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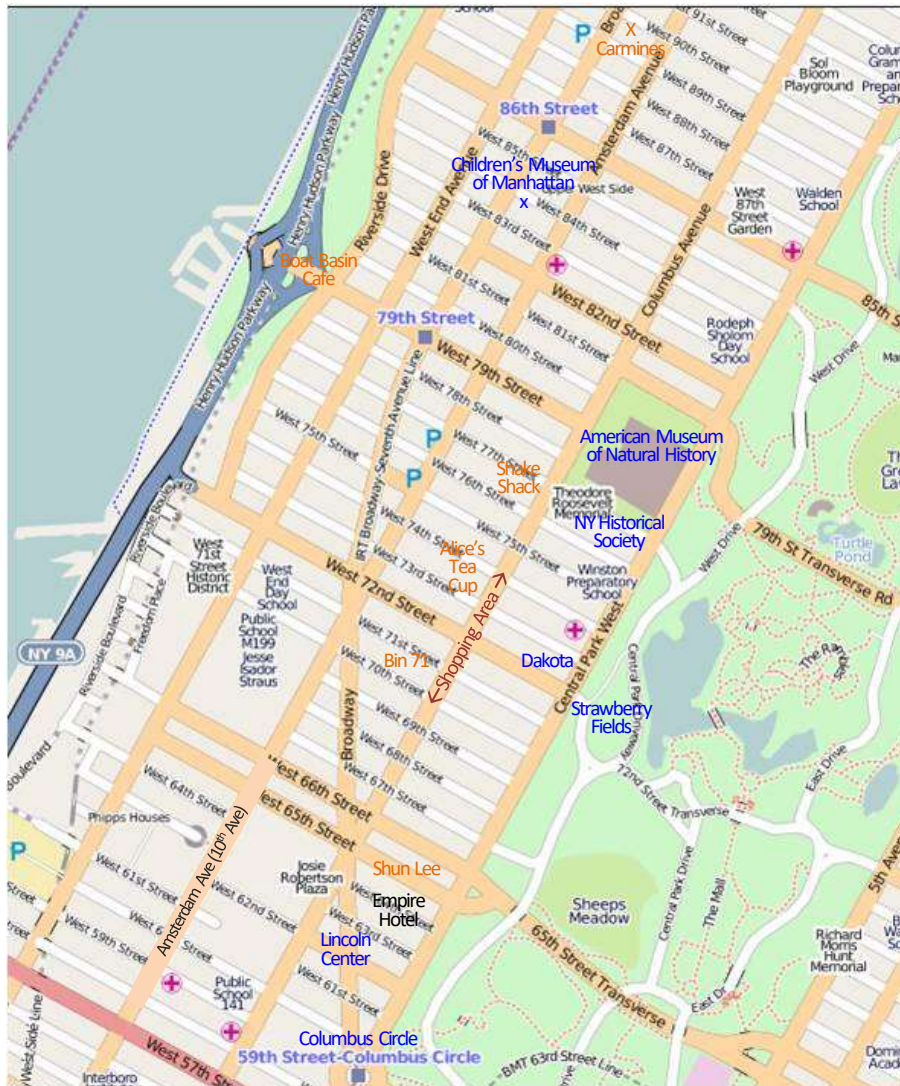
## Things to Do

- **Children's Museum of Manhattan** (212 W 83rd, Amsterdam /Bway) - Hands-on activities, kids art, sandbox table, oversized Lite Brite, water playground. Best for youngest (under 7). Closed Mon.
- **American Museum of Natural History** (CPW, 77<sup>th</sup>-81<sup>st</sup> St) - Great exhibits, all about humans, man, cultures, dinosaurs. The Planetarium and Space Show is a must-see for kids and fun for adults.
- **New York Historical Society** (170 CPW, 76<sup>th</sup>/77th) – permanent exhibits of New York furniture, furnishings, toys, souvenirs and very interesting rotating exhibits, slavery, Jackie Kennedy/Eleanor Roosevelt . Closed Mon. \$12 Adult, Under 12 free.
- **Lincoln Center** (Bway, 61<sup>st</sup> to 66<sup>th</sup> Sts) - home to the New York State Theater, New York City Ballet, New York City Opera, the Metropolitan Opera House, Avery Fisher Hall, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the Vivian Beaumont Theater, Jazz at Lincoln Center (located at 59th Street), the Library and Museum of the Performing Arts, the School of American Ballet and the world-famous Julliard School of Music.
- **Shops at Columbus Circle** – enormous shopping and dining mall with ranging from typical chains to unique NY to very high end.
- Walk **Columbus Ave** for boutiques and restaurants, Amsterdam Ave for bars and boutiques, CPW for park views and history, such as the Dakota (72<sup>nd</sup>), where John Lennon was shot, and pay respects across the street at the **Strawberry Fields** memorial.
- Check Whole Foods in Columbus Circle to grab a **picnic for Central Park** and definitely walk around the **Lincoln Center** – lots of free concerts.

## Hotels

- **Mandarin Oriental** (80 Columbus Cir) – 5 star hotel, 35-54 floors of the TWC. Voted as best spa in NYC, if you can't afford to stay, head to the 35<sup>th</sup> floor lobby for a cocktail or snack. One of the best views in the City.
- **Empire Hotel** (44 W 63<sup>rd</sup> St) – Cool pool deck with cabana rentals (May to Sept) and fantastic roof views.

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## Restaurants

- **Carmine's** (2450 Bway, 90th/91st) – huge portions, family style Italian. This is the original and a 2nd is now in the Theater District. A tourist favorite.
- **Shake Shack** (366 Columbus, 77th) – great burgers, fries and shakes with a huge NYC following.
- **Alice's Tea Cup** (102 W 73<sup>rd</sup>, Columbus) - Bakery and Desserts/Ice Cream , a wonderland for little girls
- **Bin 71** (237 Columbus Ave, 70th/71st) - more of a wine bar than restaurant, but excellent small plates, casual but hip scene and outdoors in the summer.
- **Sole Bistro** (2014 Bway, 68<sup>th</sup>/69<sup>th</sup>) - Italian . Especially nice in summer, with outdoor eating.
- **Shun Lee** (43 W 65<sup>th</sup> , CPW/Col) – upscale Chinese. Excellent service and food, family friendly.
- **Blue Ribbon Sushi** - just off Columbus Circle at the 6 Columbus Hotel
- **Gray's Papaya** (2090 Broadway @ 72nd) - grab a hot dog at the famous NYC institution. There are a few things always guaranteed to stir up an age-old NYC argument - Papaya King vs Gray's Papaya. Carrie Bradshaw preferred Gray's while Cosmo Kramer & Julia Child preferred Papaya King. Judge for yourself.
- Time Warner Center – Dizzy's Jazz Club, Tartinery,, Per Se (NYC's MOST expensive meal), Porter House NY (steak), Ascent Lounge (trendy)

## Shopping

- Columbus Ave from about 70<sup>th</sup> to 85<sup>th</sup> St - local NYC boutiques, along with dozens of well known chains: UGG, Eileen Fisher, North Face, Barnes & Noble, etc. Local faves include Verve (bags), Olive & Bette's (trendy clothes), Liana, Berkley Girl (for tweens).
- Shops at Columbus Circle - many chain and high-end shops such as Cole Haan, Stuart Weitzman, Hugo Boss, Coach and J. Crew
- Century 21 (1972 Broadway) – designer discount shopping. Designers include Armani, Pucci, Prada and Missoni, great shoe department for both men and women.