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## Things to Do

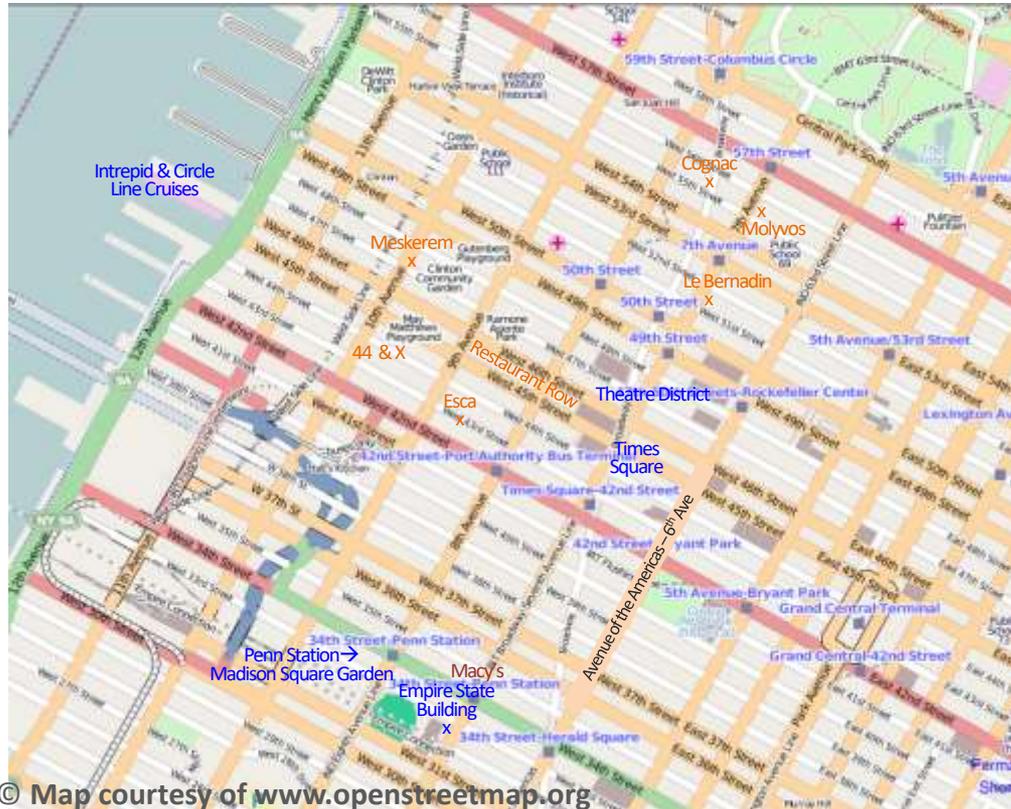
- **Empire State Building** (350 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, 33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>rd</sup>) – Go early to avoid the lines, or get an Express Pass. There are 3 lines to get in: 1) security line, mandatory for all, 2) ticket line, unless you have pre-purchased tickets, 3) Elevators to the Observatory. Express Pass holders get priority at all three lines.
- **Intrepid Museum** (Pier 86, 166 W 46<sup>th</sup> St at 12th Ave) - centered on the aircraft carrier Intrepid (CVS-11), and features a range of interactive exhibits and events about heroism. Educational, planes, war and a view of the Hudson River. (Next to Circle Line Cruises)
- **Madison Square Garden/ Penn Station** (7<sup>th</sup> Ave, 31<sup>st</sup>/33<sup>rd</sup>) – catch the Rangers (hockey), Knicks (basketball) or concert in the main arena or a show at the Hulu Theater. Offer an All-Access Tour, daily every 30 min, 11am -3pm. Visit team locker rooms, meet a Knicks City Dancer, learn how basketball court turns into an ice-rink and absorb history, such as where Joe Frazier took on Muhammad Ali for the first time.

## Shopping

- **Macy's** (151 W 34<sup>th</sup> St, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave)– Herald Square – many people love the landmark, Macy's, founder of the most famous Thanksgiving Day Parade and backdrop of "Miracle on 34th Street." The store is huge (2 city blocks, 9 Floors) and very crowded with few staff.
- Nearby stores include Ulta, American Eagle, H&M, Forever 21, Zara, Doc Maartens and more similar chains.

## Hotels

- Ink 48 (my fave rooftop), Hotel Hendricks, Staypineapple, Royalton



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## Restaurants

- **Cognac** (55<sup>th</sup>, Bway) - Have a cocktail while sitting outside, people watching. Same owners as Serafina.
- **Molyvos** (7th Ave, 55<sup>th</sup>/ 56<sup>th</sup>) - excellent Greek, small plates, near Central Park
- **Le Bernardin** (155 W 51<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave) – French/Seafood. One of the city's top restaurants, many swear it's their all time favorite meal. Service, food and décor is impeccable. Also great for lunch (prix-fixe: 3 course lunch, \$66; 4 course dinner, \$109)
- **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.
- **Restaurant Row** (46<sup>th</sup> St, 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Aves) – 30 restaurants on one block, all for Broadway theatre crowd, serving prix-fixe specials.
- **44 and X** (622 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, 44<sup>th</sup> St) – Nouveau American (mac n cheese, fried chicken, ribs), less touristy than other theater restaurants, outdoor bamboo garden.
- **Rosa's Pizza** (in Penn Station) – believe it or not, some say this is their favorite pizza in NYC. And the cheapest beer anywhere.
- **Koreatown** – 32<sup>nd</sup> St, 5<sup>th</sup>/Broadway – most any restaurant is a great choice, and right next to the Empire State Building.