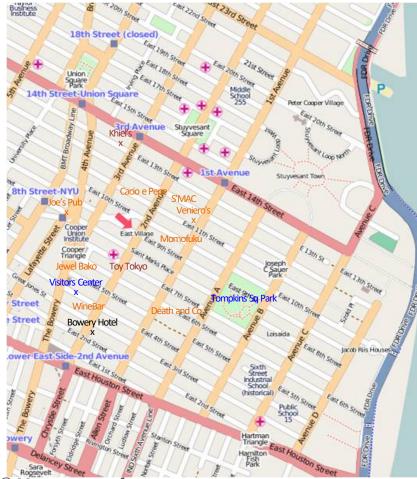


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East Village Visitors Center (61 E.4th, Bowery/2nd Ave) – Tues-Sat, 1:00 - 6:00pm. Walking Tour is Tuesday – Sunday 11 am, Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. (check for prices, abt \$15 pp)

Things to Do

- Hip, trendy night life, lots of artists, tattoos, restaurants, clubs, fashion and music scene. Originally
 an immigrant neighborhood, but now it's much like what "the Village" used to be.
- Blue Man Group (Astor Place Theater) or STOMP (Orpheum Theatre, 126 2nd Ave, 7th/ St. Marks Place/ 8th Street) both interactive off-Broadway shows, Stomp better for kids, both fun and creative music.
- St. Mark's Place (E 8th Street) souvenirs, tattoo shops, clothing, nightlife, college NYU crowd.
- Curry Lane east 6th St. NYC's Little India, with dozens of Indian Restaurants.
- Tompkins Square Park (9th St at Ave B), Alphabet City

Restaurants/ Nightlife

- S'MAC Sarita's Macaroni & Cheese (345 East 12th, 1st /2nd Aves) All about Mac and Cheese. Casual, great for kids and students.
- Veniero's Pasticceria and Cafe (342 E 11th St at 1st Ave)- Italian bakery/cafe famous for pastries and desserts.
- Momofuku Noodle Bar (171 1st Ave, 10th/11th Sts)- David Chang. Next to Milk Bar, famous Asian dessert place and his "impossible to get into" Momofuku Ko. All celebrity favorites.
- **Pommes Frites** (128 Macdougal St) grab and go Belgian Fries, served in paper cones, with a choice of 30 sauces. Moved from East Village now in Greenwich Village.
- Cacio e Pepe (182 2nd Ave, 11th/12th Sts) Sicilian, great outdoor garden, excellent service, romantic.
- Local 92 (92 2nd Ave) casual Israeli/Mediterranean tapas style restaurant with hummus people rave about. The blue door takes you to their secret Blue Quarter for hidden bar some nights.
- Death and Co (433 E 6th St, 1st/A Aves) dark, cozy with unique and exotic cocktails, some served for groups in Punch bowls. Eclectic food and small plates.
- Joe's Pub (425 Lafayette St, at Astor PI) awesome for live music fans, one of the city's top spots.

Shopping

- Kiehl's Flagship Store (109 3rd Ave, 13th St) known for their lotions and potions sold in stores and boutiques globally, this is the original "chemist lab" opened in 1851
- Lots of little boutiques on the numbered streets carrying clothing, vintage, accessories
- Toy Tokyo (121 2nd Ave at 7th St) specializing in Japanese imports and collectibles: Samurai guys, Indiana Jones, and Star Wars; hand-painted porcelain miniatures of the Simpsons, Smurfs, and the Pink Panther; Transformers; Muppets; Totoro figures; Japanese "candy toys,"

Hotels

- **Bowery Hotel** use their free bicycles, outdoor garden and cozy indoor lobby with leather club chairs and fireplaces. Gemma Restaurant is very nice and authentic Italian.
- Moxy NYC East Village, Hotel on Rivington, Blue Moon