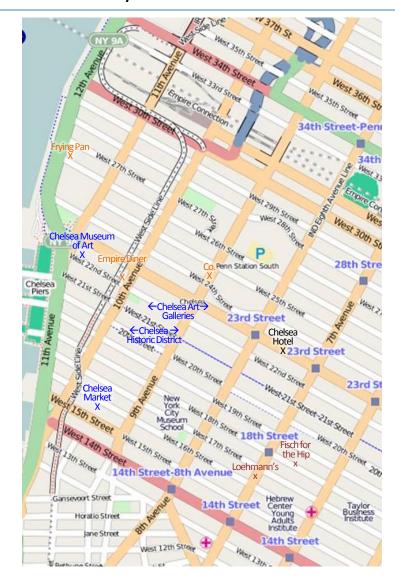


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## Things to Do

- Chelsea Museum of Art (556 W 22nd St, near 11th Ave) closed Sundays. \$8 adults, \$4 students and seniors. A
  new, but thriving, lesser known Museum, focusing on niche and under-exposed art worldwide.
- Chelsea Art Galleries (20th to 28th/7th to 10th Aves) over 200 art galleries line these streets. Some of the
  most famous include Gagosian Gallery (W 24th St), Matthew Marks Gallery and Sonnabend (W 22nd St).
- Chelsea Historic District (20th to 22nd Sts/8th to 10th Aves) a nice walk with a lot of architecture from the 1800's.
- Chelsea Market (75 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Streets) a huge, converted warehouse space with hundreds of take out gourmet foods and restaurants. Hot spot for many famous TV shows and Film, especially those about cooking and restaurants.
- Chelsea Piers NYC's best playground for adults and kids. Golf range, rock climbing, basketball, soccer, gymnastics, ice skating, batting cages. Probably more for locals than visitors, but great if your kids want to do something athletic with NYC as the back drop. All services have a fee, as CP is private and not a public park.
- Chelsea Hotel (222 W 23<sup>rd</sup> St, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Aves) a bohemian landmark and former home of many famous artists such as William S. Burroughs, Bob Dylan and Jimi Hendrix. Some people love to stay here, and some love just to see it for the character and history.
- The Highline (see <u>Meatpacking District</u>)

### Restaurants

- Frying Pan (Pier 66, W 26<sup>th</sup> St, Hudson River) casual, on the water, boat turned restaurant/bar. High drink prices, but lovely scenery, if you don't get seasick.
- Co. (230 9<sup>th</sup> Ave/ 24<sup>th</sup> St) great pizza, a little more upscale than a typical pizza joint, but still casual. Perfect for a lunch or snack.
- Empire Diner (210 10<sup>th</sup> Ave/ 22<sup>nd</sup> St) casual 24 hour diner that looks like it is in an old train car. Order just about any kind of food here.
- The Red Cat (227 10<sup>th</sup> Ave/ 23<sup>rd</sup> St) nice Mediterranean /French spot right in the middle of the art galleries.
   Service can be spotty, but food is reliable.
- Chelsea Brewing Company (in Chelsea Piers) home-ade brews overlooking the River, with an outside deck in summer right next to the golf driving range
- Nightlife Chelsea is known for great nightlife, much of which is very upscale (you might have to be on a "list"). A great way to get in is to go early and eat dinner at a club. Celebrity sightings almost guaranteed. 2009 hotspots include Marquee (289 10<sup>th</sup> Ave/26<sup>th</sup> St), Star Lounge underneath the Chelsea Hotel.

#### Shopping

- Metropolitan North Pavilion (110 W 19<sup>th</sup> St, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Aves). Sample sale location, dates/times vary. Check the NYCIG sample sale page.
- Fisch for the Hip (153 W 18<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Aves) high end designer resale. Best selection of used Hermés bags in NYC.
- Loehmann's (101 7th Ave, 17<sup>th</sup> St) M/W clothing and shoes. Brands include Juicy Couture, Theory, Nine West, Polo and DKNY. Great jean selection, Rock & Republic, Seven, Joe's. Occasionally, you can also find Manolo Blahnik, Prada, Chanel and I even saw Hermés, once.
- More upscale shopping in Meatpacking District.

#### Hotels

Chelsea Hotel

Subways

A, C, E to 14th St.; L to Eighth Ave, F to 23rd St