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## Shopping

- **Lord and Taylor** (424 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, 38<sup>th</sup>/39<sup>th</sup>) – classic NY department store with elegant and stylish merchandise, great dress selection for all ages. Best suited for the over-40 crowd (it was my Grandmother's favorite back in the day!)
- **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 34<sup>th</sup> Street." The store is huge (2 city blocks, 9 Floors). Crowded, very congested area, little else around it, lacking sales staff and probably little merchandise you can't find at home or online.

## Hotels

- Too many to name, but choose Times Square over Penn Station area, if you want to be around the tourist areas.

## Things to Do

- **Empire State Building** (350 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, 33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>rd</sup>) – \$22 Adult, \$14 ages 6-12, under 12 free. Go early to avoid the lines, or get an Express Pass (\$42). 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. Heard Skyride is a tourist trap, never been.
- **Discover Center Exhibits** (226 W 44<sup>th</sup> St, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Aves) - . \$25 Adults, \$19.50 (4-12), Under 4 free. Prices and exhibits vary, see website for current exhibits.
- **Intrepid Museum** (Pier 86, 166 W 46<sup>th</sup> St at 12<sup>th</sup> 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. \$19.50 Ad, \$14.50 C, \$15.50 Sr, under 2 free.
- **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 WaMu Theater. Offer an All-Access Tour, daily every 30 min, 11am -3pm, \$18.50 adult, \$12 under 12. 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.

## Restaurants

- **Cognac** (55<sup>th</sup>, Bway) - Have a cocktail while sitting outside, people watching. Same owners as Serafina.
- **Molyvos** (7<sup>th</sup> Ave, 55<sup>th</sup>/ 56<sup>th</sup>) - excellent Greek, small plates, near Central Park. **Carnegie Deli** right across the street.
- **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)
- **Meskerem** (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, most "touristy," all for Broadway theatre crowd, serving prix-fixe specials.
- **Esca** (402 W 43<sup>rd</sup> St., 9<sup>th</sup> Ave) Italian /seafood. Another Batali gourmet winner.
- **41 ½** (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.