Intrepid returns to its home at Pier 86 after a two year renovation and restoration project. Guests will now be able to visit the “behind-the-scenes” areas. This aircraft carrier is a veteran of World War II and the Vietnam War. It was also the recovery vessel for the Mercury and Gemini space missions. The Growler, a strategic-missile submarine, is also a part of the museum.

Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum – 9-01 33rd Rd. (Vernon Blvd.), Long Island City, Queens
(718) 204-7088 – www.noguchi.org

A factory district in Queens is the site of this tranquil sculpture garden and museum, housing the works of Noguchi. Although the renovated museum has a fresh look, great care has been taken to preserve the feel of an industrial space. A new gallery has been created devoted to Noguchi's celebrated work in interior design. On Sundays, starting at 12:30 P.M., a shuttle bus leaves from the front of the Asia Society (70th Street & Park Avenue) at a round-trip cost of \$10.

The Jewish Museum – 1109 Fifth Ave. (92nd St.) – (212) 423-3200 – www.thejewishmuseum.org.

The Museum is housed in the expanded and renovated mansion of financier and philanthropist Felix Warburg. Housed on the top two floors, the permanent collection, "Culture and Continuity: the Jewish Journey," traces Jewish culture and identity over 4,000 years. Take the audio guide as it is free with the price of admission.

Lower East Side Tenement Museum – 108 Orchard St. (Delancy & Broome Sts.) – (212) 982-8420
www.tenement.org

Experience a visual exhibition of 19th and early 20th century immigrant life. The only way to see the museum is by guided tour. The apartments only hold 15 people, so it may be advisable to reserve tickets in advance. To buy tickets, call (866) 606-7232. Walking tours of the neighborhood are held daily.

Madame Tussaud's New York – 234 W. 42nd St. (7th-8th Aves.) – (212) 521-9600
www.madame-tussauds.com.

There are about 200 replicas of famous people. The fun comes from taking photos with your favorite star or sports hero.

Metropolitan Museum of Art – Fifth Ave. at 82nd St. – (212) 535-7710 – www.metmuseum.org

It's the top! This world famous institution is richly endowed and has magnificent collections from prehistoric times to the present. It's an encyclopedia of 5,000 years of art! As the largest museum in the Western hemisphere, it houses approximately 3,000,000 objects and covers more than seven square miles. The audio guide can be used throughout the museum (\$7). Live classical music performances are held in the Great Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Morgan Library and Museum – 225 Madison Ave. (36th St.) – (212)685-0008
www.themorgan.org

Once the library and home of J. Pierpont Morgan, the museum experienced an extensive renovation which doubled the gallery space while preserving the original Renaissance style of architect Charles McKim. A new reading room, auditorium, café and beautiful restaurant have been added as well. It's a fabulous collection of original manuscripts, master drawings and rare books. The Morgan Dining Room is quite beautiful and requires reservations (212/683-2130).

Morris-Jumel Mansion – 65 Jumel Terrace (160th St., east of St. Nicholas Ave.) – (212) 923-8008
www.morrisjumel.org

George Washington slept here! Yes, it's true. He made this home his headquarters in 1776. Built in 1765 for British Colonel Roger Morris and his American wife as a summer villa, it is a delightful surprise in the midst of Harlem. After seeing the house, take a walk to Sylvan Terrace, a charming series of row homes.

Museum of Arts and Design – 2 Columbus Circle – (212)299-7777 – www.madmuseum.org
Formerly the American Craft Museum, it showcases contemporary crafts. In 2008, it moved into this building near the Time-Warner center. The museum shop is a great place to browse.

Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust – 36 Battery Pl. (Battery Park City at 1st Place) – (646) 437-4200 – www.mjhnyc.org
Created as a living memorial to the holocaust victims in a Star of David shaped building, it honors those who died by celebrating their lives. The museum is also a repository of video interviews by Steven Spielberg’s “Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.” Take the audio tour narrated by Meryl Streep and Itzhak Perlman.

Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) – 11 W. 53rd St. – (212) 708-9400 – www.moma.org
Architect Yoshio Taniguchi, besides doubling the display space, has redesigned this museum so that the galleries are suffused with natural light. The collection is a marvel of modern and contemporary art. Make sure to see Van Gogh’s *Starry Night*, Picasso’s *Demaiselles d’Avignon* and Monet’s *Water Lilies* (my personal favorites). The audio guide is free as are passes to the days screenings in any of the three movie theaters in the museum. Tickets to MoMA include passes to P.S. 1 which are good for 30 days.

Museum of the City of New York – 1220 Fifth Ave. (103rd St.) – (212) 534-1672 – www.mcny.org
Trace the course of the Big Apple from New Amsterdam to the present day. Don’t miss the 2nd floor with entire rooms from the demolished homes of New York’s society families (including a bedroom from the home of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.). After a visit to the museum, cross the street to Central Park and visit the Conservatory Garden. It’s a treat!

Museum of the Moving Image – 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria, Queens – (718) 784-0077
www.movingimage.us
This museum provides an inside look into the worlds of filmmaking and TV. The major exhibition is called “Behind the Scenes.” Become a part of a famous film in some the interactive exhibits.

National Academy – 1083 Fifth Ave. (89th St.) – (212) 369-4880 – www.nationalacademy.org
Founded in 1825, the National Academy is an honorary society of professional artists, a museum, and a school of fine arts. Each member is required to donate a work of art and members include Samuel Morse, Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent and Robert Rauschenberg. The museum is the former home of sculptor Anne Hyatt Huntington.

National Museum of the American Indian – (Smithsonian Institution) – 1 Bowling Green
(212) 514-3700 – www.nmai.si.edu
What began as the private collection of George Gustav Heye has grown into the largest collection of Native American materials in the world and is a part of the Smithsonian Institution. Admission is free.

National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center – 20 Vesey St.
(between Church St. & Broadway is the 9/11 Memorial Preview Site) No building will stand on the site of the Twin Towers, however waterfalls will outline the footprints of the buildings. The museum is to be below the plaza surface. The plaza is expected to be open by 9/11/11 and the museum should be open to the public sometime in 2012.

Neue Galerie – 1048 Fifth Ave. (86th St.) – (212) 628-6200 – www.neuegalerie.org.

The Neue Gallery, founded by the late art dealer Serge Sabarsky and cosmetics businessman Ronald S. Lauder, is housed in the former home of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt III. The focus of the collection is early 20th century German and Austrian art and design (Klimt, Kandinsky, Klee, Schiele, etc.). A must-see is Klimt's *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer*. The audio guide is free with admission. Note that children under 12 are not admitted and children from 12-16 must be accompanied by an adult. On the lower level is the Café Sabarsky but there are usually long lines.

New York Aquarium – 502 Surf Ave. (W. 8th St.), Coney Island, Brooklyn – (718) 265-3474
www.nyaquarium.com

As the only aquarium in New York City, over 8,000 animals are featured. Take a bumpy ride on the Deep Sea 3D. Visit the beluga whales and the new sea-horse exhibit or catch one of the daily feeds for sharks, penguins, walrus and sea otters. And, of course, no trip is complete without a visit to the sea lions. It's a great family day!

New York Botanical Garden – Bronx River Pkwy at Fordham Rd., Bronx – (718) 817-8700
www.nybg.org

Founded more than 100 years ago, the gardens are spread over 250 acres. The Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, a series of glass pavilions, recreates tropical rain forests and arid deserts as well as hosting changing exhibitions. The specialty gardens and 40 acres of uncut forest (which is as close as the city ever gets to its virgin state) are not to be missed.

New York City Fire Museum – 278 Spring St. (Varick & Hudson Sts.) – (212) 691-1303
www.nycfiremuseum.org

This museum houses one of the nation's most extensive collections of fire related arts and artifacts from the 18th century to the present. In conjunction with the New York City Fire Department, it operates a safety education program. Visit the first floor's permanent September 11th exhibit. The department lost 343 members in the World Trade Center disaster.

New York City Police Museum – 100 Old Slip (South St.) – (212) 480-3100
www.nycpolicemuseum.org

Visitors get an inside look at the history and traditions of the largest police force in the country from colonial times to the present. The featured multi-media exhibit is "9/11 Remembered" which chronicles the extraordinary role of the NYPD in response to September 11th. The story of New York's Finest is told through their eyes and their own words.

New-York Historical Society – 170 Central Park W. (77th St.) – (212) 873-3400 – www.nyhistory.org
Founded in 1804 (when a hyphen was still a part of the city's name) its holdings cover 4 centuries of American history with an emphasis on the city and state. It is the city's oldest museum and one of the nation's most distinguished research libraries. Visit the Henry Luce III Center and take the audio tour as it brings the artifacts to life with anecdotes and stories.

New York Public Library – Fifth Avenue & 42nd St. – (212) 930-0800 or (917) 275-6975 for exhibit information - www.nypl.org

This is no ordinary library. Rare books, folios and manuscripts are all part of its collection. The magnificent beaux arts building was built in 1911 and financed largely by John Jacob Astor. Rotating exhibitions are also featured on the 3rd floor galleries. Don't miss the Rose Main Reading Room which covers two city blocks! Free one-hour tours leave Tuesday-Saturday at 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. from Astor Hall. Mayor La Guardia said he visited the building so he could “read between the lions” which he named “Patience” and “Fortitude.”

P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center – 22-25 Jackson Ave. (46th Ave.), Long Island City – (718) 784-2084
www.ps1.org

This renovated building was once an abandoned public school and is now a partner of MoMA. They exhibit the works of emerging artists from New York and around the world. The shows are usually extremely cutting edge.

The Paley Center for Media – 25 W. 52nd St. – (212) 621-6800 – www.paleycenter.org
Previously known as the Museum of Television and Radio, the Paley Center has locations in New York and Los Angeles. Founded by William S. Paley in 1975, these galleries are devoted to the history of broadcasting. While sitting in one of the broadcast centers, you can recreate radio's golden age and memorable moments in television. It's nice to rediscover how good some of these programs really were!

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture – 515 Malcolm X Blvd. (135th St.)
(212) 491-2200 – www.schomburgcenter.org

A branch of the New York Public Library, this research facility is devoted to preserving materials on the history of peoples of African descent throughout the world. Make an appointment for a tour so you can see the murals of Aaron Douglas. Inlaid into the floor at the entrance of the Langston Hughes Auditorium is his work “Rivers,” a memorial to Hughes, who is interred here.

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum – 1071 Fifth Ave. (89th St.) – (212) 423-3500
www.guggenheim.org

The original white spiral building was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright so that art could be viewed in natural light on each of the six levels. A tower addition has added more space to display its enormous contemporary art collection. The fifth floor terrace in the tower building offers dazzling views of the city. Take advantage of the *free* gallery talks.

Sony Wonder Technology Lab – Sony Bldg. – 550 Madison Ave. (56th St) – (212) 833-8100 for general information – www.sonywondertechlab.com

Explore exciting new exhibits in this state-of-the-art facility that brings technology and creativity together and makes it entertaining and fun. Admission is free but call ahead for reservations as space is extremely limited.

South Street Seaport Historic District & Museum – Water & South Sts. – (212) SEA-PORT
www.southstseaportmuseum.org

The Seaport is a celebration of old New York. Visit the shops, restaurants and the museum at 12 Fulton Street or call (212) 748-8600. The museum seeks to preserve the history of the city as a world port. From shipping to immigration, the waterfront has played a crucial role in the development of New York.

Statue of Liberty & the Statue of Liberty Museum - Liberty Island, New York Harbor
(212) 363-3200 – www.statuecruises.com For ferry information call (212)269-5755.

Everyone has to visit Lady Liberty at least once! The ferry leaves from Battery Park and forms a loop with Ellis Island. To guarantee a spot on a tour, order tickets online or by phone at (877) 523-9849. You pay a service charge but avoid the long ticket lines.

United Nations – First Ave. & 46th St. – (212) 963-8687 – www.un.org/tours

Be sure to bring a photo ID. You may enter the General Assembly from the 46th Street door. The interior corridors overflow with artwork donated by member nations. The United Nations is not part of the U.S. but an international zone. Take a 45-minute tour (given in 20 languages) which originates from the lobby. The Delegates Dining Room (212-963-7625) is open for a buffet lunch (\$25) but gentlemen must wear jackets (no sneakers or jeans) and reservations are required.

Whitney Museum of American Art – 945 Madison Ave. (75th St.) – (212) 570-3600
www.whitney.org

The Whitney grew out of the Greenwich Village studio of sculptress and art collector Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney. It now houses one of the finest collections of 20th century American art. Sarabeth's is no longer at the Whitney. Danny Meyer has taken over the café and named it Untitled. Reservations are necessary for dinner only.

Yankee Stadium – 1 E. 161st St. (River Ave.), the Bronx – (718) 293-6000 – www.yankees.com

The new Yankee Stadium is a monument to Yankee history. On a personal note, I miss the announcer's echo in the background. It's gone!

*Note: Museum Mile is moving uptown! A new Museum for African Art is set to open in the fall of 2011 on Fifth Avenue and 110th Street. Watch for it!

Calendar of Special Events

As with any schedule of events, the information provided is always subject to change. To confirm dates, etc., call the New York City Visitor's Bureau at (212) 484-1222 or log on to www.nycgo.com. Listed below are just a few of the great things that are constantly going on in this dynamic city.

January

New York National Boat Show – Javits Center, January 4-8, 2012

Restaurant Week – New York's best restaurants offer price-fixe meals that won't require a second mortgage on your home. As many restaurants are feeling the economic pinch, many of these deals are being extended through February. Visit www.nycgo.com for information.

Chinese New Year – It's a great time to visit Chinatown with 2 weeks of festivals ending in a parade. The Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dragon, falls on January 23, 2012. Call (212) 484-1222.

February

Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show – Madison Square Garden – February 13-14, 2012
www.westminsterkennelclub.org

March

Saint Patrick's Day Parade – (March 17th) Wear something green and walk along Fifth Avenue Fifth Ave. from 44th to 86th Street.

April

The Easter Parade – Easter is the time for New Yorkers to show off their finery! Walk along Fifth Avenue from 48th to 57th Street from 10:30 AM to 3 PM on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012

New York International Auto Show – Javits Center - www.autoshowny.com or call (800) 282-3336
Hot wheels from all over the world whirl into the Javits Center on April 6-15, 2012.

Tribeca Film Festival – (end of April/early May) The idea was conceived by Robert De Niro and each year it grows in popularity. For information call (212) 941-2400 or visit www.tribecafilm.com.

May

Bike New York – It's a 42 mile ride through five boroughs with 30,000 cyclists. Call (212) 932-BIKE or visit www.bikewhenyork.org to register. It's usually held the first or second Sunday in May.

Ninth Avenue Food Festival – Food, musicians, bands and vendors, line Ninth Avenue from 37th to 57th Street.

Fleet Week – The Navy and the Coast Guard are “at liberty” in the city along with the ships that dock on the West Side. Call (212) 245-0072 or visit www.intrepidmuseum.org for further information.

June

Restaurant Week – Three course price-fixe meals are offered by many of New York's restaurants. Call (212) 484-1222 or www.nycgo.com.

Museum Mile Festival – (usually held the second Tuesday in June) Fifth Avenue is closed to traffic from 82nd to 104th Street from 6 to 9 PM. Museum visits are free (including the Met). Call (212) 606-2296 or any of the participating museums for more information.

Shakespeare in the Park – The performances are held at Central Park's Delacorte Theater. Great theater is Joe Papp's gift to New York from June through August with at least one Shakespearean play on the schedule. Call (212) 539-8500 or visit www.publictheater.org.

July

July 4th – Macy's lights up the New York skyline on the Hudson River on Manhattan's west side, with the biggest fireworks display in America. For the best places for public viewing check the Macy's website (www.macys.com) or call (212) 484-1222.

Lincoln Center Festival – Performing artists from all over the world participate in this festival to be held from July 5-August 14, 2011. Call (212) 875-5386 or visit www.lincolncenter.org for performance information.

Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors – Enjoy free performances on the plaza at Lincoln Center from July 27 to August 14, 2011. Call (212) 875-5386 or visit www.lincolncenter.org for performance information.

August

Mostly Mozart – Many renowned artists are featured in this month-long series at Avery Fisher Hall (August 2-August 22, 2011). Call (212) 875-5049 or visit www.lincolncenter.org for performance information.

U.S. Open Tennis Championships – Flushing Meadow Park in Queens – Most tickets are held by corporate sponsors but you can call (718)760-6200 or visit www.usopen.org or www.usta.com for information. The dates are August 29 to September 11, 2011.

September

Broadway on Broadway – Come to Times Square for a free one-day sampling of every Broadway production. Times Square is closed to vehicular traffic. Call (212) 768-1560 or visit www.timessquarenyc.org.

New York Film Festival – It's a two-week festival held in various venues of Lincoln Center (September 30-October 16, 2011). Call (212)875-5601 or visit www.filmlinc.com for ticket information.

October

Feast of St. Francis – Animals of all kinds are blessed at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine on the first Sunday in October. Tickets are available on the morning of the event on a first-come first-served basis. For information call (212) 316-7490 or visit www.stjohndivine.org.

Big Apple Circus – (October through January) It's New York's gift to children! To get tickets for this not-for-profit circus in Damrosch Park, call (800) 922-3772 or visit www.bigapplecircus.org. Damrosch Park is located at 62nd Street near Amsterdam Avenue on the southwest corner of the Lincoln Center Plaza.

November

New York City Marathon – On the first Sunday in November (November 5, 2011) 30,000 runners from all over the world run through the five boroughs and end at Central Park (26 miles). Call (212) 423-2249 or visit www.nyrr.org for applications.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade – (November 24, 2011) From Central Park West and 77th Street down Broadway to Herald Square and 34th Street, it's a New York happening. You can usually see the balloons being inflated at Central Park West and 79th Street, the night before the parade. Call to see if they are open to the public. Make sure you dress warmly as the evening can be frigid at this time of year. Call (212) 484-1222 or visit www.macys.com to confirm.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Rockefeller Center – Enjoy the music and fanfare along with the ice skaters. Call (212) 332-6868 or visit www.rockefellercenter.com.

December

Christmas Sparkle – New York gets dressed for Christmas! See doormen dressed as toy soldiers (FAO Schwarz) and the beautiful store windows. The displays get more imaginative every year!

Lighting of the Chanukah Menorah – The 32-foot menorah is located at Grand Army Plaza and 59th Street. The date is dependent on the start of Chanukah.

New Year's Eve – Because of the crowds, it's best to stay home and watch your TV as the ball drops at midnight at One Times Square.

Musical New York

If it's great music that you want then New York is the place to go. The New York Philharmonic, founded in 1842, is the oldest orchestra in the United States. The City is also home to three renowned conservatories (Juilliard, the Manhattan School of Music and Mannes College of Music), the Metropolitan Opera, the New York City Opera, the American Ballet Theatre, The New York City Ballet and a myriad of other venues for all types of music, from classical to rock and everything in between.

Concert Halls & Landmark Sites

Apollo Theater – 253 W. 125th St. – (212)531-5300 – www.apollotheater.com

Built in 1914, a newly restored Apollo opened in 2009. Since 1934, every Wednesday night at 7:30 PM, performers grace the stage in the hope of launching their careers. Listed among the alumni are Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Billie Holiday, Michael Jackson, etc. For a great tour of the theater, contact Billy Mitchell at (212) 531-5337. After the tour, you can go over to Sylvia's world famous soul food restaurant at 328 Malcolm X Blvd., (212) 996-0660.

Brooklyn Academy of Music – 30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn – (718) 636-4100 - www.bam.org
BAM is recognized internationally as a preeminent, progressive cultural center. The current programming consists of the Next Wave Festival each fall and a spring season of opera, theater and dance. Recent additions include the BAMcafe, a restaurant and live music venue, and the BAM Rose Cinemas.

Carnegie Hall – 881 7th Ave. (57th St.) – (212) 247-7800 – www.carnegiehall.org

For music lovers worldwide, this is the ultimate destination. (How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice!) The Isaac Stern Auditorium is acoustically unsurpassed and the world's top orchestras love to perform here. The smaller Weill Recital Hall is usually used for chamber music concerts and recitals. Zankel Hall also has fine acoustics.

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts – Broadway from 62nd to 66th Sts. – (212) 546-2656 – www.lincolncenter.org

Lincoln Center is one of the world's leading arts center. The New York Philharmonic makes its home at Avery Fisher Hall with conductor Alan Gilbert. The Chamber Music Society performs at Alice Tully Hall which is considered acoustically perfect.

Jazz at Lincoln Center: The jazz venue for Lincoln Center is actually in the Time Warner Center at 60th Street and Broadway. The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, led by Wynton Marsalis, performs at the Rose Theater. The Allen Room is another performance place at the Center. It features a glass wall behind the stage and overlooks the glittering lights of Columbus Circle. Awesome!

Theater at Lincoln Center: The Vivian Beaumont is a beautiful theater that has had numerous exciting productions. The Mitzi E. Newhouse is a smaller venue and the new Claire Tow Theatre is opening on the roof of the Beaumont along with rehearsal and office space. Anticipated opening of this area is late 2011 of early 2012.

*For information about opera and dance at Lincoln Center, check the next chapters.

Madison Square Garden – 7th Ave. from 31-33 Sts. – (212) 465-MSG1 – www.thegarden.com

Great rock and pop stars regularly fill this 20,000-seat arena which is also home to the Knicks and the Rangers. Ringling Bros. Circus and the Ice Capades are also featured here. The Theater at Madison Square Garden hosts major pop stars and theatrical productions. A renovation of the Garden will require closing of the main arena during the summers of 2012 and 2013.

92nd Street Y – 1395 Lexington Ave. (92nd St.) – (212) 415-5500 – www.92ndsty.org

It's the place for top-rated cultural happenings. The Y operates as a lecture hall, a performance space, a school, a health center and a community organization. Isaac Stern, Yo-Yo Ma, Judy Collins, Paul Robeson and countless other luminaries have performed here.

Radio City Music Hall – 1260 6th Ave. (50th St.), Ticketmaster (212) 307-7171 www.radiocity.com

This is the largest indoor theater in the world and a marvel of art-deco design. More than 300 million people have come to enjoy stage shows, movies, concerts and special events. Visiting pop stars perform here regularly. The Christmas season wouldn't be the same without the Christmas spectacular starring the Rockettes.

Town Hall – 123 W. 43rd St. (6-7 Aves.) – (212) 840-2824 – www.the-townhall-nyc.org

The outstanding acoustics make it a ideal place for diverse performances including dance, theater, drama, film and music.



Opera

Metropolitan Opera – Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center, Broadway & 64th St
(212) 362-6000 – www.metopera.org

This is the most widely heard opera company in the world. They have attained one of the finest orchestras and choruses under the direction of James Levine. For shows Monday through Thursday rush tickets are available on the day of the performance 2 hours before curtain time for \$20. Seniors may purchase \$20 same day orchestra tickets online or by phone on Mondays through Thursdays starting at noon.

New York City Opera – David H. Koch Theater, Lincoln Center, Broadway & 64th St. – (212) 870-5570
www.nycopera.com

The company was founded in 1943 and is celebrated for its adventurous programming and its commitment to American composers. Opera goers will love the newly renovated David H. Koch Theater (formerly the N.Y. State Theater).

New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players – 302 W. 91st St. - (212) 769-1000 – www.nygasp.org

Enjoy an evening of light-hearted operetta with America's preeminent professional Gilbert & Sullivan repertory ensemble under the artistic direction of Albert Bergeret. The New York season is spent at City Center, 131 W. 55th St., (212) 581-1212 and at Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway at 95th St., (212) 864-5400. Don't forget the Champagne Gala every New Year's Eve at Symphony Space!

Dance

American Ballet Theater – Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center, Broadway & 64th St.
(212) 477-3030 – www.abt.org

The company makes its home at the Metropolitan Opera House. However, for two weeks in the fall, they perform at City Center (131 W. 55th St. between 6-7 Aves.). Enjoy the beautiful performances of classical ballets as well as the modern masters.

Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) – 30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn - (718) 636-4100 – www.bam.org
American and foreign dance companies perform here as part of its Next Wave Festival every fall (very cutting edge).

City Center – 131 W. 55th St. (bet. 6-7 Aves.) – (212) 581-1212 - www.citycenter.org

Major dance troupes such as Alvin Ailey, Paul Taylor, and The American Ballet Theater perform here regularly.

Joyce Theater – 175 8th Ave. (19th St.) – (212) 242-0800 – www.joyce.org

This is the place for unparalleled contemporary dance. The Joyce has a smaller venue for more cutting edge dance in Soho at 155 Mercer Street, (212) 352-3101.

New York City Ballet – David H. Koch Theater, Lincoln Center, Broadway & 64th St. – (212) 870-5570
www.nycballet.com

It's the place to see founder George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*! Under the direction of Peter Martins, it continues to be the best. They share the newly renovated and renamed David H. Koch Theater with City Opera.

Restaurants Near Lincoln Center

Bello – 863 9th Ave. (56th St.) – (212) 246-6773 – www.bellorestaurant.com – Italian...free parking for 3 hours... for an additional \$8, you may park until closing and take the short walk to Lincoln Center...

Bistro Cassis – 225 Columbus Ave. (70-71st Sts.) – (212) 579-3966 – www.bistrocassisnyc.com
French bistro, a no reservations policy can make this a wait...

Café Fiorello – 1900 Broadway (63-64th Sts.) – (212) 595-5330 – www.cafefiorello.com
Italian... across the street from Lincoln Center...great antipasto bar but the prices have gone up...

Dallas BBQ – 27 W. 72nd St. (Columbus & CPW) – (212) 873-2004 – www.dallasbbq.com
Ribs, chicken, large portions and inexpensive...

Ed's Chowder House – Empire Hotel, 44 W. 63rd St. (Bwy & Columbus) – (212) 956-1288
www.chinagrillmgt.com – Good seafood just across from Lincoln Center...

Empire Szechwan – 193 Columbus Ave. (68-69th Sts.) – (212) 496-8778 – Chinese, no atmosphere, inexpensive...

Gabriel's – 11 W. 60th St. (Bwy & Columbus) – (212) 956-4600 – www.gabrielsbarandrest.com
Tuscan, gracious, pricey...

Grand Tier Restaurant – Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center, 2nd floor – (212) 799-3400
www.patinagroup.com – Convenient, beautiful and you will probably sing opera when you get the bill...try the \$42 pre-curtain prix-fixe...

Josephina – 1900 Broadway (63-64th Sts.) – (212) 799-1000 – www.josephinanyc.com
American, convenient, they will get you to the show on time...

La Boite en Bois – 75 W. 68th St. (Columbus & CPW) – (212) 874-2705 – www.laboitenyc.com –
French, close quarters...the \$44 prix-fixe dinner is served from 5 to 7 PM

Luce – 2014 Broadway (68-69th Sts.) – (212) 724-1400 – www.lucenyc.com
New restaurant, fresh pasta, out door seating...

Nick & Toni's Café – 100 W. 67th St. (Bwy & Columbus) - (212) 496-4000
www.nickandtoniscafe.com – Mediterranean, dependable, pricey...

Ollie's – 1991 Broadway (67-68th Sts.) – (212) 595-8181 – fast food Chinese...

O'Neals' – 49 W. 64th St. (Bwy & CPW) – (212) 787-4663 – www.onealsny.com
American tavern, across the street from Lincoln Center...

Picholine – 35 W. 64th St. (Bwy & CPW) – (212) 724-8585 – www.picholinenyc.com
French/Mediterranean, celebrity chef Terry Brennan is outstanding, very expensive...

P.J. Clarke's at Lincoln Square – 44 W. 63rd St. (Columbus) – (212) 957-9700 – www.pjclarkes.com
Pub food, great burgers...

Rosa Mexicano – 61 Columbus Ave. (62nd St.) – (212) 977-7700 – www.rosamexicano.com
Good Mexican food, can be pricey...

Sapphire – 1845 Broadway (60-61st Sts.) – (212) 245-4444 – www.sapphireeny.com
Good Indian food and close to Lincoln Center...

Shun Lee Café – 43 W. 65th St. – (Columbus & CPW) - (212) 769-3888 – www.shunleewest.com
More casual than Shun Lee West....

Shun Lee West – 43 W. 65th St. (Columbus & CPW) – (212) 595-8895 – www.shunleewest.com
Gourmet Chinese...

Telepan – 72 W. 69th St. (Columbus & CPW) – (212)580-4300 – telepan-ny.com
Greenmarket guru Bill Telepan's new American restaurant, expensive...some prix fixe options... great Sunday brunch for \$28...

Theatrical New York!

Broadway is not only a street, it has given its name to this famous area of entertainment located between Broadway and Ninth Avenue with Times Square as its center.

Ticket Buying Tips

Telecharge - (212) 239-6200 – www.telecharge.com

Ticketmaster – (212) 307-4100 – www.ticketmaster.com

Both Telecharge and Ticketmaster charge a service fee. The advantage of buying tickets at the box office is to avoid a service charge.

Broadway theaters do not sell tickets over the phone. The only exception is the Roundabout Theatre Company at (212) 719-1300 but they do charge a \$6 handling fee.

Check the Jericho Public Library for discount coupons for a variety of long-running shows.

Day-of-performance tickets to plays and events are sold at a discount at the **TKTS Booths**.

Locations of TKTS Booths:

1. Duffy Square, Broadway & 47th Street. Check the TKTS website at www.tdf.org for up-to-the-minute information.

2. South St. Seaport at Front & John Sts.

3. Myrtle St. Promenade & Jay St., Brooklyn

Hours: Evening performances – Monday-Saturday from 3-8 PM; Sundays from 3 PM till ½ hour before the latest performance

For matinees: Wednesdays & Saturdays from 10 AM - 2 PM; Sundays from 11 AM - 3 PM

There is TKTS Booth at the South Street Seaport at the corner of Front & John Streets at 199 Water Street.

Hours: Evening performances – Monday- Friday from 11 AM - 6 PM; Saturdays from 11 AM - 6 PM; Sundays from 11 AM – 4:30 PM.

Matinee tickets are sold the day before the performance at TKTS Seaport & TKTS Brooklyn.

Online Sites for Discounted Tickets:

www.broadwaybox.com – They offer available discount codes for shows. I like this site very much. Each of the following sites allows you to join an online theater club (at no charge) which provides varying discounts.

www.playbillclub.com (the oldest and probably the most reliable)

www.broadway.com

www.theatermania.com

Children's Theater

Just Kidding at Symphony Space – 2537 Broadway (W. 95th St.) – (212) 864-5400

www.symphonyspace.org – On Saturdays, they feature musicals, puppets, sing-alongs, etc.

The New Victory Theater – 209 W. 42nd St. (7-8th Aves.) – (646) 223-3010 – www.newvictory.org

They present plays, dance performances and even small circuses.

Paper Bag Players – (212) 353-2332 – www.paperbagplayers.org

They perform great shows for children from 4 to 9 using bags and boxes. Check the website for venues.

Puppetworks – 338 6th Ave. (4th St.), Park Slope, Brooklyn – (718) 965-3391 – www.puppetworks.org

Children will delight in familiar childhood stories.

Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre – Central Park Theater – (212) 988-9093

www.centralpark.com - Shows are presented throughout the year but call ahead for reservations.

Theaterworks/USA – (800) 497-5007 – www.theatreworksusa.org – They offer performances for

children ages 4 and over. Enter your zipcode for a venue near you.

Restaurants in the Theater District

Aureole – Bank of America Tower, 135 W. 42nd St., (Bwy-6th Ave.) – (212)319-1660

www.charliepalmer.com – The food is wonderful, the prices are quite high but there is a prix-fixe pre theater menu for \$55...

Barbetta – 321 W. 46th St. (8-9th Aves.) – (212) 246-9171 – www.barbettarestaurant.com

Italian, expensive, lovely garden, check out the prix-fixe pre-theater dinner at \$55...

Becco – 355 W. 46th St. (8-9 Aves.) – (212) 397-7597 – www.becco-nyc.com

Italian, all-you can eat prix-fixe pasta menu....

Blue Fin – 1567 Broadway (47th St.) – (212) 918-1400 – www.brguestrestaurants.com

Good seafood, nice atmosphere, eat upstairs for a quiet retreat...

Bond 45 – 154 W. 45th (6-7th Aves.) – (212) 869-4545 – www.bond45.com

Italian, large portions, noisy...

Brooklyn Diner USA – 155 W. 43rd St. (Bwy-6th Ave.) – (212) 265-5400 – www.brooklyndiner.com

Diner, good value, share, breakfast food is best...

B. Smith's – 320 W. 46th St. (8-9th Aves.) – (212) 315-1100 – www.bsmith.com
Barbara Smith serves up American food with a southern accent...

BXL Café – 125 W. 43rd St. (Bwy-6th Ave.) – (212) 768-0200 – www.bxlcafe.com
Belgian...order the mussels and beer...

Café Un Deux Trois – 123 W. 44th St. (Bwy-6th Ave.) – (212) 354-4148 – www.cafeundeuxtrois.biz
French bistro...

Caffe Cielo – 881 8th Ave. (52-53rd Sts.) – (212) 246-9555 – www.caffecielonyc.com - Italian, reliable...

Carmine's – 200 W. 44th St. (Bwy-8th Ave.) – (212) 221-3800 – www.carminesnyc.com
Family-style Italian...share...

Chez Josephine – 414 W. 42nd St. (9-10th Aves.) – (212) 594-1925 – www.chezjosephine.com
French...homage to Josephine Baker...

Churrascaria Plataforma – 316 W. 49th St. (8-9th Aves.) – (212) 245-0505
www.churrascariaplataforma.com – Brazilian...lots of food, lots of meat, lots of money...

Dallas BBQ – 241 W. 42nd St. (7-8th Aves.) – (212) 221-9000 – www.dallasbbq.com
BBQ, large portions, large drinks, very reasonable...

Dervish – 146 W. 47th St. (6-7th Aves.) - (212) 997-0070 – www.dervishrestaurant.com
Turkish...prix-fixe meal for \$28...

Edison Café – 228 W. 47th St. (Bwy-8th Ave.) – (212) 840-5000
No frills coffee shop with great blintzes...

FireBird – 365 W. 46th St. (8-9th Aves.) – (212) 586-0244 – www.firebirdrestaurant.com
Russian...expensive...\$45 prix-fixe dinner from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M...

5 Napkin Burger – 630 9th Ave. (45th St.) – (212) 757-2277 – www.5napkinburger.com
Burgers, shakes...you need 5 napkins to eat it...

Frankie & Johnnie's Steakhouse – 269 W. 45th St. (Bwy-8th Ave.) – (212) 997-9494
www.frankieandjohnnies.com – Steak house...

Hard Rock Café – 1501 Broadway (43rd St.) – (212) 343-3355 – www.hardrock.com
Take the kids for burgers, etc.

Jewel of India – 15 W. 44th St. (5-6th Aves.) – (212) 869-5544 – www.jewelofindiarestaurant.com
Indian...try the lunch buffet...eat downstairs

Joe Allen – 326 W. 46th St. (8-9th Aves.) – (212) 581-6464 – www.joeallenrestaurant.com
Once know as a pub, it now does **not** serve burgers and sandwiches between the hours of 4-8 P.M....

Lattanzi - 361 W. 46th St. (8-9th Aves.) – (212) 315-0980 – www.lattanzinyc.com – Good pre-theater menu, great Italian/Jewish specialties served after 8 P.M....garden room, pricey...

Le Rivage – 340 W. 46th St. (8-9th Aves.) – (212) 765-7374 – www.lerivagenyc.com – French bistro...

Orso – 322 W. 46th St. (8-9th Aves.) – (212) 489-7212 – www.orsorestaurant.com
Italian...call early for a reservation...

Osteria al Doge – 142 W. 44th St. (Bwy-6th Ave.) – (212) 944-3643 – www.osteria-doge.com
Italian...good, sit upstairs as it's quieter...

Pietrasanta – 683 9th Ave. (47th St.) – (212) 265-9471 – Italian...stick with the pasta dishes, moderate...

Pomaire – 371 W. 46th St. (8-9th Aves.) – (212) 956-3056 – www.pomairenyc.com
Chilean cuisine...interesting flavors...

Rachel's – 608 9th Ave. (43-44th Sts.) – (212) 957-9050 – www.rachelnyc.com
American...good, moderate but tight quarters...

Ruby Foo's – 1626 Broadway (49th St.) – (212) 489-5600 – www.brguestrestaurants.com
Chinese...choose an assortment of appetizers...

Thalia – 828 8th Ave. (50th St.) – (212) 399-4444 – www.restaurantthalia.com
American...good prix-fixe meal...

Turkish Cuisine – 631 9th Ave. (44-45th Sts.) – (212) 397-9650 – www.turkishcuisinenyc.com
Turkish...good and reasonable...

Uncle Nick's – 747 9th Ave. (50-51st Sts.) – (212) 245-7992 – Greek...try the grilled fish, moderate...

The View (Marriott Marquis) – 1535 Broadway (45-46th Sts.) – (212) 704-8900
www.nymarriottmarquis.com – Continental, revolving view, pricey...

Zen Palate – 663 9th Ave. (46th St.) – (212) 582-1669 – www.zenpalate.com
Vegetarian with imagination...

All Kinds of Stores on the Upper East Side

The upper east side of New York was, at one time, the center of fashionable shopping for the “ladies who lunch.” We now have great stores all over the city (Tribeca, Nolita, Dumbo, Soho, Noho, Chelsea, Greenwich Village, the upper west side, etc.). However, I've chosen to stay on the upper east side as museums and department stores abound.

American Girl Place – 608 Fifth Ave. (49th St.) – (212)371-2220 – www.americangirl.com - Though not strictly on the upper east side, this is a must for that little girl of yours. Have lunch in the café with her doll and then visit the doll salon or theater. Make sure to make a reservation.

Argosy Book Store – 116 E. 59th St. (Park & Lexington Aves.) – (212) 753-4455
www.argosybooks.com – Though books are their main business, they have antique maps and prints.

Artbag Creations – 1130 Madison Ave. (84th St.) – (212) 744-2720 – www.artbag.com
They make, sell or repair any handbag and give it new life.

Bellini – 1305 2nd Ave. (68-69th Sts.) – (212) 517-9233 – www.bellini.com
Italian made furniture and accessories for the new arrival, beautiful, sturdy, expensive...

Beneath – 265 E. 78th St. (2nd Ave.) – (212) 288-3800 – www.beneathnyc.com
Lovely lingerie, moderate prices, good sales help...

Betsey Bunkie Nini – 980 Lexington Ave. (71-72nd Sts.) – (212)744-6716
Interesting but expensive women's fashions...

Calling All Pets – 301 E. 76th St. (1-2nd Aves) – (212) 734-7051
Everything for that pet in your life, even a special birthday cake...

Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum Shop – 2 E. 91st St. (5th Ave.) – (212) 849-8355
www.cooperhewitt.org – The place for the unusual house gift...

Designer Resale – 324 E. 81st St. (1-2nd Ave.) – (212) 734-3639- www.designerresaleconsignment.com
You'll find a treasure trove of previously owned designer clothes at remarkable savings and costume jewelry and accessories at similar savings. The handbag selection is every woman's dream! Drop in at the Men's Resale next door as well.

Dylan's Candy Bar – 1011 Third Ave. (60th St.) – (212) 735-0078 – www.dylanscandybar.com – Dylan, Ralph Lauren's daughter has open a candy store (and more) that's every child's dream. Stop in at the café upstairs.

Eileen Fisher – 1039 Madison Ave. (79-80th Sts.) – (212) 879-7799 – www.eileenfisher.com
Easy to wear, comfortable clothes... If you want sale merchandise, check out the East Village store (314 E. 9th St.).

Erwin Pearl – 697 Madison Ave. (62-63rd Sts.) – (212) 753-3155 – www.erwinpearl.com
Loads of cubic zirconium...

FAO Schwarz – 767 Fifth Ave. (58th St.) – (212) 644-9400 – www.fao.com
This is a wonderland of toys for small children and grown-up children, too.

Forreal – 1335 Third Ave. (76-77th Sts.) – (212) 734-2105 – www.forrealnyc.com
Trendy clothes for your teenager without too much sticker shock...

French Sole – 985 Lexington Ave. – (71-72nd St.) - (212) 737-2859 – www.frenchsoleshoes.com
You'll find the prices are moderate. There's an outlet store at 976 Madison Ave. (71st St.).

Fresh – 1367 Third Ave. (78th St.) – (212) 585-3400 – www.fresh.com
Skin care products and perfume are made from fruits, flowers, etc.

Hippopotamus – 1163 Madison Ave. – (85-86th Sts.) – (212) 249-6182 – www.hippotots.com
These clothes for children have a French look.

Jaded – 1048 Madison Ave. (80th St.) – (212) 288-6631
You'll love this faux jewelry. It's more art than faux.

Magic Windows – 1186 Madison Ave. (87th St.) – (212) 289-0028 – www.magicwindowskids.com
It's an expensive boutique that serves infants to pre-teens with the emphasis on dress-up clothes.

Manhattan Art & Antiques Center – 1050 2nd Ave. (55-56th Sts.) – (212) 355-4400
www.the-maac.com - Browse through this multifloor, multidealer, antique gallery with art galleries as well as antique shops.

Mecox Gardens – 962 Lexington Ave. (70th St.) – (212) 249-5301 – www.mecoxgardens.com
They offer a mix of furnishings in a setting that's more like a home than an antique shop.

Metropolitan Museum of Art Gift Shop – 5th Ave. & 81st St. – (212) 570-3894
www.metmuseum.org - Almost all museums have gift shops, but this 2-floor store is more extensive. Reproductions from the museum's collection are their specialty. They even have a bridal registry!

Nancy & Co. – 1178 Lexington Ave. (80-81st St.) – (212) 427-0770 – www.nancyconyc.com
The conservative clothes have an edge and the sales are great.

New York Doll Hospital – 787 Lexington Ave. (61-62nd Sts.) – (212) 838-7527
Irving Chais is the doctor for all your children's "sick" dolls or teddy bears. The restoration is exceptional.

Nicole Miller – 780 Madison Ave. (66-67th Sts.) – (212) 288-9779 - www.nicolemiller.com
There's a great selection of "special event" dresses. The sales are good.

Oliver Peoples – 755 Madison Ave. (65-66th Sts.) – (212) 585-3433 – www.oliverpeoples.com
They have the greatest selection of eye glass frames but the prices will make your eyes tear.

Pratesi Linens – 829 Madison Ave. (69th St.) – (212) 288-2315 – www.pratesi.com
You must see these magnificent towels and linens to believe them. They're meant to be handed down for generations. Of course, it may take more than one lifetime to pay for them.

Ralph Lauren – 867 Madison Ave. (72nd St.) – (212) 606-2100 – www.ralphlauren.com
Housed in the landmark Rhinelander Mansion, the store has preserved the aristocratic fittings of the building.

Rita's Needlepoint – 150 E. 79th St., 2nd floor, (Lex.-3rd Aves.) – (212) 737-8613
www.ritasneedlepoint.com – The canvases are fabulous and they will design for any décor.

Roberta Freymann – 153 E. 70th St., 2nd floor, (Lex. Ave.) – (212) 585-3767
www.roberta-freymann.com – They’re known for chic clothing and accessories. Many are one-of-a-kind and it won’t break the bank.

Scoop NYC – 1273-77 Third Ave. (73-74th St.) – (212) 535-5577 – www.scoopnyc.com
For the California look...

Sherle Wagner International – 300 E. 62nd St. (2nd Ave.) – (212) 758-3300 – www.sherlewagner.com –
You’ll find bathroom fixtures and accessories that are works of art.

Steuben – 667 Madison Ave. (61st St.) – (212) 752-1441 – www.steuben.com
They’ve raised American glass to an art form.

Taryn Rose – 681 Madison Ave. (61-62nd Sts.) – (212) 753-3939 – www.tarynrose.com
Your feet will be so happy in these shoes but your wallet might complain.

Tender Buttons – 143 E. 62nd St. (Lex.-3rd Aves.) – (212) 758-7004 - www.tenderbuttons-nyc.com
An amazing selections of buttons....

Tiny Doll House – 314 E. 78th St. (1-2nd Aves.) – (212) 744-3719
You have to see it to believe it...Persian rugs... Le Corbusier chairs....

Vera Wang Bridal Salon – 991 Madison Ave. (77th St.) – (212) 628-3400 – www.verawang.com
It’s a “must” stop for the bride-to-be even if get your dress elsewhere.

Williams-Sonoma – 1175 Madison Ave. (86th St.) – (212) 289-6832 –
www.williams-sonoma.com – It’s filled with all the “stuff” you could ever want for the home.

Let’s Do Lunch on the Upper East Side

Alice’s Tea Cup – 156 E. 64th St. (Lex.Ave.) – (212) 486-9200 & 220 E. 81st St. (2-3rd Aves.)
(212) 734-4832 – www.alicesteacup.com – Tea, scones, finger sandwiches, salads...

Boathouse – Central Park (enter on 72nd St.) – (212) 517-2233 – www.thecentralparkboathouse.com
It’s the perfect spot on a beautiful day and much more about ambiance than food.

Brio – 137 E. 67th St. (Lex. Ave.) – (212) 980-2300 – www.brionyc.com – It’s a good spot for a light meal (pastas, salads, pizza) near Bloomingdale’s. There’s outdoor seating.

Café Sabarsky – 1048 Fifth Ave. (Neue Galerie-86th St.) – (212) 288-0665 – www.neuegalerie.org
The real treat is the Austrian desserts if you can brave the long lines. There is also the Cafe Fledermaus at the Neue Galerie.

Cafe S.F.A. – Saks Fifth Ave. (5th Ave. & 50 St.) – (212) 940-4080 - The salads and breads are wonderful, but the lines are often quite long.

David Burke Townhouse – 133 E. 61st St. (Park & Lex.) – (212) 813-2121
www.davidburketownhouse.com – The \$24.07 prix fixe lunch is a must at this great restaurant with Chef David Burke. It makes any occasion special.

E.A.T. – 1064 Madison Ave. (80-81st Sts.) – (212) 772-0022 – www.elizabar.com
Be prepared for great breads, soups and sandwiches. Prices are high so share. It's close to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

EJ's Luncheonette – 1271 Third Ave. (212) 472-0600 – It's a crowded diner with no ambiance but they have great pancakes. It has a "cash only" policy.

Jackson Hole – 232 E. 64th St. (2-3rd Aves.) – (212) 371-7187 – www.jacksonholeburgers.com
They have other restaurants in the east 80s and 90s so check the website if you desire a gigantic burger with all the trimmings.

Jean Georges – 1 Central Park W. (60-61st Sts. at the Trump International Hotel) – (212) 299-3900
www.jean-georges.com – Though this is not located on the east side, their \$26 for a prix fixe lunch in the more casual Nougatine Room is one of the biggest bargains in New York.

J. G. Melon – 1291 Third Ave. (74th St.) – (212) 744-0585 – They're noted for their great burgers and crispy cottage fries.

Lenny's – 1481 Second Ave. (77th St.) – (212) 288-5288 – www.lennysnyc.com – If you're busy shopping and just want a fast sandwich, then this is the place.

Le Pain Quotidien – 252 E. 77th St. (2-3rd Aves.) – (212) 249-8600 – www.painquotidien.com
Try one of these Belgian bakery/cafes for a light lunch.

Pastrami Queen – 1125 Lexington Ave. (78-79th Sts.) – (212) 734-1500 – www.pastramiqueen.com
They serve great kosher overstuffed sandwiches. It's not the place to go if you're on a diet.

Sarabeth's – 1295 Madison Ave. (92-93rd Sts. in the Hotel Wales) – (212) 410-7335
www.sarabeth.com – It's a favorite! You'll enjoy the fresh baked breads, scones, muffins, homemade jams and fluffy omelets. It's well located if you're visiting the museums on Museum Row.

Serendipity 3 – 225 E. 60th St. (2-3rd Aves.) – (212) 838-3531 – www.serendipity3.com – Be a kid again! The front of the store sells penny candy, children's playthings and whimsical clothing. The back has ice cream, foot-long hot dogs and frozen hot chocolate. The trick is getting past the incredible lines.

Department Stores

ABC Carpet & Home – 888 Broadway (19th St.) – (212) 473-3000 – www.abchome.com

Barney's New York – 660 Madison Ave. (60-61st Sts.) – (212) 826-8900 – www.barneys.com

Barney's Co-Ops – 236 W. 18th St. (7-8th Aves.) (212) 593-7800

116 Wooster St. (Prince-Spring Sts.) – (212) 965-9964

Bergdorf Goodman – 754 Fifth Ave. (57th St.) – (212) 753-7300 – www.bergdorfgoodman.com

Bergdorf Goodman Man is across the street.

Bloomingdale's – 1000 Third Ave. (59th St.) – (212) 705-2000 – www.bloomingdales.com

Century 21 – 22 Cortlandt St. (Bwy-Church Sts.) – (212) 227-9092 - www.c21stores.com

Henri Bendel – 712 Fifth Ave. (55-56th Sts.) – (212) 247-1100 – www.henribendel.com

Lord & Taylor – 424 Fifth Ave. (38th St.) – (212) 391-3344 – www.lordandtaylor.com

Macy's – 34th St. & Seventh Ave. – (212) 695-4440 – www.macys.com

Saks Fifth Avenue – 611 Fifth Ave. (49-50th Sts.) – (212) 753-4000 - www.saksfifthavenue.com

For Take-Home Treats

Amy's Bread – 672 Ninth Ave. (46-47th Sts.) – (212) 977-2670 – www.amysbread.com – If you're in the theater district and want to bring home some great bread or dessert, this is the place to go. She has branches in the Chelsea Market and in the Village as well.

Bloomingdale's – 100 Third Ave. (59th St.) – (212) 705-2000 – www.bloomingdales.com
Be sure to visit the gourmet shop, the cheese shop and the bakery.

Cupcake Café – 545 Ninth Ave. (40-41st St.) – (212) 465-1530 – www.cupcakecafe-nyc.com
The most beautiful cakes you'll ever see come out of this bakery. If you think the desserts look too good to eat, you'll be missing a treat. It's definitely the place to order a cake for a special occasion. They have a new location where they serve breakfast and lunch (18 W. 18th St., between 5-6th Aves.).

Ecce Panis – 1260 Madison Ave. (90th St.) – (212) 348-0040 – www.eccepanis.com - Take home a loaf of chocolate bread or chocolate biscotti. All of their breads are fabulous.

La Maison du Chocolat – 1018 Madison Ave. (78-79th Sts.) – (212) 744-7117
www.lamaisonduchocolat.com – The most famous chocolate shop in Paris is now in New York! The chocolates (flown in from Paris) are wonderful but so are the fabulous ribbons on the boxes.

Poseidan Greek Bakery – 629 Ninth Ave. (44-45th Sts.) – (212) 757-6173 – There's baklava, strudel, spanakopita and an endless array of Greek specialties. Poseiden is famous for its handmade phyllo dough.

Sarabeth's – 1295 Madison Ave, (92-93rd Sts. in the Hotel Wales) – 212/410-7335 – www.sarabeth.com
Not only is this a great place for lunch, but the bakery section provides wonderful take-home treats. The scones and jams are unbeatable.

William Greenberg, Jr. Desserts, Inc. – 1100 Madison Ave. (82nd St.) – (212) 861-1340
www.wmgreenbergdesserts.com - Try their cookies, brownies and honey buns.



Posh Places to Powder Your Nose

Public restrooms are not always perfect. The facilities at Penn Station have improved but are best early in the day. The facilities at Grand Central Terminal are good and the New York Public Library and its branches are also quite clean. Large bookstores, Starbucks, department stores and the lobbies of hotels are usually your best bet.

Because of the scarcity of restrooms in the city, plans are underway to place coin-operated street toilets at several locations. The first one just opened at Madison Square Park (between 5th and Madison Aves. & 23-26th Sts.).

Some posh places to powder your nose are...

Henri Bendel – 712 Fifth Ave. (55-56th Sts.) – On the lower level... absolutely beautiful...

Bergdorf Goodman – 754 Fifth Ave. (58th St.) – One of the best places in town...

Bryant Park – It's nestled behind the main branch of the N.Y. Public Library (5-6th Aves. & 40-42nd Sts.) The public bathrooms are so clean, you'll think it's a mirage.

Marriot Marquis – 1535 Broadway (45th St.) – It's in the theater district. Take the elevator to the lobby level which is on the eighth floor.

Millennium Broadway – 145 W. 44th St. (6-7th Aves.) – It's also in the theater district.

Pierre Hotel – 61st St. & Fifth Ave. – Enter the lobby on 5th Avenue and go to the left.

FAO Schwarz – 767 5th Ave. (58th St.) – It's not only fun to walk through but it has clean bathrooms as well.

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel – 50th St. & Park Ave. - Enter through the Park Avenue side.

SoHo History

In the early 1800's, this area was densely settled and contained most of New York's fashionable stores, elegant hotels and popular theaters. By the Civil War years, the center of entertainment and business had moved north to the 14th street area. Textile, clothing, fur and millinery manufacturers took over SoHo (coined from south of Houston Street) converting and replacing existing buildings with the cast iron edifices you see today. Behind the classic facades was sweatshop labor. As labor laws and unions changed the plight of workers, SoHo turned into a wasteland of empty buildings and warehouses. In the 1950's and 60's, artists and writers began moving into the area, attracted by spacious lofts with low rents. Many of them formed cooperatives, bought buildings and formed associations to bring about zoning changes. In the 1970's, SoHo and the art market boomed and hasn't stopped yet. The high rentals have driven out all but the most successful artists. Many of the galleries have also moved to the more affordable Chelsea and Tribeca (triangle below Canal Street) sections. Stylish boutiques and fashionable restaurants now dominate the area. In the last few years, Soho has been stretching east towards Mott Street. If you're planning a shopping trip, don't arrive till 11 A.M. as that's when the shops open.

Pete Hamill's impression of SoHo is, "Nobody's going to come from the boondocks and live in SoHo and be an artist. You can't afford to park there, let alone live there."

Getting There

Once you negotiate either the Midtown Tunnel or the Williamsburg Bridge, go to Houston Street and head west. Turn south on any of the one-way streets after you cross Broadway. You can generally find on-street parking, but parking garages are available. Some have reduced rates for museum goers.

Museums in SoHo

Children's Museum of the Arts – 182 Lafayette St. (Grand-Broome Sts.) – (212) 274-0986
www.cmany.org – This is a “touch me” museum and allows children to interact with the exhibits. They are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

New Museum of Contemporary Art – 235 Bowery (Prince St.) – (212) 219-1222
www.newmuseum.org – They moved into their new quarters last year. It's the first museum to be constructed from the ground up in downtown Manhattan. Though the exhibits have become less edgy in recent years, you can still expect to see some daring shows.

New York City Fire Museum – 278 Spring St. (Varick-Hudson Sts.) – (212) 691-1303
www.nycfiremuseum.org – The museum traces the development of the New York City fire fighting system and contains a grand collection of equipment and trucks. It is housed in a renovated 1904 firehouse. Tribute is paid to the brave firefighters who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Call ahead for a guided tour.

New York City Police Museum – 100 Old Slip (South St.) – (212) 480-3100
www.nycpolicemuseum.org – Get an insider's look at the history and traditions of the largest police force in the U.S. The museum's building was home to the First Precinct until 1973. Hear the moving stories of officers responding to the attacks of September 11, 2001.

SoHo Galleries

In recent years, SoHo has become a trendy shopping district and most of the galleries have fled uptown. In the past two years, however, new places seem to be opening due to a softened rental market.

Bronwyn Keenan – 3 Crosby St., 2nd floor – (212) 431-5083 – New talent is their specialty.

Brooke Alexander – 59 Wooster St., 2nd floor – (212) 925-4338 – www.baeditions.com
Loads of prints...

Cheryl Hazan Arts Gallery – 35 N. Moore St. – (212) 343-8964 – www.cherylhazan.com
Contemporary artists...

A Clean Well-Lighted Place – 363 Bleeker St. - (212) 255-3656 – This is the place for prints by well-known artists including Susan Rothenberg, Robert Motherwell and David Hockney.

Deitch Projects – 76 Grand St. (Greene-Wooster Sts.) – (212) 343-7300 – www.deitch.com
Broad art market as well as performance groups...

Drawing Center – 35 Wooster St. (Broome-Grand Sts.) – (212) 219-2166 – www.drawingcenter.org
Non-profit organization... focus is on contemporary and historical drawings...

Louis K. Meisel – 141 Prince St. – (212) 677-1340 – www.meisलगallery.com – This gallery concentrates on photorealism and a variety of contemporary works.

New York Earth Room – 141 Wooster St. (W. Houston-Prince Sts.) – (212) 989-5566
www.earthroom.org – Conceptual artist Walter De Maria’s installation, on view since 1977, consists of 250 cubic yards of dirt piled 22 inches deep! It is maintained by the Dia Art Foundation.

O.K. Harris – 383 W. Broadway (Spring-Broome Sts.) – (212) 431-3600 – www.okharris.com
O.K. Harris is the oldest gallery in SoHo. They carry a wide variety of contemporary paintings, sculptures and photography. They are closed from mid July to early September.

Peter Blum Gallery – 99 Wooster St. – (212) 343-0441 – www.peterblum.com – They represent many contemporary artists including Alex Katz.

Ronald Feldman Fine Arts – 31 Mercer St. (Grand-Canal Sts.) – (212) 226-3232
www.feldmangallery.com – Contemporary artists....

Interesting SoHo Stores

The chain stores are now here but some boutiques remain. Many of these stores don’t open before noon, so plan accordingly. Try shopping mid-week to avoid the week-end crowds.

Anna Sui – 113 Greene St. (Prince-Spring Sts.) – (212) 941-8406 – www.annasui.com
She’s a hip designer on the New York scene.

Dean & DeLuca – 560 Broadway (Prince St.) – (212) 226-6800 – www.deandeluca.com
A great selection of coffee and teas...

De Vera – 1 Crosby St. – (212) 625-0838 – www.deveraobjects.com
Accessories from antique to modern...

Fresh – 57 Spring St. (Lafayette-Mulberry Sts.) – (212) 925-0099 – www.fresh.com
For skin care products you may want to eat...

The Hat Shop – 120 Thompson St. (Prince-Spring Sts.) – (212) 219-1445 – www.thehatshopnyc.com
This is full-service milliner that also features plenty of off-the-rack hats.

Kate Spade – 454 Broome St. – (212) 274-1991 – www.katespade.com – Flagship store...

Kate’s Paperie – 72 Spring St. (Lafayette St.-Cleveland Pl.) – (212) 941-9816 – www.katespaperie.com
You’ll find stationery, albums, handmade papers, etc... all with a SoHo twist.

Kirna Zabete – 96 Greene St. – (212) 941-9656 – www.kirnazabete.com
Edgy women’s clothing in a lovely store...

L’Artisan Parfumeur – 519 Broome St. (Thompson St.) – (212) 206-6577 – Limited edition scents...

Pearl River – 477 Broadway (Grand St.) – (212) 431-4770 – www.pearlriver.com
It’s a 3-story emporium of inexpensive Asian-style furnishing, housewares and trinkets.

Prada – 575 Broadway (Prince St.) – (212) 334-8888 – www.prada.com
Beautiful store...beautiful clothes...

Moss – 150 Greene St. (Houston St.) – (212) 204-7100 – www.mossonline.com
They carry a little of everything with an emphasis on gift and home items.

SoHo Mill Outlet – 490 Broadway (Broome St.) – (212) 226-0656 – www.sohomilloutlet.com
Cannon outlet store...

Zara – 580 Broadway (Prince St.) (212) 343-1725 – Affordable, stylish clothing...

Restaurants in SoHo

Aquagrill – 210 Spring St. (6th Ave.) – (212) 274-0505 – www.aquagrill.com – Attention seafood lovers!
This is reputed to be one of the best fish restaurants in the city.

Aurora – 510 Broome St. (Thompson & W. Bwy) (212) 334-9020 – www.auroraristorante.com
Good food but no credit cards...

Balthazar – 80 Spring St. (Bwy-Crosby St.) – (212) 965-1414 – www.balthazarny.com
A French brasserie with a great brunch/lunch menu and good coffee...

Barolo – 398 W. Broadway (Spring-Broome Sts.) – (212) 226-1102 – www.nybarolo.com
The courtyard garden room is beautiful but it's expensive.

Bistro Les Amis – 180 Spring St. (Thompson St.) – (212) 226-8645 – www.bistrolesamis.com
French... cozy and well-priced...

Blue Ribbon - 97 Sullivan St. (Prince-Spring Sts.) – (212) 274-0404 – www.blueribbonrestaurants.com
Blue Ribbon Sushi – 119 Sullivan St. (Prince-Spring Sts.) – (212) 343-0404 – The food is supposed to be so good that chefs come to eat here. The problem is that they do not accept reservations and the wait can sometimes be long. It's also expensive.

Broome Street Bar – 363 W. Broadway (Broome St.) – (212) 925-2086
www.broomestreetbar.ypguides.net - It's good for burgers and sandwiches and, best of all, no attitude.

Cupping Room Café – 359 W. Broadway (Broome-Grand Sts.) – (212) 925-2898
For light fare or lunch...

Dos Caminos – 475 W. Broadway (Houston St.) – (212) 277-4300 – www.brguestrestaurants.com
Mexican...good...mid-priced...

Fanelli Cafe – 94 Prince St. (Mercer St.) – (212) 226-9412 – They've been in business since 1847. Try the burgers, beer and thin crust pizza.

Felix – 340 W. Broadway (Grand St.) – (212) 431-0021 – www.felixnyc.com
French bistro-like food...

Hundred Acres – 38 MacDougal St. (Prince St.) - (212) 475-7500- www.hundredacresnyc.com
Seasonal fare...a great brunch...

L’Ecole – 462 Broadway (Grand St.) – (212)219-3300 – www.frenchculinary.com – Student cooks from the French Culinary Institute make this prix fixe an excellent deal (\$28 for lunch and \$45 for dinner).

MarieBelle – 484 Broome St. – (212) 925-6999 – www.mariebelle.com
For a great hot chocolate pick-me-up...

Mezzogiorno – 195 Spring St. (Sullivan St.) – (212) 334-2112- www.mezzogiorno.com
Consistently good Italian fare with outdoor seating...

Savoy – 70 Prince St. (Crosby St.) – (212) 219-8570 – www.savoynyc.com
The emphasis is on seasonal ingredients and the décor is like a country inn.

Spring Street Natural – 62 Spring St. (Lafayette St.) – (212) 966-0290 – www.springstreetnatural.com
Vegetarian dishes as well as fish and chicken...

Wichcraft – 568 Broadway. (Prince & Crosby Sts.) – (212) 780-0577 – www.wichcraftnyc.com
Great sandwiches...long prime time lines...

Chelsea Galleries

With approximately 300 galleries, Chelsea has taken over as one the world’s premier scenes for contemporary art. From 20th to 27th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues, with 26th Street as known as “gallery row,” you can view the most amazing collection of avant-garde work in spaces that were once factories, garages and warehouses. For a listing of galleries check www.westchelseaarts.com.

To check what is currently on view, look at the “Art Guide” in the Friday weekend section of the New York Times or the listings at the back of New York Magazine.

Alan Klotz Gallery – 511 25th St., Suite 701 – (212) 741-4764 – www.klotzgallery.com
Photography...

Alexander & Bonin – 132 10th Ave. – (212) 367-7474 – www.alexanderandbonin.com
Solo exhibitions...

Andrea Rosen – 525 W. 24th St. – (212) 627-6000 – www.andrearosengallery.com – Cutting edge...

ATM Gallery – 621 W. 27th St. – (212) 375-0349 – www.atmgallery.com – Many artists represented...

Casey Kaplan – 525 W. 21st St. – (212) 645-7335 – www.caseykaplangallery.com - Conceptual art...

Barbara Gladstone Gallery – 515 W. 24th St. – (212) 206-9300 – www.gladstonegallery.com
Artists from many nations...

Cheim & Read – 547 W. 25th St. – (212) 242-7727 – www.heimread.com
Well-known artists like Robert Mapplethorpe...

Chelsea Art Museum – 556 W. 22nd St. – (212) 255-0719 – www.chelseaartmuseum.org
Housed in a former Christmas ornament factory, it is the home of the Miotte Foundation. The aim of the Foundation is to preserve the legacy and work of Jean Miotte.

David Zwirner – 525 W. 19th St. – (212) 727-2070 – www.davidzwirner.com – All media...

Gagosian – 555 W. 24th St. & 522 W. 21st St. – (212) 741-1717 – www.gagosian.com
Two locations...represents very well-known artists...Julian Schnabel, Roy Lichtenstein, etc....

Galerie Lelong – 528 W. 26th St. – (212) 315-0470 – www.galerielelong.com
Many Latin American artists...

Marlborough – 545 W. 25th St. – (212) 463-8634 – www.marlboroughgallery.com – They moved from their 19th Street location. The new gallery occupies 2 floors and has an outdoor sculpture garden.

Mary Boone – 541 W. 24th St. – (212) 752-2929 – www.maryboonegallery.com
Established artists as well as newcomers...

Matthew Marks Gallery – 526 W. 22nd St. – (212) 243-0200 – www.matthewmarks.com
American and international artists represented...

Nancy Hoffman – 520 W. 27th St. – (212) 966-6676 – www.nancyhoffmangallery.com
Contemporary paintings, sculpture and photography...

Pace Wildenstein – 534 W. 25th St. & **Pace Primitive** at 545 W. 22nd St. - (212) 929-7000
www.pacewildenstein.com – Well-known artists... Chuck Close... Robert Rauschenberg...

Paula Cooper – 534 W. 21st St. – (212) 255-1105 – www.paulacoopergallery.com
Conceptual and minimalist art...

Robert Miller – 524 W. 26th St. – (212) 366-4774 – www.robertmillergallery.com
Represents famous artists...

Sean Kelly – 528 W. 29th St. – (212) 239-1181 – www.skny.com – Top contemporary artists...

Sonnabend – 536 W. 22nd St. – (212) 414-4144 – A pioneer of the SoHo art scene is now represented in Chelsea...represents well-known contemporary artists...

Restaurants near the Chelsea Galleries

Blossom – 187 9th Ave. (21-22nd Sts.) – (212) 627-1144 – www.blossomnyc.com
Very creative vegetarian...outdoor seating...

Bottino – 246 10th Ave. (24-25th Sts.) – (212) 206-6766 – www.bottinonyc.com
Italian... sit in the garden room...

Cookshop – 156 10th Ave. (20th St.) – (212) 924-4440 – www.cookshopny.com
Locally grown ingredients...brunch is best...near the High Line...

Don Giovanni – 214 10th Ave. (22-23rd Sts.) – (212) 242-9054 – Large portions, sidewalk seating...great thin crust pizza...

Izakaya Ten – 207 10th Ave. (22-23rd Sts.) – (212) 627-7777 – Japanese...new...

Klee Brasserie – 200 9th Ave. (22-23rd Sts.) – (212) 633-8033 – www.kleebrasserie.com
American/European...

La Bergamote Patisserie – 177 9th Ave. (20th St.) – (212) 627-9010 – www.labergamoteny.com
Breakfast or lunch...

Le Grainne Café – 183 9th Ave. (21st St.) – (646) 486-3000 – www.legrainnecafe.com
Crepes & lattes...

Omai – 158 9th Ave. (10-20th Sts.) – (212) 633-0550 – www.omainyc.com
Vietnamese...good food, modest surroundings...

The Red Cat – 227 10th Ave. (23-24th Sts.) – (212) 242-1122 – www.theredcat.com
American/Mediterranean...expensive but good...

Tia Pol – 205 10th Ave. (22-23rd Sts.) – (212) 675-8805 – www.tiapol.com
Spanish...great tapas...

Trestle on Tenth - 242 10th Ave. (24th St.) – (212) 645-5659 – www.trestleontenth.com
American... back garden...

*Note: The Chelsea Market is on 9th Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets. It's a good place to wander. Sarabeth's is located there as well.

We hope you enjoyed your trip through New York City...



Manhattan Address Finder

To find an address on a Manhattan avenue, cancel the last figure of the house number, divide the remainder by 2 and add (or subtract) the key number below. The result is approximately the nearest street.

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| Third Avenue | _____ | + 10 |
| Fifth Avenue | | |
| 63-108 | _____ | + 11 |
| 109-200 | _____ | + 13 |
| 201-400 | _____ | + 16 |
| 401-600 | _____ | + 18 |
| 601-775 | _____ | + 20 |
| 776-1286 | _____ | drop last digit and - 18 |
| Avenue of the Americas | _____ | - 12 |
| Seventh Avenue (1-1800) | _____ | + 12 |
| Above 1800 | _____ | + 20 |
| Eighth Avenue | _____ | + 9 |
| Ninth Avenue | _____ | + 13 |
| Tenth Avenue | _____ | + 14 |
| Amsterdam Avenue | _____ | + 59 |
| Broadway (23-192 St.) | _____ | - 30 |
| Columbus Avenue | _____ | + 59 or 60 |
| Central Park West | _____ | drop last digit and + 60 |
| Lenox Avenue | _____ | + 110 |
| Lexington Avenue | _____ | + 22 |
| Madison Avenue | _____ | + 27 |
| Park Avenue | _____ | + 34 |
| York Avenue | _____ | + 4 |
| Riverside Drive | _____ | drop last digit and + 72 |
| West End Avenue | _____ | + 59 |

Number cross streets - Numbers increase east and west of Fifth Avenue. Generally, even numbered streets run west to east and odd numbered streets run east to west.



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