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-Wendy Tittel

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One of the city's great pleasures is exploring its stores and by extension, its neighborhoods. Here are our picks for must-see, must-shop spots all around NYC.

### By Evan Levy

Starting in Lower Manhattan, you won't want to miss the soaring, cathedral-like space that defines the Oculus. The world-class collection of shops here is definitely about timeor it will be, when you peruse the selection of timepieces at Breitling, Tissot, and Longines. You'll also find leather goods by Smythson, the perfect writing implement from Mont Blanc, and a way to indulge your whimsical side with a visit to Toytoise, which offers beautifully designed racecars, rockets, and other toys on the go. A little ways north is the perennially chic **SoHo**, which retains its cult status with a focus on the cutting edge (Y3 Concept Store, with clothing by Japanese designer Yohji Yamamoto; the trendy A.P.C, with an emphasis on stylish basics like denim, outerwear, and sweatshirts; and Supreme, known for its collaborations with musicians and designers, including Louis Vuitton). Try Broken English for a mix of new and estate jewelry and peruse Alexander Wang's New York flagship for minimalist fashion mastery.

Upmarket shoppers flock to the **Meatpacking District**, where women's fashion can be found at Alice + Olivia, perfume at Bond No 9, and men's and women's boutique picks at Marni Meatpacking Market. Just uptown from there is one of the city's newest shopping—and must see—destinations: **Hudson Yards**. Beyond

Above: Find over 700,000 square feet of shopping in the shadow of The Vessel at Hudson Yards.

# "Find an opportunity or two to treat yourself"

the Edge features gifts and collectibles, many of which were created just for Hudson Yards; while Carmen Sol is on a mission to make its eco-conscious "jelly" material a staple with its shoes, bags, and jewelry.

Feeling sporty? Then you'll want to find your way to the NHL Shop in nearby **Manhattan** West, where fans can access merchandise from all 32 NHL teams.

#### Just off Central Park you'll find The Shops at Columbus

**Circle**, where MAC, Moleskine, Montmartre, and Michael Kors beckon, while newer outposts like Lululemon and the CAMP stores offer ways to work out, and work in some time for creativity.

can't be missed (they're classics, after all). Head to the former, arguably New York's most famous street, for a who's who of designer fashion. From Bulgari to Cartier, Tiffany to Gucci, the storied street never goes out of fashion-much like its stores. Basketball fans can shop at the newly reopened flagship NBA Store on Fifth Avenue as well. (Soccer fans shouldn't feel left out-it's not too far to the Pelé Soccer store on Broadway.) On Madison **Avenue**, some of the names include Fendi, Giorgio Armani, and Berluti.

New York Transit Museum plus local favorites like Jacques Torres Chocolate and ingredient specialists Spices and Tease.

If outlet shopping is your preference, NYC finally has a destination of its own. Empire **Outlets** is right on the other side of a Staten Island Ferry ride and full of favorite brands including H&M, Banana Republic Factory, and Nordstrom Rack. On the New Jersey side, **The Mills at Jersey Gardens** is the Garden State's largest outlet and value retail center with over 200 stores all under one roof.

No matter what you're searching for, you can track it down in NYC. Check out these finds, then discover your own. You never know what's in store.

Fifth and Madison Avenues

Grand Central Terminal is not just one of the city's most inspiring public spaces, it's also an excellent place to shop, with great souvenirs from the



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## **NBA STORE**

The National Basketball Association has reopened its iconic flagship **NBA Store**. Get in the playoff spirit with official NBA (and WNBA) merchandise and memorabilia, including exclusive NBA products, apparel, jerseys, headwear, sporting goods, toys, and collectibles from major brands. There's also customization service for fans to personalize jerseys and hats for all 30 NBA teams, in addition to new in-store activations. 545 Fifth Ave. (45th *St.), 646-440-0637, store.nba.com* 



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dance, video, cabaret, and film. Vendors and food sellers, including booths from nearby restaurants, can be found on Saturday. *In and around 155 First Ave. (btw. 9th & 10th Sts.), 212-254-1109, theaterforthenewcity.net* 

Roller Boogie Palace is now offering roller skating at **The** Rink at Rockefeller Center. It's the first time warm weather skating has been here since 1940. A legendary '70s-'80s rink run by Ian "Flipper" Ross in West Hollywood has been revived in Midtown Manhattan by his daughter Liberty Ross. The space is welcoming and inclusive, providing the chance to show off your moves in a vibrant section of the city that can feel like the center of the universe. The new rink is joined by a major area renovation, with tables, chairs, and green spaces now available in the plaza. Some of the city's best bites are among the grab-and-go options, including JJ Johnson's Harlem-based grain bowl destination *Fieldtrip*, the halel truck-inspired Samesa, David Chang's fried chicken joint Fuku, and Brooklyn-born Ace's Pizza. Rock Center also boasts fine dining, worldclass shopping, famous art and architecture, and the

# 5.27-29

Friday through Sunday on Memorial Day Weekend, *The 27th Annual Lower East Side Festival of the Arts* will be bringing a bonanza of programming to downtown. The **Theater for the New City** hosts a mix of indoor and outdoor performances under the theme "Artists Embrace Liberty And Justice For All." The event is free and brings

200 hundred-some artists and groups for theatre, music,

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**& Festival**. The world's largest display of cultural diversity—more than 100 styles of dance are represented—takes place on Saturday, May 21st. The afternoon includes a dance procession, grandstand performances at Fourth Avenue and 8th Street, and a Dancefest with aerial performances and free lessons in Tompkins Square Park. *danceparade.org* 

#### Get a behind-the-scenes look at the unrestored **Ellis Island Immigrant Hospital**

**Complex**. This gateway to America for millions of people is accessible again via Statue City Cruises—the only way to access Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Opt for the Hard Hat Tour Ticket and see the other side of history on a 90-minute guided tour of the hidden part of Ellis Island. In addition to a rare look at abandoned places, the ticket includes round-trip ferry service and audio Tours of Liberty and Ellis Islands. The art exhibition "Unframed—Ellis Island," by renowned French artist JR, is on display throughout the hospital complex. The Hard Hat Tour Ticket allows you priority entry into the Screening Facility Queue to

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save time at the departure point. On Liberty Island you can explore more history at the new Statue of Liberty Museum. Breathtaking views join a \$100 million destination that includes memorabilia, an immersive film, and up close looks at the statue's original torch, a 3,600-pound copper flame. *Ferry departs from Battery Park in Lower Manhattan, 877-LADY TIX (877-523-9849), cityexperiences.com* 





The legendary **Apollo Theater** is back open in Harlem, inside an ornate structure that dates to 1914. Live programming has returned, as has the famed *Amateur Night at the Apollo*, bringing aspiring performers to a big stage in front of a lively crowd. A resident "Executioner" stands by to sweep off talent that doesn't measure up—after all, at the Apollo it's "be good or be gone." The next performance comes up on Wednesday, May 25th and it's a Quarter Final, bringing together winners of recent Amateur Night shows competing to move on to the Semi Finals. *253 W. 125th St. (btw. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. & Frederick Douglass Blvds.), 212-531-5300, apollotheater.org* 

Hungarian artist László Moholy-Nagy (1895-1946) was best known as a painter and a Bauhaus leader. He was also a photography pioneer, as seen in the Fotografiska exhibition *Light Play.* A tightly edited show gathers work rangling from early experiments with photomontage to photograms (images made without a camera), personal travel shots, films, and late-career color photos. The curators worked closely with the artist's estate to design staging that aligns with Moholy-Nagy's experimental approach to lighting and form. There's plenty more to check out inside this New York newcomer that offers a mix of world-class photography, eclectic programming, elevated dining, and surprising new points of view. 281 Park Ave. S. (btw. 21st & 22nd Sts.), 212-433-3686, fotografiska.com/nyc Right: Photograph (Self-Portrait with Hand), c. 1925-1929 C Estate of László Moholy-Nagy / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York

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From stealth jazz spots to megaclubs, NYC nightlife has it all. What's hot now? Bespoke cocktails are having a moment. Bartenders are getting creative, opening up new fronts in mixology. Downtown, cocktail lounge Nina's x Liquid Lab brings back "the old, new New York." Among the sophisticated drinks here look for a new Bombay Happy Hour, available through July, with refreshments like the Basquiat Bramble, bringing together gin, muddled blackberries, rosemary, and lemon. Landmark West Village bar **Dante** has been around since 1915, but its recent revamp has put it at the top of World's Best Bar lists. Among their signature cocktails you'll find the Dante's Manhattan, a diabolical blend of bourbon, rye, vermouths, walnut liqueur, and chocolate bitters. For an old-school uptown cocktail experience, head to **Bemelmans Bar**, with its masterpiece murals by Ludwig Bemelmans, the creator of

Zappa, Herbie Hancock, and

the classic Madeline children's books. (Live piano completes a very atmospheric scene.) For newer thrills in the neighborhood, tucked behind a discreetly marked door you'll find the low-lit cocktail bar **NR**, which transports guests to an 18th-century Japanese port town.

Brooklyn is joining in on the cocktail renaissance. Williamsburg is the borough's nightlife capital and we'd steer you to **Hotel Delmano** for a seasonal cocktail menu in an elegant, <u>classic-New York space</u>.

Live music remains a major draw for city nightlife, with Manhattan clubs providing intimate experiences with the world's greatest musicians. For more. On Saturday, May 28th, catch blues prodigy and singersongwriter Quinn Sullivan.

The East Village has its own destination for eclectic, compelling music. This week at **Drom** don't miss the Grammy-winning Spanish Harlem Orchestra, which sets the gold standard for authentic New York-style salsa. Their "Imágenes Latinas" album release concert takes place Friday, May 20th. Saturday and Sunday bring the 5th Mediterranean Jazz Festival, while Thursday, May 26th will give you the choice of flamencojazz from New Bojaira as an early show and a later highoctane performance by the New York Gypsy All-Stars.

more than 25 years, musical landmark **The Iridium** has been hosting rock, jazz, blues, and beyond. On Monday, May 23rd look for *An Intimate Evening With Ed Palermo*, featuring a big band putting unique jazz accents on the music of Frank

**City Winery New York City** at Hudson River Park combines great bites, wine to match, and views to remember. Two stages host a stellar array of music and comedy, including Texas troubadour Lyle Lovett finishing up a residency with



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and Friday, May 19th-20th. You'll also find *The 10th Annual New York Asian Burlesque Festival* on Saturday and on Tuesday, May 24th, a *Bob Dylan Birthday Celebration With the Complete Unknowns* in addition to New York legend Sandra Bernhard, a pioneer of the one-woman show.

**Gotham Comedy Club** brings in the hottest comics nightly with touring pros and ensemble nights like *The Gotham All-Stars* and *ComedyJuice*. Another comedy legend not to be missed is **Carolines on Broadway**. This week the Times Square institution brings in kindergarten teacher/ comedian Joe "Mr. D" Dombrowski, known for his viral son's Sugar Bar is an intimate restaurant with a great Happy Hour special. Tuesdays through Saturdays 3-7pm at the bar you'll find \$5-\$7 specials on beer, wine, and cocktails, plus deals on bites like chicken wings, sliders, and nachos.

For a downtown neighborhood experience, **The Ear Inn** offers plenty of local color in a building that dates to 1770. On the nightclub front, the city's philosophy remains "more is more." Circus-style performances add to over-thetop experiences, like at Chelsea newcomer **Wonderland**, which brings live stage acts to an already vibrant mix.

For some culture with your nightlife, look to photography

*Top row left to right: The Basquiat Bramble at Nina's x Liquid Lab;* 

spelling bee prank, May 19th-21st, and actor, comedian, and digital personality Renny, who boasts an army of more than 3 million social followers. The Upper West Side has a neighborhoody feel. To find a fresh alternative to the

museum **Fotografiska**. They stay open until 9pm nightly and offers music on every floor and drinks as you explore. Far from a stuffy institution, the attitude here is "Have fun, stay late, get deep, spill your drink." Margaritaville towers over the urban jungle; Chelsea newcomer Wonderland features exotic stage acts; The Ear Inn has been serving local color in the Village for over 200 years. Right: NR lights it up with a flaming Nightcap cocktail—only available after 9pm. Photo by Zenith Richards.

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NYC has well over 100 museums with something for everyone, from art to natural history to the story of the city itself.



#### The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) is

fresh off a lengthy expansion and renovation project. A must-see for even the most casual art fan, six levels here cover an immense range of contemporary and modern art. Works include prints and illustrated books, architecture, design and drawing, paintings and sculpture, and photography and video installations. World-famous art by Warhol, van Gogh, Monet, Kahlo, and Picasso can all be found, joined by intriguing temporary exhibitions.



**The Met Museum** displays some of the greatest cultural treasures in the world, representing every category of art from just about every country from every time period spanning the Stone Age to the present. The museum houses some of the finest American art in the world, as well as an impressive collection of European, Greco-Roman, and Ancient Egyptian art. You can lose yourself for hours here; if you need to recharge, The Temple of Dendur somehow manages to be both epic and chill.

**The Morgan Library & Museum** (above) started out as the private library of financier Pierpont Morgan. Today, the Morgan serves as a museum, research library, musical venue, architectural landmark, and historic site. It's home to an enormous collection of literary and historical works, with Rembrandt, Picasso, Dickens, Hemingway, and Gutenberg Bibles just a sampling of the collection.

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum features two core exhibitions at the foundation of the former World Trade Center complex. A memorial exhibition—In Memoriam—pays tribute to the 2,983 men, women and children killed on 9/11 and in the 1993 WTC bombing. A historical exhibition tells the story of what happened on 9/11 at the three attack sites in the U.S. and around the world. It also explores what led up to the terror strikes, the immediate aftermath, and the ways 9/11 continues to shape our world. On the plaza outside you'll encounter two reflecting pools, featuring North America's largest man-made waterfalls.

The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI), a branch of the Smithsonian dedicated to Native American cultures throughout the Americas, stands near the southern tip of Manhattan. On display now is *Dakota Modern: The Art of Oscar Howe*, which highlights the work of Oscar Howe (1915–1983), one of the 20th century's most innovative Native American painters. The museum is housed in the landmark Beaux Arts U.S. Custom House, completed in 1907.

Head to the historic boiler room of Chelsea Market to experience the immersive art space **ARTECHOUSE**. You've never seen art like this before, as room-sized digital projections merge with sound design to create a cinematic

experience. Now on view is *Life of a Neuron*, which draws on decades of neuroscience research to create a cellular-level journey through the human brain.



The **Guggenheim Museum** is Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece of modern architecture. Completed in 1959 (after 16 years of construction), the museum is home to one of the world's finest collections of modern and contemporary art, including works by artists such as Kandinsky, Picasso, and Pollock, plus intriguing special exhibitions. The building itself belongs in a museum—one of the world's most famous structures, spiraling upward in sinuous curves.



Holding down a large patch of land just off Central Park West, the **American Museum of Natural History** was founded in 1869 and still carries on its mission of discovering and interpreting the natural world. Families love exploring the acres of exhibits here, in addition to the futuristic sphere of The Hayden Planetarium. One of the most popular destinations in the museum is the fourth floor, where you'll find 100 dinosaur specimens, a small sample of the largest collection of dinosaur fossils in the world.

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Above: The impressive lobby at the National Museum of the American Indian. Right: Photo of prominent NYC physician Dr. Clarence Faunstock from the New-York Historical Society.

The AKC Museum of the Dog was founded by the American Kennel Club in 1982. After a few decades away, it's now back in New York City and better than ever, with new exhibits, interactive displays, and a deep catalogue of dog-related art. New show *Dogs of War* & *Peace* features 10 life-sized, carved-wood allegorical memorials by sculptor James Mellick on display from his "Wounded Warrior Dogs" and "Over the Rainbow Bridge" collections.

On the Upper West Side, the **New-York Historical Society** offers four centuries of history and art, plus the only Children's History Museum in the area. Don't miss the transformed fourth floor, with its detailed re-creation of the White House Oval Office and the *Gallery of Tiffany Lamps* shows 100 illuminated examples within a dramatically lit, jewel-like space. Across town, the **Museum of the City of New York** explores the city's past, celebrates its present, and imagines its future. The engaging exhibitions here offer insight into the city's distinctive character, especially its



heritage of diversity, opportunity, and perpetual transformation.

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# Immerse Yourself in the World's Greatest Views

New York is a vertical city and there's never been a better time to experience it. The past few months have brought on two new observatory options, joining three legends already here, not to mention the skylineshowcasing rides on our buses and boats.

For immersion in the art deco glory of Manhattan,

views of the city's landmarks, including all of Central Park (its size can only truly be appreciated when seen from above). The 70th Floor is the proverbaial cherry on top, allowing visitors 360° panoramas of Manhattan in all its glory. It provides a vantage point unlike any other in the city...or the world.

#### See the Empire State

begins the adventure, leading up to the Observatory Experience. This new exhibition space is loaded with Instagram-ready displays that show visitors the building through the years and how the structure is used today. Those looking for the ultimate Empire State Building visit can opt for 102nd floor tickets, which lead to a fully enclosed space with views in all directions—on a clear day, you can see five states! For a downtown take on altitude, look to **One World Observatory**. It's the tallest building in the hemisphere, and with over 40,000 metric

Rockefeller Center's **Top of the Rock** is your destination. There are both outdoor and indoor viewing areas here—the latter nice and cozy for colder days. Outside, transparent safety-glass panels allow wholly unobstructed **Building** for yourself and you'll know immediately why the skyscraper has been named one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Recent additions have made visits here better than ever. The new Observatory Entrance





tons of steel and a unique concrete core, it's the strongest building in the world. After a minute's ride and a short video, you'll hit the Discovery Level (the main observatory), with 360° sights of the city and beyond. It's all here, from the rivers to the harbor, from the Empire State Building to the Statue of Liberty, and on out to New Jersey's ports and skylines. The Western Hemisphere's highest outdoor observation deck, *Edge*, stands atop the city's newest neighborhood, Hudson Yards. Step out onto the triangular deck and you'll be 100 floors above the

# "One World Observatory is the tallest building in the hemisphere, and with over 40,000 metric tons of steel and a unique concrete core, it's the strongest building in the world."

ground with miles of visibility in every direction. Edge will also thrill you with its glass floor, providing views of the High Line far below your feet. A champagne bar lets you toast the city, in addition to the dining at restaurant and lounge Peak. Across town near Grand Central, **SUMMIT One Vanderbilt** takes the concept of an "observation deck" to new heights through 3 levels of multi-sensory interactions. When you want to pose

"in a moment in time" with the world's most iconic musicians, leaders, sports legends, and A-list stars, *Madame Tussauds* in Times Square is your destination. In addition to being "the world's *Continued on p. 33* 

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# **TOURS & ATTRACTIONS MAP**

Need assistance planning your sightseeing route? Numbers correspond to the attraction's Manhattan location.



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greatest wax museum," you can immerse yourself in adventures like the MARVEL Super Heroes 4D Film & Experience and the multi-sensory Coney Island Carnival Carnage 7D Game.

The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are two of the most famous destinations in NYC. If you want to see

them first-hand, Statue City Cruises is the only way to get there. Boats depart from Battery Park City in Lower Manhattan and Liberty State Park in New Jersey, providing memorable tours through New York Harbor. In addition to the historic stops, you'll get amazing perspectives on water, shipping, and skylines. If you'd like to take in

the sights of the city from an even higher vantage point, check out *Helicopter* Flight Services. Take one of their three tours—The New Yorker Tour (12-15 mins.), The Ultimate Tour (17-20 mins.), or The Deluxe Tour (25-30 mins.)—and take in the beauty of the city as few ever experience it.

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#### EMPIRE STATE BUILDING OBSERVATORY MW 20 W. 34th St. (5th-6th Aves.), 212-736-3100; esbnyc.com

One of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World and arguably the most famous skyscraper in the world. Visitors can take a ride up to the 86th floor for unforgettable views of Manhattan and beyond. Whether you're looking for a daytime photo that captures the city in all its glory or a nighttime shot filled with glittering buildings, the Empire State Building won't let you down.





#### ARTECHOUSE CH

439 W. 15th St. (9th-10th Aves.), artechouse.com

In the historic boiler room of Chelsea Market you'll find the new immersive art space ARTECHOUSE. Experience cutting-edge digital art that washes guests in waves of color, light, and sound. You've never seen art quite like this before, as room-sized digital projections merge with sound design to create an almost cinematic experience. (As you can imagine, the Insta potential is endless.)

#### CITY CRUISES CH

#### Chelsea Piers, Pier 61 (W. 23rd St. & 12th Ave.), 866-817-3463: citycruises.com/newyork

City Cruises offers brunch, lunch, and dining cruises throughout the year, along with seasonal narrated sightseeing tours and cocktail cruises. Buffet meals are offered as are elegant plated experiences on the glass-enclosed deck of the European-inspired *Bateaux*. The NYC Downtown Sightseeing Cruise is back on the water as is the Alive After Five cocktail cruise. City Cruises sails year-round from both NY and NJ from four convenient locations.

#### EDGE MW

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#### 295 Madison Ave. (40th-41st Sts.), 917-970-1360, TheEscapeGame.com/NewYorkCity

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#### HELICOPTER FLIGHT SERVICES TOURS FD Downtown Heliport (Pier 6 & the East River), 212-355-0801; heliny.com

See NYC from high above its bustling streets. Choose from three tours—The New Yorker Tour (12-15 mins.), The Ultimate Tour (17-20 mins.), or The Deluxe Tour (25-30 mins.)—and take in sights like the Statue of Liberty, New York Harbor, the Chrysler Building, Central Park, the GW Bridge, Yankee Stadium, and the Financial Center as few ever experience them.

#### INTREPID SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM MW Pier 86, W. 46th St. & 12th Ave., 212-245-0072 intrepidmuseum.org

Founded in 1982, this NYC institution takes you on an interactive journey through history to learn about American innovation and bravery. Includes the Space Shuttle Pavilion, home to *Enterprise*, the world's first space shuttle, plus 28 authentically restored aircraft, including the British Airways *Concorde*, the fastest commercial aircraft to ever cross the Atlantic.

#### 332-204-8500; edgenyc.com

The Western Hemisphere's highest outdoor observation deck, Edge, towers the city's newest neighborhood, Hudson Yards. Edge is an incredible triangular deck where you stand 100 floors above the ground and see miles and miles in every direction. Edge will also thrill you with its glass floor, providing views of the High Line far below your feet. The experience begins with an all-new immersive experience, followed by an exciting 60-second elevator ride.



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### STATUE CITY CRUISES FD

#### 877-LADY TIX (877-523-9849); cityexperiences.com

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#### SUMMIT ONE VANDERBILT ME

#### 45 E. 42nd St. (Fifth-Park Aves.), summitov.com

Blending elements of art, technology, architecture, and thrill, the brand-new SUMMIT One Vanderbilt takes the concept of an "observation deck" to new heights.

### TOP OF THE ROCK

30 Rockefeller Center (W. 50th St. btw. 5th & 6th Aves.), 877-692-7625; topoftherocknyc.com

The 67th-70th floor observation deck of 30 Rockefeller Plaza offers sweeping, unobstructed open-air views of New York City. Featuring reserved-time tickets, multi-media exhibits, and Art Deco splendor.





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# BROADWAY

# Broadway Your Way: A Visitor's Guide

With the arrival of t-shirt and shorts weather, New York is awesome personified, and this is especially evident on Broadway where—in the span of just 11 blocks—the number of shows playing at one time outshines any other theatrical stretch on the planet. As a bonus, Tony nominations, awards, and celebs are currently front and center, so show time is officially prime time for Big Apple Broadway!

#### THE CLASS OF 2022

The new show count for the season leading up to this year's Tony Awards has been impressive and, in the category of musicals, eclectic. A concert

format (along with some awesome contemporary costumery) brings the wives of Henry VIII to vivid, anachronistic life in *SIX*—a mega-hot ticket and deservedly so. Nostalgia your
Brittney Johnson and Sam Gravitte make magic in Wicked. Photo by Joan Marcus

thing? Opt for the highly anticipated first revival



by the 1997 revival of *Chicago*. And while *Tina: The Tina Turner Musical* may have a shorter timeline than the other two, it represents the best of today's musical bio genre with divalicious fervor. Honoring the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll on Broadway? Pure genius! *Continued on p. 40* 

Theatre reign began in 1988, followed

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Top: Kim Exum and Cody Jamison Strand in The Book of Mormon, photo by Julieta Cervantes Center: Jared Grimes and Beanie Feldstein revive Funny Girl, photo by Matthew Murphy Bottom Right: David Morse and Marie Louise Parker in How I Learned to Drive,

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#### PERFECT SCORES

Whether it's Tony trophies, rave reviews, cult status, or all of the above, some Broadway musicals continue to sell-out long after opening night. *The* 

Book of Mormon, e.g., has been showering audiences with blasphemous hilarity for 11 years, while June 10th marks *Wicked*'s 19th birthday, a celebration of multi-generational proportions. Hamilton, of course, is legend for being a colossal draw, while theatregoers are so moved by *Come From Away* they return again and again. Stylized and haunting, both *Hadestown* and *Moulin Rouge*! continue to beguile their audiences, just as **Dear Evan Hansen**, with its contemporary score and compassionate storyline, ranks as a top tier Broadway must-see.

Irish pub. If, however, you crave non-stop farce, I recommend two shows: **POTUS**—an impeccably profane, off-the-White House-wall political femme fest in which the grenade pin has been pulled, allowing seven major-league comics to overstep their own boundaries; and *The* Play That Goes Wrong, a former Broadway hit that's now an Off-Broadway hilarity tour de force, capturing the hapless antics of an amateur theatrical troupe attempting a murder mystery while navigating serial

#### FUNNY BUSINESS

No matter how you like your laughs understated, sophisticated, or slapstick-New York stages have you covered. Where Tracy Letts' dramady The Minutes serves up small town U.S.A. satire, black humor acolytes toss back pints in *Hangmen*'s

#### cast, set, prop, and costume catastrophes.

#### FAMILY FABULOUS

If introducing a young family member to New York theatre is on your must-do list, there are a few shows you you'll want to consider...and I promise, as an adult, you'll be equally smitten! For starters, on

Broadway, Disney's *Aladdin* and *The Lion King* are brilliant, kid-friendly versions (with a little grownup humor tucked in here and there) of the animated classics we grew up on. And for fans of J.K. Rawlings' ever-expanding wizarding world, I'm pleased to report the next generation of Hogwarts students are not so "mischief managed" in the magically eye-popping *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*.

Off-Broadway, I say why not indulge the kids—and your inner child—in off-the-wall high jinks served up by the three colorful deadpan dudes known as **Blue Man Group**.

#### EMOTIONAL IMPACT

"Nostalgia your thing? Opt for the highly anticipated first revival of *Funny Girl* and/or Hugh Jackman's return to Broadway in *The Music Man*."

> (*American Buffalo* starring Laurence Fishburne, Sam Rockwell, and Darren Criss), to power (*Macbeth*, showcasing Daniel Craig and Ruth Negga), to male sexuality (*Take Me Out*, with Jesse Williams and Jesse Tyler Ferguson)—have audiences enthralled.

And should you be looking for a once-ina-lifetime theatrical opportunity, I urge you to check out Paula Vogel's Pulitzer-winning *How I Learned to Drive* with **Mary Louise Parker** and **David Morse**. Gently unraveling the same complex and disturbing relationship they portrayed Off-Broadway in 1997, the two actors embrace Vogel's memory play with piercing subtlety. Mesmerizing on all counts: humanity, aversion, and humor.

Dramatic revivals are a really big deal this season thanks to VIP casts and the ways even vintage scripts take on new significance when viewed through a 2022 lens. A wide swath of themes—from greed



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# broadway

# ALADDIN ወ

New Amsterdam Theatre, 214 W. 42nd St., 866-870-2717; aladdinthemusical.com

(2 hrs., 30 mins.) The beloved story is brought to thrilling theatrical life in this bold new musical. With just one rub of a magic lamp, *Aladdin*'s journey sweeps you into an exotic world full of adventure, comedy and romance. It's an unforgettable Disney theatrical experience that includes all the cherished songs from the Oscar-winning score plus more written especially for Broadway.

# AMERICAN BUFFALO 3

# Circle In The Square Theatre, 1633 Broadway, 235 W. 50th St., 212-239-6200; americanbuffalonyc.com

(2 hrs.) David Mamet's explosive classic revolves around the business of greed, crime, and three smalltime hustlers. All-star cast includes Laurence Fishburne, Sam Rockwell, and Darren Criss.

# BIRTHDAY CANDLES **O**

American Airlines Theatre, 227 W. 42nd St., 212-239-6200; roundabouttheatre.org

(90 mins., no intermission) In playwright Noah Haidle's Broadway debut, Debra Messing (*Will & Grace*) stars as a woman who examines her life birthday by birthday.

# THE BOOK OF MORMON ወ

#### Eugene O'Neill Theatre, 230 W. 49th St., 877-250-2929; bookofmormonbroadway.com

2011 Tony, Best Musical (2 hrs., 30 mins.) One of Broadway's most successful, Tony-winning (nine in 2011!) musicals comes from the hilariously irreverent minds of Trey Parker and Matt Stone—the duo behind *South Park*. The show follows a couple of wide-eyed Mormon missionaries whose first official assignment takes them from ringing doorbells stateside to a remote village in Uganda. Divinely profane in all the right places!

# CHICAGO ወ

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Ambassador Theatre, 219 W. 49th St., 212-239-6200; chicagothemusical.com

# BEETLEJUICE ወ

# Marriott Marquis Theatre, 210 W. 46th St., 212-239-6200; beetlejuicebroadway.com

(2 hrs., 30 mins.) An edgy take on life and afterlife: the diabolically scruffy title ghost insinuates himself with a girl who's befriended the (deceased) former owners of her family's new home.

1997 Tony, Best Musical Revival (2 hrs., 30 mins.) Iconic Bob Fosse choreography, murder, headlines, Roxie Hart, Velma Kelly, and "all that jazz"!

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Sterling Jarvis as Mafala Hatimbi and Kim Exum as Nabulungi, far left, Cody Jamison Strand as Elder Cunningham, far right, and company in The Book of Mormon

Photo by Julieta Cervantes



#### COME FROM AWAY

Schoenfeld Theatre, 236 W. 45th St., 212-239-6200; comefromaway.com

100 mins., no intermission) On Sept. 11, 2001, 38 planes were ordered to land in the remote town of Gander, Newfoundland. What unfolded when the stranded strangers deplaned was amazing: the locals stepped up to host, leading to an extraordinary camaraderie unaffected by language barriers and clashes in culture. Based on these actual events comes one of Broadway's most unique, uplifting, and unforgettable musicals.

# COMPANY 🛈

Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre, 242 W. 45th St., 212-239-6200; companymusical.com

(2 hrs., 35 mins.) Stephen Sondheim's groundbreaking musical has been given a gender/modern-day revamp with Tony winners Katrina Lenk and Patti LuPone.

# DEAR EVAN HANSEN 🚇

Music Box Theatre, 239 W. 45th St.,



August Wilson Theatre, 245 W. 52nd St., 212-239-6200; funnygirlonbroadway.com

(2 hrs., 50 mins.) This first Broadway revival of the celebrated Fanny Brice musical bio/romcom features songs "Don't Rain On My Parade" and "People" and a new book by Harvey Fierstein.

#### GIRL FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY Belasco Theatre, 111 W. 44th St.,

#### 212-239-6200; northcountryonbroadway.com

(2 hrs., 30 mins.) Written and directed by Conor McPherson, this ensemble musical reimagines 20 Bob Dylan songs, incorporating them into a story set in Duluth, MN, in 1934, when a group of wanderers' lives intersect at a house full of music, life, and hope.

# HADESTOWN 🛈

#### Walter Kerr Theatre, 219 W. 48th St., 800-745-3000; hadestown.com

2019 Tony, Best Musical (2 hrs., 30 mins.) Two mythic love stories—Orpheus & Eurydice and the King Hades & Persephone—are the basis of this unique musical blending American folk music with New Orleansinspired jazz.

#### 212-239-6200; dearevanhansen.com

2017 Tony, Best Musical (2 hrs., 30 mins.) This multiaward-winning contemporary musical follows a high school kid who always felt like an invisible outsider until a tragic event thrusts him into the center of controversy and he's given the chance to be somebody else. Unique and deeply personal, the show illustrates how a little lie can change everything. No wonder it continues to strike a deeply personal chord with audiences from across the globe.





#### Richard Rodgers Theatre, 226 W. 46th St., 877-250-2929; hamiltonbroadway.com

2016 Tony, Best Musical (2 hrs., 55 mins.) Broadway's mega-hit explores the bastard orphan/war hero/Treasury head/founding father through a tale of America alongside Washington, Jefferson, Eliza Hamilton, and Aaron Burr.



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#### Cast of Come From Away.

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# HANGMEN **G**

# Golden Theatre, 252 W. 45th St., 212-239-6200; hangmenbroadway.com

(2 hrs., 30 mins.) Martin McDonagh's dark comedy asks: What's a British executioner to do now hanging's been abolished? When a reporter and mysterious stranger turn up at his pub, everything hangs in the balance.

## HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD ወ

Lyric Theatre, 214 W. 43rd St., 212-305-4100; harrypotteronstage.com/us.com

2018 Tony, Best Play (3 hrs., 30 mins.) Now a single night of exciting theatre (vs. the two that debuted in 2018), this Tony-winning play follows the friendship between Harry's son Albus and Draco's son, Scorpius—BFFs whose magical misadventures involve Timeturner shenanigans and a mysterious friend. Familiar characters plus a new generation of Hogwarts students make this a must-see for fans of the books and films!

# HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE **(**)

Samuel J. Friedman Theatre, 261 W. 47th St.,

#### **THE LION KING** O Minskoff Theatre, 200 W. 45th St., 866-870-2717; disneyonbroadway.com

1998 Tony, Best Musical 2 hrs., 30 mins.) A glorious stage adaptation of Disney's animated hit, *The Lion King* is a treasure trove of stunning visual magic created by Tony-winner Julie Taymor. Set in the flourishing African Pride Land, the story follows the lion prince, Simba, and the characters in his life— young lioness Nala, BFFs Timon and Pumbaa, his villainous uncle Scar—and his journey from precocious cub to king of the jungle.

# MACBETH **(**

Longacre Theatre, 220 W. 48th St., 212-239-6200; macbethbroadway.com

(2 hrs., 30 mins.) Tony-winning director Sam Gold helms this thrilling new production of Shakespearean legend starring Daniel Craig and Ruth Negga.

#### THE MINUTES Studio 54, 254 W. 54th St., 212-239-6200; theminutesbroadway.com

(90 mins., no intermission) Tracy Letts' recent Steppenwolf Theatre Company hit looks at how small-town democracy is not always what it seems, with greed and hypocrisy forming its core—and change possible within "a matter of minutes."

#### 212-239-6200; manhattantheatreciub.com

(100 mins., no intermission) Stunningly timely and moving, Paula Vogel's powerhouse of a Pulitzer Prizewinning play centers on a woman coming to terms with the charismatic uncle who impacts her past, present, and future life. It arrives on Broadway for the first time, starring Mary-Louise Parker and David Morse—the same actors who originated the roles when the play debuted Off-Broadway in 1997.

# MJ THE MUSICAL ወ

Neil Simon Theatre, 250 W. 52nd St., 212-239-6200; mjthemusical.com

(2 hrs., 35 mins.) The new musical bio, featuring over 25 Michael Jackson hits, centers on his artistry and the making of his 1992 Dangerous World Tour.



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# MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL ወ

Al Hirschfeld Theatre, 302 W. 45th St., 212-239-6200; moulinrougemusical.com

2020 Tony, Best Musical (2 hrs., 35 mins.) Bohemians and aristocrats rub elbows, reveling in the decadence: Baz Luhrmann's innovative film has been transformed into a glorious musical mash-up!

# MR. SATURDAY NIGHT ወ

Nederlander Theatre, 208 W. 41st St,, 212-239-6200; mrsaturdaynightonbroadway.com

(2 hrs.) Billy Crystal returns to Broadway in a new musical based on his 1992 film of the same name. It follows a once famous TV comedian seeking one more shot at the spotlight.

# MRS. DOUBTFIRE ወ

Stephen Sondheim Theatre, 124 W. 43rd St., 212-239-6200; mrsdoubtfirebroadway.com

(2 hrs., 35 mins.) After losing custody of his kids in a messy divorce, Daniel Hillard creates the kindly alter ego of Scottish nanny Euphegenia Doubtfire to stay in their lives.

# **THE MUSIC MAN** Winter Garden Theatre, 1634 Broadway, 212-239-6200; MusicManOnBroadway.com

(2 hrs., 25 mins.) Hugh Jackman stars in this revival of the beloved musical about con man Harold Hill, Marian the librarian, and the promise of a marching band "right here in River City."

# PARADISE SQUARE ወ

Barrymore Theatre, 243 W. 47th St., 212-239-6200; paradisesquaremusical.com

(2 hrs., 35 mins.) This fascinating new musical centers around the racially diverse 1863 regulars at Paradise Square and how their relationships come unraveled "by a country at war with itself."

# THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA ወ

Majestic Theatre, 247 W. 44th St., 212-239-6200; thephantomoftheopera.com

1988 Tony, Best Musical (2 hrs., 30 mins.) Gaston Leroux's thriller follows a beautiful young soprano and the mysterious masked figure that loves her.



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# PLAZA SUITE G

Hudson Theatre, 141 W. 44th St., 855-801-5876; plazasuitebroadway.com

(2 hrs., 30 mins.) This limited engagement revival of the Neil Simon triptych comedy stars real-life spouses Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker.

#### **POTUS: OR, BEHIND EVERY GREAT DUMBASS ARE SEVEN WOMEN TRYING TO** KEEP HIM ALIVE $\bigcirc$

Shubert Theatre, 225 W. 44th St., 212-239-6200; potusbway.com

(1 hr., 50 mins.) When the U.S. President unwittingly spins a PR nightmare into a global crisis, the seven brilliant and beleaguered women he relies upon most are ready to risk life, liberty, and the pursuit of sanity to keep him out of trouble.

# SIX 🔟

#### Brooks Atkinson Theatre, 256 W. 47th St., 877-250-2929; SIXonBroadway.com

(80 mins., no intermission) Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived. From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the SIX wives of Henry VIII take the mic to remix 500 years of historical heartbreak into an exuberant celebration of 21st century girl power! This new original musical is the global sensation that everyone is losing their head over. The New York Times says SIX "TOTALLY RULES!" (Critic's Pick).

# A STRANGE LOOP 🚥

#### Lyceum Theatre, 149 W. 45th St., 212-239-6200; strangeloopmusical.com

(100 mins., no intermission) Michael R. Jackson's Pulitzer Prize-winning musical centers on Usher, a young gay playwright who wrestles with the thoughts in his head—brought to life by a hilarious ensemble.

# TAKE ME OUT 🖸

#### Helen Hayes Theatre, 240 W 44th St., 212-541-4516; 2st.com

(2 hrs., 30 mins.) This first revival of Richard Greenberg's Tony-winning play centers on a star baseball player of color who exits the closet at the same time his team is struggling toward a championship season.

## TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL 🛈

Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, 205 W. 46th St., 212-239-6200; TinaOnBroadway.com

(2 hrs., 45 mins.) The electrifying musical celebrating Tina Turner lights up the stage like no other. Featuring her most loved songs, the show soars as it traces Tina's trajectory from humble Tennessee beginnings to global Queen of Rock 'n' Roll. She didn't just break the rules, she rewrote them-defying the bounds of racism, sexism, and ageism to earn 12 Grammy Awards and become #1 in solo concert ticket sales. This is her story and it's a must-see!

# THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH G

Lincoln Center Theaters' Vivian Beaumont Theater, 150 W. 65th St., 212-239-6200; lct.org

(3 hrs., 5 mins.) This revival of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer-winning play tells the surreal story of the Antrobus family of Excelsior, NJ. Closing 5/29.

# TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD **O**

Belasco Theatre, 111 W. 44th St. 212-239-6200; tokillamockingbirdbroadway.com

(2 hrs., 35 mins.) In 1930s Alabama, small-town lawyer Atticus Finch (Greg Kinnear) defends a young black man in the face of ignorance and racial injustice.



#### Gershwin Theatre, 222 W. 51st St. 877-250-2929; wickedthemusical.com

(2 hrs., 45 mins.) One of Broadway's biggest success stories, this fantasy musical, based on the best-selling novel by Gregory Maguire, follows the friendship between two young girls-one smart, misunderstood, and green-hued; the other beautiful, ambitious, and popular. Wicked takes the world of Oz's fairy tale roots and replants them into an eyepopping production that turns the original story spectacularly upside down.

# off-broadway

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New World Stages, Stage 3, 340 W. 50th St., 212-239-6200; americanothemusical.com

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(2 hrs.) A frenzied hybrid of Monty Python and Sherlock Holmes, this award-winning comedy is bringing down the house (literally!) Off-Broadway. On opening night of The Murder at Haversham Manor, amateur acting, erroneous props, an unconscious leading lady, and crazed stagehands barely scratch the farcical sur-

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Top: Lobster gets bested with caviar and truffle at The Sea Fire Grill.

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NYC boasts two Little Italys (one downtown and one in the Bronx), legendary Italian neighborhoods full of local charm in Brooklyn and Queens, and some of the world's finest takes on Italian cuisine peppered all across Manhattan. From neighborhood pasta joints to special occasion splurges, NYC's Italian restaurants are waiting with old school hospitality. For intimate experiences, look to smaller, authentic venues in the Theater District. At La Masseria you'll find a first-rate Italian menu that blends traditional and modern. Inspirations come from the region of Puglia (the heel of Italy's "boot"), crafting simple, authentic pastas, risottos, and meat and fish dishes. A little ways uptown, spinoff Masseria dei Vini also specializes in the cuisine of Puglia, with Neapolitan style pizza from a Ferrara wood-burning oven. Seafood and fresh homemade pastas are complemented by an

extensive wine by the glass and bottle list, mainly from Italy but without ignoring the rest of the world.

helm. The family recipes have remained largely unchanged. Dishes like stuffed artichokes,

Another Midtown West standout is newcomer Cucina 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, inside a sweeping space in the architecturally stunning Solow Building. Chef John Villa serves elevated takes on rustic Italian, drawing inspiration from New York and Italian traditions, with many tableside presentations. The pastas and pizzas are all prepared in-house; join them for a weekday happy hour from 4-7pm in the bar/lounge with \$7 drafts and wines plus mini martinis for just eight and a half dollars. Complementary hors d'oeuvres are served. New York restaurants come and go, but Patsy's Italian

eggplant parmigiana, and spaghetti and meatballs are as rich and flavorful as ever. Ingredients are sourced from long-standing family business connections, ensuring every bite remains true to tradition.

To get a feel for the New York of over a century ago, head downtown to Little Italy. Narrow sidewalks front a seemingly endless collection of Italian restaurants. When you're ready for a sweet ending to your Little Italy adventures, Caffé Palermo is your destination. Here since 1973, this must-stop downtown legend is hosted by Baby John, The Cannoli King. His cannolis keep to that perfect balance between sweet cream and satisfying crunch, making these the best in the city. You'll also find the finest Italian pastries: cheesecake, tiramisu, Italian cookies, lobster tails, and unbeatable cappuccino and espresso.

famed eatery—which only has one location, right in the heart of midtown—has been around for nearly 80 years and is only getting better. Chef Sal Scognamillo, owner and operator, is the third generation of Scognamillos to sit at the

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House Midtown offers a roomy bi-level space near Bryant Park for lunch, dinner, and private dining. The interior is siren-red and accented with vintage black and white photography, but the star of the show is the namesake New York strip. **Del Frisco's Double** Eagle Steakhouse features floor-to-ceiling windows with breathtaking views of Sixth Avenue and nearby Rockefeller Center. Make it a night to remember with chef-driven cuisine, world-class wines, and unparalleled hospitality.

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The Palm Restaurant is a dining tradition that has been handed down for generations. Look for fan favorite lobster, Italian specialties, and, of course, stellar steaks. A fixture in the Theater District near the Gershwin Theater since 1999, The Palm Midtown is a natural dining destination before or after a show. A second location, The Palm Tribeca, is just steps away from the Financial District, the Hudson River, and Battery Park.

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# Welcome to the world capital of nightlife: the city that never sleeps. Intimate jazz spots share blocks with legendary comedy clubs all across the city.

If you're looking for a neighborhoody pint you'll find plenty of options in midtown; for a more raucous scene check out the profusion of vibrant bars in the East Village and the Lower and Hell's Kitchen as a historic hub of LGBTQ nightlife. Music, performance, dance, people watching—whatever your mood, NYC can match it. Near Times Square, you cafe walls. Legendary steak burgers are house specialties, joined by favorite entrees like baby back ribs, grilled Norwegian salmon, and New York strip steak. Friday nights bring live DJs and Sundays are great for brunch, complete with bottomless mimosas. Downtown has an ample supply of spots for a modern cocktail. **The Bar Room** at Tom

East Side. (On the Brooklyn side, the possibilities in Williamsburg are every bit as endless.) Upscale options can be found along the cobblestone streets of the Meatpacking District while the West Village next door is joined by Chelsea can rock your senses with tantalizing food and drinks and an awe-inspiring music memorabilia collection at New York's **Hard Rock Cafe**. Priceless pieces from legends like The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Nirvana, and Elvis Presley grace the

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Global sounds, from jazz to rock and everything in between, await at Drom in the East Village.

include the Music Hall of Williamsburg, Brooklyn Steel, and Brooklyn Bowl (yes, you can pick up the elusive 7-10 split while the band is playing).

City Winery New York City at Hudson River Park combines great bites, wine to match, and views to remember. Close to Chelsea Market and The High Line, you can also take in excellent sightlines on the city's newest park, Little Island. Enjoy brunch, lunch, or dinner, where the food is meant to be paired with a great glass of wine. Two stages host a stellar array of music and comedy. On Sundays, don't miss the Strawberry Fields: Ultimate Beatles Brunch. For more than 25 years, **The Iridium** near Times Square has served up an eclectic mix of rock, jazz, blues, and beyond. Order dinner and you'll eat well here, despite the high caliber of the entertainment—for mains find pasta, burgers, short ribs, salads, and that New York favorite, the Reuben. The East Village has its own destination for eclectic, compelling music in **Drom**. Programming varies from jazz, rock, electronic, soul, and funk to international music. Look for highenergy ensemble work from *The Silver Arrow* Band (May 24th and June 7th, and June 21st) and DJTM.8's Temptation Saturday 80's Dance Party (May 28th and June 11th and 18th). We all deserve a laugh these days. **Gotham Comedy Club** brings in the hottest comics nightly. Legends like Jerry Seinfeld and David Chappelle have been known to drop in on this upscale, intimate setting in Chelsea. There are touring pros and ensemble nights like The Gotham All-Stars and ComedyJuice. Another comedy legend not to be missed is Carolines



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Temple Court is located beneath The Beekman's stunning, nine-story Victorian era hotel atrium and provides a singular New York setting for savoring a handcrafted cocktail.

If you're out and about in midtown, consider **Pebble Bar**, a Rockefeller Center newcomer. Housed in a historic townhouse, it hosts a dining and drinking scene that features seafood towers, bar snacks, and timeless cocktails.

For a touch of the tropics in the middle of the concrete jungle, **Margaritaville New York** is the destination for you. While looking out over Times Square, you'll be transported to a vacation state of mind with one bite of a Cheeseburger in Paradise or a signature margarita.

The stage of Harlem's legendary **Apollo Theater** is once again filled with music and spoken word—don't miss the world-famous *Amateur Night at the Apollo*.

NYC attracts a slew of big-name performers, with famous acts hitting arenas like **Madison Square Garden** and Brooklyn's **Barclays Center**. For more intimate musical experiences, look to the city's clubs. Indie rock venues are peppered around downtown; **The Bowery Ballroom** and **The Mercury Lounge** are two long-running favorites. Brooklyn's answers for live music on Broadway. This Times Square institution has been presenting the best in live comedy since 1982, from established greats to stars of the future in the *Breakout Artist Comedy Series*. You can dine during the performance in the showroom or have a pre-show bite in the Supper Lounge, where they'll hold complimentary VIP show seating for you.



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## APOLLO THEATER

253 W. 125th St. (7th-8th Aves.), 212-531-5300, apollotheater.org

New York's legendary Apollo Theater opened its doors in Harlem in 1934, inside an ornate theater that dates to 1914. In addition to ongoing world-class live performances, the theater has served as a launching pad for some of the most significant entertainers of the last several decades. Live performances have returned to the stage, including music, readings, and conversations, highlighted by the world-famous "Amateur Night at the Apollo."

#### DROM EV

#### 85 Ave. A (5th-6th Sts.), 212-777-1157, dromnyc.com

From jazz and rock to electronic to soul & funk to international music, Drom is a beacon of diverse music in the East Village. "New York's premier venue for world music" (Wall Street Journal) also features a bar, kitchen, and lounge area, in addition to the roomy main space. Live concerts are the strength here, with a myriad of other happenings including burlesque, film screenings, dance, DJs, and stand-up.

## GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB CH

208 W. 23rd St. (7th-8th Aves.),

#### 212-367-9000, gothamcomedyclub.com

Whether it's the perfect date night, an evening with the boys, a girls night out, or even a good place to take your mother-in-law, Gotham has a show for you. Not only are you guaranteed great laughs from top-tier professionals, but with delicious pub food, a huge liquor selection-including 30 kinds of vodka-and an actual wine list, this club has you covered for all occasions. Legends like Jerry Seinfeld are known to drop in on this upscale yet intimate setting. Covers vary depending on show with 2-beverage minimum.

## CAROLINES ON BROADWAY

#### 1626 Broadway (49th-50th Sts.), 212-757-4100, carolines.com

Presents up and coming comedic talent and national acts seven nights a week. Top headlining comedians are joined by emerging talent, live podcasts, and improv and sketch comedy. Dine during the set in the showroom or have a pre-show bite in the Supper Lounge and get VIP seating for the show. The kitchen turns out tasty sandwiches, pizzas, and entrees, in addition to specialty drinks. Forty years after it first opened as a cabaret, Carolines on Broadway has grown into one of the country's top comedy brands, affirming its position as "The First Name in Comedy."

#### CITY WINERY NEW YORK CITY CH 25 11th Ave. (15th St./Pier 57 in Hudson River Park), 646-751-6033, citywinery.com/newyork

# HARD ROCK CAFE

1501 Broadway (43rd-44th Sts.), 212-343-3355, hardrockcafe.com/location/new-york

Rock your senses with tantalizing food and drinks and an awe-inspiring rock memorabilia collection. Priceless pieces from Elvis to The Beatles grace the walls along with more contemporary items. Recently opened Rock Shop features authentic Hard Rock merchandise. Bottomless mimosa brunches every Sat.-Sun. 11am-3pm!

#### THE IRIDIUM **IIS** 1650 Broadway (51st St.) 212-582-2121, theiridium.com

The Iridium is a musical landmark famous for intimate experiences of the best rock, jazz, and blues artists in the world. In addition to its consistent draw of legendary rock guitarists and jazz and blues musicians, The Iridium regularly showcases next generation talent spanning a variety of genres including folk, indie pop, alt rock, R&B, cabaret, and world music.



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#### SUGAR BAR

#### 254 W. 72nd St. (Broadway-West End Ave.), 212-579-0222, sugarbarnyc.com

Famed singing duo Nick Ashford & Valerie Simpson opened this mecca of fine dining and nightly live entertainment in 1996. Enjoy Southern-accented American fare like pork chops, crispy chicken, seafood stew, and fried catfish, or chill at the lively bar scene. Intimate and elegant with the feel of an old country village. Tues.-Sat. from 3pm, Sun. from noon.

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# **MANHATTAN SUBWAY MAP**











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# LOWER MANHATTAN MAP

# Discover the birthplace of New York City



# nyc transportation fun facts

• A New York City taxi makes almost **800 trips** a month. • If you laid out **NYC'S** subway tracks end to end you'd reach Chicago. • NYC Transit **buses** give 678 million rides every year. • The **Subway** fleet travels 365 million miles a year. • No surprise here: the Times Square-42nd Street subway station is the city's busiest. It's the gateway to **65 million** rides a year. • **Neeed** 



an alibi? MetroCard swipes are tracked and have been used in criminal defenses. • Every wonder why city buses don't take paper money? NYC Transit uses giant vacuums to empty fareboxes, which would turn that cash into confetti. • By law, there are exactly 13,587 taxis in NYC. But good luck finding even one when it rains.

# VAX & MASKS

On March 7th, 2022, Mayor Eric Adams ended city guidance that asked for vaccine proofs and mask wearing for indoor activities. Individual places may still request mask and/or vax proof, but many have relaxed all requirements for entry. Public transportation as of press time still requires masks. Broadway is requiring masks for all audiences inside the theatre, except while eating or drinking in designated locations, at least through May 31st; many theatres will no longer require proof of vaccinatin. You can find the latest at *broadwayleague.com/covid-19-updates*.

# **GIVING CREDIT**

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