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Welcome to New York City.

New York City is one of the great cities of the world. Powerful, dynamic, pulsating with life, New York has been the inspiration of artists and writers, entrepreneurs and titans. It is where the wealthy make deals, performers make their mark, and romantics make love. New York is one of the most exciting cities to visit and to live in. There is more to see and do in just a few blocks of New York than in most other cities of the world combined. What a disappointment it would be to visit New York City and not experience the very best the city has to offer.

THE TOP 10 GUIDE TO NEW YORK CITY is designed so you will experience the very best of New York: the best restaurants, the best museums, the best sights and the best entertainment. THE TOP 10 GUIDE TO NEW YORK CITY is the only guide you will need. Turn the pages as it leads you through the best of classic and contemporary New York City.

There is so much to New York City that you can get overwhelmed and miss some of the city’s outstanding high points. Patrick Nee makes sure you experience the city’s crown jewels: the great museums, the dramatic panoramas, the romantic restaurants, the hot discos, and the world famous New York City restaurants.

New York for most visitors means Manhattan. Even for New Yorkers Manhattan is where the action is. This guide focuses on Manhattan as the key to a great New York experience.

Whether you are visiting for a few days or a few weeks, on a business trip or a once-in-a-lifetime vacation, THE TOP 10 GUIDE TO NEW YORK CITY lets you focus on the best of everything so that your New York City experience is a rich and rewarding one.

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Best wishes for an exciting visit to New York City.
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The Top 10 New York City Must-See Areas

New York is not a city of ancient monuments and statues. It is a vibrant city that roars to life every day and keeps going full throttle well past midnight. Here are some of the most exciting areas at which to enjoy “the New York experience.”

1. Rockefeller Center/5th Avenue
   This is quintessential New York. Starting at Rockefeller Center, Saks Fifth Avenue, and St. Patrick’s Cathedral head up Fifth Avenue towards Trump Tower, Tiffany’s, and the Plaza Hotel. It’s fast moving, glamorous, and exciting.

2. Times Square/Broadway
   One of the most famous entertainment centers in the world. Make sure you see it at night. Colorful, noisy, and busy, the Square is filled with the bustling activity of limousines, taxis, police cars, excited theatre-goers rushing to be on time, stars rushing to make opening curtains, and students rushing to get discount tickets; with flashing neon lights and blasting horns, it’s a collage of color, sound, and excitement.

3. SoHo
   The hot scene for young New Yorkers. Originally the warehouse district south of Houston Street (thus its name, SoHo). Artists moved into the area for its incredible 10ft. ceilings. Where could you find enormous spaces like that in Manhattan? Soon the word spread and the young and hip started buying up lofts and converting them into living quarters. Suddenly a dull, dark area of Manhattan came alive. Now the streets are filled with stylish stores and people. It is a fun, dynamic area to visit.

4. 57th Street/Madison Avenue
   If you’re a shopper, or appreciate designer clothes and jewelry, or just like to look at beautiful women all dressed up, then stroll down 57th Street and up Madison Avenue. This is where the Beautiful People go to shop. Stunning designer clothes, sexy shoes, glistening jewelry, handsome men, gorgeous women, what more could anyone want in a stroll? It’s all money, but you don’t have to have it to enjoy the show.

5. Lincoln Center
   Walk up Broadway to Lincoln Center from 57th Street. You’ll notice the tempo slow, the noise soften. This is old New York with some of the solid apartment buildings featuring the early architecture of the city. Lincoln Center was the first arts center complex and has become a model around the world. Here is where the great performing arts institutions of New York reside: the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic and the New York City Ballet are just a few. These are among the best in the world, so while you are there, see if there are tickets for one of the performances.

6. Wall Street
   Despite the events of Sept. 11th, Wall Street is still an important part of any visit to New York. A good portion of all the money that makes the world go ‘round (as they say) goes through Wall Street. The first thing that will impress you will be the compactness of the area located in Lower Manhattan at Broadway and Wall Street. Within just a few blocks a huge portion of the world’s wealth is traded here every day. Take in the New York Stock Exchange and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

7. Empire State Building
   There is no better statement of New York City’s grandeur than the Empire State Building. Once the tallest building in the world, it still is the most elegant. It commands the city with striking presence and grace. Visit the open-air observation deck on the 86th floor for spectacular views. This is a must visit and the best place in New York to have your picture taken with the city spread out below. See: The Top 10 New York Buildings.

8. Central Park
   Take a walk in Central Park, where lovers stroll, children run free, and older people sit to philosophize. It is a grand space in the midst of noisy, congested city. Meander up to the Bethesda Terrace and fountain. Treat yourself to a ride on the carousel or take a horse and carriage ride through the park. It’s romantic and peaceful: what more could anyone want from the park? See: The Top 10 Things to See and Do in Central Park.
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9. Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island
   Seeing is believing. The Statue of Liberty is more grand and impressive than any photograph could ever convey. The boat trip to it is fun—the Lady grows larger and larger, finally reaching an impressive 150 ft., and the return trip gives a terrific view of the working New York harbor and the Manhattan skyline.

   While Lady Liberty was an inspiration to millions of immigrants arriving in America; they first had to pass through Ellis Island, the portal to the new world. The restored Ellis Island historic site captures the anxiety and hope that all immigrants faced as they set foot in America. Circle Line ferries (Tel: 212.563.3200) run to both sites from Battery Park South Ferry at the very tip of Manhattan. (Subway train: 1-9)

10. East 42nd Street to the United Nations
   • Start at the newly-renovated Grand Central Station, one of the city’s great buildings. Go into the main hall and be dazzled by its grandeur and practicality. It’s a busy working commuter transportation center yet beautiful to the eye.
   • Then visit the lobby of the Chrysler Building at Lexington Ave. and 42nd St. for an example of elegant 1930s Art Deco.
   • The Ford Foundation building at 320 E. 42nd St. has a full 1/3 of an acre garden growing inside the building. Check it out.
   • Finally, approach the United Nations. These buildings were designed by some of the leading architects in the world, and the interiors are as impressive as the exteriors.
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The Top 10 New York Industries
(And where to find them.)

What makes New York a powerhouse is the demanding business that is done in this town every day. In very narrow, concentrated areas, world standards are set and huge industries managed. The glamour of New York flows from the power of New York in its many major industries.

1. Television/Communications
   Rockefeller Center
   Within a half dozen blocks of this central point are the headquarters of NBC, ABC, CBS, Time Magazine, People Magazine, Sports Illustrated, AP Wire Services, and most of your major publishers, public relations companies, talent agencies, and advertising agencies.

2. Advertising
   Madison Ave
   New York invented modern advertising and the place it began was Madison Avenue between 42nd and 57th Street. “Madison Avenue” has become synonymous with advertising, just as “Wall Street” has become synonymous with capitalism. The street itself is not that interesting, and many of the advertising agencies have moved to places like Third Ave, the West Side, and the Chelsea area. But in its day, it was on Madison Avenue that men in gray flannel suits crafted America’s perception of itself.

3. Corporate Headquarters
   Park Avenue
   Park Avenue exudes power. This is where the masters of capitalism have their plush offices, waiting limousines and impressive board rooms. This is the avenue that gave rise to the “Park Avenue Lawyer”, that smooth, tailored practitioner who services the needs of corporate America. Wall Street may be where the “traders” work, but it is on Park Avenue that the “Titans” command.

4. Finance
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5. Diamonds & Jewelry
   West 47th St.
   Walk down West 47th Street between 5th Ave. and Avenue of the Americas. On this one block, more diamonds and jewelry are sold than at any other place in the world. Dominated by Hassidic Jews, it is fascinating to watch this subculture go about its business. They carry the diamonds they are trading on their person (yes, in those baggy pants may be a million dollars in diamonds). Transactions are based on a person’s word, and the negotiations (sometimes on the street corner) are always animated. It’s a dynamic and interesting environment. There are lots of stores on this street that sell to the public. You can shop around and bring home a dazzling souvenir from New York.

6. Fashion
   Seventh Ave.
   It’s called “Seventh Avenue” and it is yet another New York address that has become synonymous with an industry. In this case, the fashion industry. No matter where you buy your clothes in the United States, the decisions about them are made on Seventh Avenue. Color, style, trends, accessories, availability and shipments; you name it and the shots are called in the lofts on the side streets off Seventh Avenue between Macy’s (W. 34th) and W. 42nd Street. Check it out and watch the truck drivers and rack pushers fight for space.
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7. Theatre

Broadway
There is only one Broadway. It is the standard for excellence around the world. “A Broadway show” says it all—glamorous, polished, dramatic, complete. Any serious theatre person must come to Broadway and the surrounding theatre scene. It is the toughest arena to break into; and when you do, it’s even tougher to reach stardom. Check out Broadway and Off Broadway (where union rules are sometimes the only difference) and Off-Off Broadway where tomorrow’s stars are testing their skills in more avant-garde productions. If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere.

8. Performing Arts

Lincoln Center
New York is the richest performing arts center in the world, maintaining the greatest diversity of dance, opera, and concerts anywhere. The performances are scattered about Manhattan, but mostly on the West Side. If you want to see the venues of the world’s best performing artists check out Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. At Lincoln Center, you’ll see the young ballet dances gracefully walking about, serious musicians heading to practice with their instruments in tow, and composers and directors deep in thought. There are plenty of restaurants in the Center and the environs. Be sure to check out the Lincoln Center library with the world’s largest collection of performing arts materials.

9. Art

57th St., Madison Ave., and SoHo
You’ll find more original art, more art bought and sold, and more starving and prosperous artists in New York than anywhere in the world. Art is big business in New York. At the high end, check out the galleries along 57th Street and upper Madison Avenue. For the contemporary, hot artists, go to the galleries in SoHo.

10. Real Estate
The biggest business of them all, it is quiet, boring, and unglamorous in a noisy, exciting, and glamorous city. But remember this: as you walk down endless streets upon streets of buildings, every inch of every floor of every building is owned by someone. And, yes, they’re doing very well, thank you.
The Top 10 Things to Do in New York

No matter how short or long your visit to New York City, here are the Top 10 things you should do to make it a memorable experience.

1. **See a Broadway show.**
   For show times and tickets call The Broadway Line (212.302.4111) or check The New York Times. For on the day tickets try the TKS half-price tickets. One is located at the center of Times Square on Broadway. Be aware that TKS, while discounted, takes cash only. Try Off-Broadway shows for the same professionalism at a lower price. TKS may have tickets for these shows as well. See: The Top 10 Things to Know About Broadway Shows.

2. **Visit the Metropolitan Museum.**
   One of the greatest Museums in the world. It’s a must for any trip to New York City. See: The Top 10 Museums.

3. **Stroll down Fifth Avenue and up Madison for the greatest window shopping in the world.**
   You’ll see the greatest collection of glamorous department stores, designer shops and jewelry stores in the world. So what if you can’t afford any of it. It’s a great show. See: The Top 10 Sights on Fifth Avenue.

4. **Go to the top of the Empire State Building.**
   There is no better statement of New York City’s grandeur than the Empire State Building. Once the tallest building in the world, it still is the most elegant. It commands the city with striking presence and grace. Visit the open-air observation deck on the 86th floor for spectacular views. This is a must visit and the best place in New York to have your picture taken with the city spread out below. See: The Top 10 New York Buildings.

5. **Get lost in SoHo.**
   Wear your black turtleneck and shades to fit into the hippest neighborhood in the City. This is where it’s happening today in NYC. See: The Top 10 Sights - SoHo/TriBeCa.

6. **Enjoy the spectacle of Times Square at night.**
   It’s colorful, noisy, exciting, and one of a kind. There are more theatres, taxis, limousines and excited people rushing to shows here than at any other place on earth. See: The Top 10 New York Must-See Areas.

7. **Go to the ballet or opera.**
   You would never do that back home. See the best in the world. See: The Top 10 Guide to the Performing Arts.

8. **Watch the taping of a television show such as the Today, Letterman, or Conan Shows.**
   Get up early and go watch the making of the Today Show at Rockefeller Center. Or call in advance for tickets to the David Letterman Show (Tel: 212.975.5853), Conan O’Brien (Tel: 212.664.4000), Saturday Night Live (212.664.4000), or MTV Studios (212.398.8549).

9. **Take in Central Park.**
   Enter anywhere along Central Park South and you’ll find a friendly, easy-to-get-around city park. One of the greatest in the world. With its carousel, zoo, ice skating rink, monuments, and interesting people, the Park is a delight to visit. See The Top 10 Things to See and Do in Central Park.

10. **Have dessert in the Palm Court of the Plaza Hotel, drinks at the King Cole Bar, or lunch at the Carnegie Deli.**
    These great New York institutions provide memorable New York experiences. (Located at The Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave. and 59th St.; The St. Regis Hotel, 55th St. at 5th Ave.; 7th Ave. at 55th Sts.; respectively).

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The Top 10 Things To Do if You’re Alone in the Evenings

There is more to do in New York in the evening than any other city in the world. And, it’s safe and exciting. So if you’re in New York alone, whether as a tourist or on business, don’t touch that TV in your room. After a long day, take a shower, freshen up and head out to the excitement and fun of New York. There is a lot you can do alone.

1. Go to a museum.
New York has some of the greatest museums in the world. And, most have late hours and at least one free evening a week. So head right out to your nearest museum and refresh your eyes and your spirit. See: The Top 10 Museums.

2. Take in a Broadway show.
Or an Off-Broadway show if you don’t want to spring for the big bucks. The Times Square area is filled with people so you won’t feel uncomfortable being there alone. Go to TKTS in the center of Times Square for last minute tickets at bargain prices. See: The Top 10 Tips for Buying Tickets to Broadway Shows

3. Go shopping.
Check out some of the exciting stores of the city. New York has the greatest variety of stores in the world. See: The Top 10 Guides to Shopping.

4. Take in the ballet or the opera.
Things you just won’t do back home. With choices such as The New York City Ballet or the Metropolitan Opera, both at Lincoln Center, you’ll see the best in the world.

5. Treat yourself to a great meal.
Dining alone is very accepted in New York; and, needless to say, the food is terrific. See: The Top 10 Guides to Restaurants.

6. Put on your sneakers and stride.
Been stuck in a meeting all day? Then put on your sneakers and stride down some of the best walking streets in the world. New York is just as busy at night as during the day. The Village, Midtown, the Upper East Side, and Upper West Side are just a few of the bustling neighborhoods that are good for walking after dusk.

7. Go to a gym.

8. Go to a bar or club.
Trust us, you won’t be alone for long. If hesitant, go to the bar or club in the hotel. There’s lots of protection there. But, remember, don’t give out your room number. (And, don’t drink too much.) See: The Top 10 Guide to Nightlife.

9. Spend an hour or so in SoHo.
With a wide variety of diverse stores and galleries, it’s filled with great window shopping. Most stores are open late. Take a stroll, have dinner, and then take a taxi back to your hotel.

10. Go ice skating.
Tel: 212.396.1010
This will clear your head. The Wollman Rink in Central Park is open until 9:30PM on most nights and provides both skate rental and lessons. Skating under the skyline of New York on a brisk winter’s evening...there’s nothing like it. (During the summer, they have in-line skates and skating.) Enter the Park at 59th and Avenue of the Americas.
The Top 10 Museums

New York loves art and art museums. It has the greatest concentration of art museums in the world. Listed below are the Top 10. You are guaranteed the type of exhilarating experience that only a great museum can provide.

1. **The Metropolitan Museum of Art**
   1000 5th Ave. @ 82nd St.
   Tel: 212.535.7710, closed Mondays
   One of the world’s largest museums, with a collection spanning thousands of years of world culture, including American, African, Asian, and European art. Not to be missed, especially with its pay-what-you-wish entrance policy.

2. **Museum of Modern Art**
   11 W. 53rd St.
   Tel: 212.708.9480, closed Wednesdays
   Paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, and photographs by Picasso, Matisse, Van Gogh, Pollock, Cezanne, Seurat, and others.

3. **Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum**
   1071 5th Ave. @ E. 88th St.
   Tel: 212.423.3500, closed Thursdays
   Extensive collection of twentieth century art. Works by Degas, Gaugin, Monet, Toulouse-Lautrec, Manet, Klee, Kandinsky, and Chagall, among others, housed in Frank Lloyd Wright’s landmark building. Also, don’t miss the Guggenheim Museum SoHo Branch (575 Broadway at Prince Street) for exhibitions complementing those at the museum’s uptown location.

4. **The Frick Collection**
   1 E. 70th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.288.0700, closed Mondays
   Housed in the former home of Henry Clay Frick, this collection boasts French furniture, paintings by European masters such as Titian, Rembrandt and El Greco, Limoges enamels and fine bronze sculpture.

5. **Museum of the City of New York**
   5th Ave. @ E. 103rd St.
   Tel: 212.534.1672, closed Mondays and Tuesdays
   New York City’s history is documented in fascinating exhibits of photographs, memorabilia, documents, arts, toys and costumes.

6. **Museum of Television and Radio**
   25 W. 52nd St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.621.6800, closed Mondays
   Founded by William S. Paley in 1975, this museum’s collection consists of tapes of radio and television programs spanning 70 years of entertainment history.

7. **Whitney Museum of American Art**
   945 Madison Ave. @ E. 75th St.
   Tel: 212.570.3676, closed Mondays and Tuesdays
   Extensive collection of twentieth century American Art including paintings, photographs, sculptures and prints. Exhibitions often showcase the works of up-and-coming artists.

8. **Museum of African Art in SoHo**
   593 Broadway @ Houston St.
   Tel: 212.966.1313, closed Mondays
   One of the two museums in the country with an exclusive focus on African Art. Special exhibitions and programs offer a range of painting, storytelling, dance performances, and films.

9. **American Museum of Natural History**
   Central Park West @ 79th St.
   Tel: 212.769.5100
   Features one of the largest collections of dinosaur fossils in the world, as well as anthropological exhibits tracing the origins of creation and evolution through models and interactive technology. IMAX films are shown daily.

10. **National Academy of Design**
    1083 5th Ave. @ E. 89th St.
    Tel: 212.369.4880, closed Mondays and Tuesdays
    One of the world’s most extensive collections of nineteenth and twentieth century paintings, sculptures and drawings, including works by Winslow Homer, I.M. Pei, Thomas Eakins, John Singer Sargent and Frank Lloyd Wright.
**The Top 10 Museums for Children**

Can children enjoy going to a museum? In New York, they can and do. New York has the greatest collection of museums for kids anywhere in the world. There is a wide variety, and they’re all exciting.

1. **American Museum of Natural History, Hayden Planetarium**
   
   Central Park West @ W. 81st St.  
   Tel: 212.769.5100  
   One of the greatest museums for children in the world. Permanent exhibits, such as the enormous dinosaur fossils and replicas enthral young visitors. There is also the Guggenheim Space Theater, with its twenty-two wrap-around screens, and the Sky Theater, one of the largest of its kind in the world. Parents can relax in the Hall of Ocean Life, which offers a cocktail lounge.

2. **Children’s Museum of Manhattan**
   
   The Tisch Bldg., 212 W. 83rd St. @ Amsterdam Ave.  
   Tel: 212.721.1234; closed Tuesdays.  
   Activities for children of all ages. From the Early Childhood Center, geared toward children under four, to the Family Learning Center, for families with children under six, to interactive media and environmental exhibits for older children, this museum is sure to please.

3. **Children’s Museum of the Arts**
   
   182 Lafayette St. @ Grand St.  
   Tel: 212.274.0986; Wed. noon-7, Thurs.-Sun. noon-5.  
   A hands-on museum in SoHo for children in grades K-5. Kids can participate in interactive exhibits and view the permanent collection of children’s art from around the world before creating their own masterpieces in daily art workshops.

4. **National Museum of the American Indian**
   
   1 Bowling Green, Lower Manhattan  
   Tel: 212.668.6624  
   One of America’s leading museums on Native Americans is not located on the rolling plains of Montana but in the stone and mortar caverns of Manhattan. A branch of The Smithsonian, the museum is staffed by native Americans and has the largest collection of Indian artifacts in the world. Exhibits artfully presented.

5. **Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum**
   
   Pier 86, W. 46th St. @ 12th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.832.1155; closed Mondays.  
   The U.S.S. Intrepid, a 40,000 ton, 900-foot-long aircraft carrier houses exhibits in its hull and hangar deck. Also on display: the Lockheed A-12 Blackbird reconnaissance jet, the nuclear-missile submarine U.S.S. Growler, the destroyer U.S.S. Edison and the 1936 Coast Guard lightship Nantucket.
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6. Sony Wonder Technology Lab
   550 Madison Ave. @ E. 56th St.
   Tel: 212.833.8100; closed Mondays. Free admission.
   At this museum, children and adults can participate in a
   hands-on, interactive exploration of the latest technology and
   learn about professions in the field of communications and
   advanced, futuristic technology. Great for children 8yrs. and
   older.

7. South Street Seaport Museum
   207 Front St. @ Fulton St., East Side of Lower Manhattan
   Tel: 212.748.8600
   Ships, shopping, food and fun; they have turned this working
   seaport into a museum extraordinaire. You can board old
   sailing vessels, talk to sea captains and study ancient
   shipping records. You can walk among the working fish
   mongers in the Fulton Fish market where all the fish for New
   York comes in fresh every morning. You can look across and
   see the dramatic sweep of the Brooklyn Bridge. A refreshing
   outdoor experience.

8. Statue of Liberty National Monument and Exhibit
   Liberty Island
   Tel: 212.363.3200
   Take the ferry to Liberty Island and climb to the top of the
   United States’ most famous national monument for a
   breathtaking view of the City. A small museum on the statue’s
   pedestal (accessible by elevator) displays exhibits on
   immigration and traces the history of the monument.

9. Brooklyn Children’s Museum
   145 Brooklyn Ave.
   Tel: 718.735.4432
   The oldest children’s museum, it offers hands-on tunnel,
   book, animal and plant exhibits. Take the A train to Kingston-
   Throop Aves., open every day but Tuesday in the summer
   and every day but Monday and Tuesday in the fall and winter.

10. New York City Fire Museum
    278 Spring St. # Varick St.
    Tel: 212.691.1303; Tues-Sunday 10-4.
    Every kid loves fire trucks and firefighters. Here is their
    chance to get up close and personal with some of the colorful
    fire engines and equipment. Actual New York City firefighters
    are the tour guides as they present the history of the NYFD
    from the days of the horse drawn carriages to contemporary
    events. It is now hallowed ground.
The Top 10 Buildings in New York

New York has a wide variety of architecture and design in its buildings. These are the Top 10 buildings of New York City.

1. Rockefeller Center
   **Fifth Avenue @ 50th St.**

2. Empire State Building
   **5th Ave. @ 34th St.**
   There is no better statement of New York City’s grandeur than the Empire State Building. Once the tallest building in the world, it still is the most elegant. It commands the city with striking presence and grace. Visit the open-air observation deck on the 86th floor for spectacular views. This is a must visit and the best place in New York to have your picture taken with the city below. See: The Top 10 New York Buildings.

3. Chrysler Building
   **East 42nd St. @ Lexington St.**
   This is an art deco classic both inside and out. The ornate top glistens in the sun and turns silver-red in the sunsets. The lobby has dramatic murals, vibrant marble and elevators out of a 1930’s movie. Contrast the Chrysler Building by William Van Allen with the Seagram Building by van der Rohe and you have a dramatic illustration of the classic designs of their day. Both were corporate buildings, but both have landmark exteriors, and both have distinctive lobbies, yet they could not be more different. There is no better illustration of the evolution (or revolution) of architectural design within just a few blocks.

4. Lincoln Center
   **W. 62nd St. to 66th St. on Broadway**
   The first of the concentrated performing art complexes in the world. Each building is elegant and individualistic, yet complementary to each other. The best of 1960s design. Includes Avery Fisher Hall, the Metropolitan Opera House, and the New York State Theater. Tours available.

5. United Nations Building
   **1st Ave. @ 42nd St. on East River**
   The best of International Style design, this flag-fronted building has become a symbol for international cooperation.

6. Grand Central Station
   **42nd St. @ Park Ave.**
   If you’ve never seen one of the grand railroad stations of old (and they are disappearing) make sure you visit Grand Central Station. It’s one of the best designed buildings in America. It has been completely renovated, and it’s spectacular.

7. New York Public Library
   **5th Ave. @ 57 St.: free admission.**
   The majestic, marble Lions guard this venerable building. Built in a generation that respected intelligence, revered wisdom and honored books, the Library set the standard for libraries across America.

8. Seagram Building
   **375 Park Ave. @ 52nd St.**
   Designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, the Seagram Building is one of the leading examples of International Style in the world. The innovative ground-level plaza is now a mainstay in modern skyscrapers. Its clean lines set the standard that others had to follow. Built in 1958 it has Withstood the test of time.

9. Guggenheim Museum
   **1071 5th Ave. @ 88th St.**
   One of the first of the museums as works of art, the Guggenheim opened in 1959, and is the only contribution to New York City by Frank Lloyd Wright. Classic simplicity inside and out make it a joy in which to view its vast modern art holdings. Extensive Picasso, Kandinsky, and French Impressionists collections also.

10. Trump Tower
    **5th Ave. @ 57th St.**
    This is the tower that made Donald Trump famous, as much for the audacity of the deal that put it together as for the glamour of the design. It rejuvenated a dowager corner of New York. Stroll through the pink marble lobby with its six story waterfall and designer boutiques. This 68-story building boasts 263 of the most luxurious apartments in New York, one of which is home to Donald himself.
The Top 10 Churches and Synagogues

New York may not have the historic religious buildings of Europe, but it does have a broad selection of dynamic houses of worship that are well worth the visit.

1. St. Patrick’s Cathedral
   5th Ave. @ 50th St.
   Tel: 212.753.2261
   The largest Catholic Cathedral in America sitting at the center of New York.

2. Riverside Church
   490 Riverside Dr. @ 120th St.
   Tel: 212.222.5900
   The largest Gothic cathedral in the world and still growing. Step back in time and watch craftspeople carve stone in this century-old structure.

3. Temple Emanu-El
   5th Ave. @ 65th St.
   Tel: 212.744.1400
   The largest reform synagogue in the world. Congregation includes some of New York’s most prominent Jewish families.

4. Trinity Church
   Broadway @ Wall St.
   Tel: 212.602.0800
   Trinity’s 281-foot high steeple was once New York’s tallest structure. This Gothic Revival building is dwarfed by skyscrapers today, but the church remains a prosperous and vital part of the surrounding community. Tours offered daily.

5. St. Paul’s Chapel
   Broadway @ Vesey St.
   Tel: 212.602.0872
   Manhattan’s oldest church is housed in its only existing pre-Revolutionary building. George Washington worshipped here.

6. Central Synagogue
   123 E. 55th St. @ Lexington Ave.
   Tel: 212.838.5122
   Built in 1872, this synagogue is an excellent example of Moorish Revival architecture.

7. St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
   Lexington Ave. @ 54th St.
   Citicorp built this modern church for St. Paul’s as a consolation when Citicorp Center was erected on its former site.

8. Marble Collegiate Church
   5th Ave. @ 29th St.
   Tel: 212.686.2770
   One of the oldest and most popular churches in New York. Sermons are preached from the pulpit made famous by Norman Vincent Peale.

9. Abyssinian Baptist Church
   132 W. 128th St.
   Tel: 212.862.7474
   This Harlem church is known for its beautiful gospel music and earth-shaking sermons.

10. John Street United Methodist Church
    44 John St.
    Tel: 212.269.0014
    Home of the oldest Methodist Society in America, organized in 1766.
The Top 10 Parks, Gardens & Zoos

New Yorkers love their parks. They are carefully-planned, well-maintained, and a wonder to enjoy.

1. Central Park
   Central Park is one of the great parks of the world. Situated in the heart of Manhattan, it provides an oasis of tranquility in the midst of one of the busiest, noisiest, active cities anywhere. This is a carefully designed park, always providing something of interest an easy walk ahead. Carousel, flower gardens, and walkways designed by Frederick Law Olmstead and Calvert Vaux—it captures the natural contours of the city’s softer side. See: The Top 10 Things to See and Do in Central Park.

2. New York Botanical Gardens
   200 Street and Kazimiroff Blvd., The Bronx
   Tel: 718.817.9700
   Subway: Bedford Park Blvd.
   This is not just a garden, it’s an experience. It features 250-acres of lush, beautiful, lovingly-cared-for vegetation surrounding the old Lorillard Snuff Mill.

3. The Cloisters
   Fort Tryon Park
   Tel: 212.923.3700
   The medieval collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts has monastery-like colonnaded walks, a French chapel, and Roman apse. Be sure to check out the elegant tapestries. See: The Top 10 Museums.

4. Bronx Zoo
   Bronx River Parkway and Fordham Rd.
   Tel: 718.367.1010
   They said it couldn’t be done: build an animal-friendly, natural environment home for a wide variety of world animals; but the Bronx Zoo did it.

5. Prospect Park Wildlife Center
   450 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn
   Tel: 718.399.7339
   This park is the closest reproduction of actual wildlife in New York City, unlike Central Park with its sky scrapers looming at the borders.

6. Hudson River Park
   Corner of Chamber and West Sts.
   Tel: 212.533.PARK
   This beautiful oasis nestled between the City and Hudson River offers visitors the Real World sculpture garden, a playful set by Tom Otterness which takes some digs at New York’s capitalist mentality.

7. Central Park Wildlife Center
   It used to be called the Central Park Zoo, but they redefined it and made it friendly for animals and people. It also offers a children’s petting zoo. A great destination for a walk in the Park. See: The Top 10 Things to See and Do in Central Park.

8. Riverside Park
   This long, narrow, tree-lined park runs along the Hudson River from 72nd to 159th St. Breathe deeply in the 79 St. Basin, an idyllic oceanside spot in the all-too-urban excesses of the City.

9. Battery Park
   Broadway at Battery Place
   Besides serving as the take-off point for the Statue of Liberty ferry and housing the Castle Clinton National Monument, the park provides some natural wandering places for the outdoorsy types. And everywhere you turn, another beautiful statue is watching you.

10. Brooklyn Botanic Garden
    1000 Washington Ave. @ Empire Blvd. and south side of the Brooklyn Museum
    Tel: 718.622.4433
    The Japanese Garden is the major attraction here, with a tranquil lake fashioned in the shape of the Japanese character for love. Other gardens with names like Shakespeare, Fragrance, and Cranford Rose will beguile you with their beauty.
The Top 10 Guide to New York

The Top 10 Things to Do With Children

Can children enjoy a visit to New York? You bet they can! It is full of sights and sounds they will never see anywhere else. Here are the Top 10 things you can do specifically with children. They will talk about them all the way home.

1. **Take them to a Broadway Show.**
   The memory will stay with them forever. With Disney now on the Big White Way there is something for every age group. Call The Broadway Line (Tel: 212.302.4111) for show and activity listings.

2. **Visit the Museum of Natural History.**
   This museum’s huge skeletons of dinosaurs and interactive displays amaze children. Kids love this place. See: The Top 10 Museums for Children.

3. **Go to the top of the Empire State Building.**
   It provides breathtaking views of the city from over 1000 feet. Its open-air observatory on the 86th floor is refreshing and has been featured in “tons” of movies. Take your children’s picture with the city in the background. It’s the best “I did New York” photo.

4. **Visit the Statue of Liberty.**
   The boat trip into the New York Harbor is as exciting as the actual statue. See: The Top 10 New York City Must-See Areas.

5. **Explore Radio City Music Hall.**
   Awesome is one word that comes to mind. The building was designed to be impressive due to its immense size. There is just no theatre or show like it and the overwhelming magnitude of everything is dazzling.

6. **Take the NBC tour.**
   It’s always interesting to see where television shows come from.

7. **Take a Double Decker Tour ride.**
   The different perspective will keep them and you mesmerized. See: The Top 10 Sightseeing Tours.

8. **Take them to FAO Schwarz.**
   The world’s biggest toy store (or so they say) will entertain not only your child but you as well. Be prepared to buy something, though, it’s hard to leave empty-handed and the toys are not cheap. This paradise for children of all ages is located between 58th and 59th Sts. at 767 5th Ave.

9. **Take in a zoo.**
   The Bronx Zoo is by far the best choice, but for a closer option, there is a small children’s petting zoo in Central Park on the East Side.

10. **Ride the Central Park Carousel.**
    It’s one of the great carousels of the world.
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The Top 10 Things to Do With Teens

In recognition that teens are more independent-minded than younger children, these are things that they will enjoy and which will leave an indelible impression. They are distinctly New York.

1. **Enjoy a Broadway show.**
   Let them choose the show. There is lots of great stuff on Broadway that teens and you will enjoy.

2. **Take in a fine arts museum, preferably the Met.**
   They may resist, but they’ll remember it. Best to keep it short.

3. **Bring them to SoHo.**
   Action, original people, and cool stores will keep them interested. Meanwhile you can dip into some interesting art galleries.

4. **Visit the Intrepid Sea Museum.**
   Ships and planes that have actually been in battle. A great hands-on experience.

5. **Take advantage of the ballet or the opera.**
   Expand their minds.

6. **Visit the W. 48th St. guitar stores.**
   Check out this one block between Avenue of the Americas and 7th Ave. This is where rock stars buy their wares. They can go in and browse around all the weird and exciting instruments and maybe even rub shoulders with one of their favorite rock stars.

7. **Ice Skate in Central Park or Rockefeller Center.**
   At the southeast corner of the Park, Wollman Rink offers ice skating in winter, in-line skating in the summer. Open most nights until 9:30pm, skate rentals available. Fulfill every teenager’s winter fantasy by skating in the world famous Rockefeller Center Ice Rink, open until 8PM.

8. **Rent bicycles or roller blades.**
   For Central Park when it’s closed to traffic. The best way to see the park and look like a health-conscious New Yorker. See: The Top 10 Bicycle and Skate Rentals.

9. **Take them shopping to some really hip stores.**
   New York has cutting edge stuff for teens. They’ll love what they buy and won’t be able to wait ‘til they can show their friends back home. It will make spending a vacation with their parents worthwhile. See: The Top 10 Stores for Teens.

10. **Enjoy a noisy, bustling New York restaurant.**
    Theme ones are usually a sure bet, but restaurants with sidewalk tables are always exciting. Try the Upper West Side, the Village, or SoHo. See: The Top 10 Restaurants for Teens.
The Top 10 Things to See and Do in Central Park

There is much to see and do in Central Park including just relaxing after a long day of sightseeing. Below are just a few of the highlights. The list goes from South to North—you should enter at the corner of Fifth Ave. and 59th St.

1. The Pond
   This is what you’ll first see once you go inside the Park from Fifth Ave. You may experience the eerie sense of déjà vu. The Pond has been featured in dozens of New York movies. See: The Top 10 Movies Set in New York.

2. Wollman Rink
   North into the Park from 59th St. and Avenue of the Americas
   This classic ice-skating rink overlooks the Pond. Besides being the most ubiquitous romantic scene in New York, the rink’s beautiful construction and attractive setting make it a must for any tourist. Open until 9:30PM on most nights.

3. Central Park Zoo and Wildlife Conservation Center
   Near the corner of 5th Ave. and E. 65th St.
   Keep walking north on Fifth Ave. and you’ll see this Wildlife sanctuary. The Tisch Zoo for Children will keep the kids occupied while you appreciate the artfully-displayed wildlife.

4. The Dairy
   Near the intersection of 65th St. Transverse and East Dr.
   Take the 65th St. Transverse west to The Dairy (built in the 19th century), which now serves as a the information center for The Park. Originally a milk vendor, it now offers interactive multimedia information on Central Park.

5. Carousel
   Near intersection of Center Dr. and the 65th St. Transverse
   Stay on the 65th St. Transverse until you see the oft-imitated, never-replicated Carousel, one of the oldest in America. Riding it, though, will never get old.

6. Strawberry Fields
   72nd St. on the west side
   Bear right up West Drive until you see this memorial to John Lennon. See the diverse crowd that comes to pay homage to the greatest singer-songwriter of his generation.

7. Belvedere Castle and Shakespeare Garden
   Between the Great Lawn and the 79th St. Transverse
   Keep following West Drive and hang a right onto the 79 St. Transverse, where you’ll see the Garden. The lush gardens have flowers and wildlife featured in the Bard’s works. Belvedere Castle, which can be seen from Vista Rock, is now a measurement station for the U.S. Weather Bureau and has a nature center inside.

8. The Great Lawn
   You can’t miss it.
   Staying on the 79 St. Transverse, the Great Lawn will stretch out in front of the Metropolitan Museum of Art on your left. After a huge renovation project, the area formerly named the Great Dust Bowl has become every suburbanite’s dream, with perfectly kept grass.

9. The Conservatory Water
   At E. 74th St. and 5th Ave.
   Take a right down East Drive (which runs in front of the Met). You’ll pass the Loeb Boathouse on your right. You’ll know the stone, symmetric Conservatory Water when you see it—it’s crowded with model sailboats. This is the Park’s most formal area.

10. Bethesda Fountain and Terrace
    Along 72nd St. Transverse
    Staying on East Drive, the Fountain will be on your left. The romantic vista from the stairs down onto the ornate, three-tiered fountain is unmatched. Named after its Jerusalem counterpart, it is supposedly blessed with healing powers by an angel (There she is in stone at the top of the stairs). Follow East Drive out back to the corner of Fifth Ave. and 59 St., bringing to the end of your tour of Central Park.
The Top 10 Sights on Fifth Avenue

Take a stroll up Fifth from the Empire State Building to Central Park. This is the heart of New York City.

1. The Empire State Building
5th Ave. @ 34th St.; open daily to midnight
Built in 1931, the Empire State building is a beloved symbol of the city. Visit the observation decks at the 86th floor (at 1,050 feet) and the 102nd floor (at 1,250 feet). See: The Top 10 Buildings in New York.

2. The New York Public Library
5th Ave. @ 42nd St.
A wonderful example of beaux arts architecture, this white marble building (built in 1911) houses the headquarters one of the world’s most comprehensive library system. Free tours are given Monday to Saturday at 11:00am and 2:00pm.

3. Rockefeller Plaza
5th Ave. @ 50th St.
This fabulous art deco center is made up of 18 buildings spread out over 21 acres, playing host to an array of businesses and entertainment options. This is the place to ice skate (Lower Plaza), watch Today Show tapings (7:00am - 9:00am at the southwest corner of 49 St. and Rockefeller Plaza), or take a tour of Radio City Music Hall (1260 Sixth Ave. at 50th Street, Mon. to Sat 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sun. from 11:00am to 5:00pm.) Take a self-guided walking tour to acquaint yourself with the art and architecture of the Plaza.

4. Saks Fifth Avenue
611 5th Ave. @ 50th St.
This department store is a New York institution with designer clothing for men and women, as well as an exhaustive selection of cosmetics and accessories. Worth a visit to splurge or simply soak up the ambience.

5. St. Patrick’s Cathedral
5th Ave. @ 50th St., facing Rockefeller Center
This Gothic Cathedral, designed by James Renwick in the late nineteenth century, is the largest Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

6. Trump Tower
725 5th Ave. @ 56th St.
This is the tower that made Donald Trump famous, as much for the audacity of the deal that put it together as for the glamour of the design. It rejuvenated a dowager corner of New York. Stroll through the pink marble lobby with its six story waterfall and designer boutiques. This 68-story building boasts 263 of the most luxurious apartments in New York, one of which is home to Donald himself.

7. Tiffany & Co.
727 5th Ave. @ 57th St.
This elegant store displays some of the most beautiful jewelry in the world. The diamonds are spectacular, the watches elegant and the pearls beautiful. Don’t hesitate to go in and browse. A good part of their business is to tourists.

8. The Plaza Hotel
5th Ave. @ 59th St.
Quintessential New York glamour. The Plaza has been featured in so many movies that you will probably feel as if you’ve been there already. Nevertheless, it is worth a stroll through the lobby, resplendent in gold leaf and dazzling to the eye.

9. FAO Schwarz
767 5th Ave. @ 58th St.
Tel: 212.644.9400
You don’t have to be a kid to enjoy this celebrated store.

10. Central Park
The best entrance to the Park is at the corner of 5th and 59th Sts. You enter with the Pond area where you can sit and enjoy the peaceful view and catch your breath before heading off to your next adventure. See: The Top 10 Things to See and Do in Central Park.
The Top 10 Sights - SoHo/TriBeCa

1. **New Museum of Contemporary Art**  
   583 Broadway @ Prince St.  
   Tel: 212.219.1222  
   Cutting edge art, often controversial.

2. **Guggenheim Museum SoHo**  
   Broadway @ Prince St.  
   Tel: 212.423.3500  
   The first attempt of The Guggenheim to branch out from its 5th Ave. location. It must have worked because from here they went to Bilbao, Spain.

3. **New York Fire Museum**  
   278 Spring St. @ Varick  
   Tel: 212.691.1303  
   Real firefighters present this history of NYFD from the days of horse drawn engines to contemporary events. It is now hallowed ground.

4. **Museum for African Art**  
   593 Broadway  
   Tel: 212.966.1313  
   Original, spellbinding African Art.

5. **Spring St.**  
   This street has some of the best shopping: cutting edge, traditional, famed Italians, and over the top.

6. **Tribeca Film Center**  
   375 Greenwich St. @ Franklin  
   De Niro’s vision created a cinematic powerhouse in this small section of New York. Have lunch at the Tri BeCa Grill, also a De Niro creation. You may be discovered.

7. **Greene St.—King St.—Queen St.**  
   Architectural delight. Get there when the shadows fall on the cast iron grills. Very dramatic. Great location for stylized photography.

8. **Gagosian**  
   136 Wooster St.  
   Tel: 212.228.2828  
   One of the leading art dealers in SoHo. Many large scale items. Get rid of that boring garage door back home. Replace it with a giant work of art from Gagosian.

9. **Let There Be Neon**  
   White St. @ Broadway  
   Neon creations. Bring one home and liven up your neighborhood.

10. **Famous Odeon**  
    145 W. Broadway  
    Tel: 212.233.0507  
    Art Deco bar, open until 2 a.m.
The Top 10 Sights in Lower Manhattan

1. Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island
   New York Harbor
   Tour boats depart from Battery park South at the very tip of Manhattan. Subway trains 1 and 9 take you there. Circle Line ferries to the sites (Tel: 212.563.3200)
   Seeing is believing. The Statue of Liberty is more grand and impressive than any photograph could ever convey. The boat trip to it is fun and the return trip gives a terrific view of the working New York harbor and the Manhattan skyline. While Lady Liberty was an inspiration to millions of immigrants arriving in America, they first had to pass through Ellis Island, the portal to the new world. The restored Ellis Island historic site captures the anxiety and hope that all immigrants faced as they set foot in America.

2. The New York Stock Exchange
   8-18 Broad St.
   Tel: 212.656.5165
   Money makes the world go ‘round, and a good portion of it goes through Wall Street. The first thing that will impress you will be the compactness of the area located in Lower Manhattan at Broadway and Wall Street. Within just a few blocks a huge portion of the world’s wealth is traded here every day. The engine driving this wealth machine has been The New York Stock Exchange. The visitor’s center is at 20 Broad street.

3. Federal Reserve Bank
   33 Liberty Street
   Tel: 212.720.6130
   Money and gold, wealth and power, it’s all here in this singularly impressive building. Take the public tour to see the gold bullion vaults (worth billions) and cash reserves (worth billions) and the cash processing centers (more billions). A billion here and a billion there, it’s exciting.

4. Federal Hall
   26 Wall Street
   Tel: 212.825.6888
   Where George Washington took his Oath of Office and the United States of America officially began. Washington took the oath on the balcony thus establishing the precedent of an outdoor, very public taking of the Oath. A must for any visit.

5. South St. Port
   East Side of Lower Manhattan
   Ships, shopping, food and fun; they have turned this working seaport into a museum extraordinaire. You can board old sailing vessels, talk to sea captains and study ancient shipping records. You can walk around the Fulton Fish market where all the fish for New York comes in fresh every morning. You can look across and see the dramatic sweep of the Brooklyn Bridge. A refreshing outdoor experience.

6. Brooklyn Bridge
   East Side of Lower Manhattan
   It has a sweep of grandeur like no other bridge in the world. It has a pedestrian walkway that lets you walk out over the middle of the East River and look back on Manhattan.

7. National Museum of the American Indian
   1 Bowling Green
   Tel: 212.668.6624
   More Indian artifacts from tribes from all over continent than almost any other museum.

8. New York City Fire Museum
   278 Spring St. @ Varick St.
   Tel: 212.691.1303
   Here is a chance to get up close and personal with some of the colorful fire engines and equipment. Actual New York City firefighters are the tour guides as they present the history of the NYFD from the days of the horse drawn carriages to contemporary events. It is now hallowed ground.

9. Fraunces Tavern Museum
   54 Pearl St.
   Tel: 212.425.1778
   Preserved from pre-Revolution America. Here, George Washington made his farewell address to his officers. A working restaurant downstairs, a Revolutionary War museum upstairs.

10. Battery Park
    At the very tip of Manhattan.
    Outstanding views of one of the world’s busiest working harbors. A great place to relax among the greenery and watch the ships go by.
The Top 10 Outdoor Adventures

You may be surprised at how many opportunities there are to enjoy nature in and around the City. If you get tired of sightseeing, unwind with a day of fun in the sun.

1. Rollerblade in Central Park
   The automobile roads are closed all weekdays, 10AM-3PM and 7PM-10PM, and all-day weekends and holidays. In-line skates may be rented at Wollman Rink in the Park or various other locations. See: The Top 10 Bicycle and Skate Rentals.

2. Rent a bike at Loeb Boathouse in Central Park.
   Spend the afternoon exploring the Park or the city streets on a Sunday morning. Bicycles can be rented at The Boathouse or locations near the Park. See: The Top 10 Bicycle and Skate Rentals.

3. Ice Skate in Central Park or Rockefeller Center
   At the southeast corner of the Park, Wollman Rink offers ice skating in winter, in-line skating in the summer. Open most nights until 9:30pm, skate rentals available. Fulfill everyone’s winter fantasy by skating in that golden rink at Rockefeller Center; it is open until 8PM.

4. Play tennis at Central Park’s tennis center.
   If you arrive alone, just sign up for one of more than 50 courts. Someone else is bound to come along for a pick-up game. Call Tel: 212.280.0201 for details.

5. Hit golf balls into the Hudson River.
   The Golf Club at Chelsea Piers actually has a driving range facing out into the river. Located at 23rd St. and the Hudson River, heated hitting stalls even allow winter golfers to practice their swing. See: The Top 10 Health Clubs.

   Tel: 212.923.3700
   The Metropolitan’s medieval-style museum in northern Manhattan is incredibly relaxing. Even if you don’t feel like viewing the fabulous collection of medieval art, the gardens alone are worth the trip. Take the A train to 190St. and Overlook Terrace.

7. For a relaxing afternoon, head for the Sheep Meadow, a designated quiet area on the southwestern side of Central Park.
   Take a book, a picnic, and a friend. Just relax, and you’ll see why New Yorkers fall in love with the Park.

   If you haven’t seen a great garden, you should. Located at 200th St. and Kazimiroff Blvd., The Bronx (D train or No.4 to the Bedford Park Blvd.), these 250 acres of lush greenery include the Forest, the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden and the Everett Children’s Adventure Garden.

9. Row, row, row your boat.
   Tel: 212.517.2233
   Rent a rowboat from Loeb Boathouse in Central Park. Call for details.

10. Visit Brooklyn’s Coney Island.
    Take the B, D, F, or N line to the end, around an hour’s subway ride from Manhattan. Walk along the 3-mile boardwalk and eat cotton candy by the ocean.
The Top 10 Bicycle and Skate Rentals

You can rent a bike or skates to see the city, but it is recommended that you travel only in the parks. Traffic can be dangerous. One exception, however, is Sunday mornings, when you can ride the near-empty streets. Listed below are leading shops for bike or skate rentals.

1. Larry and Jeff’s Bicycles Plus
   2nd Ave. @ 87th St.; Tel: 212.722.2201

2. Toga Bike Shop
   110 West End Ave. @ 64th St.; Tel: 212.799.9625

3. Metro Bicycle Stores
   East Side: 88th St. @ corner of Lexington Ave. and 88th St.
   Tel: 212.427.4450
   Midtown: 360 W. 47th St. @ 9th Ave.; Tel: 212.581.4500

4. ANewGen Bicycles
   Midtown: 832 9th Ave. @ 54th St.; Tel: 212.757.2418

5. Canal St. Bicycles
   417 Canal St. @ 6th Ave.; Tel: 212.334.8000

6. Blades Board and Skate
   Westside: 120 W. 72nd St.; Tel: 212.787.3911
   Eastside: 160 E. 86th St.; Tel: 212.996.1644

7. Peck and Goodie In-line Skates
   919 8th Ave @ 54th St.; Tel: 212.246.6123

8. The Starting Line
   180 8th Ave.; Tel: 212.691.4729

9. Sky Rink - In-line and Ice Skating Rinks
   23rd St. and The Hudson River; Ice Skating: 212.336.6100
   Roller Rink: 212.336.6200

10. The Rink at Rockefeller Center/Wollman Rink at Central Park
    Rockefeller Center: 601 5th Ave; Tel: 212.332.7654
    Wollman Rink: North into the Park from 59th St. and Avenue of the Americas; Tel: 212.396.1010
The Top 10 Sightseeing Tours
A professional tour is always a good supplement to a do-it-yourself sightseeing extravaganza.

1. New York Double-Decker
   *Tickets sold at the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, and Times Square*
   *Tel: 212.967.6008*
   Tours from Harlem to the Statue of Liberty in several languages.

   *Tickets sold at 54th St. and 8th Ave.*
   *Tel: 212.397.2600*
   All Sightseeing. All the time.

3. New York Apple Tours
   *Tel: 212.944.9200*
   Double-decker buses, foreign language tours, hop-on/hop-off service. Call for information.

4. Circle Line Harbor Lights Cruise
   *Pier 83 @ W. 42nd St. and Hudson River*
   *Tel: 212.563.3200*
   Cruises around Manhattan give gorgeous vistas of the skyline.

5. Circle Line Seaport Liberty Cruise
   *Pier 16, South St. Seaport*
   *Tel: 212.563.3200*
   See the view witnessed by millions of immigrants upon arrival in the Land of the Free.

6. Citywalks: Walking Tours of New York
   *410 W. 20th St.*
   *Tel: 212.989.2456*
   Walking is one way to appreciate the scope and magnitude of the City.

7. Central Park Bicycle Tour
   *310 W. 55th St.*
   *Tel: 212.541.8579*
   The only way to see the entire Park in one day. On-site tours.

8. Radio City Music Hall Productions
   *1260 Avenue of the Americas*
   *Tel: 212.246.4600, 212.247.7777 (schedules), 212.632.4041 (tours).*
   Behind-the-scenes at NYC’s most celebrated venue with the Rockettes.

9. Metropolitan Opera House Backstage Tour
   *Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts*
   *Broadway @ 62nd St.*
   *Tel: 212.769.7020*
   Backstage passes. Meet the people who make the final product happen.

10. Helicopter Flight Services
    *421 E. 60th St.*
    *Tel: 212.355.0801, 888.WE.FLY.NY*
    Personalized sightseeing and charters. Other services include airport service, aerial photography, and cinematography.
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The Top 10 Hotels

For the ultimate in luxury and service, New York City has some of the best hotels in the world.

1. **Four Seasons**  
   *57 E. 57th St.*  
   *Tel: 212.758.5700*  
   This is one of the great hotels of the world with I.M. Pei’s sharp clean lines in the lobby but opulent guest rooms above. The service is crisp, the attention to detail is extraordinary, and the feeling of welcome is pronounced. It is very expensive, but then you will be treated like royalty.

2. **The New York Palace**  
   *455 Madison Ave. (at 50th St.)*  
   *Tel: 800.697.2522*  
   It feels like a palace or a grand European estate. You are in the heart of the city yet apart. It has the distinctive feel of European luxury in both in decor and service. The hotel restaurant, Le Circe200, is one the best in the world (See: Top 10 Restaurants)

3. **The Pierre**  
   *5th Ave. @ 61st St.*  
   *Tel: 800.332.3442*  
   This is the choice of those who want refined luxury, quiet ambiance and to still be close to the action. Located across from Central Park, it is just off the bustle of mid-town. It is an ideal location for a quiet morning walk in the Park. Then it’s an easy stroll up Fifth Avenue to the sights of the city.

4. **St. Regis**  
   *2 E. 55th St. (at 5th Ave.)*  
   *Tel: 800.759.7550*  
   Revisit the Gilded Age at the St. Regis. It is located right in the heart of mid-town, giving it terrific access to the city. It has spacious rooms, excellent service, the most beautiful restaurant on the world (Lespinasse) and the most glamorous bar in New York (The King Cole Bar).

5. **The Plaza**  
   *5th Ave. @ Central Park South*  
   *Tel: 800.228.3000*  
   Everyone should stay at the Plaza at least once in their lifetime. It is the quintessential romantic, New York City hotel.

6. **Waldorf Astoria**  
   *301 Park Avenue @ 50th Street*  
   *Tel: 212.355.3000*  
   A “Power” hotel. Presidents, Kings and assorted Power Brokers have stayed at this impressive Park Avenue hotel. Got a big deal? Stay here. You’ll intimidate your adversary.

7. **Regent Wall Street**  
   *55 Wall Street @ Williams St.*  
   *Tel: 212.843.8600*  
   This is one of the best conversions in the world of a landmark building into a functioning, contemporary edifice. It was originally the Merchants Exchange and then the U.S. Customs House (talk about a heritage). Now it is one of the most impressive hotels in New York with its use of great stone on the outside, vast spaces on the inside and elegant marble in the guest rooms.

8. **Trump International Hotel and Tower**  
   *1 Central Park West*  
   *Tel: 212.299.1000; 800.457.4000*  
   This is right on the edge of midtown and is perfectly situated for the West Side theatre and music events. Broadway and 8th Ave. pass by its doors. Everything is a la Trump, meaning first class, glitzy and the best. The views of Manhattan are spectacular and one of the best French restaurants in the world is in the hotel.

9. **The Lowell**  
   *28 E. 63rd St. @ Madison Ave.*  
   *Tel: 800.221.4444*  
   This is the choice of those who want quiet luxury. They load it on here. It has large guest suites, working fireplaces, private terraces, kitchenettes and in each suite a mini-library. Add attentive service and great location on a tree lined street off Madison Avenue and you have it all.

10. **The Carlyle**  
    *35 E. 76th St.*  
    *Tel: 800.227.5737*  
    This is where New Yorkers would stay if they had to stay in a hotel. It has style. Whether its the Cafe Carlyle, with its elegant evenings with Bobby Short, or the smart Bemelman’s Bar with its sophisticated clientele, the hotel exudes style and elegance...and old New York money.
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The Top 10 Mid-Priced Hotels

Call for rates, which vary from season to season, but these are generally the mid-priced hotels in New York’s high-priced venue.

1. Quality Hotel and Suites Rockefeller Center
   59 W. 46th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.719.2300; 800.567.7720

2. Loews New York Hotel
   569 Lexington Ave. @ 51st St.
   Tel: 212.752.7000; 800.836.6471

3. Gramercy Park Hotel
   2 Lexington Ave. @ 21st St.
   Tel: 212.475.4320; 800.221.4083

4. Helmsley Middletowne Hotel
   148 E. 48th St. @ 3rd Ave.
   Tel: 212.755.3000; 800.843.2157

5. Hotel Metro
   45 W. 35th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.947.2500; 800.356.3870

6. The Wyndham
   42 W. 58th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.753.3500; 800.257.1111

7. The Ameritania
   1701 Broadway @ 54th St.
   Tel: 212.247.5000; 800.922.0330

8. Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
   851 8th Ave. @ 52nd St.
   Tel: 212.581.4100; 800.654.2000

9. Hotel Beverly
   125 E. 50th St. @ Lexington Ave.
   Tel: 212.753.2700; 800.223.0945

10. Hotel Beacon
    2130 Broadway @ 75th St.
    Tel: 212.787.1100; 800.572.4969

The Top 10 Budget Hotels

These hotels are well-kept, clean, and in safe areas of the city.

1. Herald Square Hotel
   19 W. 31st St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.279.4017; 800.727.1888

2. Washington Square Hotel
   103 Waverly Pl. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.777.9515; 800.222.0418

3. Pickwick Arms Hotel
   230 E. 51st St. @ 2nd Ave.
   Tel: 212.355.0300; 800.PICKWIK

4. The Larchmont
   27 W. 11th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.989.9333

5. Hotel Stanford
   43 W. 32nd St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.563.1480; 800.365.1114

6. Hotel Wolcott
   4 W. 31st St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.268.2900

7. Portland Square Hotel
   132 W. 47th St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.382.0600; 800.388.8988

8. Grand Union Hotel
   34 E. 32nd St. @ Park Aves
   Tel: 212.683.5890

9. Chelsea Inn
   46 W. 17th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.645.8989

10. Hotel Edison
    228 W. 47th St. @ Broadway Ave.
    Tel: 212.840.5000; 800.637.7070
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The Top 10 Hotels for Business Travelers

1. The Regency
   540 Park Ave. @ 61st St.
   Tel: 212.759.4100; 800.23.LOEWS
   Home of the original “power breakfast,” the Regency offers in-room fax machines, a fitness center, and voice mail, all in a purely luxurious setting.

2. Doubletree Guest Suites
   1568 Broadway @ 47th St.
   Tel: 212.719.1600; 800.222.TREE
   This all-suite hotel is in the heart of Times Square. Each suite comes fully-equipped. The Doubletree will entertain children with a variety of planned activities and interactive videos.

3. Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers
   811 7th Ave. @ 53rd St.
   Tel: 212.581.1000; 800.325.3535
   Planning a convention? The Sheraton New York, with its new Executive Conference Center and nearly two thousand rooms, will be able to accommodate groups of any size. Some rooms have work areas with faxes, copiers, and printers.

4. Marriott World Trade Center Hotel
   3 World Trade Center @ Liberty St.
   Tel: 212.938.9100; 800.228.9290
   This newly revitalized financial district standby has enormous rooms with two-line phones and 24-hour room service. A business center and health club on site cater to the needs of busy execs, and the hotel’s transportation service is an added convenience.

5. Rihga Royal Hotel
   151 W. 54th St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.307.5000; 800.937.5454
   This all-suite hotel offers three levels of luxury for its customers. These suites are truly homes away from home, with penthouse views and ample space for entertaining clients. A multi-lingual staff, private fitness center, and business center are just a few of the resources the Rihga Royal has to offer.

6. Marriott Financial Center Hotel
   85 W. St. (between Albany and Carlisle Sts.)
   Tel: 212.385.4900; 800.242.8685
   With a business center, a health club, and rooms equipped with two-line phones, data port, and voice mail, the Marriott Financial Center caters to the needs of the business traveler.

7. Millenium Hilton
   55 Church St. (between Fulton and Dey Sts.)
   Tel: 212.693.2001; 800.835.2220
   Enjoy luxurious service at the Millenium Hilton. The 24-hour business center, spacious rooms with fax and two-line phone, not to mention the health club, pool, and complimentary car service to Midtown have made it the Financial District’s best hotel.

8. Marriott East Side Hotel
   525 Lexington Ave. (at 49th St.)
   Tel: 212.755.4000; 800.223.0939
   A brand new business center, spacious rooms, and distinguished, dark wood decor make the Marriott East Side a good place to retire at the end of the day. You’ll stay connected via fax, phone, and e-mail while relaxing and enjoying the atmosphere at this fine, full-service hotel.

9. The Dumont Plaza
   150 E. 34th St. (at Lexington Ave.)
   Tel: 212.481.7600; 800.ME.SUITE
   This moderately priced, all-suite hotel is conveniently located and provides the do-it-yourself convenience of home. Rooms are equipped with ironing boards, microwaves, and stocked refrigerators (just leave your grocery list with the concierge).

10. Drake Swissotel
    440 Park Ave. (at 56th St.)
    Tel: 212.421.0900; 800.372.5369
    The Drake lures business travelers with desks, fax machines, and rolling chairs in every room. Also offers a luxurious health club and a business center fully-equipped with Mac and PC workstations, as well as a conference center free for the use of guests (call ahead to reserve the conference center).
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The Top 10 Uptown Hotels

1. Trump International Hotel and Tower
   1 Central Park West
   Tel: 212.299.1000; 800.457.4000
   This is right on the edge of midtown and is perfectly situated for the West Side Theatre and music events. Broadway and 8th Ave. are by its doors. Everything is a la’ Trump, meaning first class, glitzy and the best. The views of Manhattan are spectacular and one of the best French restaurants in the world is in the hotel.

2. The Lowell
   28 E. 63rd St.
   Tel: 212.838.1400; 800.221.4444
   The Lowell offers theme suites for those who find that over-the-top luxury is simply not enough to satisfy them.

3. The Pierre
   5th Ave @ 61st St.
   Tel: 212.838.8000; 800.332.3442
   For those who want constant reminders of exactly how much they’re paying, the Pierre offers glitter and gilt enough to satisfy anyone.

4. The Regency
   540 Park Ave @ 61st St.
   Tel: 212.759.4100; 800.235.6397
   The Regency is fancy with a swank clientele.

5. The Stanhope
   995 5th Ave @ 81st St.
   Tel: 212.288.5800; 800.828.1123
   The Stanhope is a sophisticated option located near cultural centers like the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

6. The Mark
   215 E. 77th St.
   Tel: 212.744.4300; 800.843.6275
   The Mark is a classy, if low-key, hotel in one of the best neighborhoods in New York.

7. Carlyle
   35 E. 76th St.
   Tel: 212.744.1600; 800.227.5737
   This is one of the most respected hotels on the Upper East Side. It’s conservative but elegant in a terrific Upper East Side location, has a good bar, and the best cabaret in the city. It is where East Siders and Old time New Yorkers encourage the friends to stay.

8. Hotel Wales
   1295 Madison Ave. @ 92nd St.
   Tel: 212.876.6000; 800.528.5252
   An oasis of good sense and good taste in a sea of conspicuous consumption, Hotel Wales is relatively well-priced. Be forewarned that “well-priced” for Madison Avenue is excessive most anywhere else.

9. Mayflower
   15 Central Park West
   Tel: 212.265.0060; 800.223.4164
   The ship-theme at the Mayflower definitely makes it stand out. The thoughtful amenities make up for the unexciting rooms.

10. Radisson Empire
    Broadway @ 63rd St.
    Tel: 212.265.7400; 800.333.333
    A good basic hotel, the Radisson is not terribly exciting, but it is a good deal.
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The Top 10 Downtown Hotels

1. Regent Wall Street
   55 Wall Street @ Williams St.
   Tel: 212.845.8600
   It is one of the best conversions in the world of a landmark building into a functioning, contemporary edifice. It was originally the Merchants Exchange and then the U.S. Customs House (talk about a heritage). Now it is one of the best hotels in New York and one of the most striking. There is lots of use of great stone on the outside, vast spaces on the inside and elegant marble in the guest rooms.

2. SoHo Grand
   310 W. Broadway @ Grand St.
   Tel: 212.965.3000
   A “hot” hotel. You say that a lot about restaurants but rarely about hotels. But you say it about the SoHo Grand. It’s sleek and stylish with young Hollywood celebs swishing through the lobby.

3. Morgans
   237 Madison Ave., between E. 37th and E. 38th Sts.
   Tel: 212.686.0300
   How confident is the Morgans? It’s a hotel without a sign outside. Now that’s confidence. Regulars come back again and again. They don’t need no sign!

4. Roger Williams Hotel
   131 Madison Avenue @ 31st Street
   Tel: 212.448.7000
   A tight, very well managed hotel with lots of polished woods and hi-tech accessories. And, fresh fruit in the evenings.

5. The Inn @ Irving Place
   56 Irving Place, between 17th and 18th Sts.
   Tel: 212.533.4600
   This is a small inn in a brownstone with much of the detail from its 1830's architecture still in place. Step back in time into the days of long dresses and afternoon teas. The whole place is so genteel. They even remember your name.

6. TriBeCa Grand
   2 Ave. of the Americas, between Walker and White Sts.
   Tel: 212.519.6600
   Good location, but not quite as stylish as its SoHo sister.

7. Mercer Hotel
   147 Mercer St. @ Prince St.
   Tel: 212.966.6060
   A different hotel experience. Understated but confident, formal but receptive; there is no glitz here.

8. Doral Park Avenue
   70 Park Ave. @ 38th St.
   Tel: 212.687.7050
   A Park Ave. South institution. A longtime favorite of those doing business on the lower half of Manhattan.

9. The Gershwin
   7 E. 27th St. @ 5th Avenue
   Tel: 212.545.8000
   What is it about The Gershwin that makes it so popular? Is it the reasonable prices? Or, the energy of the young travelers pushing their through its doors? Or, the wisdom of the experienced travelers sitting in its lobby reminiscing? Or the Pop artwork on the walls. Or, its Funkiness? You decide.

10. Washington Square Hotel
    103 Waverly Place @ MacDougal St.
    Tel: 212.777.9515
    You won't feel like a tourist walking out of this hotel. This hotel has been around for ever serving those who want the “Village” experience. Famous writers, artists, collectors and sharp-eyed, European gallery owners have been coming through this hotel since the days of the beatniks. Ah, those were the days when being hip really meant something.
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The Top 10 Midtown West High-End Hotels

1. Essex House, Hotel Nikko, NY
   160 Central Park South @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.247.0300; 800.645.5687
   Recently renovated, you will not find a classier hotel, or one with better services. Additionally, the hotel houses Les Celebrites, one of the finest restaurants in the City.

2. The Royalton
   44 W. 44th St.
   Tel: 212.869.4400; 800.635.9013
   The decor is so modern, some may find it borders on bizarre. But, for pampering and celeb spotting, no hotel can top the Royalton.

3. The Ritz-Carleton
   112 Central Park South @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.757.1900, 800.241.3333
   For name recognition, the Ritz-Carleton is tops, as in “What do you think this is, the Ritz?” Here, at least, the reality lives up to the hype. The hotel is regularly updated to make sure they are giving you your money’s worth.

4. The Michelangelo
   152 W. 51st St.
   Tel: 212.765.1900; 800.241.3333
   The original Michelangelo would have gotten an itchy chisel finger with all of the marble in the lobby of this Italian-style hotel. Also, they serve high-quality, high-calorie Italian treats for breakfast instead of the traditional Continental breakfast.

5. Rihga Royal
   151 W. 54th St.
   Tel: 212.307.5000; 800.937.5454
   The Rihga Royal is not flashy, just well-appointed. The suites have great services for business people.

6. The Sherry-Netherland
   781 5th Ave. @ 59th St.
   Tel: 212.355.2800, 800.247.43.77
   A classic hotel with modern amenities, the Sherry-Netherland is a standard.

7. Algonquin
   59 W. 44th St.
   Tel: 212.840.6800; 800.548.0345
   Fans of early 20th Century literature will already recognize the name. The hotel also has a great cabaret venue.

8. Renaissance
   714 7th Ave @ 47th St.
   Tel: 212.765.7676; 800.628.5222
   Located near Broadway, this luxury hotel has a great view of Times Square.

9. The Shoreham
   33 W. 55th St.
   Tel: 212.247.6700; 800.553.3347
   Hyper-modern, this hotel looks a bit like the set from a sci-fi flick, but the accommodations are very comfortable.

10. Le Parker Meridian
    118 W. 57th St.
    Tel: 212.245.5000; 800.543.4300
    The sheer magnitude of this hotel may leave some feeling a bit cold, but you will get a great view of Central Park.
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The Top 10 Midtown West Moderate and Budget Hotels

1. The Mansfield
12 W. 44th St.
Tel: 212.944.6050; 800.255.5167
The Mansfield is a truly unique hotel that offers creative, well-considered services like 24-hour refreshments, a big-screen movie lounge, and free parking. (Yes, that does say free parking.)

2. Broadway Inn Bed and Breakfast
264 W. 46th St.
Tel: 212.997.9200; 800.826.6300
Given the price, you might be tricked into thinking the Broadway Inn Bed and Breakfast will be substandard. It is simple, but it is also clean and hospitable and the location can’t be beat.

3. The Wyndham
42 W. 58th St.
Tel: 212.753.3500; 800.257.111
The rooms are a bit shabby, but the price, location, and impressive art collection make up for the bare spots at the Wyndham.

4. Casablanca
147 W. 43rd St.
Tel: 212.867.1212
Patterned after the movie, if you have ever had the urge to say “Here’s looking at you, kid,” in the appropriate environs, Casablanca is the place to do it.

5. Ameritania
1701 Broadway @ 54th St.
Tel: 212.247.5000; 800.922.0330
Some consider the dark decor the last word in hipness. But most people stay here in hopes of being the target of a David Letterman gag.

6. The Gorham
136 W. 55th St.
Tel: 212.245.1800; 800.735.0710
The Gorham has comfortable, well-equipped rooms with kitchens.

7. Paramount
235 W. 46th St.
Tel: 212.764.5500; 800.225.7474
The Paramount features a hip attitude and teeny-tiny rooms.

8. Harold Square Hotel
14 W. 31st St.
Tel: 212.279.4017; 800.727.8888
The Harold Square Hotel has a historic atmosphere and creative, low-budget decoration. The best part is the price.

9. Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
851 8th Ave. @ 52nd St.
Tel: 212.581.4100; 800.654.2000
The Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel is a reasonably good hotel in a fun area.

10. Wentworth
59 W. 46th St.
Tel: 212.719.2300; 800.848.0200
This is a great hotel if you are on a tight budget.
The Top 10 Midtown East High-End Hotels

1. **Four Seasons**
   57 E. 57th St.
   Tel: 212.758.5700
   This is one of the great hotels of the world with I.M. Pei’s sharp clean lines in the lobby but opulent art deco rooms above. The service is crisp, the attention to detail is extraordinary, and the feeling of welcome is pronounced. It is very expensive, but then you will be treated like royalty.

2. **New York Palace**
   455 Madison Ave.
   Tel: 212.888.7000
   Home to not one, but two fine restaurants, New York Palace is an all around deluxe experience. To work off all the calories you consume at Cirque 2000 and Istana, check out the health club, which provides TVs and personal earphones on all machines. You can also gaze out on St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

3. **St. Regis**
   2 E. 55th St.
   Tel: 212.753.4500
   At the St. Regis, the rooms are as beautiful as the lobbies with chandeliers and marble bathrooms. If you can bring yourself to leave the room, consider eating in the hotel’s restaurant, Lespinasse, one of the finest in the city.

4. **Waldorf Astoria**
   301 Park Ave. @ 50th St.
   Tel: 212.355.3000
   The Waldorf Astoria is synonymous with the words “luxury accommodations.” The decor is classic and traditional.

5. **Hotel Elysse**
   60 E. 54th St.
   Tel: 212.753.1066
   The Hotel Elysse has an on-site masseuse and complimentary tea, coffee, and snacks in the Club Room. Some rooms have terraces, but you must make reservations early to get one.

6. **Regal UN Plaza**
   1 United Nations Plaza
   Tel: 212.758.1234
   Great for fitness buffs who like a view with their workouts, the Regal UN Plaza has a 27th floor swimming pool and rooftop tennis. Additionally, it is great for business travelers due to its proximity to the UN and 24-hour business center.

7. **Drake**
   440 Park Ave.
   Tel: 212.421.0900
   Another New York classic, the Swissotel-owned Drake features Swiss touches that make staying here a unique experience.

8. **Beekman Tower**
   3 Mitchell Pl.
   Tel: 212.355.7300
   Located near the UN, Beekman Tower has a refreshing rooftop bar and all suites are equipped with kitchens.

9. **Plaza Fifty**
   155 E. 50th St.
   Tel: 212.872.7272
   With its traditional yet comfortable feel, the Plaza Fifty is great for business travelers.

10. **The Regency**
    540 Park Ave. @ 61st St.
    Tel: 212.759.4100
    The Regency has a comfy library and a gorgeous lounge. The fixtures in the rooms are baroque and sparkly.
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The Top 10 Midtown East Moderate and Budget Hotels

1. The Tudor
   304 E. 42nd St. @ 1st Ave.
   Tel: 800.879.8836
   The Tudor has all the amenities of a luxury hotel and is often a bargain compared to other New York hotels.

2. Barbizon
   140 E. 63rd St.
   Tel: 212.888.4271
   Another “you can barely tell it from a luxury” hotel, Barbizon has renovated and is now a great place to stay. The three-floor spa is a special attraction.

3. Roger Smith
   501 Lexington @ 47th St.
   Tel: 212.755.1400
   You will not find a more unique setting in all of New York. Roger Smith is a popular art dealer in New York and his flair shows in the interior decoration of his hotel.

4. San Carlos
   150 E. 50th St.
   Tel: 212.755.1800
   Although not fancy, San Carlos is clean and safe. Besides, if you stay here, you can spend all the money you’re saving on fabulous meals.

5. Doral Inn
   541 Lexington Ave. @ 49th St.
   Tel: 212.755.1200
   The great location has its good and bad points. You are close to a lot of what you want to see, but everybody wants to be there so the public spaces can be crowded.

6. Lexington
   511 Lexington Ave. @ 48th St.
   Tel: 212.755.4400
   Like a little piece of Texas in the heart of the city, the dance club, Denim and Diamonds, is a big draw at this midtown hotel.

7. Vanderbilt YMCA
   224 E. 47th St.
   Tel: 212.756.9600
   Set up like a dorm, the Vanderbilt will remind you of your freshman year in college, only it’s probably much, much cleaner. Unlike the dorms, you have a full-scale health club on sight.

8. Pickwick Arms Hotel
   230 E. 51st St.
   Tel: 212.355.0500
   The rooms are diminutive and the hotel offers few services, but it is still a good bargain in an area where lodging prices border on the ridiculous.

9. Helmesley Middletowne
   148 E. 48th St. @ Lexington Ave.
   Tel: 212.755.3000
   Despite Leona’s intimidating reputation, Helmesley Hotels are always a good bet for a good hotel.

10. Beverly Hotel
    125 E. 50th St.
    Tel: 212.753.2700
    The Beverly offers a pretty atmosphere at non-astronomical prices.
The Top 10 Restaurants in New York

These are the very best restaurants in New York and among the best in the world. They are very expensive but worth it. They provide a glorious dining experience. The hosts are gracious and they will make sure your visit is a memorable one. Obviously, call well in advance for reservations.

1. Le Cirque 2000
New York Palace Hotel
455 Madison Ave. @ 50th St.
Tel: 212.794.9292
An outstanding dining experience of exquisitely prepared food, dramatic ambiance and pampering service. Serves French cuisine with extraordinarily delicious desserts. Popular with power players, but the food is the star.

2. Lespinasse
St. Regis Hotel
2 E. 55th St.
Tel: 212.339.6719
Elegant, refined, stunning to look at, and mesmerizing in its subtleties. You will be transported to a total environment of warm colors, overflowing flowers and delicious French food. A superb experience. If only every day could be like a Lespinasse day.

3. Daniel
60 east 65th St.
Tel: 212.288.0499
Everything a restaurant should be. A total dedication to outstanding food, service and hospitality. Ever in tune with the seasons, Daniel prepares excellent French food that is presented at the table with grace and care. The staff is very friendly and welcoming. A delightful dining experience.

4. Jean Georges
Trump International Hotel
1 Central Park West
Tel: 212.299.3900
Formal French food from a Master’s hands define this haute cuisine artistically presented. Here the Master creates, the staff responds, and you enjoy superb, leading-edge French cuisine.

5. Bouley Bakery
120 West Broadway @ Duane
Tel: 212-964-2525
This is a change of pace from the formal elegance of most of the pricey restaurants in this category. Originally, Bouley Bakery was an extraordinary bakery with a small cafe with exquisite French food. But the dining demand was so great that David Bouley had to expand. So he just changed the proportions. Now it’s a full restaurant with exquisite French food and a small extraordinary bakery. The food is inspired, the service outstanding and the experience delightful.

6. Four Seasons
99 E. 52nd St., The Seagram Building/Park Avenue
Tel: 212.754.9494
The Pool Room is like no other dining room in the world. A large reflector pool sits in the middle of a room with ceilings so high they don’t seem to exist. The food is excellent as is the service.

7. La Grenouille
3 E. 52nd St.
Tel: 212.752.1495
The First Lady of New York French restaurants. Just off Fifth Avenue, this is where Jackie O. loved to dine. Intimate and quiet with wonderfully delicious food and attentive service.

8. Alaine Ducasse
Essex House, 155 W. 58th St.
Tel: 212.265.7300
If you are serious about French Food this is the place for you. Alaine Ducasse is considered one of the top French chefs in the world with the stars and medals to prove it. The food is precisely prepared and elegantly served. The staff are attentive, respectful and wanting you to have a perfect dining experience. This is one of the most expensive restaurants in New York but they will cater to you like you were royalty of old. But it cries out for that old Broadway line “kick up your heels and live a little.”
9. Le Bernardin  
155 W. 51st St. @ 6th Ave.  
Tel: 212.489.1515  
Unbelievably delicious seafood with a French touch. A spacious, open room. Innovative, smart and imaginative cooking by a master who loves the bounty of the sea. Come, let yourself go, enjoy superb seafood and stunning deserts.

10. Chanterelle  
2 Harrison St. @ Hudson  
212.966.6960  
A careful, thoughtfully prepared work of art: the decor, the ambiance and especially the food. Everything is planned for you to have an exceptional dining experience. The food is superb, the service excellent and the ambience is elegant.
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1. Babbo
   110 Waverly Pl.
   Tel: 212.777.0303
   Babbo spoils its customers with innovative food, luscious wines and friendly ambiance. Downstairs in the carriage house is crowded and electric, upstairs is open and calm. The staff is diligent, the owners attentive and the meals are inspired. With an attractive location in the center of the Village, what more could anyone want for a night out Italian.

2. San Domenico
   240 Central Park South @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.265.5959
   San Domenico’s is grand Italian cooking seldom found anywhere anymore, not even in Italy. The food is classically prepared, the presentation is extravagant and the taste is extraordinarily delicious. This is expensive but you dine in an elegant room with spacious table settings and the host and staff are very attentive.

3. Felidia
   243 E. 58th St.
   Tel: 212.758.1479
   You’ve seen her on TV, now you can taste the glories of her Northern Italian cuisine. Yes, Lidia Bastianich of Lidia’s Italian Table is alive and well on Manhattan’s East Side. You’ll find her here most evenings greeting customers and making sure everything is “just right.” So, if you want to taste the wonders of her cooking you have seen for so many years on TV, this is the place for you.

4. Luca
   1712 First Ave.
   Tel: 212.987.9260
   Let’s have some fun. Let’s go to a place that’s crowded, noisy, colorful and full of excited chattering people enjoying top contemporary Italian food. It’s Luca’s of course. Inventive dishes, attentive chef and relaxed locals make this one of the hot spots on the Upper East Side.

5. Da Silvano
   260 Sixth Ave.
   Tel: 212.228.6144
   Popular among celebrities, this upscale Tuscan restaurant cooks for an interesting crowd of people in calculated dress-down attire. Fabulous food and lively sidewalk seating in the Village guarantees you will have a very New York experience.

6. Le Zie
   172 Seventh Ave at 21st St.
   Tel: 212.206.8686
   Ah, the sophisticated tastes of Venice, where Eastern spices first entered Europe. Romantic Venice, of lovers’ swoons in floating gondolas. Le Zie brings all that romance and sophisticated tastes to an extraordinary evening of delicious Venetian food. Not to be missed.

7. Viceversa
   325 W. 51st St.
   Tel: 212.399.9265
   This Northern Italian restaurant near Broadway is a handsome setting of modern Italian design; the food is meticulously prepared, elegantly presented and simply delicious. A great performance. Bravo. Encore.

8. Palio
   151 W. 51st St.
   Tel: 212.245.4850
   A stunningly attractive Italian restaurant whose stylish clientele return again and again for the near-perfect Italian food, service, and ambience.

9. Da Umberto
   107 W. 17th @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.989.0303
   An exhilarating, full-experience restaurant with outstanding food, attractive decor, friendly staff, and terrific desserts. A favorite among Manhattanites.

10. Chianti
    1043 2nd Ave. @ 55th St.
    Tel: 212.980.8686
    They make you feel at home, they take pride in their professional service, they explain the subtleties of the menu, and then they present you with a delightful, flavorful meal that exceeds your expectations. What could be better?
The Top 10 French Restaurants

While the Top 10 Restaurants in New York are primarily French cuisine, they are not the only French restaurants in town. Here are the other best in the City.

1. **Balthazar**  
   80 Spring Street @ Crosby St.  
   Tel: 212.965.1414  
   A French brasserie with outstanding food, beautiful people, desserts to die for, excitement in the air, glistening woodwork, busy waiters dashing about, laughter and chatter filling the room; what more could anyone want from a restaurant?

2. **The Brasserie**  
   100 E. 53rd St.  
   Tel: 212.751.4840  
   Stylish and dramatic, this revitalized brasserie breaks the mold and sets the standards for brasseries around the world. A sweeping staircase leads to an open dining room and terrific contemporary French food. Once seated you can watch other beautiful people make their entrance down the grand staircase.

3. **La Cote Basque**  
   60 E. 55th Street  
   Tel: 212.688.6525  
   Consistently fine French cooking, professional and respectful service, and expansive desserts have been bringing back loyal fans again and again for years. Classic New York.

4. **Destinee**  
   134 E. 61st St.  
   Tel: 212.888.1220  
   Le Grand Cuisine trumps nouveau Cuisine in the hands of star chef Jean-Yves Schillinger. It’s a return to the cooking classics that made French meals so famous.

5. **Raouls**  
   180 Prince St.  
   Tel: 212.966.3518  
   SoHo’s neighborhood bistro of outstanding French food. Serves until 2:30a.m., filling the tables with sophisticated New Yorkers who can’t go to bed without a delicious French meal.

6. **L'Absinthe**  
   227 E. 67th St.  
   Tel: 212.794.4950  
   A chic, sidewalk, Parisian-style bistro with an impeccable wine list and excellent, contemporary, French fare.

7. **Provence**  
   38 McDougal St., SoHo  
   Tel: 212.475.500  
   This quiet, relaxed restaurant boasts a civilized garden setting, a great wine list, and incredible food.

8. **Le Regence**  
   Hotel Plaza Athenee, 37 E. 64th St.  
   Tel: 212.606.4647  
   This restaurant combines exceptional food with attentive service and an opulent, yet subdued, ambiance.

9. **Cafe des Artists**  
   1 W. 67th St.  
   Tel: 212.877.3500  
   For a transporting dining experience, look no further. Cafe des Artists is one of the most romantic restaurant in New York. Reserve your table well in advance.

10. **Park Bistro**  
    414 Park Avenue South @ 28th St.  
    Tel: 212.689.1360  
    This crowded, charming little bistro is like a bit of Paris in Manhattan.
The Top 10 Seafood Restaurants

1. Le Bernardin
   155 W. 51st St.
   Tel: 212.489.1515
   Unbelievably delicious seafood with a French touch. Spacious, open room. Innovative, smart, imaginative cooking by a master who loves the bounty of the sea. Come, let yourself go, enjoy superb seafood and stunning deserts.

2. Aquagrill
   210 Spring St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.274.0505
   A standout raw bar, affordable prix fixe lunch specials and, of course, ambrosial grilled fish have New Yorkers lining up. Join them for a memorable dining experience.

3. Oceana
   55 E. 54th St. @ Park Ave.
   Tel: 212.759.5941
   Elegant, yet unassuming, Oceana is a favorite with New Yorkers who love its fresh, impeccably-prepared seafood.

4. Cello
   53 E. 77th St.
   Tel: 212.517.1200
   Seafood with the French touch. Service with French precision. Dining with French elegance. This is a dress up, come to dine restaurant specializing in seafood prepared with French flavors and ingredients. A wonderful dining experience.

5. Esca
   402 W. 43rd St.
   Tel: 212.564.7272
   What great things Italians can do with seafood. At Esca’s you’ll enjoy great Italian sauces and beautiful fresh fish. Experience the gusto that Italians bring to a meal, but now built around a wide variety of delectable fish. He wants Italian, she wants seafood. They’ll both love Esca’s. Everybody else does.

6. Pearl Oyster Bar
   18 Cornelia St.
   Tel: 212.691.8211
   New England seafood in Manhattan. Do they pack them in here for the oysters, or the chowder or the lobsters? Or is it just transplanted New Englanders trying to get a touch of home. But pack them in they do. So if it’s traditional New England seafood you want this is the place for you. You can’t get a better lobster roll outside of Maine.

7. Docks Oyster Bar and Seafood Grill
   2427 Broadway
   Tel: 212.724.5588
   A lively, friendly fish house that has been serving delightful seafood dishes to demanding New Yorkers for years. If you want delicious seafood in a lively New York atmosphere where the experience is as much fun as the food, this is the place for you.

8. Oyster Bar and Restaurant
   Grand Central Terminal, 42nd St. (On lower level)
   Tel: 212.490.6650
   You won’t be sure if you’re there for the ambience or the food. Situated in the cavernous, tiled halls below Grand Central Station, The Oyster Bar is perfect for lunch.

9. Manhattan Ocean Club
   57 W. 58th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.371.7777
   This refined restaurant boasts fabulous food in a luxurious and subdued setting. A well-chosen wine list rounds out the Ocean Club’s offerings.

10. The Captain’s Table
    860 Second Ave. @ 46th St.
    Tel: 212.697.9538
    A basic, friendly, traditional fish house. A favorite of New Yorkers who want their fish fresh and delicious in a nautical setting.
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The Top 10 Steakhouses

1. Peter Luger
   178 Broadway @ Driggs Ave., Brooklyn
   Tel: 718.387.7400
   New York’s number one steakhouse. Located in Brooklyn, it is one of the only reasons many Manhattanites cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. This is a trip back to old New York (1890s) when steaks were the mainstay of the hard-driving New Yorkers’ diets. The ambience is turn-of-the-century with waiters and tables that seem to have been around since that time. The steaks are delicious, the servings are large and the side dishes are excellent. Don’t ask for a menu, they’re well past that. Credit cards not accepted, cash only.

2. Smith and Wollenskey
   201 E. 49th St.
   Tel: 212.753.0444
   One of Midtown’s best steakhouses. A restaurant that has ignored the trends and fads. They just serve generous, delicious steaks in an intimate steakhouse setting. They have a loyal following that keeps coming back year after year. After you have been there you’ll understand why.

3. Spark’s Steakhouses
   210 E. 46th St.
   Tel: 212.687.4855
   Perfect for a business dinner, Sparks boasts an impressive wine list as well as lobster and aged steaks.

4. Michael Jordan’s: The Steak House
   Grand Central Terminal
   23 Vanderbilt Ave.
   Tel: 212.655.2300
   Michael has put together a quiet, classy restaurant with steaks and traditional American food. The food is excellent, the service is responsive, and the atmosphere subdued. Basketball is non-existent inside the dining room. This is Michael Jordan, the man of taste.

5. Bull & Bear
   Waldorf-Astoria Hotel
   301 Park Ave. @ 49th St.
   Tel: 212.872.4900
   A men’s club feeling with regulars who order “the usual.” The location is just right for the Park Avenue executives who still want two Martinis before they dig into a large juicy steak. The steaks are tasty and the ambience is all business.

6. Post House
   The Lowell Hotel, 23 E. 63rd St. @ Park Ave.
   Tel: 212.935.2888
   This elegant steakhouse is an appealing place for a romantic dinner. Its varied menu includes seafood and the wine list is a winner.

7. Palm
   837 2nd Ave. @ 44th St.
   Tel: 212.687.2953
   The servings are big, the waiters play surly, and a good time is had by all.

8. Gallagher’s Steakhouse
   228 W. 52nd St. @ Broadway Ave.
   Tel: 212.245.5336
   This theater district restaurant is a New York classic with a sophisticated clientele and a cigar-puffing bar scene.

9. Keen’s Steakhouse
   72 W. 36th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.947.3636
   Tradition abounds in this 110-year old steakhouse. Great steaks and great scotch will please the old boys club.

10. Angelo and Maxie’s Steakhouse
    233 Park Avenue South @ 19th Ave.
    Tel: 212.220.920
    This trendy new steakhouse attracts a young crowd. The cigar-friendly bar is packed on weekday afternoons.
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1. Republic
   37 Union Sq. W @ 16th St.
   Tel: 212.627.7172
   What a place. It’s a big hall loaded with tables and people and waiters and the food keeps coming, the people keep coming, everybody’s busy talking, everybody’s busy eating, waiters are rushing about, the food keeps tasting better and better and the place is cheap. Hey, what could be better? No pretensions here. Just terrific food, people-watching, service, ambiance and price. Ah, if only the rest of the world could be that way.

2. Rain
   100 W. 82nd St.
   Tel: 212.501.0776
   This is not your mother’s Asian restaurant. Sleek and polished, this pan-Asian restaurant caters to the trendy crowds of the East Side and West Side. It’s a comfortable atmosphere to enjoy traditional Southeast Asian food.

3. Cendrillon
   43 Mercer St. @ Grand St., SoHo
   Tel: 212.343.9012
   This is an upscale Filipino/Asian restaurant. Because the Philippines is located between many cultures and has been influenced by many cultures the food is a wonderful culmination of those influences. One can taste the influences of Malaysia, China, India, Spain, Thailand and the Philippines itself. If you want Asian but in an attractive, traditional restaurant, then the Cendrillon is your choice.

4. Ruby Foo’s
   1626 Broadway @ 49th St.
   Tel: 212.489.5600
   Busy, crowded, exciting and good. It’s a Chinese/Japanese pan-Asian restaurant with a lot of other Asian side dishes thrown in. The service is excellent and the food the same. It’s an experience.

5. Le Colonial
   149 E. 57th St.
   Tel: 212.752.0808
   Le Colonial takes your back to the Saigon of French Indo-China. It has ceiling fans and rattan and Vietnamese and French waiters. The food is French-Vietnamese with a touch of American.

6. Indochine
   430 Lafayette St. @ 4th St.
   Tel: 212.505.5111
   Introduced the new wave of Southeast Asian cooking to New York. This is elegant dining in a handsome setting with beautiful people all about. (It used to be a hang-out for super models.) The gourmet Vietnamese food with a French influence is delightful and makes for a delicious evening of dining.

7. Mekong
   44 Prince Street @ Mott
   Tel: 212.343.8169
   Lively, noisy and filled with people enjoying themselves, this Vietnamese restaurant is a SoHo favorite. The food is terrific, the waiters are friendly and the ambiance is very relaxed.

8. Saigon Grill
   2381 Broadway
   Tel: 212.875.9072
   On the otherwise pricey Upper West Side, Saigon Grill serves up low-cost, delicious Vietnamese treats in fast-food style. Large portions compensate for the less-than-perfect staff and occasional long waits.

9. La Soiree D’Asie
   165 E. 64th St.
   Tel: 212.421.7899
   A marvelous staircase marks the entrance to this elegantly designed French-Vietnamese restaurant in a lovely Upper East Side location. The clientele is mainly local and the atmosphere perfect for a calm soiree. Alas, the atmosphere may be better than the food itself.

10. Kin Khao
    171 Spring Street @ Thompson St.
    Tel: 212.966.3939
    This trendy SoHo Thai joint oozes coolness and celebrities. The fabulous selection of regional Thai specialties alters every month. The place may get so packed it’s too close for comfort, but the delicious food is well worth it.
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The Top 10 Japanese Restaurants

There are a large number of Japanese living in the New York area and they are very demanding when it comes to their food. So, New York has a large number of excellent Japanese cuisine restaurants.

1. Nobu
105 Hudson St. @ Franklin St
Tel: 212.219.0500
The best Japanese restaurant in America. Nobu is surprisingly unpretentious and relaxed. Its chef, a former star of a Japanese cooking show, gives his dishes a Peruvian touch. All meals are artfully prepared and exquisitely presented. Nobu boasts celebrity clientele, pleasant interior, and impeccable service. You’ll need reservations days (maybe weeks) ahead.

2. Sugiyama
2511 West 55th Street @ Broadway
Tel: 212-956-0670
A rising star in the sky of Japanese restaurants in the City, Sugiyama owes its rapid success to a superb chef who cooks up immaculate contemporary dishes. Most items on the menu are little known so let your imagination run wild. The food, the service, the interior, and the prices are all the same: divine.

3. Nobu Next Door
105 Hudson Stree @ Franklin St.
Tel: 212-2190500
Yes, the same high quality as its famous brother next door but with significant differences: 1. No reservations. 2. Less formal. 3. More eclectic crowd. But with one similarity: high demand to get in and experience the best Japanese food in Manhattan.

4. Sushi Samba
245 Park Ave. South @ 19th Street
Tel: 212.475.9377
Talk about fusion! The cool precision of Japan meets the hot spice of South America. Wow! Who would have thought it? And it works. Hot, sexy and packed, this is the place for that very different experience. Sushi will never be the same.

5. Sono
106 East 57th Street
212-752-4411
After several years at the French La Caravelle, Tadashi Ono embraces his Japanese heritage. The result is Sono, a “garden enhanced by a man,” which blends Japanese and French cuisine in a unique, exquisite style. The clientele is mostly local and the interior is soothing. The polite staff tops the atmosphere fit for a fine, relaxing meal.

6. Tomoe Sushi
172 Thompson St. (between Bleecker and Houston Sts.)
Tel: 212.475.0969
The Village’s best sushi joint attracts a diverse crowd of locals, students, and tourists. The lines may be too long, but the food is too good to give up.

7. Sushizen
57 W. 46th St. (between 5th and 6th Aves.), Midtown West
Tel: 212.302.0707
The lofty prices are worth it, say veterans of this sushi staple. Check out the “interesting” hand rolls, a Sushizen signature. The outdoor garden mirrors the menu, changing seasonally.

8. Yama
122 E. 17 St. (Irving place)
Tel: 212.475.0969
The bargain here is the enormous portions of sushi piled onto your plate. (It’s crowded for a reason, a good reason.)

9. Kuruma Zushi
7 E. 47th St.
Tel: 212.317.2802
This restaurant may be more Japanese than some in Japan. The chef presents sushi treats that are incredibly delicious and jokes with customers at the bar. The prices are steep, but the reward is priceless.

10. Benihana
47 W. 56th St. (between 5th and 6th Aves.)
Tel: 212.381.0930
Benihana is still a terrific, fresh, Japanese steakhouse experience.
The Top 10 Mexican Restaurants

It’s been commonly said that you can get better Mexican food in New York than you can in Mexico. Check out our favorites.

1. **Maya**  
*1191 First Ave.*  
*Tel.: 212.585.1818*  
Mexican haute cuisine. A contradiction in terms or a new breakthrough in cooking? Maya’s delightful dishes answer that question in the affirmative. Maya’s chefs add polish and finesse to the rich flavors and textures of Mexico’s cultural ingredients. The result is a delicious adventure of the palate. It’s expensive, but it may be the best Mexican food in the world.

2. **Rosa Mexicano**  
*1063 1st Ave. (@ 57th St., Midtown East*  
*Tel.: 212.753.7407*  
Considered by many to be the best Mexican food on the Eastern seaboard, Rosa’s makes guacamole to your specifications.

3. **Zarela**  
*953 2nd Ave. (@ 50th St., Midtown East*  
*Tel.: 212.262.8080*  
Step into Mexico in Midtown Manhattan. This lively, colorful, friendly restaurant brings regulars back again and again. It has a wide range of Mexican dishes. The whole experience is festive and fun. There’s something about Mexican food that says that’s the way it should be.

4. **Mi Cocina**  
*57 Jane St. @ Hudson St., West Village*  
*Tel.: 212.627.8273*  
This restaurant elevates Mexican food to “Mexican cuisine” with elaborate dishes based on old favorites. You’ll never be able to think about Mexican food the same way again. Mi Cocina has a strong following among those who love Mexican food but want a more gourmet presentation. Mi Cocina is their place. Try it and it will be yours.

5. **Mexico Lindo**  
*459 Second Ave.*  
*Tel.: 212.679.3665*  
Beautiful, colorful or pretty, take your pick, but your first impression will be how pleasant to the eyes is this attractive restaurant. A mixture of Mexican and Spanish cuisine creates an exuberant taste experience. In its second generation of family management it has a strong following.

6. **Mexicana Mama**  
*525 Hudson St.*  
*Tel.: 212.924.4119*  
How many angels can dance on the head of a pin? Try Mexicana Mama and you’ll have some idea. It seems like everybody in SoHo wants to get into this tiny Mexican restaurant. The food is terrific, the service is fast and the location in SoHo makes it ideal for a night out in the heart of the action.

7. **Maz Mezcal**  
*316 E. 86th St.*  
*Tel.: 212.472.1599*  
A touch of Mexico on the Upper East Side. Newly renovated and always packed, Maz Mezcal will give you the Mexican fix you need when no other cuisine will do. A local favorite.

8. **Gabriela’s**  
*311 Amsterdam Ave.*  
*Tel.: 212.875.8532*  
Mexico City in New York City, Gabriela’s will charm you with its ambiance and seduce you with its food.

9. **Zocalo**  
*174 E. 82nd St. @ 3rd Ave.*  
*Tel.: 212.717.7772*  
A conspicuously upscale restaurant, Zocalo aims high with tasty dishes and attractive decor.

10. **Cafe Espanol**  
*172 Bleecker St. @ MacDougal St., Washington Square*  
*Tel.: 212.505.0657*  
Check out the Sangria and cool off in the dimmed dining room for the standard high quality, low cost dining.
The Top 10 Vegetarian Restaurants

Most restaurants have vegetarian items on their menus, but for a great selection, guaranteed, visit one of these restaurants, known for their creative and varied vegetarian fare.

1. Hangawi
12 E. 32nd St.
Tel: 212.213.0077
Take off your shoes, sit at low tables and get ready for one of the best vegetarian dining experiences in Manhattan. Exquisite Korean food and a serene atmosphere make Hangawi an excellent choice for a special occasion.

2. Chola
232 E. 58th St.
Tel: 212.688.4619
Imaginative and flavorful Southern Indian food that will have you raving at how great vegan food can be.

3. Pongal
110 Lexington Ave. @ 27th St.
Tel: 212.696.9458
This purely vegetarian mecca of a restaurant boasts the best South Indian cuisine in the City. The food is all kosher and the decor testifies to the restaurant’s Jewish influences. The service may be a tad slow, but you’ll leave home satisfied.

4. Josie’s
300 Amsterdam Ave.
Tel: 212.769.1212
Specializing in organic, dairy-free delights, Josie’s is a perfect place for the ultimate health food fanatic.

5. Mavalli Palace
46 E. 29th St.
Tel: 212.679.5535
Flavorful Southern Indian food at low prices is the specialty at Mavalli Palace, one of the best Indian restaurants in Murray Hill.

6. Vatan
409 3rd Ave. @ 29th St.
Tel: 212.689.5666
Terrific ambiance that transports you to an inspired world of delicious vegetarian food.

7. Angelica Kitchen
300 E. 12th St.
Tel: 212.228.2909
This vegetarian haven specializes in organic, imaginative cuisine. Its laid-back atmosphere and reasonable prices make it a great escape from the city.

8. Vegetarian Paradise
144 W. Fourth St. @ 6th Avenue
33 Mott Street @ Pell St.
Chinese-vegetarian tofu paradise.
What could be better?

9. The Sanctuary
25 First Ave.
Tel: 212.780.9786
The meditative atmosphere of this vegan restaurant provides a true sanctuary from the rush and meat-crazed New York.

10. Zen Palate
663 Ninth Avenue @ 46th St.
Tel: 212.582.1669
Buddhist monks vegetarian food in the heart of New York. Ignore the Ninth Avenue traffic and be transported to a world of peace, calm and veggie delights.
# The Top 10 Indian Restaurants

1. **Tabla**  
   11 Madison Ave. @ 25th St.  
   Tel: 212.889.0667  
   Elegant and spacious with superior mastery of Indian spices, there is no better place to experience classic Indian food. The staff and management are committed to providing a top flight dining experience and they achieve it. But then you pay for it; it’s expensive, but the total experience is worth it.

2. **Dawat**  
   210 E. 58th St.  
   Tel: 212.486.5700  
   This is a traditional favorite of East Side diners who love the welcoming nature of the host and staff and the masterful creations of exquisite Indian food from the Master Chef.

3. **Tamarind**  
   43 E. 22nd St.  
   Tel: 212.674.7400  
   Outstanding flavorful Indian cooking in a stylish, contemporary design restaurant with a management committed to excellence in food, service and ambiance. A delightful dining experience.

4. **Pongal**  
   110 Lexington Ave. @ 27th St.  
   Tel: 212.696.9458  
   This purely vegetarian mecca of a restaurant boasts the best South Indian cuisine in the City. The food is all kosher and the decor testifies to the restaurant’s Jewish influences. The service may be a tad slow, but you’ll leave home satisfied.

5. **Salaam Bombay**  
   317 Greenwhich St @ Duane St.  
   Tel: 212.226.9400  
   Spicy and creative North Indian dishes are some of the best in New York. It’s like being in Bombay. Occasional sitar music fills the serene atmosphere.

6. **Bukhara Grill**  
   217 E. 49th St. @ Second Ave.  
   Tel: 212.888.2839; 212.888.2849  
   Exquisite North Indian dishes in an exotic wooden interior with a waterfall. Attentive staff completes a wonderful dining experience.

7. **Tiffin**  
   18 Murray St. @ Broadway  
   Tel: 212.791.3510  
   Don’t expect the typical Indian fare—Tiffin prides itself in non-traditional specialties. The excellent service, the delightful food, and the swing where you may rest after dinner create a homey ambiance.

8. **Nirvana**  
   30 Central Park S.  
   Tel: 212.486.5700  
   Set in a penthouse overlooking Central Park this restaurant presents an Indian experience that is totally encompassing with carefully prepared food flavored with delightful Indian spices served in a room with lush Indian decor set high over the world’s most famous park.

9. **India Grill**  
   240 E. 81st St. @ 2nd Ave.  
   Tel: 212.988.4646  
   Dark colors, traditional sitar music and waitresses in sarongs is not the only way to enjoy Indian food. This is a contemporary Indian restaurant with bright colors, neon and young Indian clientele. This is India today.

10. **Jewel of India**  
   15 W. 44th St.  
   Tel: 212.869.5544  
   Specializing in spicy fare, this restaurant offers excellent pre-theater meals.
The Top 10 Chinese Restaurants

There are times when there is nothing better than a Chinese meal. New York has some of the best Chinese restaurants outside of Beijing.

1. Tse Yang
34 E. 51st St.
Tel: 212.688.5447
This is a New York style luxury restaurant with a commitment to Grand Cuisine Chinese food. The food is excellent, the service polished and the ambiance sophisticated.

2. Shun Lee Palace
155 E. 55th St. @ Lexington Ave.
Tel: 212.371.8844
Here you will be stepping into a dramatic, totally involving world of Chinese opulence that will capture your imagination and transport you into the world of Chinese dynasties. The food is extravagant, the presentation flamboyant and the taste is extraordinary.

3. Mr. Chow
324 E. 57th St.
Tel: 212.751.9030
The haute Chinese cuisine of Mr. Chow is imaginatively prepared and beautifully served for an exquisite dining experience. This is a favorite of the Power Brokers of New York.

4. Canton
45 Division St. @ Bowery St.
Tel: 212.226.4441
Chinatown’s best Cantonese restaurant with outstanding food and a low-keyed atmosphere. The best stoop when doing Chinatown.

5. Shun Lee Cafe
43 W. 65th St.
Tel: 212.769.3888
This restaurant serves the Lincoln Center crowd with fine Chinese food. It is less expensive than its upscale big brother. This is where sleek ballet dancers and buffo opera singers from Lincoln Center dine side-by-side at the Cafe’s luncheon specials.

6. Chin Chin
216 E. 49th St. @ 2nd Ave.
Tel: 212.888.4555
This elegant gourmet Chinese restaurant is a great place for a business lunch or a leisurely dinner. The service is superlative and the food imaginative.

7. Chiam
160 E. 48th St.
Tel: 212.371.2323
The hip and beautiful hang out in Chiam, a trendy, midtown spot with outstanding dishes and an extensive wine menu.

8. Grand Sichuan
125 Canal St. @ Bowery
Tel: 212.625.9212
745 9th Ave. @ 50th St.
Tel: 212.582.2288
The best Szechwan food you’ll find in America. Not glamorous but the food is delicious.

9. Joe’s Shanghai
9 Pell St. @ Bowery St.
Tel: 212.233.8888
This restaurant is a favorite with New York’s Asian community. Go early or prepare for a long wait.

10. Shanghai Cuisine
89 Bayard St.
Tel: 212.732.8988
Startling 1930’s movie posters decorate this Chinatown oasis of great regional dishes from Shanghai. The food tastes better than in most of Chinatown, but is just as cheap.
The Top 10 American Restaurants

New York has the greatest variety of outstanding restaurants in the world. Among them are terrific, classic American restaurants. Here are the best.

1. Peter Luger
   178 Broadway @ Driggs Ave., Brooklyn
   Tel: 718.387.7400
   New York’s number one steakhouse is one of the only reasons many Manhattanites cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Credit cards not accepted, cash only.

2. Michael Jordan’s: The Steak House
   Grand Central Terminal
   23 Vanderbilt Ave.
   Tel: 212.655.2300
   What could be more American than Michael Jordan? Michael has put together a quiet, classy restaurant with steaks and traditional American food. The food is excellent, the service is responsive, and the atmosphere subdued. Basketball is non-existent inside the dining room. This is Michael Jordan, the man of taste.

3. Aureole
   34 E. 61st St.
   Tel: 212.319.1660
   This midtown restaurant will make you proud to be a Yank, with the highest quality American food anywhere. It’s impossible to save room for the exquisite desserts, so Aureole may justify two trips.

4. Union Square Cafe
   21 E. 16th St.
   Tel: 212.243.4020
   The Union Square Cafe is another of New York’s favorite restaurants. After just one meal there, you’ll know why. The friendly atmosphere, top-notch food, service and low prices make it a winner.

5. Post House
   The Lowell Hotel,
   23 E. 63rd St.
   Tel: 212.935.2888
   This elegant steakhouse is an appealing place for a romantic dinner. Its varied menu includes seafood and the wine list is a winner.

6. Maloney and Porcelli
   37 E. 50th St.
   Tel: 212.750.2233
   Imaginative presentation and excellent service make Maloney and Porcelli the place to impress guests.

7. Gramercy Tavern
   42 E. 20th St.
   Tel: 212.477.0777
   People come from far and wide for the nightly specials and the extensive wine list. This place is popular, so get your reservations far in advance.

8. March
   405 E. 58th St.
   Tel: 212.750.6272
   The New American cuisine is perfect for a special occasion, and the highly American decor is the perfect cadre for this haute American cuisine.

9. Arcadia
   21 E. 62nd St.
   Tel: 212.233.2900
   Close quarters make up this haven for the New American cuisine. A “hot” place for the Upper east side crowd. Attractive people, outstanding food, electric ambience; what more could you want for dining out?

10. Gotham Bar and Grill
    12 E. 12th St.
    Tel: 212.620.4020
    This New York classic is a favorite with locals. The food is imaginative, the atmosphere is right for business dinners, and the service never disappoints.
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The Top 10 Power Restaurants

These are the city’s most popular deal-making restaurants. They are impressive places to meet for business lunches, drinks, or dinner.

1. The “21” Club
21 W. 52nd St.
Tel: 212.582.7200
A 19th hole country club setting with power brokers talking the inside game in a relaxed atmosphere. Some of the most powerful business leaders in America walk down 52nd Street and casually drop into the their club, but you are welcome as well. The hosts make sure you feel at home. The food is very good, the drinks are excellent, and the atmosphere is unique. You’ll recognize many of the faces from the pages of Fortune.

2. Four Seasons Grill
Seagram Building/Park Avenue
99 E. 52nd St.
Tel: 212.754.9494
This is the East Side version of the West Side club. Excellent food, informal atmosphere, terrific drinks, power at every table; hey, that’s why people come to New York. Go and soak up the atmosphere.

3. Bull & Bear
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel
301 Park Ave. @ 49th St.
Tel: 212.872.4900
Has a men’s club feeling with regulars who order “the usual.” The location is just right for the Park Avenue executives who still want two Martinis before they dig into a large juicy steak. The steaks are tasty and the ambience is all business

4. Michael Jordan’s: The Steak House
Grand Central Station
23 Vanderbilt Ave.
Tel: 212.655.2300
Michael Jordan’s is becoming a player in the power venue. This is because Michael has put together a quiet, class restaurant with steaks and traditional American food. The food is excellent, the service is responsive and that atmosphere subdued. This is Michael Jordan, the man of taste.

5. Smith and Wollenskey
201 E. 49th St.
Tel: 212.753.0444
One of Midtown’s best steakhouses; it has ignored the trends and fads. They just serve generous, delicious steaks in an intimate steakhouse setting.

6. Gotham Bar and Grill
12 E. 12th St.
Tel: 212.620.4020
This New York classic is a favorite with locals. The food is imaginative, the atmosphere is just right for business diners and the service never disappoints.

7. Maloney and Porcelli
37 E. 50th St.
Tel: 212.750.2233
Maloney and Porcelli’s energetic service, enormous steaks and fresh seafood make it a winner for business dining. The good old boys will enjoy the bar, where cigars are welcome.

8. Harry Cipriani
Sherry Netherland Hotel
781 5th Ave.
Tel: 212.753.5566
The setting and cuisine at Harry Cipriani is so authentic, you’ll think you’re in Venice. If you don’t have time for dinner, stop by the bar for a drink and enjoy the atmosphere.

9. Park Avenue Café
100 E. 63rd St.
Tel: 212.644.1900
The Park Avenue Café serves stylish food to a buttoned-up, sophisticated clientele. Save room for one of their exquisite desserts.

10. Carlyle Restaurant
Carlyle Hotel,
35 E. 76th St.
Tel: 212.744.1600
The Uptown power venue with an elegant dining experience. The menu is French, the service impeccable, and the mood subdued. For the quiet deal away from the limelite.
The Top 10 Inexpensive Restaurants

1. **La Bonne Soup**  
   45 W. 55th St. @ 6th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.586.7650  
   Soups, fondus, French breads and salads. What more could one want from a neat French bistro experience on the cheap?

2. **La Crepe de Bretagne**  
   46 W. 56th Street @ 6th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.245.4565  
   A compact French restaurant with a great selection of delicious crepes served by a friendly staff that will make you feel at home, as if home were a neighborhood bistro in Paris.

3. **Little Saigon**  
   658 9th Ave. @ 46th St.  
   Tel: 212.956.0639  
   Maybe the cheapest spot in the Theater District for a pre-theater meal.

4. **Le Tableau**  
   511 E. 5th St. @ Avenue B  
   Tel: 212.260.1333  
   You want inexpensive, but you still want a dining-out in New York experience. This is the place.

5. **Mayrose**  
   920 Broadway @ 21st St.  
   Tel: 212.289.8226  
   Some places people just like to go to. This is one of them. Models, bankers, secretaries and vagabonds gravitate to Mayrose. Don’t ask why, just go.

6. **Good Enough to Eat**  
   483 Amsterdam Ave. @ 83rd St.  
   Tel: 212.496.0163  
   The name says it all, or should it be “Good Enough to Eat at a Low Price”.

7. **Silk Road Palace**  
   447B Amsterdam Ave. @ 82nd St.  
   Tel: 212.580.6294  
   West Side Chinese food in a somber West Side environment, but still good food at a low price.

8. **Cafe Mozart**  
   154 W. 70th St. @ Broadway  
   Tel: 212.595.9797  
   This is where the starving artists of Lincoln Center eat because they get inspirational food at a low price.

9. **Jazz Mine**  
   1619 2nd Ave. @ 84th St.  
   Tel: 212.517.8854  
   It’s a Thai restaurant that provides exotic meals at a reasonable price.

10. **Lombardi’s**  
    32 Spring St. @ Mott  
    Tel: 212.941.7994  
    Brickoven pizza at its best. One of the top pizza places in all of New York.
The Top 10 Pre-Theater Restaurants

These restaurants are located in the Theatre District and know how to make sure you have an outstanding meal and still make it to opening curtain.

1. **Le Bernardin**
   155 W. 51st St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.489.6151
   This is one performance that should not be distracted by a Broadway show. However, if you want the best in pre-theater dining, this is it. Unbelievably delicious seafood with a French touch. Spacious, open room. Innovative, smart, imaginative cooking by a master who loves the bounty of the sea. Come, let yourself go, enjoy superb seafood and stunning deserts.

3. **Judson Grill**
   152 W. 52nd St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.582.5252
   Open, fresh and full of energy, this dynamic restaurant offers some of the best food on the West Side. A first class act all the way, it’s your ticket to a terrific theater evening.

3. **District**
   Muse Hotel, 130 W. 46th St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.485.2999
   Right in the heart of the theater district is the District, an innovative restaurant of New American food with all the dazzle, glitter, and satisfaction of a top Broadway show.

4. **Joe Allen**
   326 W. 46th St. @ 8th Ave.
   Tel: 212.581.6464
   This is where the young movers and shakers of today’s theater meet. Broadway and Off-Broadway cross pollinate here. You’ve seen them on the stage now watch them co-mingle sans make-up, costumes, and scripted lines.

5. **Orso**
   322 W. 46th St. @ 8th Ave.
   Tel: 212.489.7212
   Today’s Sardi’s where theater deals are made, property-rights negotiated and actors coldly dissected. Leave art at the door please, this is where the business of theater gets done.

6. **Chez Josephine**
   414 W. 42nd St.
   Tel: 212.594.1925
   Named after the legendary Josephine Baker, Chez Josephine is a sure bet. The food and atmosphere set the tone for the evening perfectly. Also, if you are lucky, you may catch some of the impromptu entertainment that often occurs at this fun, little bistro.

7. **Casa Di Meglio**
   235 W. 48th St. @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.582.6577
   A gracious restaurant, this serves terrific Italian food for happy patrons going off to a grand Broadway show. Reasonably priced.

8. **Le Madeleine**
   403 W. 43rd St. @ 9th Ave.
   Tel: 212.246.2993
   A little French bistro serving New York theater goers for years with a delightful French cuisine.

9. **Palm West**
   250 W. 50th St. @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.333.7256
   Steaks in the heart of the Theater District. Solid, prime-cut food that will stick with you through all three acts and then some.

10. **Sardi’s**
    234 W. 44th St. @ Broadway
    Tel: 212.221.8440
    New York’s classic theater restaurant filled with history and tradition. If you’re a longtime follower of New York theater, a visit to Sardi’s is a must.
The Top 10 Restaurants With a View

1. Top of the Tower: Beekman Tower
   3 Mitchel Place First Ave. @ 49th St.
   Tel: 212.904.796
   This is Manhattan out of a 1940’s movie. Dine high atop an East Side Tower, with the lights of the city flickering across the majestic skyline while a piano plays softly in the background. The room is elegant and sophisticated; men are neatly attired, and women move in flowing dresses; the service is attentive and professional. Ah, this is the way romance in New York was meant to be.

2. The View
   Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway @ 46th St.
   Tel: 212.704.8900
   This is the only rotating restaurant in New York City. Right in the heart of Times Square. See the greatest city in the world rotate right before your eyes. Rotating restaurants are fun, and this is one of the best. Ideal for cocktails.

3. Foley’s Fish House
   Renaissance Hotel, 714 7th Ave. @ 48th St.
   Tel: 212.261.5200
   Dine with Times Square spread out before you. On the 3rd floor, just high enough so that the flashing lights, dashing theatregoers and careening taxis becomes a colorful abstraction before your eyes. Relax with terrific seafood.

4. Tavern on the Green
   Central Park West @ 67th St.
   Tel: 212.873.3200
   There’s nothing like pulling up to this famous restaurant in Central Park. There is not a celebrity in New York who has not dined in this restaurant at one time or other. The food is excellent and the desserts outstanding. And, on summer evenings you can walk hand-in-hand through the park back to your hotel. What could be more romantic?

5. Bryant Park and Cafe & Grill
   240 West 40th @ 6th Avenue
   Tel: 212.840.6500
   This is part of one of the great small parks in New York. Right after work it fills with young New Yorkers living their dream in the city. When they leave, theatregoers fill the tables. As the evening moves on, it’s the romantics who take over the place and waiters let them linger. As you sip wine, you can hear the distant rumble of the traffic up 6th Avenue and the honks of the taxis rushing to their destinations. It’s a symphony that can only be heard in New York.

6. Restaurant Above
   Times Square Hilton, 234 West 42nd St.
   Tel: 212.642.2626
   American cuisine with exotic Asian flavors provides original dishes and memorable meals while overlooking Times Square. The lights of Times Square provides the energy, the chef provides the flavors. Here they offer a prix fix pre-theatre meal that is reasonably priced and gets you to the theatre on time. It makes for an exciting evening.

7. Chelsea Brewing Company
   Pier #59
   West Side Highway @ 23rd St.
   Tel: 212.336.6440
   This is a sports/bar pub with great views of the Hudson River. In the summer it has hundred of outdoor tables so you are assured of a table to relax in the cool harbor breezes.

8. Nirvana
   30 Central Park S.
   Tel: 212.486.5700
   Set in a penthouse overlooking Central Park this restaurant presents an Indian experience that is totally encompassing with carefully prepared food flavored with delightful Indian spices served in a room with lush Indian decor set high over the world’s most famous park.

9. Metrazur
   Grand Central Station/East Balcony
   Tel: 212.687.4600
   This is a view with the clouds and stars above you and people rushing about below you…and you are inside Grand Central Station. Yes, set high above the grand concourse of Grand Central Station is a stylish restaurant with sharp design and high style American cooking.

10. Hudson River Club
    250 Vesey St. @ West St.
    Tel: 212.786.1500
    This is worth a call to determine if it is open yet. Set on the New York Harbor it has an outstanding view of the harbor and the Statue of Liberty.
The Top 10 Brunch Restaurants

There are plenty of brunch offering all over New York, but these are the best both in the quality of food and distinctiveness of brunch experience.

1. Tavern on the Green
   Central Park West @ 66th St
   Tel: 212.873.3200
   A spectacular place to top off your week or weekend in New York. Maybe it was too pricey for dinner but now you can enjoy the dynamic environment at their lavish Sunday brunch.

2. Aquavit
   13 West 54th Street
   212.307.7311
   A totally invigorating brunch a la Scandinavia. Why come to New York to have a bagel and cream cheese brunch when you can be transported to the Scandinavian world of fresh fruits, breads and seafood in one of New York’s top restaurants. (Have brunch here while waiting for the Museum of Modern Art to open their doors right across the street.)

3. Le Pain Quotidien
   1131 Madison @ 85th Street
   212.625.9009
   A communal brunch experience which delightful French pastries, fresh breads and friendly clientele. (Have brunch here while waiting for the Metropolitan Museum to open their doors just up the street.)

4. Isabella’s
   359 Columbus Avenue @ 77th Street
   212.742.2100
   One of the best sidewalk cafes in New York with large accommodations so you’re likely to get a sidewalk seat. (Have brunch here while waiting for the Natural History Museum to open their doors just around the corner.)

5. Le Jardin Bistro
   25 Cleveland Place @ Spring St. (?)
   212.343.9599
   A terrific spot for a warm Sunday morning brunch in this friendly restaurants’ outdoor garden. The best place in SoHo for brunch. The staff is friendly, the atmosphere European and the brunch filled with succulent French flavors.

6. Hudson River Club
   4 World Finance Center
   250 Vesey Street @ West St.
   212.786.1500
   Sit outside on Sunday morning and enjoy the fresh air and spectacular views of New York Harbor.

7. Park Bistro
   414 Park Avenue South @ 28th St.
   212.689.1360
   A French-style bistro with delicious French pastries.

8. Popover Cafe
   551 Amsterdam Avenue @ 87th St.
   718.278.5414
   Popovers! Where can you get popovers anymore?! Nowhere, that’s where. Popovers have terrific texture and a distinctive taste and the Popover Cafe makes some of the best in the world.

9. Josephina
   1900 Broadway @ 64th Street
   212.799.1000
   It’s a late brunch (starts @ 11:30) but the food is imaginatively created with distinct flavors and a heavy emphasis on natural foods. The main room is open and spacious with a West Side of New York feel. Located across from Lincoln Center it’s a perfect spot for brunch before the symphony, ballet or opera.

10. The Palm Court
    Plaza Hotel
    768 Fifth Avenue
    212.546.5350
    A classic brunch experience in one of the most famous hotel rooms of New York.
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The Top 10 Romantic Restaurants

Here are the most romantic restaurants in New York. You are assured an evening you will long remember. Some are very pricey, so romantics be aware. If you want a memorably romantic time with that special person, these are the places to choose. Romance, isn’t that what a trip to New York is all about?

1. Top of the Tower
   Beekman Tower Hotel, First Ave. @ 49th St.
   Tel: 212.904.796
   This is Manhattan out of a 1940’s movie. Dine high atop an East Side Tower, with the lights of the city flickering across the majestic skyline while a piano plays softly in the background. The room is elegant and sophisticated; men are neatly attired, and women move in flowing dresses; the service is attentive and professional. Ah, this is the way romance in New York was meant to be.

2. Lespinasse
   St. Regis Hotel, 2 E. 55th St.
   Tel: 212.339.6719
   For an intimate romantic evening with the most beautiful person in your life bring them to the most beautiful restaurant in New York. You are assured of an outstanding evening. See: The Top 10 Restaurants in New York.

3. Tavern on the Green
   Central Park West @ 67th St.
   Tel: 212.873.3200
   There’s nothing like pulling up to this famous restaurant in Central Park. There is not a celebrity in New York who has not dined in this restaurant at one time or other. The food is excellent and the desserts outstanding. And, on summer evenings you can walk hand-in-hand through the park back to your hotel. What could be more romantic?

4. Lutèce
   249 East 50th Street @ 2nd Avenue
   Tel: 212.752.2225
   A premier French restaurant with elegant French service. The waiters are sharp, the food is graciously presented and ornate silver serving plates are everywhere. You could be dining in Paris. The food is excellent, the dining room is spacious and the staff respectful of romantics as only the French can be.

5. Bryant Park and Cafe & Grill
   240 West 40th @ 6th Avenue
   Tel: 212.840.6500
   This is part of one of the great small parks in New York. Right after work it fills with young New Yorkers living their dream in the city. When they leave, theatregoers fill the tables. As the evening moves on, it’s the romantics who take over the place and waiters let them linger. As you sip wine, you can hear the distant rumble of the traffic up 6th Avenue, the honks of the taxis rushing to their destinations and the rustle of leaves in the breeze overhead. For romantics it’s a symphony that can only be heard in New York.

6. Provence
   38 MacDouglas @ Prince
   Tel: 212.475.7500
   You’ll feel very romantic in this attractive French bistro, which has been serving the SoHo neighborhood for years. Candlelit tables, attentive staff and delicious French food make this a sure bet for a romantic evening as only the French can create.

7. Panache
   470 6th Avenue @ 11th Street
   Tel: 212.243.2222
   This is a little French bistro where they will recognize the love in your eyes and provide you with an intimate, memorable evening. It’s low cost, personal, intimate and memorable. What more do you want for a night of romance?

8. Viceversa
   325 W. 51st St. @ 9th Ave.
   Tel: 212.586.7714
   One of the most romantic spots for before or after the Theatre. It’s stylish restaurant specializing in Italian Cuisine.

9. Alison on Dominick Street
   38 Dominick St.
   Tel: 212.727.1188
   This restaurant radiates relaxed elegance. The food is country French and particularly good, while the service is watchful. At reasonable prices, this is one of the best values in the city.

10. One of By Land, Two if by Sea.
    17 Barrow St. @ W. 4th St.
    Tel: 212.228.0822
    Lilting piano music, outstanding food and understanding staff make this one of the favorites for romantic New Yorkers.
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The Top 10 Delis

1. **Carnegie Deli**  
   854 7th Ave. @ 55th St.  
   212.757.2245  
   A New York must. Enjoy real New Yorkers chowing down oversized sandwiches beneath a roar of conversation and chatter. Terrific food. You’ll love it.

2. **Sarge’s Deli**  
   548 3rd Ave. @ 36th St.  
   212.679.0442  
   A real New York neighborhood deli that New Yorkers go to for that deli sandwich at 3 am. Open 24/7. Delicious sandwiches.

3. **Second Avenue Deli**  
   156 Second Ave. @ 9th St.  
   212.677.0606  

4. **Barney Greengrass**  
   541 Amsterdam Ave. @ 86th St.  
   212.724.4707  
   This classic New York deli has been serving New Yorkers on the West Side for generations.

5. **Stage Deli**  
   834 7th Ave. @ 53rd St.  
   212.245.7850  
   This tight deli serves the Times Square crowd with giant size sandwiches.

6. **Katz’s Deli**  
   205 E. Houston St. @ Ludlow St.  
   212.254.2246  
   Cafeteria style lower East Side deli serving hard-core New Yorkers who want an old-style sandwich with great taste.

7. **Ben’s Kosher Delicatessen**  
   208 W 38th St. @ 38th Ave.  
   212.398.2367  
   Old line deli with minimal decor.

9. **Eisenberg’s Sandwich Shop**  
   174 5th Ave. @ 22nd St.  
   212.675.5096  
   A friendly luncheonette that serves the Flatiron area. Food’s good, staff friendly.

10. **Pastrami Queen**  
    124 Queens Blvd. @ 82nd Ave., Queens  
    718.263.1717  
    Terrific deli sandwiches for the East Side.
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The Top 10 Late Night Restaurants

The City that never sleeps has a number of outstanding all-night eateries. After a night on the town, head for one of these restaurants for an atmospheric breakfast.

1. **Empire Diner**
   210 10th Ave. @ 22nd St.
   Tel: 212.243.2736
   This classic art deco diner in Chelsea may have the best people-watching potential of all the 24-hour eateries listed here.

2. **L'Express**
   249 Park Avenue South @ 20th St.
   Tel: 212.254.5858
   This bistro is a charming place for a quick bite at any hour.

3. **Carnegie Deli**
   854 7th Ave. @ 55th St.
   Tel: 212.757.2245
   The middle of the night may be the best time to enjoy a meal at this New York landmark. At night, lines shorten, tourists go back to their hotels, and you can order your gigantic deli sandwiches, knishes and pickles in peace.

4. **Corner Bistro**
   331 W. 4th St @ Jane St.
   Tel: 212.242.9502
   The place for a late night burger and beer in a bar setting.

5. **The Blue Ribbon**
   97 Sullivan St. @ Prince St.
   Tel: 212.274.0404
   Where do the restaurant cooking staffs of New York restaurants go when they get off work? The Blue Ribbon.

6. **Florent**
   69 Gansevoort St. @ Greenwich St.
   Tel: 212.989.5779
   Go to Florent for great French food at 4AM. Linger over coffee and watch the eclectic crowd drift in and out.

7. **French Roast Cafe**
   2340 Broadway @ 85th St.
   Tel: 212.799.1533
   458 6th Ave. @ 11th St.
   Tel: 212.533.2233
   These cheap, funky cafes attract a black-clad, Euro crowd. The attractive waitstaff and fabulous desserts, not to mention the coffee, will make you want to stay up all night.

8. **Le Zinc**
   139 Duane St. @ Church
   Tel: 212.513.0001
   A fun place in the West Village with friendly people and good food into the night.

9. **Sarge's Deli**
   548 3rd Ave. @ 36th St.
   Tel: 212.679.0442
   A terrific New York Deli. Open 24 hours.

10. **Gray's Papaya**
    2090 Broadway @ 72nd St.
    402 6th Ave. @ 8th St.
    Shock treatment for after a night of drinking.
The Top 10 Pizza Places

New York is a great place to eat pizza. Pizza by the slice, of varying quality, is available on most street corners. Chains like Pizza Hut and Dominoes also do a brisk business. However, if you want real New York pizza, try one of these restaurants.

1. Lombardi’s
   32 Spring St. @ Mott St.
   Tel: 212.941.7994
   This family-friendly SoHo restaurant has the freshest toppings in town and a mouth-watering brick oven baked crust.

2. Patsy’s Pizza
   2287-91 1st Ave. @ 117th St., East Harlem
   Tel: 212.534.9783
   509 3rd Ave. @ 34th St., Murray Hill
   Tel: 212.689.7500
   61 W. 74th St. @ Columbus Ave.
   Tel: 212.579.3000
   Patsy’s specializes in the thin crust brick oven pizza rumored to have been Frank Sinatra’s favorite.

3. Totonno Pizzeria Napolitano
   1544 2nd Ave. @ 80th St.
   Tel: 212.327.2800
   A Coney Island legend, Totonno’s pizza is now available on the East Side.

4. Little Italy Pizza
   65 Vanderbilt Ave. @ 45th St.
   Tel: 212.687.3660
   72 W. 45th St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.730.7575
   11 Park Place @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.227.7077
   This crowded, popular pizza parlor is a great place for a quick lunch.

5. Sofia Fabulous Pizza
   1022 Madison Ave. @ 79th St.
   Tel: 212.734.2676
   Head for the East Side and eat your pizza on Sofia’s inviting terrace.

6. Pintaile’s Pizza
   26 E. 91st St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.722.1967
   1577 York Ave. @ 83rd St.
   Tel: 212.396.3479
   1443 York Ave. @ 76th St.
   Tel: 212.717.4990
   Thin crust pizza with gourmet toppings makes great takeout at these East Side restaurants.

7. La Pizza Fresca
   31 E. 20th St. @ Park Avenue South
   Tel: 212.598.0141
   This Flatiron District pizza joint’s menu includes brick oven pies, pasta, and salads.

8. John’s Pizzeria
   278 Bleecker St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.243.1680
   This old-fashioned pizzeria serves a good thin crust pizza in a charming setting.

9. Moustache
   265 E. 10th St. @ Avenue A
   Tel: 212.229.2220
   90 Bedford St. @ Barrow St.
   Tel: 212.229.2220
   The pita-based “pitza” served at these Middle-Eastern cafes is original and tasty.

10. California Pizza Kitchen
   201 E. 60th St.
   Tel: 212.755.7773
   The only thing CPK’s pizza has in common with other New York pies is its thin crust. These wood oven baked pizzas come with eclectic combinations of toppings inspired by Mexican, Mediterranean and Cajun cuisine.
The Top 10 Theme Restaurants

1. Planet Hollywood
   1540 Broadway @ 45th St
   Tel: 212.333.7827
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2. ESPN Zone
   Times Square @ 42nd St
   Tel: 212.768.0461
   It’s sports, sports and more sports but with a New York edge. Lots of games to play while waiting for the food.

3. The Hard Rock Cafe
   221 W. 57th @ 7th Ave
   Tel: 212.489.6565
   The Hard Rock is the Hard Rock is the Hard Rock, but New Yorkers will tell you that New York’s Hard Rock is the best.

4. Mars 2112
   1633 Broadway @ 51st St
   Tel: 212.582.2112
   This is a restaurant with a Mars theme. Yes, the planet Mars. Who would have thought it. But they pulled it off and it’s a lot of fun. It’s total immersion in color and design of the planet Mars. The food is earth-based and above average for a theme restaurant. It’s a trip.

5. Harley Davidson Cafe
   1370 Sixth Ave @ 55th St
   Tel: 212.245.6000
   The glistening Harleys are great to see. A biker experience you won’t mind telling your mother about.

6. WWF-NY
   1501 Broadway @ 43rd St
   Tel: 212. 398.2563
   Yes, there’s a restaurant under the WWF banner. What about the food? Please, you don’t go there for the food.

7. Ellen’s Stardust Diner & Club
   1650 Broadway @ 51st St.
   Tel: 212.956.5151
   A delight. Waiters and waitresses sing 1950’s tunes. A return to diners of old. Lots of fun.

8. Texas Texas
   1600 Broadway @ 48th St.
   Tel: 212.956.RIBS
   Western-style barbecue steaks and ribs. Servings are large and the food is tasty. Texas hospitality in tough ol’ New York.

9. Mickey Mantle’s Restaurant
   42 Central Park South @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.688.7777
   This ode to the Yankee great boasts a prime sidewalk location (across from Central Park) and museum-quality memorabilia.

    47 West 52nd St.
    Tel: 212.581.0930
    Journey back to the time of the Japanese masters as your own private chef twirls his knives and slices and dices right before your very eyes.
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Top 10 Communal Dining Restaurants

Communal dining is a lot of fun, especially in New York. Communal is dining at long tables with people you’ve never met before. In New York that’s bound to be interesting. It also makes solo dining not so lonely.

1. **Le Pain Quotidien.**
   100 Grand Street @ Mercer
   1131 Madison @ 85th Street
   212.625.9009
   This is communal dining with a European flair. They are located in two of the best locations, SoHo and near the Met Museum on the Upper East Side. They serve flavorful food; have friendly patrons who love the place and friendly staff. Terrific for solo dining.

2. **Carnegie Deli**
   854 Seventh Ave @ 55th St.
   212-757-2245
   There are a number of communal tables in this classic New York deli. Here you will find the hardboiled New Yorkers enjoying their pastrami on rye. If you start reading your “Top 10 Guide to New York,” they’ll lighten up, take notice, and give you their personal Top 10 sites that you “must see.” See Top 10 Delis.

3. **Hudson Cafeteria**
   Hudson Hotel.
   356 W 58th St. @ 8th Ave.
   212.554.6000
   One of New York’s “hot” spots. A stylish, exciting communal restaurant with stylish patrons. A dazzling, happening place.

4. **Republic**
   37 Union Sq. West @ 16th St.
   212-627-7168
   A dynamic Asian dining place with lots of tables, people, great food, and positive karma. And cheap. See Top 10 Asian Restaurants.

5. **Pipa**
   38 E 19th St. @ Broadway
   212-677-2233
   In the ABC Carpet & Home store, with hot/spicy Latino fare and hot/spicy patrons. Everybody has fun.

6. **Commune**
   12 E 22nd St. @ Broadway
   212.447.2600
   You’ll share a table with attractive New Yorkers and glamorous models enjoying Mediterranean cuisine.

7. **Cafe Fliorello**
   1900 Broadway @ 63rd St.
   212.595.5330
   There are a number of communal tables in the Lincoln Center eatery with a long following of the “classical” crowd.

8. **Taperia Madrid**
   1471 Second Ave. @ 76th St.
   212.794.2923
   Here you will be transported back to Madrid with wooden communal tables and flavorful Spanish food.

9. **Nicole**
   10 E 60th St. @ 50th
   212.223.2298
   Euro-American-Moroccan fusion dishes deliver spicy tastes and memorable meals.

10. **Ulkika’s**
    115 E 60th St. @ Lexington
    212.355.7069
    Scandinavian communal tables are known around the world and this is one of the best.
The Top 10 Burger Joints

1. City Hall
   131 Duane St. @ Church St.
   Tel: 212.227.7777
   This is a restaurant that pays tribute to “Old New York” by serving up classic, traditional meals with a contemporary touch. Its hamburgers are among the best in New York.

2. Corner Bistro
   331 W. 4th St. @ Jane St.
   Tel: 212.242.9502
   Huge, scrumptious burgers, chilly beer, a renowned jukebox, and an exciting location make this a jumping joint. Don’t miss the excitement.

3. Jackson Hole
   1270 Madison Ave. @ 91st St.
   Tel: 212.427.2820
   1611 2nd Ave. @ 83rd St.
   Tel: 212.737.8788
   232 E. 64th St. @ 2nd Ave.
   Tel: 212.371.7187
   “Home of the 7 oz. Burger,” Jackson Hole is well-known around the city for simply delicious burgers in a no-frills setting. Choose from their list of over 20 different kinds of burgers, and don’t miss out on the yummy appetizers.

4. Big Nick’s Burger Joint
   2175 Broadway @ 77th St.
   Tel: 212.362.9238
   Don’t expect a fancy environment or polite service—just fabulous burgers.

5. Island Burgers & Shakes
   766 9th Ave. @ 51st St.
   Tel: 212.307.7934
   Tiny and hardly scenic, Island’s burgers (and chicken sandwiches) make up for the decor. They come in an exotic variety all the way down to the bread.

6. J.G. Melon
   1291 3rd Ave. @ 74th St.
   Tel: 212.744.0585
   Still the same comfortable hangout it was 20 years ago, J.G. Melon continues to serve up consistently good beer and burgers.

7. Hamburger Harry’s
   157 Chambers St. @ Greenwich St.
   Tel: 212.267.4446
   145 West 45th St. @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.840.0566
   Grilled over mesquite charcoal, Harry’s hamburgers are just plain good. Don’t forget to top your meal off with a rich, chocolate dessert.

8. Cal’s
   55 W. 21st St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.929.0740
   Cal’s burgers are well-liked, as is its spacious interior. Go for a business lunch or just a relaxing, enjoyable meal.

9. Chelsea Grill
   135 8th Ave. @ 16th
   Tel: 212.242.5336
   The burgers are just above average, but you may spot someone in this hipster joint.

10. Fanelli
   94 Prince St. @ Mercer St.
   Tel: 212.226.9412
   To see what SoHo used to be like, visit Fanelli for a good beer and burger. And don’t complain about the artsy clientele, the darkness, or the smoke—you’re getting the full experience.
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The Top 10 Restaurants for Children

1. Serendipity 3
   225 E. 60th St. @ 2nd Ave.
   Tel: 212.838.3531
   Serendipity 3 is a dessert bar and a toy store. There is enough there to please any child. You probably won’t find fancy on the menu, but the offering is creative: basic enough that kids will love them and prepared with enough skill that parents will appreciate them.

2. Ellen’s Stardust Diner & Club
   1650 Broadway @ 51st St.
   Tel: 212.956.5151
   A delight. Waiters and waitresses sing 1950’s tunes. A return to diners of old. Lots of fun.

3. Cowgirl Hall of Fame
   519 Hudson St. @ 10th Ave.
   Tel: 212.633.1133
   Patsy Cline would love this place. It’s fun, pleasant and friendly with tasty food and an enthusiastic staff.

4. Mars 2112
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5. Benihana
   47 W. 56th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.581.0930
   Kids will love the knife-flashing, sizzling show that the chefs put on. Grown-ups will love the food and the show.

6. Two Boots
   37 Avenue A @ 2nd St.
   Tel: 212.505.2276
   Two Boots Pizzaria
   42 Avenue A @ 3rd St.
   Tel: 212.254.1919
   Two Boots to Go-Go
   74 Bleecker St. @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.777.1033
   Two Boots is a hip chain of pizza restaurants that kids will love, and their parents will have a good time, too. The food is good and surprisingly creative.

7. Peanut Butter & Co.
   240 Sullivan St. @ Bleecker St.
   Tel: 212.677.3995
   Yes, a restaurant dedicated to peanut butter sandwiches! It’s about time. A wide variety that your kids will love and that will bring you back to your childhood.

8. Popover Cafe
   551 Amsterdam Avenue @ 87th St.
   Tel: 718.278.5414
   Popovers! Where can you get popovers anymore?! Nowhere, that’s where. Popovers have terrific texture and a distinctive taste and the Popover Cafe makes some of the best in the world. Kids will love it.

9. Brooklyn Diner
   212 W. 57th @ 7th Ave.
   Tel: 212.581.8900
   A nostalgic trip to the past with terrific food, service and hot dogs your kids will remember.

10. Barking Dog
    1453 York Ave. @ 77th St.
    Tel: 212.861.3660
    Kids will love telling their friends that they went to a restaurant called “Barking Dog”. It’s a kid-friendly place with loads of families, and everyone has a good time.
The Top 10 Restaurants for Teens

1. Mars 2112
   1633 Broadway @ 51st St
   Tel: 212.582.2112
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2. Hard Rock Cafe
   221 W. 57th St. @ 7th Ave.
   Tel: 212.489.6565
   Hard Rock Cafes are always a safe bet. The memorabilia is always fun. The food gets mixed reviews, but who could eat when sitting under Elvis Presley’s jumpsuit?

3. ESPN Zone
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   Tel: 212.768.0461
   It’s sports, sports and more sports but with a New York edge. Lots of games to play while waiting for the food.

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8. Carnegie Deli
   854 7th Ave. @ 55th St.
   212.757.2245
   A New York must. Enjoy real New Yorkers chowing down oversized sandwiches beneath a roar of conversation and chatter. Terrific food. You’ll love it.

9. Hudson River Club
   4 World Finance Center
   250 Vesey Street @ West St.
   212.786.1500
   Sit outside and enjoy the fresh air and spectacular views of New York Harbor.

10. Chelsea Brewing Company
    Pier 59 at Hudson River @ 18th St
    212.336.6440
    Even though they can’t drink the beer, teens will love the atmosphere of this big, old brewing restaurant with a great view of the Hudson River.
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The Top 10 Midtown East Restaurants

1. **Le Cirque 2000**  
   455 Madison Ave. @ 50th St.  
   Tel: 212.794.9292  
   An outstanding dining experience of exquisitely prepared food, dramatic ambiance and pampering service. Serves French cuisine with extraordinarily delicious desserts. Popular with power players, but the food is the star.

2. **Lespinasse**  
   St. Regis Hotel, 2 E. 55th St.  
   Tel: 212.339.6719  
   Elegant, refined, stunning to look at, mesmerizing in her subtleties. You will be transported to a total environment of warm, rich colors, overflowing flowers and delicious French food. A superb experience. If only every day could be like a day at Lespinasse.

3. **La Grenouille**  
   3 E. 52nd St. @ 5th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.752.1495  
   The First Lady of New York French restaurants. Just off Fifth Avenue, this is where Jackie O. loved to dine. Intimate and quiet with wonderfully delicious food and attentive service.

4. **Four Seasons**  
   99 E. 52nd St. @ Lexington Ave.  
   Tel: 212.754.9494  
   The Pool Room is like no other dining room in the world. A large reflector pool sits in the middle of a room with ceilings so high they don’t seem to exist. The food is excellent as is the service.

5. **Oceana**  
   55 E. 54th St. @ Madison Ave.  
   Tel: 212.759.5941  
   Elegant, yet unassuming, Oceana is a favorite with New Yorkers who appreciate its fresh, impeccably-prepared seafood. Conscientious service makes it ideal for a business lunch or dinner.

6. **March**  
   405 E. 58th St. @ 1st Ave.  
   Tel: 212.754.6272  
   The New American cuisine is perfect for a special occasion, and the highly American decor is the perfect cadre for this haute American cuisine.

7. **The Brasserie**  
   100 E. 53rd St.  
   Tel: 212.751.4840  
   Stylish and dramatic, this revitalized brasserie breaks the mold and sets the standards for brasseries around the world. A sweeping staircase leads to an open dining room and terrific contemporary French food. Once seated you can watch other beautiful people make their entrance down the grand staircase.

8. **Felidia**  
   243 E. 58th St.  
   Tel: 212.758.1479  
   You’ve seen her on TV, now you can taste the glories of her Northern Italian cuisine. Yes, Lidia Bastianich of Lidia’s Italian Table is alive and well on Manhattan’s East Side. You’ll find her here most evenings greeting customers and making sure everything is “just right.” So, if you want to taste the wonders of her cooking you have seen for so many years on TV, this is the place for you.

9. **Smith and Wollenskey**  
   201 E. 49th St.  
   Tel: 212.753.0444  
   One of Midtown’s best steakhouses. A restaurant that has ignored the trends and fads. They just serve generous, delicious steaks in an intimate steakhouse setting. They have a loyal following that keeps coming back year after year. After you have been there you’ll understand why.

10. **Michael Jordan’s: The Steak House**  
    Grand Central Terminal  
    23 Vanderbilt Ave.  
    Tel: 212.655.2300  
    What could be more American than Michael Jordan? Michael has put together a quiet, classy restaurant with steaks and traditional American food. The food is excellent, the service is responsive, and the atmosphere subdued. Basketball is non-existent inside the dining room. This is Michael Jordan, the man of taste.
The Top 10 Midtown West Restaurants

1. Jean Georges
   Trump International Hotel
   1 Central Park West
   Tel: 212.299.3900
   Formal French food from a master’s hands. Haute cuisine artistically presented. A highly professional staff. The master creates, the staff responds, and you enjoy superb, cutting-edge French food.

2. Le Bernardin
   155 W. 51st St.
   Tel: 212.489.1515
   Unbelievably delicious seafood with a French touch. Spacious, open room. Innovative, smart, imaginative cooking by a master who loves the bounty of the sea. Come, let yourself go, enjoy superb seafood and stunning desserts.

3. 21
   21 W. 52nd St.
   Tel: 212.582.7200
   A 19th hole country club setting with power brokers talking the inside game in a relaxed atmosphere. Some of the most powerful business leaders in America walk down 52nd Street and casually drop into their club, but you are welcome. The hosts make sure you feel at home. The food is very good and the drinks are excellent and the atmosphere is unique. You’ll recognize many of the faces from the pages of Fortune.

4. La Caravelle
   33 W. 55th St.
   Tel: 212.586.4252
   La Caravelle proves that you can serve great French food and wine without the attitude. The wine list is also exceptional.

5. Aquavit
   13 W. 54th St.
   Tel: 212.307.7311
   For exceptional Scandinavian food in a classically sleek deco featuring a stunning waterfall, try Aquavit. The upstairs cafe provides a cheaper option with similar services and menu.

6. La Cote Basque
   60 E. 55th Street
   Tel: 212.688.6525
   Consistently fine French cooking, professional and respectful service, and expansive desserts have been bringing back loyal fans again and again for years. Classic New York.

7. Alaine Ducasse
   Essex House, 155 W. 58th St.
   Tel: 212.265.7300
   If you are serious about French Food this is the place for you. Alaine Ducasse is considered one of the top French chefs in the world with the stars and medals to prove it. The food is precisely prepared and elegantly served. The staff is attentive, respectful and wanting you to have a perfect dining experience. This is one of the most expensive restaurants in New York but they will cater to you like you were royalty of old. But it cries out for that old Broadway line “kick up your heels and live a little.”

8. San Domenico
   240 Central Park South @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.265.5959
   San Domenico’s is grand Italian cooking seldom found anywhere anymore, not even in Italy. The food is classically prepared, the presentation is extravagant and the taste is extraordianarily delicious. This is expensive but you dine in an elegant room with spacious table settings and the host and staff are very attentive.

9. Manhattan Ocean Club
   57 W. 58th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.371.7777
   This refined restaurant boasts fabulous food in a luxurious and subdued setting. A well-chosen wine list rounds out the Ocean Club’s offerings.

10. Da Umberto
    107 W. 17th @ 6th Ave.
    Tel: 212.989.0303
    An exhilarating, full-experience restaurant with outstanding food, attractive decor, friendly staff, and terrific desserts. A favorite among Manhattanites.
The Top 10 Upper East Side Restaurants—60 to 80 Streets

1. Daniel
   60 East 65th St.
   Tel: 212.288.0499
   Everything a restaurant should be. A total dedication to outstanding food, service and hospitality. Ever in tune with the seasons, Daniel prepares excellent French food that is presented at the table with grace and care. The staff is very friendly and welcoming. A delightful dining experience.

2. Aureole
   34 E. 61st St.
   Tel: 212.319.1660
   This Upper East Side restaurant will make you proud to be a Yank, with the highest quality American food anywhere. It’s impossible to save room for the exquisite desserts, so Aureole may justify two trips.

3. L’Absinthe
   227 E. 67th St.
   Tel: 212.794.4950
   A chic, sidewalk, Parisian-style bistro with an impeccable wine list and excellent, contemporary, French fare.

4. Le Regence
   Hotel Plaza Athenee, 37 E. 64th St.
   Tel: 212.606.4647
   This restaurant combines exceptional food with attentive service and an opulent, yet subdued, ambiance.

5. Destinee
   134 E. 61st St.
   Tel: 212.888.1220
   Le Grand Cuisine trumps nouveau Cuisine in the hands of star chef Jean-Yves Schillinger. It’s a return to the cooking classics that made French meals so famous.

6. Luca
   1712 First Ave.
   Tel: 212.987.9260
   Let’s have some fun. Let’s go to a place that’s crowded, noisy, colorful and full of excited chattering people enjoying top contemporary Italian food. It’s Luca’s of course. Inventive dishes, attentive chef and relaxed locals make this one of the hot spots on the Upper East Side.

7. Cello
   53 E. 77th St.
   Tel: 212.517.1200
   Seafood with the French touch. Service with French precision. Dining with French elegance. This is a dress up, come to dine restaurant specializing in seafood prepared with French flavors and ingredients. A wonderful dining experience.

8. Le Pain Quotidien.
   100 Grand Street @ Mercer
   1131 Madison @ 85th Street
   212.625.9009
   This is communal dining with a European flair. They are located in two of the best locations, SoHo and near the Met Museum on the Upper East Side. They serve flavorful food; have friendly patrons who love the place and friendly staff. Terrific for solo dining.

9. Carlyle Restaurant
   Carlyle Hotel,
   35 E. 76th St.
   Tel: 212.744.1600
   The Uptown power venue with an elegant dining experience. The menu is French, the service impeccable, and the mood subdued. For the quiet deal away from the limelite.

10. India Grill
    240 E. 81st St. @ 2nd Ave.
    Tel: 212.988.4646
    Dark colors, traditional sitar music and waitresses in sarongs is not the only way to enjoy Indian food. This is a contemporary Indian restaurant with bright colors, neon and young Indian cliental. This is India today.
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The Top 10 Upper West Side Restaurants—60 to 86 Streets

1. Cafe des Artistes
   1 W. 67th St. @ Columbus Ave.
   Tel: 212.877.8500
   In the Lincoln Center area, Cafe des Artistes is a treat. Make sure to notice the murals, though it may be hard with the fantastic food.

2. Picholine
   35 W. 64th St. @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.724.8585
   Picholine, with its Mediterranean flavor, is a twist on the classic French restaurant. Make sure to sample the cheese selection.

3. Two Two Two
   222 W. 79th St. @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.799.0400
   The food is Continental, with French accents. Although the old townhouse is gorgeous, some find the restaurant too crowded.

4. Rancho Mexican Cafe
   466 Amsterdam Ave. @ 82nd St.
   Tel: 212.362.1514
   Rancho Mexican Cafe’ serves some of the best Mexican north of Texas. The margaritas are something special.

5. Ocean Grill
   384 Columbus @ 78th St.
   Tel: 212.579.2300
   The Ocean Grill is fairly new to the West Side, but it is so popular that it is already crowded most nights.

6. Rain
   100 W. 82nd St. @ Amsterdam Ave.
   Tel: 212.501.0776
   Rain caters to a young crowd, but the food is a sophisticated mix of Vietnamese and Thai.

7. La Mirabelle
   333 W. 86th St. @ Riverside Dr.
   Tel: 212.469.0458
   If you grew up in the French countryside, La Mirabelle will feel just like home. Overlook the less than perfect appearance, the food is great.

8. Mingala West
   325 Amsterdam Ave. @ 75th St.
   Tel: 212.873.0787
   If you like adventurous food experiences, try Mingala West for Burmese cuisine. Language can be a bit of a problem.

9. Peter’s
   128 Columbus Ave. @ 68th St.
   Tel: 212.877.4747
   Peter’s is not your average neighborhood bar. Dress up if you go here and save some room for the multi-national cuisine.

10. Shun Lee
    43 W. 65th St. @ Columbus Ave.
    Tel: 212.595.8895
    Shun Lee is set apart from other Chinese restaurants by the striking black and white dragon decor.
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The Top 10 Restaurants in the Times Square Area

1. **Petrossian**  
   182 W. 58th St. @ 7th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.245.2214  
   Near Carnegie Hall, Petrossian serves Russian food in a dazzling environment.

2. **Firebird**  
   365 W. 46th St. @ 8th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.580.0244  
   Even if caviar doesn’t make your mouth water and you don’t know a zakuski from a babushka, go to experience the exquisite dining rooms and superior service.

3. **Manhattan Chili Company**  
   1500 Broadway @ 43rd St.  
   Tel: 212.730.8666  
   The Chili Company is a great place to take kids. Everyone will enjoy the spicy fare and clever decor.

4. **Barbetta**  
   321 W. 46th St. @ 8th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.426.9171  
   Over ninety years old, Barbetta has proven to be a consistent good choice for high-class Italian.

5. **Caravan**  
   741 8th Ave. @ 46th St.  
   Tel: 212.262.2021  
   Caravan serves high-quality Afghani food at modest prices. Situated at the heart of the Theater District, Caravan can get very busy, but lunchtime tends to be calmer.

6. **Hourglass Tavern**  
   373 W. 46th St. @ 8th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.265.2060  
   The Hourglass Tavern is a good place to go before seeing a show if you don’t want to spend a lot. You won’t get a bad meal, just basic and good.

7. **Brasilia**  
   7 W. 45th St. @ 5th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.869.9200  
   Brasilia serves authentic Brazilian food in a colorful environment; a cheerful change from ordinary fare.

8. **La Reserve**  
   4 W. 49th St. @ 5th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.247.2993  
   A classic French Restaurant, La Reserve is a great place to impress your friends and family.

9. **Charlotte**  
   **Millenium Broadway, 145 W. 44th St. @ Broadway**  
   Tel: 212.789.7508  
   Charlotte is pricey, but still a great place to see and be seen. Try the relatively well-priced, prix fixé wine-tasting dinner.

10. **Dish of Salt**  
    133 W. 47th St. @ 6th Ave.  
    Tel: 212.921.4242  
    Although you wouldn’t guess it from the name, Dish of Salt is a Chinese restaurant, and a very fine one at that. You can probably find the same quality for less money, but nothing this close to the theater district.
The Top 10 SoHo Restaurants

1. **Balthazar**  
   80 Spring Street @ Crosby St.  
   Tel: 212.965.1414  
   A French brasserie with outstanding food, beautiful people, desserts to die for, excitement in the air, glistening woodwork, busy waiters dashing about, laughter and chatter filling the room; what more could anyone want from a restaurant?

2. **Aquagrill**  
   210 Spring St. @ 6th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.274.0505  
   A standout raw bar, affordable prix fixe lunch specials and, of course, ambrosial grilled fish have New Yorkers lining up. Join them for a memorable dining experience.

3. **Raouls**  
   180 Prince St.  
   Tel: 212.966.3518  
   SoHo’s neighborhood bistro of outstanding French food. Serves until 2:30a.m., filling the tables with sophisticated New Yorkers who can’t go to bed without a delicious French meal.

4. **Provence**  
   38 McDougal St., SoHo  
   Tel: 212.475.500  
   This quiet, relaxed restaurant boasts a civilized garden setting, a great wine list, and incredible food.

5. **Chez Bernard**  
   323 W. Broadway @ Grand St.  
   Tel: 212.343.2583  
   This restaurant specializes in terrific French food accompanied by some of the best Bordeaux and Burgundy wines available in New York.

6. **Soho Steakhouse**  
   90 Thompson St. @ Prince St.  
   Tel: 212.226.0602  
   You wouldn’t think that steak would be popular in super-cool SoHo, but it is - in Soho Steakhouse, where deliciously-prepared, prime-cut steaks overcome the resistance of the super-cool.

7. **Le Pain Quotidien**  
   100 Grand Street @ Mercer  
   1131 Madison @ 85th Street  
   212.625.9009  
   This is communal dining with a European flair. They are located in two of the best locations, SoHo and near the Met Museum on the Upper East Side. They serve flavorful food; have friendly patrons who love the place and friendly staff. Terrific for solo dining.

8. **Blue Ribbon**  
   97 Sullivan St. @ Prince St.  
   Tel: 212.274.0404  
   The service at the Blue Ribbon is friendly, for SoHo. But try to go either very early or very late, the place is packed during the dinner hour.

9. **Cendrillon**  
   43 Mercer St. @ Grand St., SoHo  
   Tel: 212.343.9012  
   This is an upscale Filipino/Asian restaurant. Because the Philippines is located between many cultures and has been influenced by many cultures the food is a wonderful culmination of those influences. One can taste the influences of Malaysia, China, India, Spain, Thailand and the Philippines itself. If you want Asian but in an attractive, traditional restaurant, then the Cendrillon is your choice.

10. **Honmura An**  
    170 Mercer St. @ Houston St.  
    Tel: 212.334.5253  
    Serving what are probably the best noodles in New York, Honmura An also boasts a calm and harmonious decor.
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**The Top 10 West Village Restaurants**

1. **One if by Land, Two if by Sea**  
   17 Barrow St. @ 7th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.228.0822  
   One if by Land, Two if by Sea is an overall positive dining experience. The food is inspired, the service superior, and the setting, an old townhouse, romantic.

2. **Alison on Dominic**  
   38 Dominick @ Varick St.  
   Tel: 212.727.1188  
   Alison is a bit hard to find, but the fine French cuisine is worth the hunt.

3. **PÓ**  
   31 Cornelia St. @ Bleecker St.  
   Tel: 212.645.2189  
   Chef Mario Batali, from the Food TV Network, works wonders at this small Italian restaurant, but seating is limited, so make reservations.

4. **Taka**  
   61 Grove St. @ Bleecker St.  
   Tel: 212.242.3699  
   There may be a bit of a line for this Japanese restaurant. But, they serve excellent edamame. Also, the china is hand-made by the sushi chef.

5. **Drover’s Tap Room**  
   9 Jones St. @ Bleecker St.  
   Tel: 212.627.1233  
   Come here to enjoy basic, hearty, mid-west fare.

6. **Home**  
   20 Cornelia St. @ Bleecker St.  
   Tel: 212.243.9579  
   Home serves food like Mom used to make, only better presented and more imaginative.

7. **Village Attier**  
   436 Hudson St. @ Morton St.  
   Tel: 212.989.1363  
   All of the food here is imaginative, but leave room for the desserts. They’re wonderful. Ask about the ones not on the menu.

8. **Shopsin’s General Store**  
   63 Bedford St. @ Morton St.  
   Tel: 212.924.5160  
   The decor is unassuming and the hours are...whimsical, but try Shopsin’s anyway. The menu is eclectic and eating there will be one of those “New York Experiences.”

9. **Chez Michallet**  
   90 Bedford St. @ Grove St.  
   Tel: 212.242.8309  
   Chez Michallet may be small, but the food is big news and the waiters are attentive.

10. **Gus’ Place**  
    149 Waverly Pl. @ 6th Ave.  
    Tel: 212.645.8511  
    Gus’ Place is a fixture in the neighborhood. Make sure to catch the live Greek music and dancing. You can join in if you are not too full.
The Top 10 East Village Restaurants

1. Il Buco
   47 Bond St. @ Bowery St.
   Tel: 212.533.1932
   Come to this restaurant for the sophisticated Spanish/Italian menu and romantic, friendly atmosphere.

2. O.G. (Oriental Grill)
   507 E. 6th St. @ Ave. A
   Tel: 212.477.4649
   O.G. makes serving beautifully presented, tasty Pan-Asian cuisine look easy. But don’t be fooled, the staff works hard to make sure you have a great dining experience.

3. Mugsy’s Chow Chow
   31 2nd Ave. @ 1st St.
   Tel: 212.460.9171
   For real village ambiance, try Mugsy’s. Their Italian won’t disappoint and decor is fun enough to be its own attraction. But, keep your party small; crowds are turned away.

4. Bussola
   65 4th Ave. @ 9th St.
   Tel: 212.254.1940
   Enjoy a quiet meal featuring high class Italian food while pondering the unique playing card motif on the walls.

5. Shabu Tatsu
   216 E. 10th St. @ 1st Ave.
   Tel: 212.477.2972
   Make your own Japanese barbecue! Don’t worry, instructions are provided and the staff is very helpful. If the conversation doesn’t sizzle, at least your food will.

8. First
   87 1st Ave. @ 5th St.
   Tel: 212.674.3823
   If you are in the mood for dancing, cheap but good American fare, and a funky atmosphere, First is the place to go. But think twice before bringing the easily-shocked or very conservative.

9. Marion’s Continental
   354 Bowery @ E. 4th St.
   Tel: 212.475.7621
   An eclectic menu, friendly staff, and cute decor make Marion’s Continental a great option, especially for people watching and leisurely lunches.

10. Hasaki
    210 E. 9th St. @ 2nd Ave.
    Tel: 212.473.3327
    A rare find, Hasaki has great sushi and a casual atmosphere.
The Top 10 TriBeCa Restaurants

1. **Chanterelle**  
   2 Harrison St. @ Hudson St.  
   Tel: 212.966.6960  
   Chanterelle is a classic French restaurant, with better service. You will pay a lot for the experience of eating there, but special occasions deserve extra-special dining experiences.

2. **Bouley Bakery**  
   120 West Broadway @ Duane  
   Tel: 212-964-2525  
   This is a change of pace from the formal elegance of most of the pricey restaurants in this category. Originally, Bouley Bakery was an extraordinary bakery with a small cafe with exquisite French food. But the dining demand was so great that David Bouley had to expand. So he just changed the proportions. Now it’s a full restaurant with exquisite French food and a small extraordinary bakery. The food is inspired, the service outstanding and the experience delightful.

3. **Nobu**  
   105 Hudson St. @ Franklin St.  
   Tel: 212.219.0500  
   The sushi is world-class, as is the clientele—Nobu is frequented by many celebs. This is a very attractive restaurant and the food is outstanding.

4. **Montrachet**  
   239 W. Broadway @ Walker and White Sts.  
   Tel: 212.219.2777  
   You can’t beat Montrachet for great wine selection. The decor may be a little plain, but that just lets you concentrate on the food.

5. **Craft**  
   43 E. 19th St. @ 5th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.780.0880  
   Now you can act as “executive chef” in one of New York’s top restaurants. (Exec chefs don’t get their hands messy, they just make the decisions.) Here you will be guided to create your own full-course meal with fresh ingredients, imaginative presentation, and an enthusiastic staff. It’s a fun, delightful place.

6. **Union Square Cafe**  
   21 E. 16th St.  
   Tel: 212.243.4020  
   The Union Square Cafe is another of New York’s favorite restaurants. After just one meal there, you’ll know why. The friendly atmosphere, top-notch food, service and low prices make it a winner.

7. **Nobu Next Door**  
   105 Hudson Stree @ Franklin St.  
   Tel: 212-2190500  
   Yes, the same high quality as its famous brother next door but with significant differences: 1. No reservations, 2. Less formal 3. More eclectic crowd. But with one similarity: high demand to get in and experience the best Japanese food in Manhattan.

8. **City Hall**  
   131 Duane St. @ Church St.  
   Tel: 212.227.7777  
   This is a restaurant that pays tribute to “Old New York” by serving up classic, traditional meals with a contemporary touch. Its hamburgers are among the best in New York.

9. **Gramercy Tavern**  
   42 E. 20th St.  
   Tel: 212.477.0777  
   People come from far and wide for the nightly specials and the extensive wine list. This place is popular, so get your reservations far in advance.

10. **Park Bistro**  
    414 Park Avenue South @ 28th St.  
    Tel: 212.689.1360  
    This crowded, charming little bistro is like a bit of Paris in Manhattan.
The Top 10 Lower Manhattan Restaurants

1. Bayard’s
   1 Hanover Square @ Pearl St.
   Tel: 212.514.9454
   You enter a mansion. They greet you at the door and then
   guide you through ornate Italian rooms. Should you have
   worn your tux as they would have in New York of the 1800’s?
   No, not necessary, but the feeling of someplace special
   permeates this landmark India House. They seat you with
   care at a table with a view of the spacious room and then
   serve you outstanding French-American cuisine.

2. Vine
   25 Broad St.
   Tel: 212.344.8463
   An exciting restaurant in Wall Street. Is that a contradiction in
   terms? Well, the Vine pulls it off with its high ceilings, tall
   windows, and dynamically flavorful food.

3. 55 Wall Street
   Regent Hotel
   55 Wall Street
   Tel: 212.845.8600
   Wall Street is still operating and so is 55 Wall Street. This is
   as it should be. Classic American food right in the heart of the
   financial district in the great, stone Regent Hotel.

4. Delmonico’s
   56 Beaver Street @ South William St.
   212.509.1144
   This is a Wall Street institution. Since the early 1800’s it has
   served those riding high on the Street and those headed for a
   crash. In most cases, it served them up a “Delmonico’s Steak”.
   It’s a Wall Street standard, going up or coming down.

5. MarkJoseph Steakhouse
   261 Water Street
   212.277.0020
   Located on this side of the Brooklyn Bridge by a general
   manager who used to work on the other side of the Brooklyn
   Bridge at the famous Peter Luger’s. He brings the same
   commitment to old world service and tasty, tender steaks.

6. Fraunces Tavern
   54 Pearl Street @ Broad St.
   212.968.1776
   You can’t get more patriotic than dining here on your trip to
   Adams, and Madison and Hamilton and that whole gang of
   revolutionary patriots. This is where they went to drink in
   celebration after the reading of the Declaration of Indepen-
   dence. There is nothing more fun as you dine than thinking
   of all those patriots crammed in these very walls getting
   drunk with excitement as they looked to the future of their
   new and beautiful country. You can almost hear them shout,
   “Let’s get on with it.”

7. Cabana
   89 South Street Seaport/Pier 17
   212.406.1155
   An exciting, invigorating place to dine. It’s Caribbean with
   rhythm, freshness and charm. Located at the South Street
   Seaport you are assured the freshest fish; Caribbean hospi-
   tality abounds and the music keeps you smiling.

8. Morton’s of Chicago
   90 West Street @ Albany
   212.732.5665
   This is a sure bet if you’re downtown and you don’t want to
   take a risk. There is nothing more solid than the service and
   food that you get at Morton’s. Maybe you’ve been trading
   futures all day, or playing derivatives or watching little blips
   on Bloomberg go in the wrong direction. Now, you want a
   solid American steak. No surprises. Then you want Morton’s.

9. Hudson River Club
   250 Vesey St. @ West St.
   Tel: 212.786.1500
   This is set on the New York Harbor and has an outstanding
   view of the Statue of Liberty. The harbor, one of the most
   active in the world, is a dynamic backdrop as you dine.

10. Wall St. Kitchen & Bar
    70 Broad St. @ Beaver St.
    Tel: 212.797.7070
    Mingle with stockbrokers and bankers as they chow down af-
    ter an intense morning of trading. Hundreds of different beers
    and wines. Here you will see the real Masters of the Universe.
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The Top 10 Bagel Stores and Bakeries

New York is a bread lover’s paradise. Its many famous bakeries ship to restaurants all over the world, but you can sample their creations right out of the oven. For an authentic New York bagel, try your neighborhood deli or visit one of these tried-and-true favorites.

1. Ess-A-Bagel
   359 1st Ave. @ 21st St.
   Tel: 212.260.2252
   831 3rd Ave. @ 51st St.
   Tel: 212.980.1010
   Many say that Ess-A-Bagels are the best in the City. One thing is certain: they are the real thing. Whether you dress yours up with lox and cream cheese or just go for the plain, unadulterated bread, the twelve flavors available here will be sure to satisfy.

2. H&H Bagels
   2239 Broadway
   Tel: 212.595.8003
   639 W. 46th St. @ 10th Ave.
   Tel: 212.595.8000
   Open 24-hours, H&H will deliver its bagels anywhere in the world.

3. Pick-A-Bagel
   1475 2nd Ave.
   Tel: 212.717.4662
   1083 Lexington Ave.
   Tel: 212.517.6590
   Pick-A-Bagel makes up for its long lines and hectic atmosphere with great tasting bagels and one of the widest selections anywhere.

4. Balducci’s
   424 6th Ave. @ 9th St.
   Tel: 212.673.2600
   Bagels may not be the main event at this gourmet emporium, but they are something special, nonetheless.

5. A. Orwasher Bakery
   308 E. 78th St. @ 1st Ave.
   Tel: 212.288.6569
   The Orwashers have been baking bread for over seventy years. Choose from more than 25 hearth-baked varieties on any given day.

6. Amy’s Breads
   672 9th Ave. @ 46th St.
   Tel: 212.977.3856
   Amy’s breads are among New York’s best. Although they are available in other locations around the city including Barneys (Madison Avenue); the busy storefront on 9th Ave. is not to be missed. Don’t forget to sample the exquisite pastries.

7. Zito and Son’s Bakery
   259 Bleecker St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.929.6139
   A bit of Italy in New York City. Sesame seed loaves baked in coal ovens will transport you to Rome.

8. Lafayette Bakery
   298 Bleecker St. @ 7th Ave.
   Tel: 212.242.7580
   The Lafayette Bakery displays a tempting array of cookies, muffins, pastries and pies, all at surprisingly low prices.

9. Columbus Bakery
   474 Columbus Ave. @ 82nd St.
   Tel: 212.724.6880
   957 1st Ave. @ 52nd St.
   Tel: 212.421.0334
   Bread, pastries, great coffee and light organic salads will tantalize you at the Columbus Bakery. Live music on the weekend.

10. Krispy Kreme Donuts
    265 W. 23rd St. @ 7th Ave.
    Tel: 212.620.0111
    A Southern institution, Krispy Kreme has been embraced by New Yorkers who are quickly becoming addicted to the hot glazed kreme-filled delicacies. Press your nose up against the window and watch as the donuts roll down conveyor belts toward the deep fryer.
The Top 10 Green Grocers and Gourmet Stores

1. Zabar’s
   2245 Broadway @ 80th St.
   Tel: 212.787.2000
   The New York institution. Worth a visit just to look or to sample fresh foods from the deli.

2. Gourmet Garage
   453 Broome St. @ Mercer St.
   Tel: 212.941.5850
   Gourmet produce is yours for discount prices at this green grocer.

3. Balducci’s
   424 6th Ave. @ 10th St.
   Tel: 212.673.2600
   This small Greenwich Village grocery gets crowded in the evenings. Stop by early for leisurely shopping.

4. Dean & Deluca
   560 Broadway @ Prince St.
   Tel: 212.431.1691
   Shop with the beautiful people in this trendy SoHo grocery and coffee bar.

5. Around the Clock Center/Chelsea Market
   75 9th Ave. @ 15th St.
   Tel: 212.243.6005
   This food court and restaurant supplier is open to the public.

6. Italian Food Center
   186 Grand St. @ Mulberry St.
   Tel: 212.925.2954
   Stop in at this grocery for takeout or to buy ingredients for your own kitchen.

7. Li-Lac Chocolates
   120 Christopher St. @ Bedford St.
   Tel: 212.242.7374
   Once you try the decadent handmade truffles and heavenly buttercrunch at Li-Lac, you won’t want to leave!

8. Ninth Avenue Cheese Market
   615 9th Ave. @ 43rd St.
   Tel: 212.397.4700
   This cheese market stocks a wide selection of cheeses from around the world.

9. East Village Meat Market
   139 2nd Ave. @ St. Mark’s Place
   Tel: 212.228.5590
   This market is the place to go for Eastern European delicacies. Choose among a variety of meats, pastries, bread, pickles, and condiments.

10. K. Kalustyan
    123 Lexington Ave. @ 28th St.
    Aspiring curry chefs, take note! Here is the place to find all of the ingredients for your favorite middle-eastern recipes. They also operate a take-out counter for instant gratification.
The Top 10 Designer Stores for Women

As the center of international culture, New York is the sought-after venue for the world’s leading designers. Within a few blocks, you can see today’s most stylish and beautiful clothes.

1. Gianni Versace
   647 5th Ave. @ 51st St.
   Tel: 212.317.0224
   This store contains the designs of one of the most famous families in fashion history. Though it may be a bit pricey, you can always say, “It’s a Versace.”

2. Giorgio Armani
   754 Madison Ave. @ 65th St.
   Tel: 212.988.9191
   The most exclusive outlet for Armani clothes, this flagship store is frequented by leading New York and Hollywood stars.

3. Gucci
   585 5th Ave. @ 54th St.
   Tel: 212.826.2600
   In addition to luxuriously soft leather shoes, Gucci offers its wide array of designs to New York shoppers.

4. Chanel
   15 E 57th St.
   Tel: 212.355.5050
   Offers all the classic Chanel lines. See the replica of Coco Chanel’s Paris apartment (by special request, of course).

5. Prada
   841 Madison Ave. @ 70th St.
   Tel: 212.327.4200
   Straight from Milan, this designer is defining style in New York. Outstanding style, workmanship and prices.

6. Emanuel Ungaro
   792 Madison Ave. @ 67th St.
   Tel: 212.249.4090
   This Madison Ave. fixture will lure you in with the attractive window displays and hold you with the exquisite fashions and decor inside.

7. Calvin Klein
   654 Madison Ave. @ 60th St.
   Tel: 212.292.9000
   Where the designer comes to watch over the presentation of his most current, hot design. Everything here is perfect.

8. Christian Dior
   703 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.223.4646
   This store has been catering to its fashionable clientele for more years than it’s polite to mention. If you want to be pampered with attention and then dressed in the most elegant French fashions this is the place for you.

9. Hermes
   11 E 57th St.
   Tel: 212.751.3181
   The famous silk scarves and other accessories make Hermes the most luxurious attraction for those who define style in New York.

10. Givenchy
    954 Madison Ave. @ 75th St.
    Tel: 212.772.1040
    The gowns will astonish you with their elegance. You can browse on your own or sit in a cozy chair while the staff displays the store’s wares.
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The Top 10 Designer Stores for Men

New York men are among the best-dressed in the world. Visit any of the stores for the latest in style and quality.

1. Giorgio Armani
754 Madison Ave. @ 65th St.
Tel: 212.988.9191
The designer’s shop. In this elegant, four-story store, you’ll find almost all Giorgio has to offer. Keep an eye out for Armani’s famous clientele; you never know who will stop in.

2. Bergdorf Goodman Men
745 5th Ave. @ 58th St.
Tel: 212.753.7300
One of the broadest selection of outstanding men’s furnishings in New York.

3. Fratelli Rossetti
601 Madison Ave. @ 72nd St.
Tel: 212.980.9448
The perfect store for finding the perfect pair of shoes. The aroma of Italian leather abounds, and you won’t leave empty-handed.

4. A.T. Harris
2nd Fl., 11 E. 44th St. @ Madison Ave.
Tel: 212.682.6326
See where nine presidents have purchased their tuxedos for weddings and inaugurations. This shop for formal attire rents and sells it all.

5. Brooks Brothers
346 Madison Ave. @ 44th St.
Tel: 212.682.8800
This is the store that established “classic” men’s clothing for generations. It is still classic but now it is also stylish.

6. Polo by Ralph Lauren
867 Madison Ave. @ 72nd St.
Tel: 212.606.2100
Here you’ll find the full range of Polo products.

7. Lucien Pellat-Finet
226 Elizabeth St.
Tel: 212.343.7033
Nothing but the world’s most exquisite cashmere. Here, you will find the most luxurious sweater or scarf you’ll ever own.

8. St. Laurie Ltd.
895 Broadway @ 20th St.
Tel: 212.473.0100
Don’t go abroad for hand-tailored suits. This store offers the same personalized service at reasonable prices.

9. Costume National
108 Wooster St. @ Prince St.
Tel: 212.431.1530
Find the perfect clubbing attire or just something that is New York hip.

10. Addison on Madison
Trump Tower, 725 5th Ave. @ 56th St.
Tel: 212.752.2300
An amazing selection of men’s dress shirts in white, pastels, or prints.
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The Top 10 Women’s Shoe Stores

New York is the mecca for women’s shoe shopping. These are the best women’s shoe stores in the world.

1. Jimmy Choo
   645 5th Ave., Olympic Tower
   Outstanding London designer whose shoes adorned Princess Diana.

2. Sergio Rossi
   835 Madison Ave., 69th St.
   From Italy with that unique Italian flair for distinctive design.

3. Manolo Blahnik
   15 W. 55th St.
   Tel: 212.582.3007
   The last word in sexy shoes for women. Most styles have precariously narrow, high heels. You may have to learn to walk all over again but Manolos believers claim it’s worth it.

4. Susan Bennis/Warren Edwards
   22 W. 57th St.
   Tel: 212.755.4197
   High fashion shoes of couture quality and design.

5. Charles Jourdan
   777 Madison Ave.
   Tel: 212.486.2350
   No explanation is necessary here. Some of the best shoes in the world.

6. Joan & David
   Madison Ave. @ 68th St.
   Tel: 212.772.3970
   Classic shoes to match your business suit or cocktail dress. Most styles in the $150-200 range.

7. Patrick Cox
   702 Madison Ave.
   Tel: 212.759.3910
   The shoes of the moment, imported from London. The store carries the popular Wannabe line in all its guises, with something for the conservative as well as the hip. Purple patent leather penny loafers, anyone?

8. Kenneth Cole
   567 Broadway
   Tel: 212.965.0283
   A fine selection of slightly trendy, reasonably-priced shoes for men and women. Check out their socially-conscious and artfully-designed catalogue.

9. Maraolo
   551 Madison Ave.
   Tel: 212.308.8793
   This Italian chain is the place to go for moderately priced, very stylish, well-made shoes. Chances are you won’t leave with just one pair.

10. Robert Clergerie
    60th St.
    Tel: 212.207.8600
    Unbearably stylish French footwear.
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The Top 10 Hair Salons

What could be more glamorous than a makeover in one of Manhattan’s top salons? These are the best salons in the world. You may not be famous, but at least you can look like it.

1. Frederic Fekkai Beauté de Provence
   15 E. 57th St.
   Tel: 212.753.9500
   Located in the Chanel building, this salon specializes in creating classic looks for supermodels, actresses, and musicians alike. A series of peaceful, private rooms, this salon has few equals.

2. Garren New York at Henri Bendel
   712 5th Ave. @ 56th St.
   Tel: 212.841.9400
   Serving as a favorite of the fashion world, Garren is responsible for famous makeovers.

3. John Delaria
   433 W. Broadway @ Prince St., SoHo
   Tel: 212.925.4461
   This comfortable salon has a trustworthy staff well-trained in every look from classic to modern.

4. Linda Tam Salon
   680 5th Ave. @ 53rd St.
   Tel: 212.757.2555
   One of the best hair colorists in the world, Linda Tam demands a high price; but customers say it’s worth it.

5. Louis Licari Color Group
   797 Madison Ave.
   Tel: 212.517.8084
   For the most exquisite and delicate of coloring jobs, turn to the professionals. They specialize in healthy, natural looks.

6. Vidal Sassoon
   767 5th Ave. @ 59th St.
   Tel: 212.535.9200
   Providing service for both men and women, Vidal has been one of the most influential stylists in history.

7. Oribe Salon, Ltd.
   691 5th Ave. @ 54th St.
   Tel: 212.319.3910
   Located inside Elizabeth Arden’s salon, appointments are often difficult. However, this is the salon for the trendy, sexy looks of New York fame.

8. Pierre Michel Coiffeur
   Trump Tower, 725 5th Ave. @ 56th St.
   Tel: 212.593.1460
   Though it offers complete service for both women and men, these stylists are known for their treatment of long hair.

9. John Allan’s
   95 Trinity Pl. @ Thames St.
   Tel: 212.406.3000
   This salon for men is located near Wall Street, and appeases its demanding clientele with a pool table and humidor, in addition to traditional amenities.

10. Jean Louis David
    303 Park Ave. South @ 23rd St.
    Tel: 212.260.3920
    Stop here for straightforward and quick service. Arrive a few minutes early, though; this salon does not make appointments.
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The Top 10 Department Stores

These are great department stores with flair, style selection, and personality. These are the stores that set trends for the rest of the United States.

1. Bloomingdale’s
   1000 3rd Ave. @ 59th St.
   Tel: 212.355.5900
   This New York institution fills up an entire city block. And, if you look carefully, you’ll find excellent buys tucked in between the endless walkways and a myriad of cosmetic counters.

2. Saks Fifth Avenue
   611 5th Ave. @ 50th St.
   Tel: 212.743.4000
   A fashion mecca (and looking the part), Saks stocks all the latest designer name-brands. It also features a comprehensive collection of men’s clothing.

3. Lord & Taylor
   424 5th Ave. @ 39th St.
   Tel: 212.391.3344
   American style dominates this department store. The reds, whites, and blues also make way for low-priced fashion gems from designers such as Donna Karan and Jones New York.

4. Barneys New York
   660 Madison Ave. @ 61st St.
   Tel: 212.826.8900
   Don’t be fooled by reports that this department store is suffering from financial difficulties. It may be true, but the Madison Ave. branch is alive and well, featuring the best conservative wardrobes in New York.

5. Bergdorf Goodman
   754 5th Ave. @ 57th St.
   Tel: 212.753.7300
   Now featuring a home department to match the style and charm of the rest of the salon, this 5th Ave. fixture provides a lightly accented, mellow retreat for shoppers.

6. Henri Bendel
   712 5th Ave. @ 56th St.
   Tel: 212.247.1100
   Besides providing the best in major fashion labels, Henri Bendel now works from a large in-house designer label. The tea room, featuring the beautiful Lalique windows is a must-see.

7. Macy’s
   Broadway @ W. 34th St.
   Tel: 212.695.4400
   Size matters at Macy’s. This is the biggest department store in the world. Find anything if you have the patience to find it. Expect to get lost.

8. Takashimaya
   693 5th Ave. @ 54th St.
   Tel: 212.350.0100
   The fusion of East and West comes to a point at this Japanese department store. To find your inner peace, check out the gardening section.

9. ABC Carpet & Home
   881 and 888 Broadway @ 19th St.
   Tel: 212.473.3000
   Furnish your home dozens of times over at this world-famous place for home furnishings.

10. Bergdorf Goodman Man
    745 5th Ave. @ 58th St.
    Tel: 212.753.7300
    The male-counterpart of the main Bergdorf Goodman store across the street, this store is where the New York elite go for every type of clothing. You’ll see many a couple go their separate ways in this area to separate Bergdorf Goodman stores.
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The Top 10 Teen Clothing Stores

From ultra-trendy to vintage to grunge, teenagers will have no problem finding something special to bring home from New York that will dazzle their friends.

1. Canal Jean Company (Vintage)
504 Broadway
Tel: 212.226.3663
This store has everything from Calvin Klein underwear to very-used jeans. The clothing is very eclectic, covering expensive trendy brands as well as the bargain basement with Canal’s huge collection of used jeans and army gear.

2. Urban Outfitters (Trendy)
394 6th Ave.
Tel: 212.677.9350
This store will please any style. The clothing is very village hip chic, and prices are usually reasonable. On weekends, the store is packed with interesting people.

3. Old Navy (Trendy)
610 Avenue of the Americas @ 48th St.
Tel: 212.645.0663
The rapidly growing casual clothing store, Old Navy is now all over the country, but the two New York locations are very large and offer a nice shopping atmosphere. The 18th street location boasts a 50’s diner-style cafe and a photo booth.

4. Antique Boutique (Vintage)
712 Broadway
Tel: 212.460.8830
The Antique Boutique has changed its image and revamped its first floor with very expensive club clothing. Luckily, the basement is still the same collection of used leather jackets, sweat suits, jeans, and tropical shirts.

5. Andees Cheapees (Vintage)
16 W. 8th St.
Tel: 212.460.8488
Selling only recycled goods, this store is known mostly for its small but usually good collection of vintage flared pants. Their jacket collection is great, including leather, fur-collared, and belted.

6. Betsey Johnson and Olive & Bette’s (Trendy)
Olive & Bette’s:
252 Columbus Ave.
Tel: 212.579.2178
These two stores, conveniently placed together, provide a center for fun shopping on Columbus Ave. Continue up and down Columbus for more, but don’t miss Betsey’s riotous dresses (and the luxurious dressing room upstairs) or Olive’s perfect tees and cool pants.

7. Infinity (Young teens)
1116 Madison Ave. @ 83rd St.
Tel: 212.517.4232
Perfect for ages 10-16, Infinity is the original Contempo Casuals. Printed tees abound as do whatever pants are in fashion. Definitely not to be missed by any die-hard adolescent shopper.

8. Steve Madden (Shoes)
540 Broadway
Tel: 212.343.1800
150 E. 86th St. @ 3rd Ave.
Tel: 212.426.0538
Steve Madden can always be counted on to have a good selection of trendy shoes for any occasion.

9. West Eighth Street (Shoes)
This stretch of two blocks is the be-all and end-all in shoe shopping. You will get dizzy from crossing constantly from one side to the other trying to hit all the stores. Shoes range from thigh-high stiletto heels to motorcycle boots to mary Janes to everyday walking shoes.

10. Macy’s (Trendy)
151 W 34 St. @ Avenue of the Americas
Tel: 212.695.4400
Even though it is one of the oldest and largest department stores in the world, Macy’s has made it a point to be on the cutting edge of teen-age fashions, especially in their Herald Square store. It has a seemingly endless junior’s department stuffed with racks of trendy clothes at low prices.
The Top 10 Stores for Bargain Shopping

This is where New Yorkers shop for bargains.

1. Moe Ginsburg
   162 5th Ave. @ 21st St.
   Tel: 212.982.5254
   Upstairs from 5th Ave., men may find incredible buys: a selection of suits, outerwear, underwear, and more.

2. TJMaxx
   620 6th Ave. @ 18th St.
   Tel: 212.229.0875
   Men’s, women’s and children’s clothing and shoes, housewares and gift items.

3. Syms
   400 Park Avenue @ 54th St.
   Tel: 212.317.8200
   Men’s suits, shoes, ties, luggage, some women’s clothing.

4. Dollar Bill’s General Store
   32 E. 42nd St. (between 5th and Madison Ave.)
   Tel: 212.867.0212
   Men’s suits, Italian designer ties, some women’s clothing.

5. Century 21
   22 Cortland St. @ Church St.
   Tel: 212.227.9092
   Designer clothing, housewares and perfume.

6. Daffy’s
   111 5th Ave. @ 18th St.
   Tel: 212.995.0151
   Clothing, luggage for men, women, and children; open daily.
   1311 Broadway @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.736.4477

7. The Wiz
   17 Union Square @ 15th St.
   Tel: 212.741.9500
   Cameras, CD’s, televisions, some computers.
   If your tastes run to the old-fashioned, try Alice Kwartler for a fine selection of Victorian jewelry.

7. Gale Grant
   485 Madison Ave. @ 51st St.
   Tel: 212.752.3142
   Gale Grant makes high quality reproductions of famous pieces from the top lines.

8. Savage
   267 Columbus Ave. @ 72nd St.
   Tel: 212.724.4662
   For out-of-the-ordinary and ethnic jewelry, try Savage.

9. Mikimoto
   730 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.664.1800
   Mikimoto specializes in pearls and offers a wide variety.

10. Fichera & Perkins
   50 University Pl. @ 9th St.
   Tel: 212.583.1430
   Fichera & Perkins has a good selection of antique pieces at reasonable prices.
The Top 10 New and Used Music Stores

Music is New York, New York is music. No city in the world has as an intense love affair with music as does New York. There are all types of music stores in Manhattan; these are the best.

1. Virgin Megastore
   1540 Broadway @ 45th St.
   Located in the middle of Times square, this is the largest music emporium in the world, occupying 75,000 sq. ft. With sales in excess of $1 million each week, this store undoubtedly has something for everyone.

2. Norman’s Sound and Vision
   228 7th Ave.
   Tel: 212.243.0500
   Norman’s offers the widest selection of used CDs, videos, and DVDs to be found in Manhattan.

3. Tower Records
   1961 Broadway
   Tel: 212.799.2500
   725 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.838.8110
   692 Broadway
   Tel: 212.505.1500
   Tower Records is to music what Barnes and Noble is to books. Peruse this company’s vast selection and keep watch for any of your favorite musicians who might be making an appearance.

4. Gryphon Books and Records
   2246 Broadway
   Tel: 212.874.1588
   This store offers rare and out of print music for a more “selective” taste. Their music includes classical, jazz, Broadway, soundtracks, ballet, and spoken arts CDs and LPs.

5. House of Oldies
   35 Carmine St.
   Tel: 212.243.0500
   A better collection of records from 1950-1988 cannot be found. Check here to find that album you were looking for.

6. Venus Records
   13 St. Mark’s Pl. @ 2nd
   Tel: 212.598.4459
   Discount music is redefined in these two floors of CDs, LPs, and cassettes from all genres and eras.

7. Fat Flava
   56 W. 125th St.
   Tel: 212.348.6107
   Located in Harlem, this store offers the best in hip hop, R&B, gospel, soul, reggae, and jazz.

8. Etherea Records
   66 Ave. A @ 4th St.
   Tel: 212.358.1126
   Few establishments can compete with this music company’s collection of indie, electronic, and trip-hop music.

9. El Barrio Music Center
   2102 3rd Ave.
   Tel: 212.876.3409
   Specializing in all types of Latin Music, you will have difficulty beating the prices anywhere.

10. Footlight
    113 E. 12th St.
    Tel: 212.533.1572
    International performance CDs of cast recordings, soundtracks, and vocals. They also offer a large variety of jazz, big band, and rock & roll LPs.
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The Top 10 Bookstores

New York is book country. New Yorkers love to read and they all seem to be “writing a book.” They demand a lot from their bookstores, so there are a lot of great bookstores in the city to meet everyone’s particular interests.

1. **Barnes & Noble**
   - 105 Fifth Ave.
   - Tel: 212.807.0099
   - The book lover’s “superstore.” This is their most famous store where New York celebs and Hollywood movie stars browse along with everyone else. You can literally bump into your favorite star.

2. **Rizzoli**
   - 31 W. 57th St. @ 5th Ave.
   - Tel: 212.759.2424
   - Artsy, upscale bookstore where an intellectual clientele browses to subdued classical music.

3. **Book Friends Cafe**
   - 16 W. 18th St.
   - Tel: 212.255.7407
   - This bookstore and cafe in Chelsea is a favorite literary haunt.

4. **Argosy Book Store**
   - 116 E. 59th St.
   - Tel: 212.753.4455
   - Rare and out-of-print books, antique maps, posters, and prints.

5. **Books of Wonder**
   - 16 W. 18th St. @ 5th Ave.
   - Tel: 212.989.3270
   - The perfect place to buy books for children or, better yet, introduce them to the joys of bookstore browsing.

6. **The Strand**
   - 828 Broadway @ 12th St.
   - Tel: 212.473.1452
   - An assortment of used books and review copies (including best sellers) makes this the best place to buy books at bargain prices.

7. **Murder Ink**
   - 2486 Broadway @ 92nd St.
   - Tel: 212.362.8905
   - True mystery lovers take note! This is the store for you.

8. **A Different Light Bookstore and Cafe**
   - 151 W. 19th St. @ 7th Ave.
   - Tel: 212.989.4850
   - One of New York’s best gay and lesbian bookstores, A Different Light stocks a range of categories and regularly hosts readings.

9. **Traveller’s Bookstore**
   - 75 Rockefeller Plaza
   - Tel: 212.664.0995
   - Worldwide travel guides.

10. **Endicott Booksellers**
    - 450 Columbus Ave. @ 81st St.
    - Tel: 212.787.6300
    - Bask in the wood-paneled splendor at this atmospheric bookstore.
The Top 10 Collectible Stores

These are fun stores to visit even if you do not collect.

1. Cosmic Comics
   2nd Fl., 36 E. 23rd St.
   Tel: 212.460.5322
   Featuring a wide selection of new and old comics, action figures, posters, and T-shirts, this store has been mentioned on the Today Show, CNBC, and MTV.

2. Accidental CDs, Records, and Tapes
   131 Avenue A @ 9th St.
   Tel: 212.95.2224
   New and used CDs, records, tapes, videos, and more. Specialize in hard-to-find items.

3. Future Sports
   659 Lexington Ave. @ corner of 55th St.
   Tel: 212.308.1144
   Autographed sports memorabilia from every major sport.

4. 46th St. Collectibles
   429 W. 46th St.
   Tel: 212.765.4488
   Postcards, trading cards, and everything in-between.

5. Roger’s Time Machine
   207 W. 14th St.
   Tel: 212.691.0380
   Movie and print memorabilia.

6. American Telecom Inc.
   350 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.244.8800
   Pre-paid phone cards. Yes, people collect those...

7. Stack’s Coin Co.
   123 W. 57th St. @ 7th Ave.
   Tel: 212.582.2580
   One of America’s oldest and largest coin dealers. This store offers a great collection of all kinds of coins.

8. Olden Camera and Lens Company
   1265 Broadway
   Tel: 212.725.1234
   Sell your grandmother’s Brownie and buy a Nikon cheap.

9. The Golden Spike
   23 W. 45th St.
   Tel: 212.354.7349
   New York’s only vintage train store.

10. Howdy Do Toy Collectibles
    72 E. 7th Ave.
    Tel: 212.979.1618
    Kids and adults will love this place.
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The Top 10 Auction Houses and Antique Stores

Some of the most beautiful art objects and antiques pass through the doors of these establishments. They are like museums where you can buy the artwork.

1. Sotheby’s
   1334 York Ave. @ 72nd St.
   Tel: 212.606.7000
   You can find almost anything at Sotheby’s, as long as it is rare and expensive. They are world-renown for auctioning off the effects of the very richest and most famous. But they also offer more esoteric selections like fossil remains. Try the Arcade (same address) for a relative bargain.

2. Christie’s
   502 Park Ave. @ 59th St.
   Tel: 212.546.1000
   Christie’s has been around for a little over two centuries, and they know what they are doing. Christie’s East, 219 E. 67th St., Tel: 212.606.0400, is the “bargain basement.”

3. L’Antiquaire and the Connoisseur, Inc.
   36 E. 73rd St.
   Tel: 212.517.9176
   L’Antiquaire and the Connoisseur, Inc. has numerous stunning, rare and beautiful articles spanning several centuries of European artistry and craft.

4. Stair & Co.
   942 Madison Ave.
   Tel: 212.517.4400
   The beautiful display makes the antiques look even more lovely.

5. Chelsea Antiques Building
   110 W. 25th St. @ 6th Ave.
   Tel: 212.929.0909
   If you love the thrill of the hunt when shopping, try the Chelsea Antiques Building. There are tons of vendors selling 6:45, the Philharmonic offers Rush Hour Concerts and Casual Concerts on Saturday with discussion groups afterwards.

6. Cobweb
   116 W. Houston St. @ Sullivan St.
   Tel: 212.505.1558
   Cobweb has an exotic, folkloric selection for those who like the out-of-the-ordinary shopping experience.

7. Darrow’s Fun Antiques
   1101 1st Ave. @ 60th St.
   Tel: 212.838.0730
   The name says it all. This is the place to go for nostalgic toys and curiosity items.

8. City Barn Antiques
   269 Lafayette St.
   Tel: 212.941.5757
   This charming store carries primarily American antiques from the early part of the century.

9. Urban Archaeology
   285 Lafayette St.
   Tel: 212.431.6969
   Definitely not your average antique store, Urban Archaeology sells trimmings and pieces of old buildings.

10. Annex Antiques Fair & Flea Market
    6th Ave. @ 26th St.
    Tel: 212.243.5343
    The Annex Antiques Fair & Flea Market is one of the only indoor, year-round flea markets in the country. It’s a great way to spend a rainy afternoon.
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The Top 10 Tips for Seeing Broadway Shows

1. Order tickets as far in advance as possible when planning a trip to New York.
   If you wait until you arrive, disappointment is almost inevitable for “hot” shows. However, theatres like to accommodate out-of-towners on the phone because they know they have one shot to get your purchase. So call the box office direct to charge tickets to your credit card. Or call Telecharge (Tel: 212.239.6200) or Ticketmaster (Tel: 212.307.4100). Matinees are Wednesdays and Saturdays.

2. Go to the Box Office.
   You could be surprised to find tickets are available. Even “sold out” shows have a few tickets that become available for a variety of reasons. If you have a target show, check the Box Office first. There is also a Broadway Ticket Center in The Times Square Visitors Center on Broadway (between 46th and 47th Sts.).

3. Visit the TKTS Booth for reduced-price, same-day tickets for Broadway (and Off Broadway) shows.
   These are unsold tickets that Theatres send over to TKTS on the afternoon of the performance. Not all shows are available. If you want to see a particular show go to the Box Office first. There are two TKTS locations: One at Duffy Square, 47 St. and Broadway (open from 3:00 to 8:00pm for evening performances, 10:00 to 2:00 for Wed. and Sat. matinees, and 11:00am to 6:00pm Sun. for all performances), and one on the mezzanine at Two World Trade Center (Open Mon. to Fri. 11:00am to 5:30pm and Sat. from 11:00am to 3:30pm with matinees available only the day before). Be prepared: tickets are discounted 25-50%, but TKTS Booths only accept cash and traveler’s checks (surcharge added). The lines form early, and tickets are strictly first come, first served.

4. Standing room only...
   Take advantage of this option for sold-out shows. Many theaters offer standing room tickets at lower prices.

5. Try a Ticket Broker
   Ticket Brokers are legitimate. They buy blocks of tickets for hot shows and then resell them. State law prohibits premiums exceeding $5 or 10% of the ticket price. If you plan on purchasing tickets through a broker, know the going rate for the tickets you are looking for and drive a hard bargain.

6. Last minute tickets are sometime available.
   If you absolutely, absolutely have to see a particular show, hang around the box office and you might be surprised at how many people pull up in a cab to sell their tickets for that evening’s performance.

7. Be flexible.
   It is often said that one cannot make a wrong turn on Broadway. All the shows that make it to Broadway have passed through a gauntlet of criticism and review. If you get shut out of that show you’ve set your sights on, pick another; you’ll be pleasantly surprised.

   There is also information available on the Internet. Start with http://www.theatredirect.com to find out about package deals.

9. Try Off Broadway
   Off Broadway is a term used to designate shows that are of the Broadway caliber but do not have the glitz of The Big White Way. Usually, they are simpler in staging. Off Broadway is an official term used by unions and others to give to the producers lower rates. Therefore, Off Broadway tickets are much cheaper than Broadway and the performances are just as outstanding and the shows just as memorable.

10. Or, Try Off Off Broadway
    Off Off Broadway generally refers to shows that are experimental, avant garde or exploratory. The accommodations are sparse. But, this is where Broadway Wannabes take their first steps on stage. For the adventurous or serious theater devotee.
The Top 10 Performing Arts Organizations / Venues

1. Metropolitan Opera Company
   Lincoln Center, Broadway @ 64th St.
   Tel: 212.362.6000
   Great opera in a great house. This company recruits the best singers and conductors from around the world. Secret: There are standing-room-only tickets available.

2. New York City Opera
   New York State Theater, Lincoln Center, Broadway @ 64th St.
   Tel: 212.870.5570
   This company offers a diverse selection of performances and boasts alumni including Placido Domingo, but of course, the main draw is the consummately dazzling opera filled with vitality and style.

3. New York Philharmonic
   Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, Broadway @ 64th St.
   Tel: 212.870.5030
   From September to June, conductor Kurt Masur leads this world-renowned orchestra. In addition, every weeknight at 6:45, the Philharmonic offers Rush Hour Concerts and Casual Concerts on Saturday with discussion groups afterwards.

4. New York City Ballet
   New York State Theater, Lincoln Center, Broadway @ 64th St.
   Tel: 212.870.5570
   The NYCB is the most classic of classic ballet. Winter season runs mid-November through February with the famous production of The Nutcracker in December. The spring season runs from April through June.

5. Carnegie Hall
   W. 57th St. @ 7th Ave.
   Tel: 212.247.7800
   As the old adage goes, “It takes practice to get to Carnegie Hall.” But you can visit this paean to music on your trip to New York. The Hall plays home to every type of music.

6. Brooklyn Academy of Music
   30 Lafayette Ave, Brooklyn
   718.636.4100
   The world’s oldest music venue (opened in 1859) is still on the cutting edge of music and dance. Renovation will yield a multiplex movie theater and cafe.

7. Apollo Theater
   253 W. 125th St. @ Frederick Douglass Blvd.
   Tel: 212.749.5838
   One of the top venues for up-and-coming artists, the Apollo offers live music every night (including a no-boo policy on Wednesday’s “Amateur Night”). The Apollo’s star power has waned since its golden days, but it can still draw the occasional big name performer.

8. Tisch Center for the Arts
   1395 Lexington Ave. @ 92nd St.
   Tel: 212.996.1100
   The Tisch Center offers a variety of readings, lectures, and concerts—classical, pop, and jazz—with affordable ticket prices. Most series do not continue for the summer, but the jazz is always available.

9. Radio City Music Hall
   1260 6th Ave. @ 50th St.
   Tel: 212.247.4777
   This very New York venue hosts everything from rock and pop concerts to TV events and award shows to the famous Christmas extravaganza, headlined by its very own Rockettes.

10. The Juilliard School
    60 Lincoln Center Plaza @ 65th St.
    Tel: 212.769.7406
    Throughout the school year, the school’s young artists play at C. Michael Paul Hall and Juilliard Theater. Undoubtedly the most prestigious place to study music, you can see students here before they move on to fame and fortune.
The Top 10 Broadway Shows

There is nothing in the world like a Broadway Show, the dynamic power of seasoned professionals putting on a show that will last in your memory forever. Here is a list of the best on Broadway today. (See: The Top 10 Tips For Seeing Broadway Shows.)

1. The Producers
   St. James Theatre
   249 W. 44th St.
   Tel: 212.239.6200
   A masterpiece of comedy. By Mel Brooks...of course.

2. The Phantom of the Opera
   Majestic Theatre
   247 W. 44th St.
   Tel: 212.239.6200
   Captured with overpowering effect in the grand Majestic Theatre in the heart of Broadway.

3. 42nd Street
   Ford Center for the Performing Arts
   213 W. 42nd St.
   Tel: 212.282.2900
   If you can make it here you can make it anywhere.... The story of New York, again, and again, and again.

4. Les Miserables
   Imperial Theatre
   249 W. 45th St.
   Tel: 212.239.6200
   Let Broadway transport you to another time, place and age. And, feel your spirits rise.

5. Contact
   Lincoln Center - Vivian Beaumont Theatre
   150 W. 65th St.
   Tel: 212.239.6200
   Wow. This is what dancing is all about. A tour de force.

6. Chicago
   Shubert Theatre
   225 W. 44th St.
   Tel: 212.239.6200

7. Blue Man Group: Tubes
   Astor Place Theatre
   434 Lafayette St.
   Tel: 212.254.4370
   Mind expanding.

8. Cabaret
   Studio 54
   254 W. 54th St.
   212.239.6200
   Come, come to the Cabaret, and leave your troubles behind.

9. Kiss Me, Kate
   Martin Beck Theatre
   302 W. 45th St.
   Tel: 212.239.6200
   About the stars who make Broadway dynamic. Great egos compete within the exquisite score and lyrics of Cole Porter.

10. The Lion King or Beauty and the Beast
    New Amsterdam Theatre/Lunt-Fontanne Theatre
    241 W. 42nd St./205 W. 46th St.
    212.719.1300/212.575.9200
    Disney on Broadway with all the spectacular effects that Disney brings to a show.
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The Top 10 Off Broadway Shows

These are the longest-running Off Broadway shows. They continuously bring joy to a dedicated theatre-going audience.

1. The Fantasticks*
   Sullivan Street Playhouse
   181 Sullivan St., Greenwich Village
   Tel: 212.307.4100
   (*Now closed)

2. Line
   Thirteenth Street Repertory
   50 W. 13th St.
   Tel: 212.675.6677

3. Perfect Crime
   Duffy Theater
   1553 Broadway @ 46th St.
   Tel: 212.695.3401

4. Blue Man Group
   Astor Place Theater
   434 Lafayette St., East Village
   Tel: 212.307.4100

5. Stomp
   Orpheum Theater
   2nd Ave. @ 8th St., East Village
   Tel: 212.477.2477

6. I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change
   Westside Theater
   407 W. 43rd St., Clinton
   Tel: 212.239.6200

7. Late-Nite Catechism
   St. Luke’s Church
   308 W. 46th St., Clinton
   Tel: 212.239.6200

8. Tony ‘N’ Tina’s Wedding
   St. Luke’s Church
   308 W. 46th St., Clinton
   Tel: 212.239.6200

9. De La Guarda
   Daryl Roth Theatre
   20 Union Square East @ 15th St.
   Tel: 212.239.6200

10. Fully Committed
    Cherry Lane Theatre
    38 Commerce St.
    Tel: 212.239.6200
The Top 10 Longest Running Broadway Shows of All Time

1. Cats  
   Number of performances: 7,485

2. A Chorus Line  
   Number of performances: 6,137

3. Oh, Calcutta!  
   Number of performances: 5,962

4. Les Misérables  
   Number of performances: 5,600+

5. The Phantom of the Opera  
   Number of performances: 5,300+

6. Miss Saigon  
   Number of performances: 4,000+

7. 42nd Street  
   Number of performances: 3,485

8. Grease  
   Number of performances: 3,388

9. Fiddler on the Roof  
   Number of performances: 3,242

10. Life With Father  
    Number of performances: 3,224
**The Top 10 Cabarets**

Cabaret is the most sophisticated and intimate style of live entertainment. New York has the best cabaret. Since performers change frequently we have listed the top venues. There is usually a cover charge or minimum. It is one of the best ways to spend an evening in New York.

1. **Cafe Carlyle**  
   *The Carlyle Hotel, 35 E. 76th St. @ Madison Ave.*  
   Tel: 212.744.1600  
   No devotee of cabaret can miss this extraordinary venue. Bobby Short is the master supreme, and he has established the Cafe Carlyle as the preeminent refined cabaret in the world. Woody Allen makes regular appearances.

2. **Michael's Pub**  
   *The Park Restaurant, 109 E. 56th St.*  
   Tel: 212.758.2272

3. **The Oak Room**  
   *The Algonquin Hotel, 59 W. 44th St.*  
   Tel: 212.840.6800

4. **Cafe Pierre**  
   *Fifth Ave. (at 61st St.)*  
   Tel: 212.940.8195

5. **Danny's Skylight Room**  
   *346 W. 4th St.*  
   Tel: 212.265.8133

6. **Eighty-Eight's**  
   *228 W. 10th St., West Village*  
   Tel: 212.924.0088

7. **Supper Club**  
   *240 W. 47th St.*  
   Tel: 212.921.1940

8. **Firebird Cafe**  
   *363 W. 46th St.*  
   Tel: 212.586.0244

9. **Blue Note**  
   *131 W. 3rd*  
   Tel: 212.475.8592

10. **Iridium**  
    *48 W. 63rd St.*  
    Tel: 212.582.2121
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The Top 10 Comedy Clubs

The best comedians come to New York to prove their worth. These are the stages where you will find them while they are waiting for their call from Dave or Conan.

1. The Comic Strip
   1568 2nd Ave. @ 81st St.
   Tel: 212.861-9386
   This club has an off-beat, corner-bar feel to it. The lineup is unpredictable but always worth checking out.

2. Catch a Rising Star
   253 W. 28th St. @ 8th Ave.
   Tel: 212.462.2824
   The aptly named club features Saturday Night Live personalities and other established headliners.

3. Caroline’s
   1626 Broadway @ 49th St.
   Tel: 212.956.0101
   Sandra Bernhard and Gilbert Gottfried attest to Caroline’s star power, but it also features up-and-coming comedians.

4. Stand Up New York
   236 W. 78th St. @ Broadway
   Tel: 212.595.0850
   After watching network primetime sitcoms, come see many of the stars at the Upper West Side’s top choice for comedy.

5. Dangerfield’s
   1118 1st Ave. @ 61st St.
   Tel: 212.593.1650
   Rodney Dangerfield’s club displays the newest talent in comedy. It’s oftentimes a springboard to bigger and better things.

6. Comedy Cellar
   117 MacDougal St. @ Bleecker St.
   Tel: 212.254.3480
   What began as an experiment beneath the Olive Tree Cafe has become the place showcasing hot talent.

7. The Improv
   433 W. 34th St.
   Tel: 212.279.3446
   Richard Pryor and others got their start at this icon of comedy.

8. The Boston Comedy Club
   82 W. 3rd St.
   Tel: 212.477.1000
   The owner’s from Boston, but the acts come from all over the country. Monday is open-mike night.

9. New York Comedy Club
   241 E. 24th St. @ 3rd Ave.
   Tel: 212.696.5233
   This close, intimate club has one of the lowest cover charges in New York and often books big-name acts.

10. Freestyle Repertory Company
    120 W. 28th St.
    Tel: 212.642.8202
    The troupes will compete against each other in improvisational theatre comedy. On “Spontaneous Broadway” evenings, a group will begin with a song title from the audience, create a song around it, and then an entire musical. These wits are not to be trifled with.
The Top 10 Dance Clubs

Clubbing in New York is a high attitude affair which doesn’t really get started until after midnight. The crowds are fickle, and a club that is in today is likely to be out tomorrow. With that in mind, here are some clubs to try. Cover charges vary, and cash is preferred.

1. SOB’s (Sounds of Brazil)
   204 Varick St.
   Tel: 212.243.4940
   Latin rhythms, salsa, and reggae music are the specialties at SOB’s. Call ahead to see what’s on at this very popular venue.

2. Coney Island High
   15 St. Mark’s Place @ 2nd Ave.
   Tel: 212.674.7959
   Hard rock music and a Coney Island theme keep a young crowd on its feet until the small hours at this downtown club.

3. Roseland
   239 W. 52nd St.
   Tel: 212.247.0200
   Swing to big band music Thursday through Sunday in an old-fashioned ballroom. Swing is hot and this is the place to swing. A New York institution.

4. Life
   158 Bleecker St. @ Thompson St.
   Tel: 212.420.1999
   Life is the club of the moment (at least for now). Each night a new theme attracts an equally fabulous, often famous, crowd. It is worth trying to get in, but don’t hold your breath—have a back-up plan.

5. Decade
   1117 1st Ave. @ 61st St.
   Tel: 212.835.5979
   This club attracts a spiffy, older crowd that appreciates its champagne bar and classic music.

6. Webster Hall
   125 E. 11th St. @ 3rd Ave.
   Tel: 212.353.1600
   This enormous club is a favorite of NYU students. Five floors of thumping dance action is sure to have something for everyone.

7. The China Club
   2130 Broadway @ 75th St.
   Tel: 212.877.1166
   This club is hot on weeknights. It isn’t always easy to get in, so wear your most painfully hip outfit and vamp it up at the door.

8. The Roxy
   515 W. 18th St. @ 10th Ave.
   Tel: 212.645.5156
   A cross-section of New York’s club scene can be found at the Roxy. Check listings for weekly theme nights.

9. Au Bar
   241 E. 58th St. @ Madison Ave.
   Tel: 212.308.9455
   Join the beautiful people at one of their longstanding hangouts.

10. Nell’s
    246 W. 14th St. @ 7th Ave.
    Tel: 212.675.1567
    More of a lounge than a dance club, Nell’s attracts a diverse crowd and features a “chic living room” aesthetic.
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The Top 10 Jazz Clubs

Check Time Out or The New York Times for band listings, show times and cover charges. Some clubs take reservations. Many require a minimum purchase (food or drinks) to sit at tables.

1. The Village Vanguard
   178 7th Ave. S. @ 11th St.
   Tel: 212.255.4037
   Get there early if you want a seat, but your energy will be well-spent.

2. Sweet Basil
   88 7th Ave. S.
   Tel: 212.242.1785
   Offering three shows per night, this club is a little busier than most.

3. The Blue Note
   131 W. 3rd St.
   Tel: 212.475.8592
   This large and renowned jazz club presents jazz, Latin, and blues artists.

4. The Jazz Standard
   116 E. 27th St.
   Tel: 212.447.7733

5. Birdland
   315 W. 44th St.
   Tel: 212.581.3080
   Originally played by Charlie Parker, everyone up to Miles Davis has taken the stage.

6. Chicago Blues
   73 8th Ave. @ 14th St.
   Tel: 212.924.9755

7. Tramps
   51 W. 21st St.
   Tel: 212.544.1666

8. Brownies
   169 Avenue A @ 10th St.
   Tel: 212.420.8392

9. Iridium Jazz Club and Restaurant
   44 W. 63rd St.
   Tel: 212.582.2121
   Near Lincoln Center, this club offers the best jazz, good food, and friendly service.

10. The Knitting Factory
    74 Leonard St.
    Tel: 212.219.3055
    Relaxed and small, this spot has hosted heads of state and showcases avant-garde jazz artists.
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Top 10 Bars in New York

1. The Greatest Bar on Earth
   1 World Trade Center, 107th Floor
   The World Trade Center
   Tel: 212.524.7000
   You’ve got to admire an establishment that calls itself the greatest on Earth. It sits on top of the World Trade Center with certainly the greatest city views on earth. Relax and watch as the city turns golden in the sunset and then starts glistening in the dark as the lights of the city sparkle like diamonds in the night. Recently they’ve added live music so you can dance the night away. Hey, what could be better.

2. King Cole Bar
   St. Regis Hotel
   2 East 55th St. @ Fifth
   Tel: 212.339.6721
   A classic New York bar just off 5th Avenue in the heart of Manhattan. A great place to take a break from shopping or to have a drink before doing the town.

3. The Grand Bar
   SoHo Grand Hotel
   310 West Broadway @ Grand St.
   Tel: 212.965.3000
   A very stylish bar in hot SoHo. A cool place with super cool patrons and cell phones galore. Where the LA crowd gathers when in NY.

4. The Oak Bar at the Plaza
   The Plaza Hotel
   768 Fifth Avenue @ 59th St.
   Tel: 212.546.5320
   No flash here. Just solid oak and solid New York service in a solid room that has been an integral part of New York for as long as New Yorkers can remember. If walls could talk these walls could have some of the greatest stories in the city.

5. Gramercy Tavern
   42 East 20th Street @ Park Ave. South
   Tel: 212.477.0777
   A terrific neighborhood bar where locals pour in the door. The staff is friendly and makes you feel at home. You’ll think you’re a New Yorker.

6. Roof Garden at the Metropolitan Museum.
   Metropolitan Museum
   1000 Fifth Avenue @ 82nd St.
   Tel: 212.535.7710
   Especially on warm summer days this low-key rooftop bar is extraordinary with views looking out over the city skyline. A real pleasure. (Hours of operation are tied to the museum hours & it closes 50 min. before.)

7. O’Flaherty’s Ale House
   334 West 46th Street @ Eighth Ave.
   Tel: 212.246.8928
   A great bar for before the theater (or after). It’s spacious with an open garden for the summer and two fireplaces for the winter. It’s a refreshing place in the heart of the theater district and they give you the space to relax.

8. Pentop Bar & Terrace
   Peninsula Hotel
   700 Fifth Avenue @ 55th St.
   Tel: 212.956.2888
   A rooftop bar in the heart of midtown with terrific views. A place to sip away the early evening after a hot afternoon of shopping and touring. But, beware, it’s very expensive for simple drinks.

9. Time Lounge
   The Time, 2nd Floor
   224 W 49th Street @ Eighth Ave.
   Tel: 212.246.5252
   In the Time Hotel in Times Square. The perfect respite from the hectic pace of Times Square. A chance to review what a great time you’re having in New York.

10. Bemelman’s Bar in the Carlyle
    Carlyle Hotel
    35 East 76th Street @ Madison Ave.
    Tel: 212.570.7189
    A late evening bar with some of the most sophisticated patrons in New York. A perfect place for a cool finish to a hot night in the city. Elegant dress recommended.
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The Top 10 Power Bars

1. “21” Club
   21 W. 52nd St.
   Tel: 212.582.7200
   A conservative crowd with prestige gives “21” Club the feel of an old-time club. Go there to make high-power deals or to see familiar faces from Fortune or Business Week.

2. King Cole Bar
   St. Regis Hotel, 2 E. 55th St.
   Tel: 212.753.4500
   Cultured, from the gorgeous decor to the famous Maxfield Parrish mural.

3. Fantino
   The Ritz-Carlton, 112 Central Park South
   Tel: 212.757.1900
   Dressy, conservative Fantino is the home of the traditional evening cocktail.

4. Polo Lounge and Restaurant
   Westbury Hotel, 840 Madison Ave.
   Tel: 212.439.4835
   This classically elegant bar is popular with the well-heeled business set.

5. Elaine’s
   1703 2nd Ave.
   Tel: 212.534.8103
   Unlike Woody Allen, you will not get your regular table when you go to Elaine’s. But go late, and you’re guaranteed an exciting evening of star-watching.

6. Oak Bar
   Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave. @ 59th
   Tel: 212.759.3000
   The Oak Bar is an oldie, but a goodie. Sophisticated, respectable people make the crowd here, with the occasional celebrity.

7. Temple Bar
   332 Lafayette St. @ Bleecker St.
   Tel: 212.925.4242
   The martinis at Temple Bar are said to be the best in the city.

8. The Library
   Regency Hotel, 540 Park Ave. @ 61st St.
   Tel: 212.339.4050
   A great place to dine and read, especially good light-fare.

9. Algonquin Hotel Lounge
   59 W. 44th St. @ 5th Ave.
   Tel: 212.840.6800
   In the middle of the Lincoln Center/theater district, O’Neals offers American food and an interesting bar scene.

10. O’Neals
    49 W. 64th St. @ Broadway
    Tel: 212.787.4663
    In the middle of the Lincoln Center/theater district, O’Neals offers American food and an interesting bar scene.
The Top 10 Casual Bars

Not everything in New York is intense, stylish, and over-the-top. Here are the best bars at which to relax with at-home New Yorkers.

1. **Riverrun**
   176 Franklin St. @ Greenwich St.
   Tel: 212.966.3894
   This TriBeCa hangout serves a loyal clientele at reasonable prices.

2. **White Horse Tavern**
   567 Hudson St. @ 11th St.
   Tel: 212.989.3956
   A great place to drink, relax, and people-watch.

3. **Chelsea Commons**
   242 10th Ave.
   Tel: 212.924.9424
   This pub has outdoor seating during the warmer months, and draws a bookish crowd.

4. **Landmark Tavern**
   626 11th Ave. @ 46th St.
   Tel: 212.757.8595
   This Irish bar is a cozy hangout. Curl up by the fireplace with a plate of good old-fashioned comfort food or a pint of Guinness.

5. **Flight 151**
   151 8th Ave.
   Tel: 212.229.1868
   This bar serves lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Sidle up to the wooden bar and order your favorite beer.

6. **Tortilla Flats**
   767 Washington St. @ W. 12th St.
   Tel: 212.243.1053
   In the mood for fun and games? Check out Tortilla Flats for a slightly raucous atmosphere. Bingo nights, an homage to Vegas lounge acts and occasional spontaneous sing-alongs are just the beginning.

7. **Knickerbocker Bar and Grill**
   33 University Pl. @ 9th St.
   Tel: 212.228.8490
   This neighborhood bar features top-notch, live jazz music.

8. **Broome Street Bar**
   363 W. Broadway @ Broome St.
   Tel: 212.925.2086
   This bar attracts an artsy, black-clad crowd.

9. **Man Ray**
   169 8th Ave. @ 18th St.
   Tel: 212.627.4220
   A hip Chelsea spot, this bar attracts an upscale crowd and offers a generous happy hour.

10. **Telephone Bar**
    149 2nd Ave. @ 10th St.
    Tel: 212.529.5000
    Three red London phone booths adorn the entrance to this establishment. Frequent by young professionals, students and local artists.
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The Top 10 Irish Pubs

1. O’Flaharty’s Ale House
   334 W. 46th St.
   Tel: 212.581.9366
   The charms of O’Flaharty’s Ale House go on and on: fireplaces, live music, book cases and a charming garden. Add in the casual, artsy atmosphere and you may just decide you’ve found the patch of Ireland you’ve always dreamed about.

2. Tommy Makem’s Restaurant and Pub
   130 E. 57th St.
   Tel: 212.759.9040
   Tommy Makem’s Restaurant and Pub is a fresh, modernized take on the classic pub. They also take full advantage of the full spectrum of Irish music.

3. St. Dymphnas
   118 St. Mark’s Place
   Tel: 212.254.6636
   Enjoy good food in St. Dymphnas’s lovely garden.

4. Neary’s
   358 E. 57th St.
   Tel: 212.751.1434
   Neary’s has great steak and, of course, a fine selection of beers. The legendary charm of Jimmy Neary is reason enough to go to this pub.

5. Landmark Tavern
   626 11th Ave. @ 46th St.
   Tel: 212.575.8595
   Located near Broadway, try the Landmark Tavern for a pre- or post-theater Guinness.

6. McSorley’s Old Ale House
   15 E. 7th St.
   Tel: 212.473.9148
   If you are looking for authentic atmosphere and good beer, try McSorley’s. For dinner, look elsewhere.

7. Fitzter’s
   Fitzpatrick’s, Manhattan Hotel, 680 Lexington Ave.
   Tel: 212.585.2100
   While the food is better than average, Fitzter’s lacks some of the charisma of New York’s older pubs.

8. Hunters
   1387 3rd Ave. @ 78th St.
   Tel: 212.734.6008
   The food is cheap and the fireplace, cozy.

9. Thady Con’s
   915 2nd Ave @ 49th St.
   Tel: 212.688.9700
   Thady Con’s boasts four working fire places and a heady selection of beers.

10. McGee’s
    240 W. 55th St.
    Tel: 212.957.3536
    McGee’s is a good basic restaurant when you are in the mood for something traditional.
The Top 10 Romantic Places to Meet for a Drink

Here are the most romantic places to meet for a drink in New York. Also, keep in mind that most large hotels in the city have ambient bars and restaurants, perfect to unwind in after a long day of working, shopping or sightseeing.

1. The Palm Court
   *The Plaza Hotel, 768 5th Ave. @ 59th St.*
   Tel: 212.546.5350
   This elegant room is an oasis on 5th Ave. appealing to a very dignified crowd. With beautiful decoration and soft music in the background, The Palm Court is always a good place to go for a quiet, intimate conversation.

2. King Cole Cafe and Bar
   *St. Regis Hotel, 2 E. 55th St. @ 5th Ave.*
   Tel: 212.339.6721
   King Cole’s opulent decor and friendly bartenders will put you in a relaxed mode in no time. This is a New York classic.

3. Fantino
   *Westin Central Park South, 112 Central Park South*
   Tel: 212.757.1900
   In what used to be the Ritz Carlton, this restaurant bar is formal and classic.

4. Park View at the Boathouse.
   *Loeb Boathouse, Central Park*
   Tel: 212.517.2233
   The Park View will fulfill your romantic fantasies. It has an outstanding setting with views of the Park and the New York residential skyline.

5. Box Tree
   *250 East 49th St. @ 2nd Ave.*
   This gorgeous French restaurant is a lovely place to start a romantic evening out. Expensive, but not to be missed.

6. Cafe des Artistes
   *1 W. 67th St.*
   Cafe des Artistes has an intimate atmosphere with attractive murals and cozy spaces to get lost in. You may not be able to get a dinner reservation, but the bar is always open.

7. The Restaurant at the Carlyle
   *Carlyle Hotel, 35 E. 75th St.*
   Tel: 212.744.1600
   The Carlyle's fabulous setting, carefully chosen wines and knowledgeable staff make it one of the very best of New York’s many hotel bars.

8. Vong
   *Lipstick Building, 200 E. 54th St.*
   Tel: 212.486.9592
   Vong’s decor is exotic, with drinks to match. You may want to stay for dinner, as their French spin on Thai cuisine is sensational.

9. Monkey Bar
   *Hotel Elysee, 60 E. 54th St. @ Park Ave.*
   Tel: 212.838.2600
   This stylish bar and restaurant attracts a younger crowd with its glamorous, Art Deco atmosphere. Order a Manhattan or a Martini and soak up the ambience.

10. Le Colonial
    *149 E. 57th St.*
    Tel: 212.752.0808
    Pass through the fabulous Vietnamese restaurant downstairs and head for the chic bar on the second floor.
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The Top 10 Events
January through June

Call the New York Convention and Visitor’s Bureau at 800.NYC.VISIT for details on these and other events going on throughout the year.

1. New Year’s in Times Square
   December 31/January 1
   Tel: 212.869.1890
   Watch the ball drop with millions of others (but come early!). It’s a sight everyone should see at least once.

2. Art Expo New York
   Early March
   Tel: 212.216.2000
   Twelve thousand vendors of popular art, from posters to paintings to sculptures, descend on the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. This is a trade show, open to the public for only a few days.

3. St. Patrick’s Day Parade
   March 17
   The world’s largest civilian parade begins at 44th Street and winds its way down Fifth Avenue to 86 St. with crowds of green-clad participants. On St. Patrick’s Day in New York, everyone is Irish and everyone is happy.

4. New York Coliseum Antiques Show
   Early April
   Tel: 212.255.0020
   The most popular of the many antique shows throughout the year in New York, this one takes place at 10 Columbus Circle.

5. Bike New York: The Great Five-Borough Bike Tour
   Early May
   Tel: 212.932.0778
   Cars clear a 42-mile route from Wall Street to Staten Island for this biking adventure. Over 30,000 participants gather for a party at the end of the ride.

6. Ninth Avenue International Food Festival
   Late May
   Take a stroll up Ninth Avenue between 37 and 57 Streets, sample ethnic foods and watch street performers.

7. Lesbian and Gay Pride Week and March
   Late June
   Tel: 212.807.7433
   A week of festivities and fundraisers culminating in a parade down Fifth Avenue and a wild dance party in the West Village.

8. Restaurant Week
   Late June
   Here’s your chance to eat in New York’s finest restaurants for well under the normal price. Prix fixe menus for lunch and dinner require reservations far in advance, so watch for advertisements for this event in the New York Times.

9. Shakespeare in the Park
   June through August
   Tel: 212.539.8500
   A series of top notch performances by famous actors at the Delacorte Theater. Free to the public, but tickets have to be obtained slightly in advance.

10. Summerstage
    June through August
    Tel: 212.360.2777
    A series of low or no-cost outdoor concerts in Central Park featuring a variety of music by new and established artists.
The Top 10 Events
July through December

1. **Fourth of July**  
   *Tel: 212.695.4400*  
   Check The New York Times for a full list of Fourth of July festivities. The most popular events are the Lower Manhattan Festival and Macy's fireworks display over the East River. For the best view, head to FDR Drive several hours before sunset.

2. **Lincoln Center Festival**  
   *July and August*  
   *Tel: 212.546.2656*  
   A variety of performances, from ballet and music to puppet shows and theater rounds out this popular festival. There is also outdoor dining in the Plaza. Call for schedules and tickets.

3. **U.S. Open Tennis Championships**  
   *Late August/ early September*  
   *Tel: 718.760.6200*  
   Flushing Meadows, Queens becomes the epicenter of the pro tennis world during this grand slam tournament. Tickets go on sale in May.

4. **New York is Book Country Street Fair**  
   *Mid September*  
   5th Ave. (from 48th St. to 57th St.)  
   More than 160 book publishers and booksellers are represented. Rub shoulders with America’s leading writers and authors. Bring home a book personally-autographed by one of your favorites.

5. **New York Film Festival**  
   *Late September/ early October*  
   This two week festival is one of the film industry’s most important events. Go and see the work of up-and-coming directors. You may witness the discovery of the next Quentin Tarrantino.

6. **SoHo Arts Festival**  
   *October*  
   Hundreds of thousands of visitors flock to this three day festival which features exhibitions at over one hundred galleries and museums.

7. **Greenwich Village Halloween Parade**  
   *October 31*  
   Just after sunset, the ghouls fill the streets for this parade up Sixth Avenue (check the Times for the route, which changes slightly each year). You can don a costume and join in or watch. It is a big parade and event in New York.

8. **New York Marathon**  
   *Early November*  
   *Tel: 212.860.4455*  
   Over 30,000 runners attempt the five-borough course, and about two-thirds of them are from outside of New York. World champions lead and those who are there for the fun follow to the finish in Central Park.

9. **Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade**  
   *Tel: 212.494.5432*  
   This parade begins at Central Park West and winds its way down Broadway to Herald Square, but the real party begins the night before as the balloons are inflated and a carnival atmosphere prevails at Central Park West and 79th Street.

10. **Big Apple Circus**  
    *November through January*  
    *Tel: 212.268.2500*  
    Damrosch Park at Lincoln Center is the venue for this circus with a New York theme. A favorite of children and adults alike.
The Top 10 Things to Know for Getting Around New York

1. **NYC Transportation: quick, efficient, extensive.**
   New York’s system of taxis, buses and the subway make Manhattan one of the easiest metropolises in the world to traverse. The subway and buses run at all hours, although service is less during the late night and early morning hours. Taxis dominate the avenues, so hailing one is easy.

2. **The New York Subway, an adventure.**
   A must for any trip to New York. The subway is a New York institution. Ask anyone for the nearest subway station, and they’ll point you to it without hesitation. It is the quickest way to cover long distances in New York. Trains mostly run uptown and downtown Manhattan with some trains going across. Most sites and attractions in Manhattan are easily reachable by subway. If traveled intelligently, the subway is a safe, convenient and exciting way to travel.

3. **The NYC Bus, New York up close and personal.**
   The easiest way to get around—except in rush hour. No matter where you are in the city, you are never more than a few blocks away from the nearest bus stop. All avenues and major cross-town street have buses running on them. (It’s the best means other than a taxi for going cross-town.) Before getting on, tell the driver where you want to go. He will tell you if the bus goes there. (You have to watch where to get off.) Free maps are available from the driver.

4. **Getting on the system.**
   A ride on the bus or subway costs $1.50. Always get a Metrocard. You can buy one with any amount of money over three dollars and they can be refilled. A Metrocard allows you to transfer from bus to subway, subway to bus, or bus to bus for free within two hours of your last trip. For every $15 (10 rides) that you put on your Metrocard at one time, you are given one free ride. If you are staying for a while, unlimited Metrocards are available for 7- and 30-day periods. These cards are worth the cost if you plan on using the bus or subway two or more times a day. They recently introduced a one-day unlimited Metrocard. Free maps are available in buses and in subway stations.

5. **Taxi!**
   The word “ubiquitous” seems to have been invented for New York Yellow cabs. They’re everywhere. (Except when it’s raining. Don’t ask.) Take only yellow taxis. All other cabs are unregulated. Don’t worry about the driver trying to rip you off. Most are very honest. They’re professionals. They just want to take you to where you want to go and get on to their next job. Taxis are the most expensive of the three systems but if you have to get to an exact destination fast, they’ll do it for you. Note: Be sure you take one last look at the back seat as you get out. You’d be surprised what you might find there (like your wallet, purse or a just-purchased gift).

6. **Walking...and walking.**
   New York is a great walking city. Manhattan is basically level with only slight gradations. Sidewalks are wide and well maintained. So you can really cover territory quickly when walking. Bring good walking shoes or sneakers. There is plenty to see. The streets are lined with every conceivable type of store, restaurants and art gallery. People are everywhere heading off to somewhere important. Stroll along and you will discover your own favorite sights and memories of New York.

7. **Driving.**
   Taking an automobile into the city is doable but risky. There is almost nowhere to park. (They tow vigorously.) Driving is white-knuckle. And garage parking is expensive. But if you must, here are some hints. There is street parking outside the mid-town area. Upper West Side and Upper East Side have spaces. Then you can take the subway to where you want to go. Check the parking signs carefully.

8. **Know your Towns**
   Strange as it may seem, this massive city is referred to as a “town”. Midtown is the area around Rockefeller Center. Heading South towards the tip of Manhattan you’re heading Downtown. Heading North, you going Uptown. Going across Manhattan you’re going Crosstown. And, “This ol’ Town” is where Frank Sinatra felt the heartbeat of the world.
9. **Rest Rooms.**
Always a problem for tourists. A tip: the best rest rooms are in hotels. They are very public, usually clean and no hassle to use. In New York, you are never very far from a hotel. So, if you are getting concerned, set your sights on the nearest hotel and go refresh yourself.

10. **Major Transportation terminals**
There are three major transportation centers in Manhattan. The Port Authority Building, Penn Station and Grand Central Station. The Port Authority handles almost all the buses coming in and going out of the Manhattan. Located between 40th and 42nd Streets on Eight Avenue, it is a center of activity 24 hrs a day. Buses to the three major NY airports depart from here; New York Airport Service to JFK and LaGuardia and New Jersey Transit Airport Express to Newark Airport.

Just a few blocks away, is Penn Station (W. 31st to 33rd on Seventh Avenue) where Amtrak operates most of its trains. You can get a train there for Boston, Washington, Florida and all points in between. It is also a major commuter train center for Long Island and New Jersey.

Grand Central Station, located on the East Side on 42nd Street, is the center for commuter trains to Connecticut and upstate New York. A few Amtrak trains also depart from here. Just outside Grand Central Station on Park Ave and 42nd Street is the Airport Bus Center with busses that go to JFK and LaGuardia.

Coming into the city from JFK and LaGuardia airports, New York Airport Service (the most efficient and hassle-free way from the airports) deliver passengers to Grand Central and the Port Authority. From Newark Airport, New Jersey Transit goes to the Port Authority.
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The Top 10 Health Clubs

There are plenty of places to work out in Manhattan for those in from out of town. Most have a tourist day-rate. Many of these clubs have multiple locations. Call in advance.

1. **New York Health and Racquet Club**  
   E. 50th St. @ 5th Ave.  
   Tel: 212.593.1500

2. **Crunch**  
   54 E. 13th St.  
   Tel: 212.475.2018

3. **La Raquette Club**  
   119 W. 56th St.  
   Tel: 212.245.1144

4. **Equinox**  
   897 Broadway @ 19th St.  
   Tel: 212.780.9300

5. **Chelsea Piers**  
   Pier 60, 23rd St. @ Hudson River  
   Tel: 212.336.6000

6. **Synergy Fitness Clubs**  
   4 Park Ave.  
   Tel: 212.545.9590

7. **Excelsior Athletic Club**  
   301 E. 57th St.  
   Tel: 212.688.5280

8. **Bally Total Fitness Sports Club**  
   335 Madison Ave.  
   Tel: 1.800.695.8111

9. **Manhattan Plaza Health Club**  
   482 W. 43rd St.  
   Tel: 212.563.7001

10. **New York Sports Club**  
    131 E. 32nd St.  
    Tel: 212.860.8630

The Top 10 Auto Showrooms

If you’re into cars, Manhattan is the place for you. Because of the wealth in the city, Manhattan showrooms have some of the most glamorous versions of top-of-the-line automobiles. Most of these versions will never reach your local dealer.

1. **Rolls Royce**  
   Manhattan Motorcars  
   270 11th Ave.

2. **Bentley**  
   Manhattan Motorcars  
   270 11th Ave.

3. **Jaguar**  
   Manhattan Jaguar  
   787 11th Ave. @ 54th St.

4. **Mercedes-Benz**  
   Mercedes-Benz Manhattan  
   430 Park Ave.

5. **Lexus**  
   Lexus of Manhattan  
   829 11th Ave.

6. **Porsche**  
   Manhattan Motorcars  
   270 11th Ave.

7. **BMW**  
   BMW of Manhattan  
   555 W. 57th St.

8. **Land Rover**  
   Zumbach Sports cars  
   629 W. 54th St.

9. **Lincoln**  
   Manhattan Lincoln  
   787 11th Ave. @ 54th St.

10. **Cadillac**  
    Potamkin Cadillac  
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