

5 faves from a NEW YORK FOODIE

- 111 **DINNERTABLE**
206 Avenue A
(betw 12th and 13th St)
East Village ④
- A 20-seat spot that has you thinking you just landed in the home of a talented chef – and in a way you have. Enter through the sliding back door at The Garret, and plant yourself at the bar for unbridled personal attention, and to witness the Japanese-influenced American dishes being prepared. Order six or more dishes to share. We loved the beef tartare, and shrimp crudo.
- 112 **FUSCO**
43 East 20th St
(betw Park and Broadway)
Gramercy ⑤
+1 212 777 5314
www.fusconewyork.com
- Celebrity chef Scott Conant, known for his imaginative pastas and artistically presented dishes adds his personal touch to this jewel of a space. Two strategies: eat at the bar in front and rub elbows and mingle with other foodies. The dining room in the back is for more formal pursuits and tastings. Great wine list too.

- 113 **EL QUINTO PINO**
401 West 24th St
(betw 9th and 10th Ave)
Chelsea ⑤
+1 212 206 6900
www.elquintopinonyc.com
- A true Spanish tapas bar. Divided into 2 spaces, the bar area is perfect for stopping by for a bite and enjoying a glass of wine, and the dining room is great for extended feasting. Do try their *bocadillos*, which are sandwiches supreme like the Bocadillo de Calamar, a flash-fried squid po' boy.
- 114 **WALLFLOWER**
235 West 12th St
(at Greenwich Ave
Greenwich Village ④
+1 646 682 9842
www.wallflowermyc.com
- A little bar in front announces the adorableness of this place. Enjoy meticulously crafted cocktails by Xavier Herit, former head bartender at Daniel, while tapping your fingers along to his convivial playlists. On the dining side, the menu has a 4-course 'let us cook for you' option at 80 dollars. Late night snacks available.
- 115 **JAMES BEARD HOUSE DINNERS**
167 West 12th St
(betw 6th and 7th Ave)
Greenwich Village ④
+1 212 675 4984
www.jamesbeard.org
- Hosting only the best chefs from around the US, James Beard House is a wonderful spot to mingle with fellow foodies. Located in Beard's actual townhouse, each meal starts with a cocktail hour where everyone squeezes into the space overlooking the backyard getting buzzed, then continues upstairs with a set menu at a series of communal tables.

The 5 best HOTEL and ROOFTOP BARS

161 KING COLE BAR

AT: ST REGIS HOTEL

2 East 55th St (at 5th Ave)

Midtown ⑥

+1 212 339 6857

www.stregisnewyork.com/king-cole-bar

Roam amongst the city's happy elites. Table 55 is, by legend, the most exclusive table in New York. If you reserve it be ready to spend a minimum of 2500 dollars. Here, the bags are Birkin, the faces lifted, and the bottle ordered should be Taittinger Comtes de Champagne 1075.

162 BEMELMANS BAR

AT: THE CARLYLE HOTEL

35 East 76th St

(at Madison Ave)

Upper East Side ⑦

+1 212 744 1600

Red jacketed waiters remind us of the long lost New York iconized by Frank Sinatra. Settle in at the bar for a night to remember, and chat up the Upper East Side clientele. Woody Allen plays on Tuesdays at this spot where live jazz dominates. Pricey cover charge after 9 pm.

163 TEMPLE COURT

AT: THE BEEKMAN HOTEL

5 Beekman St (betw Park Row and Nassau St)

Financial District ①

+1 212 658 1848

www.templecourtnyc.com

One of the most astounding spaces to sip a cocktail in NYC, inside a breathtaking nine-story Victorian atrium. In this landmarked 1883 Gothic Revival building, the bar is a study in gold and green, with old-fashioned iron stools, and lighting via small lamps. Get a table and luxuriate in the comfortable opulence.

164 GALLOW GREEN

AT: THE MCKITTRICK HOTEL

530 West 27th St

(betw 10th and 11th Ave)

Chelsea ⑤

+1 212 564 1662

www.mckittrickhotel.com/gallow-green

Total scene above the place famous for the immersive theater experience *Sleep No More*. Less about views and more about a lush escape from the city. Decked out in greenery and backyard patio lights in summer, dolled up like a log cabin in winter – with amazing attention to detail. Earlier is better, if you want to gain access.

165 B BAR

AT: THE BACCARAT HOTEL

20 West 53rd St

(at 5th Ave)

Midtown East ⑥

+1 866 957 5139

www.baccarathotels.com

Down the block from MoMA, B Bar is as stunningly beautiful as a palace, with elaborate namesake crystal chandeliers everywhere you look. At the bar, you may snag one of the bar stools for two (which seem to be popping up more and more). Cocktails will be elegantly presented in iconic Baccarat cut crystal glassware.



162 BEMELMANS BAR

The 5 best stores for BOOKWORMS

196 RIZZOLI BOOKSTORE

1133 Broadway (betw
W 25th and 26th St)
Nomad ⑤
+1 212 759 2424
www.rizzoliusa.com

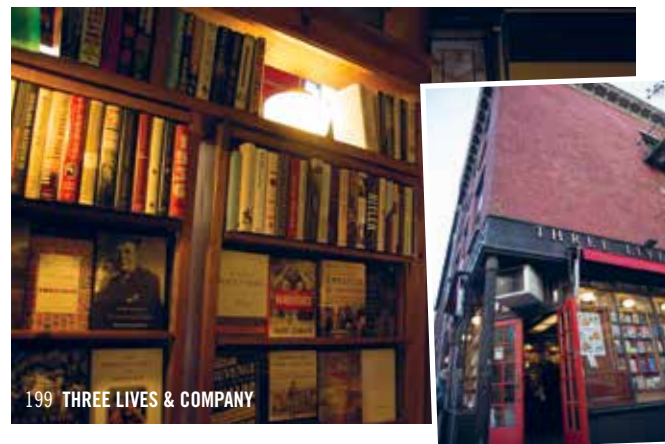
One of the latest high-end additions to the 'hood', this bookstore is known for their superb selection of illustrated books on beautiful topics: art, design, gardening, cooking, and more. Some books in Italian, French, and Spanish, plus many European magazines and newspapers. Celebrated authors do readings here, so do check the calendar.

197 THE STRAND

828 Broadway
(at E 12th St)
Greenwich Village ④
+1 212 473 1452
www.strandbooks.com

Advertised as 18 miles of books, they offer services unlike any other bookstore, and can curate a library to match both your personality *and* decor. Their special first editions are the ones that collectors drool over. It's an easy way to kill an afternoon, strolling the aisles or thumbing through the cheap books set up on the sidewalk outside.

197 THE STRAND





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The 5 best ways to **MINGLE** with New Yorkers

341 **PLAY CHESS IN THE PARK**

Match wits with those who have made this a daily sport. It's usually 5 dollars a game, played in a most speedy way. Look for guys in the SW corner of Washington Square Park (some cheating and trash talk!), the west side of Union Square Park, and Central Park's Chess and Checkers House off 65th Street.

342 **DINE AT THE BAR INSTEAD OF AT A TABLE**

Solo and duo diners, this is your chance to engage in conversation, and dine at those restaurants where it's nearly impossible to get a reservation. Most restaurants will allow you to set up shop at the bar, but some places encourage it, like: Cosme, Union Square Cafe, Acme, Casa Mono.

343 **ANNUAL FEAST OF SAN GENNARO**

Along Mulberry St
Little Italy ③
www.sangenarro.org

This 11-day event is something that every New Yorker has done at least once in their life. Mulberry Street turns into a carnival of sorts with musical acts, games, and authentic Italian eats. A religious procession honors the saint rumored to have survived the flames of a fiery furnace.

344 **CENTRAL PARK DANCE SKATERS ASSOCIATION**

Central Park ⑦
cpdsa.org

Flock to the Bandshell in Central Park to watch free-spirited dancing/skating. There are terrifically skilled performers, some who have been coming since the 70s when this phenomenon started. Week-ends April-October. Inspired? Head to Pier 2 Roller Rink in Brooklyn Bridge Park, rent skates and strut your stuff.

345 **WATCH A PARADE**

NYC hosts over 30 parades a year, bringing out the population to view. There are the well-known spectacles, like the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, but dig deeper to find smaller, fun processions like the colorful Lunar New Year in Chinatown, the Easter Parade where everyone dons their finest bonnets, and the Gay Pride where anyone can march.



5 places where you can enjoy ART FOR FREE

376 CHRISTIE'S

20 Rockefeller Plaza
(betw W 48th and
49th St)
Midtown ⑥
+1 212 636 2000
www.christies.com

This world renowned auction house is located right in the heart of the city. All objects up for auction appear on display – where you can view free of charge. Check the calendar to see what lots are on view, and you may just return home with a treasure.

377 SOTHEBY'S

1334 York Avenue
(at E 72nd St)
Upper East Side ⑦
+1 212 606 7000
www.sothebys.com

So much valuable art passes through Sotheby's that it's worth the trek to the East River – you never know what you might find. Head to the auction rooms on the second floor to marvel at this month's selection of fine and decorative art, jewelry, and collectibles.

378 PHILLIPS

450 Park Avenue
(betw E 56th and 57th St)
Midtown East ⑥
+1 212 940 1300
www.phillips.com

The place to buy and sell objects from the 20th and 21st centuries: original artwork by Andy Warhol, Banksy, and Keith Haring; furniture by Hans J. Wegner, Emile-Jacques Ruhlmann, or Le Corbusier; jewelry from Cartier and Van Cleef & Arpels; or photos by Man Ray, Edward Weston, Irving Penn, and Cindy Sherman.

379 MUSEUM'S FREE DAYS All Over Town

Check websites for exact times: TUES: Brooklyn Botanic Garden; Cooper-Hewitt; Jewish Museum. WED: Bronx Museum of the Arts; Children's Museum of the Arts. THURS: New Museum of Contemporary Art. FRI: Asia Society; MoMA; The Morgan Library; The Neue Galerie. SAT: Brooklyn Botanic Garden; Brooklyn Museum; Studio Museum in Harlem.

380 ART IN THE PARKS

Madison Square Park
East 23rd-26th St, betw
Madison and 5th Ave
Flatiron ⑤
www.madisonsquarepark.org

Massive sculptures grace the lawns of Madison Square Park on an ongoing basis. Art works on view are presented by Madison Square Park Conservancy. While in the park, hit the line and enjoy a famous Shake Shack burger.



5 of the HIPPEST HOTELS

451 11 HOWARD

11 Howard St
(at Lafayette St)
Soho ②
+1 212 235 1111
www.11howard.com

If you want to be near everything chic and unique. One of the newer hotels in town boasts eco-friendly hospitality expressed in a minimalist natural design, with major artwork throughout. Le Cou Cou and The Blond are the hotspots of the moment.

452 THE NOMAD

1170 Broadway
(at W 28th St)
Nomad ⑤
+1 212 796 1500
www.thenomadhotel.com

For those who have their fingers on the pulse. This once industrial-wholesale area is one of the latest Manhattan hoods being hip-ified. A stunning Beaux-Arts building delights, along with critically-acclaimed bar and restaurant. Guests are the only ones that can get into the Library Bar after 4 pm.

453 THE LUDLOW

180 Ludlow St (betw
Stanton and Houston St)
Lower East Side ③
+1 212 432 1818
www.ludlowhotel.com

If you're looking for a cool place where New Yorkers like to hang out. Downtown and industrial style mark the scene in the lobby amidst plushy 70s leather furniture. By contrast, rooms are formally outfitted with drapes, antique beds, and sheepskin throws, with baths done in mosaic tile. Dinner at Dirty French is not to be missed.

454 THE BOWERY HOTEL

335 Bowery
(betw E 2nd and 3rd St)
East Village ④
+1 212 505 9100
www.theboweryhotel.com

For freethinkers looking to freewheel downtown. A hotel with old-world majesty expressed in faded velvet, potted palms, carved wood, layers of antique carpets and bellhops in red jackets. This is the lobby that everyone wants to get into, and makes a preference for hotel guests. Outside, the world is at your fingertips.

455 THE STANDARD

848 Washington St
(at W 13th St)
Meatpacking District ④
+1 212 645 4646
www.standardhotels.com

For those looking for stimulation. It's not just the breakfast room downstairs, the ice rink or the German beer hall – it's the action-packed location that keeps it on the edge. Steps away from the High Line, every single room has unobstructed views through floor-to-ceiling windows (which has also been known to reveal what's going on inside – wink, wink).





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