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# *New York City Insider Mini Guide*



## ***About the Mini Guide***

Thanks so much for downloading our NYC Insider Mini Guide and we hope it helps you make Manhattan easier to navigate, less costly and help you plan your routes and itineraries more efficiently. I also hope it will save you hours of internet research and show you some of our hidden secrets and favorite spots, in an easy to read and follow format. The page numbers in the bottom right corner of this guide may not be consecutive, as it is a selected portion of the [Complete NYC Insider Guide](#).

The Mini Guide is intended to be an overview of Manhattan, used while planning your trip. Addresses, prices and details do change over time. The NYC Insider Guide may not be perfect (although I really try), and is not responsible, should any of the information be inaccurate. Should you find any incorrect information in the Guide, please do let me know.

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Welcome to New York City and I hope you love it here as much as I do.

Warmest Regards,  
*Melissa*

## Upper West Side

- American Museum of Natural History
- Central Park
- Time Warner Center

## Midtown West

- Broadway District & Times Square
- Intrepid Museum
- Empire State Building
- Madison Square Garden

## Chelsea/ Meatpacking

- Vessel, Hudson Yards
- The Highline
- Whitney Museum

## Downtown

- 9-11 Memorial & Museum
- One World Observatory
- Statue of Liberty

## Upper East Side

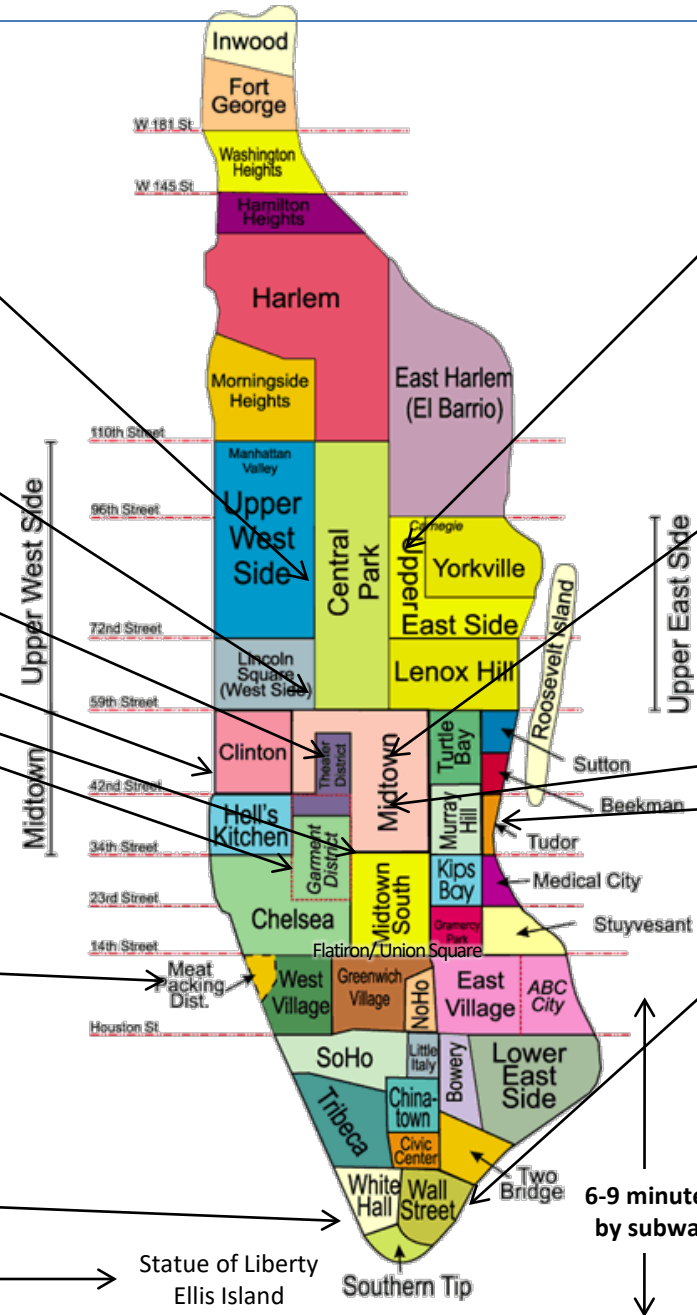
- Guggenheim Museum
- Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art
- Frick Collection

## Midtown East

- Carnegie Hall
- The Plaza Hotel
- MoMA
- Rockefeller Center and Top of the Rock
- St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Grand Central Station
- United Nations

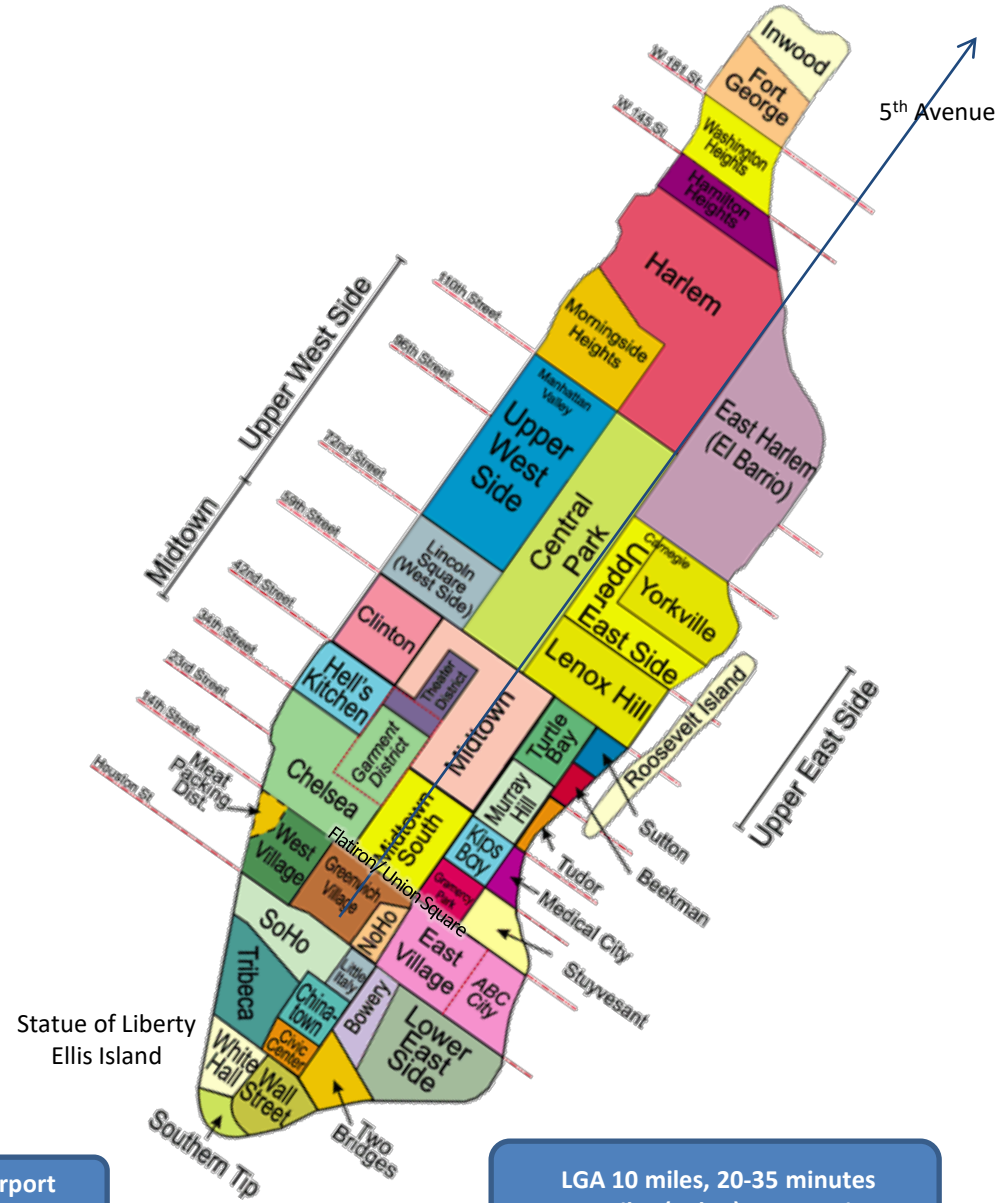
## Downtown

- Brooklyn Bridge
- South Street Seaport
- Wall Street/ Financial District
- Staten Island Ferry
- Statue of Liberty/ Ellis Island Ferry



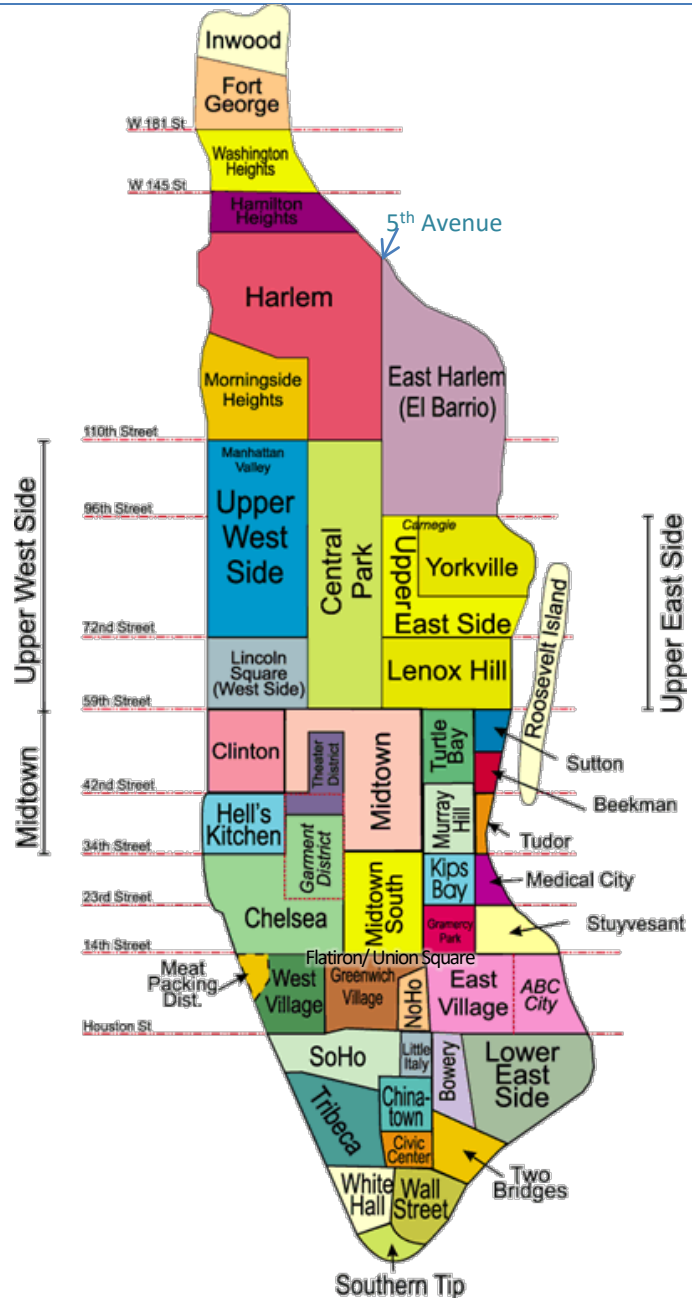
## New York Facts

- Manhattan is pretty small
- 13.4 miles Long (North to South)
- By 2.3 miles Wide (21.5 x 3.7 km) East to West
- All other maps will show Manhattan as going due North to due South, but this is how Manhattan is really laid out
- Avenues go North to South
- Streets go East to West
- A subway ride from north to south, would take an hour on the Express Lines
- Uptown is generally above (north) of 14 Street and Downtown is below
- Fifth Avenue divides East and West. Example: East 46<sup>th</sup> or West 46<sup>th</sup> Street
- 20 Street blocks is roughly a mile (ex, 30<sup>th</sup> Street to 50<sup>th</sup> Street)
- 1 Avenue is roughly two Street blocks (ex, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave)



Newark (EWR) Airport  
14 miles, 35-50 minutes

LGA 10 miles, 20-35 minutes  
JFK 15 miles (25km), 45-60 minutes



### North/South Lines

- **Green** 4/5 (express) 6 (local) – Lexington Ave (which is like 4<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- **Yellow** – N/R/Q – Broadway
- **Orange** B/D/F/M – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave
- **Red** 1 (local) 2/3 (express) – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave
- **Blue** A/C/E – 8<sup>th</sup> Ave

### East/West Lines

- **7** (purple) or Shuttle to/from Grand Central and Times Square
- **L** (Gray) from Union Square to or from 8<sup>th</sup> Ave/14<sup>th</sup> Street stop
- Local subway stops are about 9 blocks apart
- Metrocards:
  - a) Unlimited Cards: 7-Days (\$33) and 30-Days (\$127)
  - b) Per Ride Cards purchased in amounts from \$5 to \$100, with 5% bonus applied every \$5.50. \$2.75 is deducted per subway ride



# New York City Insider Guide: Price Guide & Sightseeing Pass Comparison

Prices shown are for One (1) Adult Ticket as of early 2024 (pending Summit One pricing). All 14 attractions below, at full price, fees and suggested donations, would cost \$410 per adult and the average ticket price is \$29. Please see [NYC Insider Guide for more details and discount specials](#).

Attraction	Full Price	Notes	Sightseeing Pass	NY Pass	Go NY Pass	CityPASS
Empire State Building	\$42	standard ticket, 86th floor only		X	X	X
Statue of Liberty Ferry	\$24	+ \$3 for crown access, includes Ferry. This is only for the Ferry Ride, never includes a reservation into the Museum.	X	X	X	X-B
Top of the Rock	\$36	Discount for Online Ticket Purchase	X	X	X	X-A
American Museum of Natural History	\$23	General Admission (non locals)	X	X	X	X
AMNH and Space Show/Planetarium	\$28	Admission Price for Museum and Space Show	-	extra	extra	X
Museum of Modern Art (MOMA)	\$25	Uniqlo Free Fridays 4-8 PM	X	X	X	X
Central Park Zoo	\$14		X	-	-	-
Intrepid Museum	\$33		X	X	X	X-C
Guggenheim Museum	\$25	Pay What You Wish 1 Sat per month	X	X	X	X-A
Metropolitan Museum of Art (Met)	\$25	Suggested Donation only for locals + some students	X	X	X	X
Madame Tussauds Wax Museum	\$37		X	X	X	-
Circle Line Cruise	\$16			X	-	X-B
9-11 Museum	\$26		X	X	X	X-C
One World Observatory	\$43		X	X	X	-
Edge	\$36		X	X	X	-

Always check the [Sightseeing Pass page](#) for recent discount codes, coupons and monthly specials. These passes are **always** on sale cheaper than the prices below. See [www.nycinsiderguide.com/new-york-city-pass-discounts](http://www.nycinsiderguide.com/new-york-city-pass-discounts)

- **Sightseeing Pass** - Adult Prices range from \$129 (1 Day) to \$359 (10 Day)
- **New York Pass** - Adult Prices range from \$124 (1 Day) to \$419 (10 Day)
- **Go NY Pass** - range from 3 attractions for \$85 to 10 attractions for \$195 (formerly Explorer Pass)
- **CityPASS** - Adult \$132; Youth \$108 for 6 attractions

# New York City Insider Guide: Weekly Chart to Free Activities



Please always check for current information, especially during Co-Vid, as guidelines changes often.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Activity</b>							
MoMA					Uniqlo Free Friday 4-8pm		
Frick Collection	Closed						Pay What you Wish 11am -1pm
Whitney		Closed			Pay What you Wish 7pm-10pm		
Guggenheim				Closed		Varies	
9-11 Museum		Free Admission 5pm-8pm					
Bronx Zoo			Pay What You Wish				
<b>Free Tours</b>							
Wall Street				12:00 PM		12:00 PM	
Lower East Side							11:00 am (Apr-Dec)
Union Square						2:00 PM	
New York Public Library	11am and 2pm	11am and 2pm	11am and 2pm	11am and 2pm	11am and 2pm	11am and 2pm	2:00 PM
Grand Central					12:30 PM		



# NYC Insider Guide Vacation Itinerary Planner

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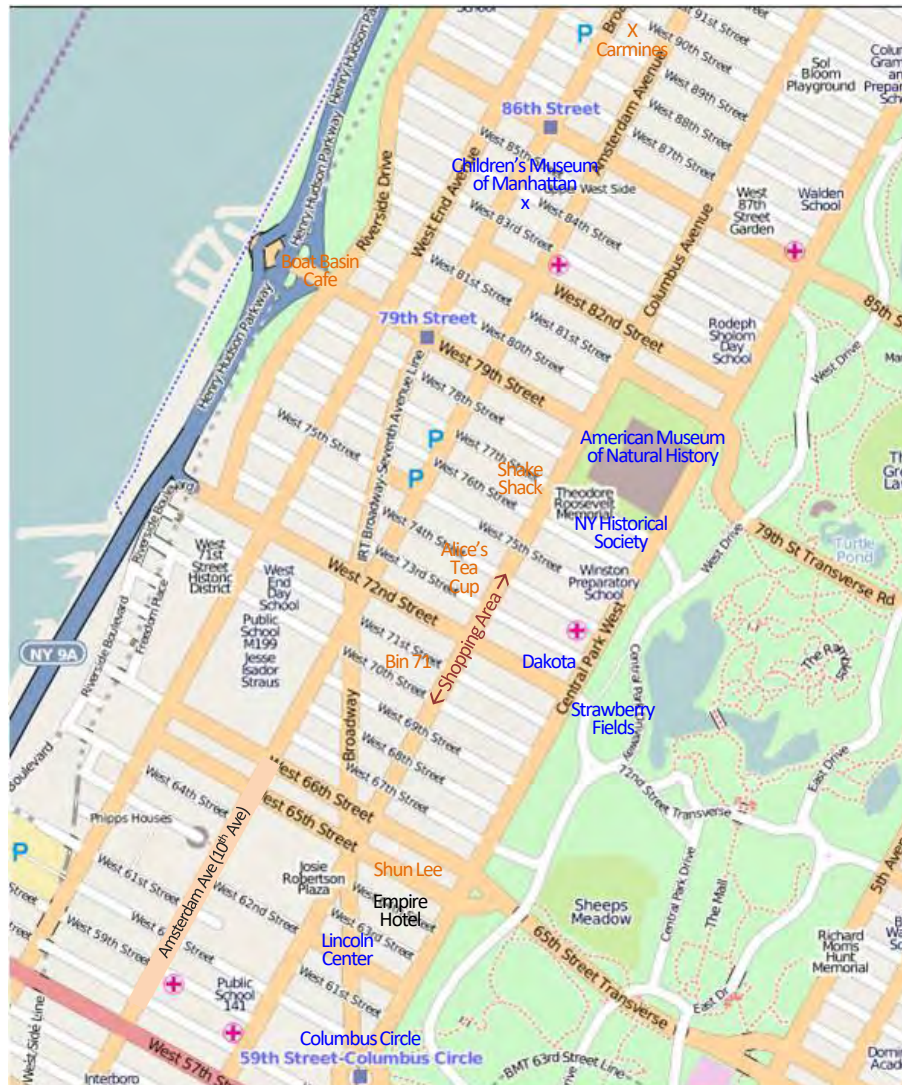
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Date							
Lunch							
Dinner							





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# *Manhattan Neighborhoods*



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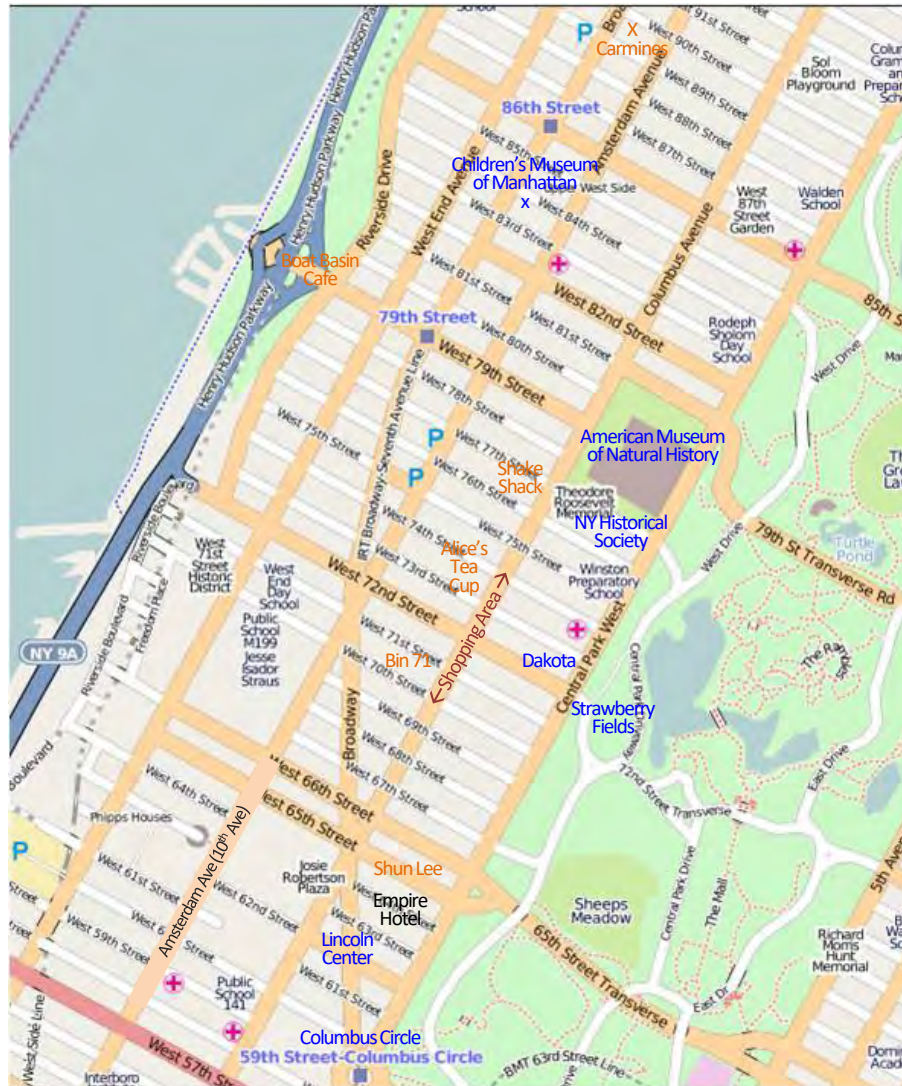
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- Subways: **C** Central Park West, **1/2/3** Broadway,

## 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.

## Basics

- The only vehicles allowed in Central Park are across the traverses, at 97<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> Streets
- You may take taxis or buses through these routes, but there no drop offs in the Park
- Bus routes labeled accordingly (M96, M86, M79, M72 and M66)

## Eating

- Loeb Boathouse
- Tavern on the Green
- Wollman Rink Concession
- Additional eateries and snack vendors throughout park
- Strawberry Fields (John Lennon)
- Carriage Rides

## Surrounding Attractions

- Major Museums border Central Park
- Guggenheim Museum
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Frick Collection
- Museum of Natural History (west side at 79<sup>th</sup>)



Central Park South

Time Warner Ctr  
Columbus Circle  
Times Square

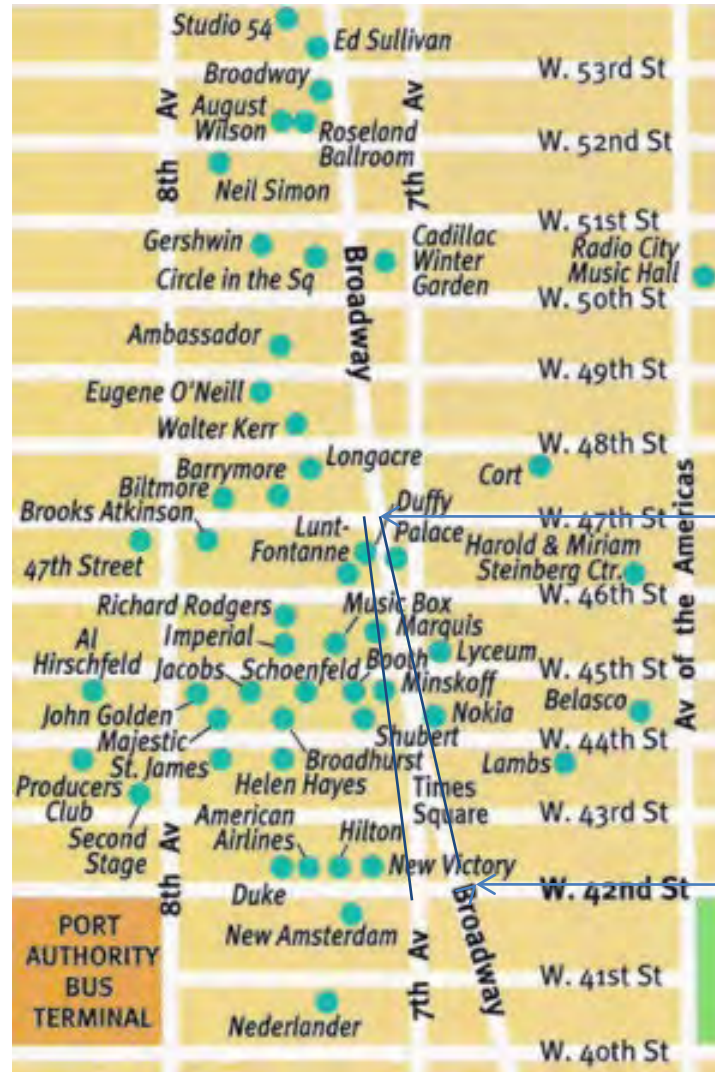
Plaza Hotel  
Rockefeller Ctr

## Restaurants

- **Becco** (355 W 46<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave) – Italian, prix-fixe menus, all you can eat Pasta
- **Tagine** Moroccan (221 W 38<sup>th</sup> St)
- **Meske** (468 W 47<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave) – Ethiopian. Inexpensive, interesting, and if you've never eaten by using spongy bread to pick up your food (no utensils), it's fun and a must-try. Most spicy and many vegetarian friendly.

## Other Attractions

- **Madame Tussaud Wax Museum** (234 W 42<sup>nd</sup> – just west of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- **Dave and Busters** – same location
- **New York Times Building** (620 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, 40<sup>th</sup>/41<sup>st</sup>)
- [NYC Charter Bus](https://www.nycinsiderguide.com)



## Times Square and Broadway

- Crowded and bustling area
- Subway N/R/Q (1 stop from Penn Station and Empire State Building)
- Avenue of the Americas is the same as 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Times Square borders are 42<sup>nd</sup> to 47<sup>th</sup> Streets and from Broadway to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave

Times Square is this little 5 block area 42<sup>nd</sup> to 47<sup>th</sup> St

M&M World (48<sup>th</sup>)  
Hershey's  
MTV (44<sup>th</sup>)  
Bubba Gump Shrimp Co

MAC  
Disney  
Forever 21  
Planet Hollywood  
Toys R Us  
NASDAQ MarketSite

Empire State Building  
32<sup>nd</sup> St & 5<sup>th</sup> Ave



# ***END OF Mini Guide***

## ***Additional Features in the [FULL NYC Insider Guide](#)***

### **Neighborhood Maps (like the UWS map)**

- Midtown West/ Hell's Kitchen
- Times Square/Broadway
- Central Park
- Meatpacking District
- West Village
- SoHo
- Tribeca/Battery Park City
- Financial District/ Wall Street
- Chinatown
- Little Italy
- Lower East Side
- East Village
- Union Square/ Flatiron
- Upper East Side

### **Best of NYC by Neighborhood**

- NYC Museums
- Discount and Resale Shopping
- NYC Parks
- Best NYC Pizza
- NYC Kid's Activities
- NYC Kid's Restaurants
- Romantic New York City
- Food/drinks with a City View
- Kosher Restaurants
- Green and Farmer's Markets

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