



wow it's lower manhattan wow so pretty

The Definitive ^{shitty} Guide to New York City

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Preamble

If you're reading this, then you're probably friends with me somehow. I feel bad for you.

Welcome to New York! You probably want to go explore as much as you can.

This is the definitive guide for New York City.

In this guide, there is a list of Restaurants with pricing, Things to Do, and Neighborhood specific recommendations.

No matter which guide you choose to follow, remember that New York can only be explored by walking around and discovering things for yourself.

Choose a starting point (a restaurant or location on the list, a neighborhood and then walk around that area and see what you can find.

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Abbreviations & Key

SoHo: South of Houston Street (pronounced house-ton not like the texan city)

NoHo: North of Houston Street

NoMad: North of Madison Square

SoMad (self explanatory)

MoHi: Morningside Heights lmao this is the columbia hood

\$ - <~\$10

\$\$ - <~ \$20

\$\$\$ - <~ \$40 bruh

\$\$\$\$ - <~ \$80 bruhh

\$\$\$\$\$ - <~ \$300 bruhhh

\$\$\$\$\$\$ - > \$300 bruhhhh

Important Links & Numbers

<http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/subwaymap.pdf> - Subway Map

<http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/manbus.pdf> - Bus Map

Food

European/Mediterranean

Bar Pitti (NoHo) - no reservations, authentic italian, pasta, cash only - \$\$
 Eataly (Madison Square Park, Multiple other Locations) - italian food & desserts - \$\$
 Little Italy (i actually haven't come here for italian food it's near chinatown) - \$ to \$\$
 Toro NYC (Chelsea) - tapas, paella - \$\$\$
 Motorinos (Upper West Side, Multiple Locations) - Pizza - \$
 Wallsé (Greenwich Village) - Austrian Food - \$\$ to \$\$\$
 somethingreek (Brooklyn) - insider food lmao - \$ to \$\$
 Celestine (DUMBO in Brooklyn) - Mediterranean - \$\$
 Shuka (SoHo) - Mediterranean - \$\$ - real nice ambiance
 The Spotted Pig (Greenwich Village) - \$\$\$?
 Per Se - 4.4 - French, - \$\$\$\$\$

Asian

Chinese

Tim Ho Wan (Downtown) - Cheapest Michelin Star Restaurant in NYC, Dim Sum - \$?
 Bao Haus (near NYU) - \$
 Yaso Tangbao (Brooklyn Heights) - \$
 Nan Xiang Xiao Long Bao (Flushing) - Xiao Long Bao - \$
 Flushing Food Court (Flushing) - Variety of Chinese Food - \$
 XiBei Dumplings (Flushing) - 4.2 - \$
 Very Fresh Noodles (Chelsea Market) - 3.5 - noodles, fast food esque - \$
 Dim Sum Go Go (Chinatown) - 3.2 - Dim Sum - \$
 Nom Wah Tea Parlor (Chinatown) - 3.7 - Dim Sum - \$
 Joe's Shanghai (Chinatown, Midtown) - 3.5 - A bit overrated, but still p good - \$.5?
 Xian Famous Foods (Multiple Locations) - 3.8 - noodles, fast food esque - \$
 Tasty Hand-Pulled Noodles (Chinatown, Hell's Kitchen) - 3.9 - noodles - \$
 99 Favor Taste (Lower East Side) - 4.1 - Hotbox wait hotpot wtf - \$\$\$
 Fu Zhou Xiao Chi - 4.5 - noodles, dumplings - \$

Korean

Koreatown Food Gallery (KTown) - Variety of Korean Food - \$
 BCD Tofu House (KTown)- Korean - \$\$

Japanese

Nobu 57 (57th and Avenue of the Americas, Central Park, Midtown) - Sushi - \$\$\$
 Ramen-Ya (SoHo, 2 locations, 4th st is the only good one) - Ramen - \$
 Jin Ramen (Morningside Heights) - 3.9 - ramen, black garlic - \$
 Zurutto (72nd St, Upper West Side) - Ramen - \$
 Sushi of Gari (Columbus Ave, Midtown) - 4.2 - sushi, omikase - \$\$\$,\$
 Sun-Chan Restaurant (103rd and Broadway) - 4.1 - eel over rice, booze, - \$\$
 Haru's Sushi (Hell's Kitchen) 4.0 - Sushi - \$\$

Oita Sushi (Upper East Side) - Sushi -\$\$

Donburiya (Midtown) - 3.6 - donburi - \$ to \$\$

Ivan Ramen - Lower East Side - \$\$

Sons of Thunder (Financial District, Potential Multiple Locations) - Poke - \$\$

Vietnamese:

Madame Vo (Pho, East Village) - 3.6 - pho, bone in pho- \$

Banh Mi Place (Banh Mi, Flatbush Ave near Prospect Park) - 3.8 - Banh Mi - \$

Saiguette (Upper West Side) - 3.2 - Banh Mi, Pho takeout only- \$

Pho Sao Mai (East Village) - 3.8 - pho - \$\$

Misc:

Jeepney (East Village) - \$\$ - \$\$\$

Momofuku Noodle Bar (East Village) - \$ to \$\$

Murican

Beauty & Essex (Lower East Side) - 4.1 - speakeasy-esque, reservations, pawn shop, exclusive - \$\$\$ ish

Chadwick's (Brooklyn) - \$\$\$

Blue Smoke BBQ (NoMad & Kips Bay) - 4.2 - southern bbq, ribs - - \$\$

Friedman's Lunch (Chelsea Market) - \$ to \$\$

Jacobs Pickles (96th St, Upper West Side) - 3.9 - southern, biscuits - \$ to \$\$

Maison Pickle (86th St, UWS) - 3.8 - drinccs, frenchs - \$ to \$\$

Kitchenette (120th?, Morningside Heights) - 3.6 - hangover, brunch \$

Flat Top grill (110th?, Morningside Heights) - \$

Raclette (East Village) - 3.2 - insider, cheese wheel, cheese - \$\$

Sylvia's (Harlem) - chicken \$

Amy Ruth's (Harlem) - chicken \$

Red Rooster (Harlem) - chicken ?

Colonie (Brooklyn) - \$\$

Mexican

(shit's overpriced and not as good as CA)

Tacombi (SoHo) - 3.4 - tacos, - \$

Los Tacos No. 1 (Chelsea Market) - 3.7 - tacos, horchata, - \$

Cheap(?) Misc Junk Food

Halal Guys (Multiple Locations) - \$

Your Local Halal Cart (every single street corner almost) - if u spend over \$6 u got ripped off

Joe's Pizza (NoHo, Multiple Locations) - classic pizza - less than \$2 per slice

Koronets (Morningside Heights) - Jumbo slice pizza (fatboiz pizza) - \$5 slice?

Shake Shack (Multiple Locations) - in n out is better - \$ overpriced garbo

109 Spicy Gourmet Deli (109 & Amsterdam) - 4.8 - \$

Dessert/Bakeries

Milk and Cream (Chinatown) - ice cream - \$
 Van Leewens (NYU, more locations around) - \$
 Spot Dessert Bar - matcha chocolate lava cake n shit- \$
 Dō - (SoHo) - cookie dough - \$
 Eggloo (Chinatown) - egg waffles - \$
 Sarabeth's (Chelsea Market, Multiple Locations) - \$?
 Dominique Ansel Bakery (SoHo, Multiple Locations?) - super aesthetics insta shits - \$
 Hungarian Pastry Shop (Morningside Heights, Multiple Locations?) - \$
 Levain's (MoHi) - cooookies - \$
 Little Cupcake Bake Shop (Lower East Side, Multiple Locations) - cream puffs n stuff - \$
 Laduree (SoHo) - macarons - \$
 Magnolia Bakery (Upper West, Bleeker, Multiple Locations) - \$
 Veniero's (East Village) - \$
 Milk Bar (East Village) - \$

Coffee

Birch Coffee @ Columbus UWS - Dark & Cozy, Large Windows, Table Space,
 La Colombe NoHo - Airy & Bright, Large Windows, Table Space, no Outlets, WiFi,
 Ground Support @ SoHo - Sandwiches,
 Intelligentsia -
 Irving Farm @ 79th & Broadway - Sandwiches, Toasts, Dark & Cozy, Table Space, Outlets, no WiFi
 The Granddaddy NYC - Eldridge & Grand in Chinatown - pastries, decent coffee, tea, WiFi

Things to Do

Art

The Met (Museum Mile, Upper East Side)- \$25 per person for out of state NY, student discount?
 The Met Breuer (Madison Ave, Upper East Side)- more modern/contemporary art,
 The Met Cloisters (Way up north, ~ Fort George past Hudson Heights) - Medieval art
 MoMa (53rd St, Midtown)
 MoMa Ps1 (Sunnyside, outside of Manhattan) - Some specific art shows from MoMa
 David Zwirner Gallery (Chelsea) - modern art, housed the infinity rooms exhibit for a bit
 Lisson Gallery (Chelsea) and a crap load of small art galleries just near Zwirner & Lisson
 Whitney Museum of American Art (Chelsea)
 ICP (International Center of Photography (SoHo)
 Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum (Museum Mile, Upper East Side)
 Neue Galerie (Museum Mile, Upper East Side) - German & Austrian art

Museums

Cooper Hewitt Design (Museum Mile, Upper East Side)
 American Museum of Natural History (Central Park West, Upper West Side)

Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum (On Hudson River, further west of Hell's Kitchen)
 Museum of American Finance (Financial District) (ew it's the finance bros)
 Tenement Museum (Lower East Side) - historical museum
 National Museum of Mathematics (NoMad)
 Museum of the City of New York (Museum Mile, near Mt. Sinai Hospital)

Parks

Central Park (duh)

- Central Park Mall (center of the park)
 - Bethesda Fountain, The Lake, Henshead)
- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir (views of Midtown)

Washington Square Park (SoHo) -nyu likes to think this is part of their campus. It's not. They don't have a campus (FACTS)

The High Line (Chelsea)

Battery Park (Way down south) - views of Statue of Liberty, Financial District

Bryant Park (Midtown, next to Times Square)

Union Square Park (meh)

Madison Square Park (meh)

Roosevelt Island Parks (off of manhattan, decent)

Brooklyn Bridge Park(Brooklyn)- Views of Brooklyn&Manhattan Bridges & Downtown Manhattan

Prospect Park (Brooklyn) - the central park of brooklyn, right next door to the

Brooklyn Botanical Garden (Brooklyn, duh) -

Riverside Park (MoHi) - Views of George Washington Bridge, stoner spot @ columbia

Tourist Traps

(and how much time to spend there)

Times Square - max it at 10 min, go to Bryant Park instead

Rockefeller Center - don't go in or up, just walk around, check out radio city music hall

Flatiron - don't go in, chill at Madison Square Park instead

Empire State Building - if u go up ur gonna get ripped off hella

Columbus Circle - walk around there, go to central park, and then go north to the:

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts - super aesthetic, nice performances

WTC & 9/11 Memorial - not a bad place, v pretty

Wall Street - finance bros, just walk through and look at the bull's balls n shit

Brooklyn & Manhattan Bridges - See the Brooklyn - Bridges Neighborhood specific thing

Penn Station - If you take any trains you'll go through here.

Grand Central Station - If you have a train that goes through here then just walk around a bit inside. Not worth going to it just for the sake of going to see it.

Columbia University - pls dont be a chinese tourist around columbia. But it is pretty, ig.

NYU - i will guarantee with 90% accuracy you won't find their campus the first time around

Neighborhood Based Recommendations

Chelsea (Artsy Place):

Food: Chelsea Market, Toro

High Line

Art Galleries (Zwirner, Lisson, walk around & just go inside to any open galleries)

Whitney Museum of American Art

Walk to SoHo & NoHo

SoHo (Bougiefied Shopping District):

Food: Dominique Ansel Bakery, a few burger spots that I forgot the names for

Check out the shops. Everything is expensive. Look at your wallet. Cry.

ICP, Shopping, and More Shopping

NoHo (NYU is still better than cornell):

Food: Bar Pitti, or anything on the Northeast of Washington Square Park (asian food and boba), or Joe's Pizza

Washington Square Park

Go to NYU. Get lost because there's no NYU campus. Get confused. Go home.

Financial District + Tribeca:

Food: Blue Smoke near WTC

Take train to Battery Park (south ferry), walk to Wall St, Walk to WTC

Or: Get on staten island ferry to see Statue of Liberty and the suburbs of Staten Island (takes a long time be prepared for a long boat ride)

Chinatown & Little Italy:

Food: yes.

Mostly for the food & desserts, explore the streets a little bit

Lower East Side / East Village (Less Dense, more Hipster, mostly for the food):

Food: MomoFuku Noods Bar, Madame Vo, Beauty & Essex, Pho

Small hipster esque shops.

Streets are usually p cool i guess

KTown + Times Square:

Go to Penn Station, eat at Ktown, dessert @ ktown too

Walk to Midtown & check out Bryant Park & Times Square, watch a broadway show to be a true tourist

Morningside Heights + Upper West Side:

There's nothing to do here. Go visit Columbia and then go home.

Brooklyn- Bridges:

Food: it's all overpriced, Yaso Tangbao is a bit near here.

Brooklyn Bridge Park, DUMBO - all for the Views

Brooklyn - Prospect Park:

Food: Bahn Mi Place - 10/10 would go again

Brooklyn Botanical Garden + Prospect Park

Walk down Flatbush Ave, a half hipster half ratchet street

Coney Island:

It's hella far, it's a knockoff of Santa Monica Pier essentially

Flushing:

Also hella far, but it is literally more Chinese than Chinatown, go there for the food