



Subways
N/R/Q/W (Broadway Line) or 4/5/6 (Park Ave S/ Lexington Line) to Union Square

- Hotels**
- **W Hotel** (201 Park Ave South, 17th St) – great lobby bar, Olives restaurant, Underbar club – about as central to NYC as you can get
 - **Aces Hotel** (20 W 29th, 5th Ave/Bway) – new, boutique and trendy, great lobby crowd, restaurant, live music. A local night time destination spot.
 - **Gramercy Park Hotel** - the ONLY way a visitor can access Gramercy Park, accessible by key only. The hotel has one key.

Things to Do

- **Flatiron Building** (175 5th Ave, 22nd/23rd) - beautiful building and icon that has appeared in countless movie and television productions and on more postcards than perhaps any other modern building.
- **Flatiron District** (175 5th Ave, 22nd/23rd) - Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership offers free walking tours every Sunday, 11am. Meet at the SW corner of Madison Square Park, 23rd/Bway.
- **Madison Square Park** (23rd to 26th St, 5th Ave and Madison) - some believe this was where baseball was born. Check out the reflecting pool, fountain, playground, and use the free outdoor Wi-Fi. Grab a snack at **Shake Shack**, frozen custard, shakes, Shack burgers, Chicago hotdogs, 'shroom burgers, and more.
- **Union Square Park** (14th to 17th St, Park Ave S) – right in the middle of the City, with the famous **Greenmarket** (Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat), lots of history and statues, a new expanded 15,000-square-foot playground opened 2009, free Wi-Fi outdoors, and surrounded by hundreds of shops and restaurants. Free tours every Sat at 2pm, meet in front of Lincoln Statue along 16th Street transverse.

Restaurants

- Top Ten NYC Restaurants - **Union Square Café** (21 E 16th, USW, 5th Ave), **Gotham Bar and Grill** (12 E 12th St, University and 5th Ave), **Gramercy Tavern** (42 E 20th, Park Ave/Bway) - all three delicious “high end” American food, expensive and worth every penny.
- **Casa Mono** (125 E 17th St, Irving Place) - Tapas, a Mario Batali favorite, small intimate restaurant, reservations highly recommended, wine bar, Bar Jambon next door.
- **Pete’s Tavern** (129 E 18th, Irving Place) – opened in 1864, classic NYC Tavern with history, burgers and beer. Featured in dozens of TV Shows and Movies and where O. Henry wrote the *Gift of The Magi*.
- **Coffee Shop** (29 Union Square W, 16th St) – Cuban/Brazilian, neighborhood favorite, great outdoor patio, excellent brunch. Kid Friendly.
- **Maos Vegetarian** (38 U Sq E, 16th/17th)– easy, cheap falafel, great for grab and go lunch, especially to sit in Union Square Park
- **Basta Pasta** (37 W 17th, 5th/6th Aves) - one of the most "hidden" restaurants and interesting menus. Italian/Japanese combination made and presented by sushi chefs.
- Additional Restaurants - **Punch and Wined Up** (hip wine bar), **Boqueria** (tapas), **Haru Sushi**, **Rosa Mexicano**, **Craftbar**, **A Voce** (romantic Italian), **Shake Shack** (Madison & 23rd St) – in the park, great burgers, fries and shakes
- **230 Fifth** (230 5th Ave, 27th St) - huge restaurant and nightclub on a rooftop with palm trees, cozy seating, heat lamps and 360 views of NYC at night.

Shopping

- **Union Square** - DSW Shoes, Nordstrom Rak, American Eagle, Lululemon, Barnes and Noble, Sephora, Paragon Sporting Goods
- **5th Ave b/w 15th and 23rd St** – teenage girls paradise. BCBG, Espirit, Banana Republic, J. Crew, Juicy Couture, H&M, Gap, Zara, Club Monaco