39 BLACK SEED BAGELS

176 1st Avenue (at E 11th St) East Village ④ +1 646 859 2289 blackseedbagels.com Montreal's interpretation of the bagel. Slightly smaller, these are hand rolled, boiled in honey water, then baked in a wood-fired oven. Old-style mosaics and geometric wood benches make up the scene. Creative sandwiches in addition to the usual. Try the pretty pink Tobiko cream cheese with smoked salmon. Other locations: Nolita, Fidi, Nomad, Brooklyn Heights.

40 ZUCKER'S BAGELS & SMOKED FISH

146 Chambers St (betw W Broadway and Greenwich St) Tribeca ③ +1 212 608 5844

zuckersbagels.com

Owner Matt Pomerantz grew up eating in all the Jewish restaurants that once graced the neighborhood, and left his job on Wall Street to run Zucker's. They keep it real in an ever more gentrifying Tribeca with 13 types of smoked and pickled fish, 9 cream cheeses, and 16 styles of bagels.



5 spots with an ARTSY CROWD

41 INDOCHINE

430 Lafayette St (betw 4th St and Astor Pl) Greenwich Village ④ +1 212 505 5111 indochinenyc.com Opened in 1984, this place still attracts a fashionable, artsy crowd. Lush foliage and banana leaf wallpaper lend the scene a comfortable, faded glamour. French-Vietnamese cuisine is the theme. Share a load of appetizers, like the crispy shrimp or a summer roll to get the night rolling. Apres dinner head to their sister restaurant and piano bar, The Nines, a few blocks down, for a nightcap.

42 CASINO

171 East Broadway (betw Rutgers and Jefferson St) Lower East Side ③ +1 646 864 0101 casinonyc.info Casino, in Italian, is a riff on 'casa' and refers to a 'house of pleasure'. Located in Manhattan's newest trendy playground, Dimes Square attracts an assortment of those on the creative side. Fill up on their Nduja bread and the liquorice-rubbed duck in fig syrup, and do linger with dessert before heading out to the multiple bars in the vicinity.

5 places to fuel up with COFFEE

126 TARALLUCCI E VINO

15 East 18th St (betw 5th Ave and Broadway) Union Square ⑤ +1 212 228 5400 taralluccievino.net This is a true-Italian, upscale spot, where you can drink your shot their way, standing at the counter. Iced espresso, made the proper way – by shaking, can be had, along with a full breakfast menu and pastries. It's open all day, so you can switch to wine later, or stop for a sandwich, or dinner. 3 other locations.

127 JOE COFFEE

141 Waverly Place (at Gay St) West Village ④ +1 212 924 6750 joenewyork.com village are two benches where you can take in the NYC *Zeitgeist* as you relax and sip your morning Joe. The art of coffee is taken seriously here, with staff trained to be proper baristas, and where they roast their proprietary blend. 9 other locations.

On one of the quaintest corners in the

128 BLUESTONE LANE

1114 6th Avenue (at W 43rd St) Midtown © +1 212 764 0044 bluestonelaneny.com A nice pitstop on your midtown touring schedule. Located across from Bryant Park and in the courtyard of the Grace building lies this rustic departure. This Australian coffee chain offers Melbourne fare for snacking: like avocado with a tahini twist, or their P.L.A.T. (prosciutto, lettuce, avocado, and tomato).

129 CULTURE ESPRESSO

72 West 38th St (betw 5th and 6th Ave) Times Square ⑥ +1 212 302 0200 cultureespresso.com

In a charming, high-ceiling space, this independently owned coffee shop is a great find in a section of town not known for amenities. Their coffee of choice come from Heart Coffee Roasters of Portland, who process their beans preserving all the tasty nuances. Pair your brew with their famous chocolate chip cookies to fuel your city wanderings. Wi-Fi available.

130 LA COLOMBE COFFEE ROASTERS

400 Lafayette St (at 4th St) Noho @ +1 212 677 5834 lacolombe.com In a majestic sun-filled space, sip extraordinary coffee sourced around the globe. They're known for their roasting and blends, and for being the inventors of latte on draft: a cold-pressed espresso with frothed milk served cold (also available in cans for toting). You will encounter a line, but it moves quickly. Five other locations.





5 must-see MODERN buildings

276 WORLD TRADE CENTER OCULUS

Church St (betw Dey and Fulton St) Financial District ① officialworldtrade center.com Part of the World Trade Center Development, this stunning structure by Santiago Calatrava is a breathtaking achievement designed to symbolize the light that can still shine after the darkness of tragedy. This is a hub of the PATH train station and also has a gorgeous shopping mall. Don't miss the tunnel to the Winter Garden.

277 NEW YORK BY GEHRY

8 Spruce St (betw Nassau and William St) Financial District ① +1 212 877 2220 newyorkbygehry.com World-renowned architect Frank Gehry's eye-catching undulating tower. It stands next to the iconic Woolworth Building and at 76 stories it's one of tallest residential skyscrapers in the world. Clad in stainless steel it catches the light and its curves allow windows to project for unparalleled views.

278 **VIA 57 WEST**

625 West 57th St (betw 11th Ave and West Side Hwy) Hell's Kitchen (6) +1 646 630 7917 via57west.com On the Hudson River sits a dramatic pyramid, with a trapezoid cut-out housing a courtyard with trees, a totally new example of residential living in NYC. Architect Bjarke Ingels incorporated many eco-conscious ideas into his design. Best viewed from one of the city's tour boats.

279 56 LEONARD

56 Leonard St (betw Church St and W Broadway) Tribeca ③ +1 212 965 1500 56leonardtribeca.com Tribeca's tallest residential tower, designed by the Swiss architecture firm Herzog & De Meuron, is a wonder seen from anywhere in the neighborhood. New Yorkers often refer to it as the 'Jenga Building' due to its stacked cantilevered design. Artist Anish Kapoor's bean sculpture, which appears to be holding up the building at ground level, coming soon.

280 **ONE57**

157 West 57th St Midtown ⑥ +1 212 570 1700 one57.com This striking 1005-foot-tall glass tower is a good example of the building frenzy along 57th Street, making this the new upscale residential stretch. It's marketed as 'above and beyond' because of its views over Central Park, and it's also one of the buildings that ignited a very New York-ish discussion over loss of sunlight over the southern part of the park.



5 public library READING ROOMS

306 ROSE MAIN READING ROOM

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PUBLIC LIBRARY
476 5th Avenue
(at E 42nd St)
Midtown ⑥
+1 917 275 6975
nypl.org

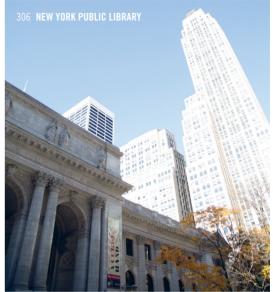
307 BROOKLYN
PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR NEW YORKERS: CENTRAL LIBRARY 10 Grand Army Plaza (at Flatbush Ave and Eastern Parkway) Prospect Heights, Brooklyn ① +1 718 230 2100

bklynlibrary.org

This cathedral-like reading room is a true treasure, on par with the library Sainte-Geneviève in Paris. Newly restored to the tune of 12 million dollars, the impressive plaster ceiling – decorated with paintings of the sky, and gilded rosettes – has been reborn. The century-old Beaux-Arts room is two city blocks long, with 42 communal tables, and 52-foot ceilings.

On the edge of Prospect Park sits a majestic, curved, art deco building highlighted by a jaw-dropping 50-foot entryway decked by two massive walls adorned with stylized gold-leaf figures. Fifteen bronze panels here celebrate icons of American literature – Edgar Allen Poe's *The Raven*, Mark Twain's *Tom Sawyer* and a whale for Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*.





The 5 best places to watch FILMS

416 ANGELIKA **FILM CENTER**

18 West Houston St (at Mercer St) Noho (4) +1 212 995 2570

whose roster offers a diverse mix of independent films from all over the world. It is one of the most recognized art film houses in the US and a great angelikafilmcenter.com place to spot famous actors at one of their premieres or on a night out.

417 METROGRAPH

7 Ludlow St (betw Canal and **Hester St) Lower East Side** ③ +1 212 660 0312 metrograph.com

Revered old films and independent new ones are on the agenda of this theater that harks back to the glam of the 1920s. Events also take the stage with exclusive premieres, rare archival print screenings, and book signings. A restaurant on the premises modeled after Hollywood backlot cafeterias, is where you'll grab

a bite before/after the show.

A swanky movie experience awaits in

Noho's pioneer of independent films,

418 NITEHAWK CINEMA

136 Metropolitan Ave (at Berry St) Williamsburg, **Brooklyn** (9) +1 718 782 8370 nitehawkcinema.com

If you'd like dining and cocktailing to be a part of your viewing experience, then this place is for you. Tiny tables with cup holders are stationed in between the rows of seats. Menus are sometimes themed to match the particular film - ranging from current releases to its free Simpsons Club on Monday nights.

419 FILM FORUM

209 West Houston St **Greenwich Village** (4) +1 212 727 8110 filmforum.org

This nonprofit movie theater in Greenwich Village opened in 1970 and has cultivated a real community of film buffs. Film Forum screen as many as 400 or 500 films each year. Cinephiles come here to laugh, cry and argue, but also to get an education. A dedicated audience, good concessions and great programming make it one of the best movie theaters in the city.

420 MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE

36-01 35th Avenue (betw 36th and 37th St) Astoria, Queens +1 718 777 6888 movingimage.us

Housed in a high tech, futuristic wonder is a theater with the biggest screen in NYC. Guest directors and actors often appear on the scene along with the films: new releases, themed festivals, and cinema classics. Ongoing and special exhibits, many interactive, are designed to thrill movie buffs.

219 218

5 hotels for a SHOESTRING BUDGET

466 THE JANE HOTEL

113 Jane St (betw Washington and West St) Meatpacking District 40 +1 212 924 6700 thejanenyc.com If you're just looking for a room to crash in a happening 'hood. Teeny tiny rooms, most without a private bath, with Victorian styling that once housed survivors from the Titanic. The good news is that you'll be situated in a most fantastic part of town. Some rooms and public spaces are currently under renovation: Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, so noise may be a factor (but you'll be out and about then).





467 THE GATSBY HOTEL

135 East Houston St (at Forsythe St) Lower East Side ③ +1 212 358 8844 gatsbyhotelnyc.com If you are looking to hit all the bars on the Lower East Side. An unassuming brick building with simple and tastefully sparse rooms sits on the border of the LES, East Village, and Nolita neighborhoods. Staff is friendly and accommodating.

468 **POD 39**

145 East 39th St (betw 3rd and Lexington Ave) Murray Hill ⑥ +1 212 865 5700 thepodhotel.com For those whose only desire is to be out and about. Streamlined, compact rooms offer just what you need to stay in NYC and have extra cash to run around with. Bonuses: a whimsical rooftop space, with tacos, and a colorful lobby with room to relax or play a game of ping-pong and meet fellow travelers.

469 CARLTON ARMS HOTEL

160 East 25th St (corner 3rd Ave) Nomad ⑤ +1 212 679 0680 carltonarms.com If you're looking for an offbeat, funky space. The Carlton Arms' rooms and hallways are done up in the most astonishing, whimsical fashion. The rooms are bare bones, there is no elevator, and half the rooms share a bath, but the location is nice for exploring Gramercy, Flatiron and Chelsea.

470 PARK SOUTH HOTEL

124 East 28th St (betw Park and Lexington Ave) Nomad ⑤ +1 212 448 0888 jdvhotels.com For the person who loves to walk. This location offers quick strolls to many city icons: only 11 minutes to the Empire State Building, Flatiron Building, and Gramercy. Two restaurants plus the seasonal happening rooftop provide on-site eats. Rooms are smartly decorated and equipped. Those who love Indian food will find a mecca only steps away.





493 **FOODIE TOUR BRONX**

Arthur Avenue Belmont, The Bronx arthuravenue bronx.com Italian movies come to life in this neighborhood that defies modernization. Experience a true Italian-American foodie haven: fresh pasta, meats, bread, cheese, and pastry shops line the street. Restaurants are crowded from the second they open, so waiting for a table is part of the fun as you mingle with the locals. A short drive from Botanical Gardens.

494 FORAGE TOURS

+1 914 835 2153 wildmanstevehrill.com Local character Steve Brill leads nature walks which teach you to identify edible plants. Learn to distinguish something edible from something deadly in The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Westchester, and Putnam counties. Steve Brill leads tours on a regular basis, with a suggested donation of 20 dollars. Check the extensive schedule and sign up for an interesting experience.

495 CONEY ISLAND

Corbin Place to West 37 St Coney Island, Brooklyn +1 718 946 1353 coneyisland.com Coney Island offers its kitschy attractions, plus beach volleyball, a playground and an amusement park with history – and the beach, where basically anything goes. Hit Nathan's hot dog emporium. Take a spin on the antique roller coasters and ferris wheel. Witness daily feedings at the NY Aquarium. See the schedule of summer concerts and the famous Mermaid Parade.