



2023 Local Arrangements Committee Restaurant & Entertainment Guide

- Check [timeout.com/newyork](https://www.timeout.com/newyork) for up-to-date listings (no app).
- Useful & free apps: MyMTA (subway & bus info), TKTS (Broadway tickets), Bloomberg Connects (arts, culture, parks), citibike, The High Line, & museum apps

Entertainment / Art / Nature

✓ = Especially recommended

Great music in NYC

Carnegie Hall (W57 & 7 Ave)

- ✓ 10/24: Jean-Yves Tibaudeau et al. - Haydn, Ravel, Fe. Mendelssohn
- ✓ 10/24: Lisbon Toy Orchestra
- 10/25: English Baroque Soloists – Bach
- 10/27: NY Pops

New York Philharmonic (in the fabulous new David Geffen Hall, Lincoln Center)

- ✓ 10/25 & 26: Handel's *Israel in Egypt*

Metropolitan Opera (Lincoln Center)

- 10/24 & 27: *Un Ballo in Maschera*
- 10/25 & 28: *La Bohème*

Madison Square Garden (7 Ave & W32)

- 10/26 & 10/27: Enrique Inglesias, Pitbull, & Ricky Martin together
- 10/28: Depeche Mode

Beacon Theatre (Broadway & 74)

- 10/24: Ben Howard
- 10/26: Lady A
- 10/28: John Malkovich

Other music venues to look into: the brand-new Perelman Performing Arts Center at WTC, (le) Poisson Rouge, National Sawdust, 92NY. Check [timeout.com/newyork](https://www.timeout.com/newyork) for additional & updated listings.

Broadway bests (check listings for updates on openings/closings: cheaper tickets day of performance)

sometimes available on TKTS app or at TKTS booth in Times Square, W47 & Broadway)

- ✓ Some Like It Hot – 2023 Tony Awards: Best Actor J. Harrison Ghee; Costumes, Choreography
- ✓ Kimberly Akimbo – 2023 Tony Awards Best Actress: Best Musical, Book, Score
- ✓ Life of Pi – 2023 Tony Awards: Scenic Design, Sound, Lighting
- ✓ Here We Are – Sondheim's last & long-awaited musical, off-Broadway at The Shed (new hot tic)
- ✓ Gutenberg! The Musical! – With Josh Gad and Andrew Rannells (new)

The best of the continuing shows:

- Wicked
- & Juliet
- The Lion King
- Sweeney Todd
- Book of Mormon
- Hamilton
- Hadestown

Dance

- ✓ Joyce Theater (8 Ave & 19) – Sankai Juku
- Other dance performances & venues – see [timeout.com/newyork](https://www.timeout.com/newyork)

Walking & Biking & Nature

- ✓ Walk the Highline and eat at Chelsea Market or Hudson Yards (numerous food stalls inside both)
 - ✓ Central Park (close by entrance at 6 Ave & 59th St. – great for walking, running, nature, biking...)
 - ✓ Little Island (West Side Highway & W13) Heatherwick Studio's new & fun island in the Hudson
 - ✓ The new North Walk & bike path on the GWB, from Manhattan to NJ – wonderfully designed
- Rent a Citi bike with the citibike app (extra charges after 30 minutes) & abide by traffic regs! The best routes are in Central Park and the west side path along the Hudson River from the GWB down & around Battery Park
- Walk or bike the Brooklyn Bridge to/from Brooklyn to try Grimaldi's Pizza

Museums & Galleries & Gardens/Zoos (selected – there are many more!)

- ✓ Private Art Galleries – most convenient to the meeting are the superb galleries in west Chelsea (west of 10 Ave from 19-28 streets), with opening parties some Thursday evenings; the best include Pace, Gagosian, Zwirner, Hauser & Worth, Dia, and Miles McNery
Also in Chelsea is ArtBridge (empowers local artists: see *Clinical Perspectives* 25)
 - ✓ MoMA (W53 between 5-6 Aves, open late Th until 8:30, free Fri 4-8)
Picasso in Fontainebleau
Ed Ruscha Now / Then (blockbuster exhibit)
 - ✓ Metropolitan Museum of Art (5th Ave & E83, pay what you wish Fri & Sat nights until 9)
Manet/Degas (blockbuster - the 1st time Manet's *Olympia* has crossed the Atlantic)
Matisse/Derain
 - ✓ New-York Historical Society & DiMenna Children's History Museum (CPW & W77, pay what 4 you wish Fri 6-8), 2nd oldest museum in the US with illuminating Tiffany Lamps Gallery
Women's Work
Acts of Faith: Religion & the American West
 - ✓ Whitney Museum (Gansevoort & Washington, Meatpacking District, free Fri nights until 10)
Ruth Asawa: Through Line
Henry Taylor: B Side
 - ✓ Guggenheim Museum (5th Ave & E88, open late Sat until 7:45)
 - ✓ Jewish Museum (5th Ave & E92, open late Th until 8)
 - ✓ Frick Madison (Madison Ave & E75) excellent temporary home in the old Whitney Museum
 - ✓ Morgan Library & Museum (Madison & 36, free Fri nights 7-9) – Morgan's former mansion with manuscript treasures and stellar exhibitions
Seeds of Knowledge: Illustrated Herbals
 - ✓ American Museum of Natural History (Central Park West & 77) – the bold new addition is a must
Neue Galerie (5th Ave & E86), mansion with 20th century German & Austrian art (e.g., Klimt)
Max Beckmann: The Formative Years
- New Museum (Bowery near Prince, pay what you wish Th 7-9)
Judy Chicago: Herstory
- International Center of Photography (Essex near Broome, open late Th until 9)
- Hispanic Society of America (Broadway & 155, Washington Heights)
- National Museum of the American Indian (Bowling Green, Battery Park)
- Museum of Jewish Heritage (Battery Park)
- Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay & Lesbian Art (Wooster & Grand, SoHo)
- Tenement Museum (Orchard & Delancey)
- Museum of Art & Design (Columbus Circle, pay what you wish Th 6-9, open late Fri until 9)
- The Cloisters, Metropolitan Museum of Art (Fort Tryon Park, 190th St.) for the Unicorn Tapestries
- Museum of the City of NY (5 Ave & 103)
- Cooper-Hewitt Design Museum (5 Ave & E91, pay what you wish Sat 6-9)
- Museum of Sex (5 Ave & E27)
- American Folk Art Museum (Columbus & W65)

Museums & Gardens/Zoos (cont.)

- ✓ 9/11 Memorial & Museum (World Trade Center)
- One World Observatory - Great views from the highest observation deck in NY
- The Edge at Hudson Yards – A new outdoor observation platform with a glass floor area
- Central Park Zoo
- In Queens:*
- Queens Museum (Flushing Meadows Corona Park)
 - ✓ Museum of the Moving Image (Astoria)
 - PS-1, MoMA (Long Island City)
 - Noguchi Museum (Long Island City)

Socrates Sculpture Park (Long Island City)
In Brooklyn:
 Brooklyn Museum and Prospect Park
In the Bronx:
 Bronx Museum of Art (Grand Concourse)
 ✓ Bronx Zoo
 ✓ NY Botanical Garden

Comedy Shows

Comedy Cellar (117 MacDougal St.)
 Upright Citizens Brigade Theater. UCB West has some of the best improv in the country, and the Eastside club has exceptional stand up.

Bars (just a few listed)

King Cole Bar – A classic, refined, with the famous mural. (55 & Park Ave in the St. Regis)
 The Standard Hotel – Street-level Biergarten (wildly popular especially for Oktoberfest) and fun rooftop inside & outside bars with great views. (Washington St & W13, Meatpacking)
 Marie's Crisis – The only (?) showtune sing-along piano bar in the world, West Village, smaller intimate crowd weeknights, packed on weekends, a must do if you are a musical theatre lover; Thomas Paine lived here for that extra historical touch. (Grove & 7 Ave)
 Club Cumming – Alan Cumming's small East Village club with great shows & DJs. (E6 near A)
 Death & Company – serious craft cocktails; usually a wait to get inside. \$\$ (E6 near Ave A)
 Stonewall – pay tribute to gay pride, also now a national monument. (Christopher & 7 Ave)

Restaurants / Food

Key: \$ = cheap; \$\$ = moderate; \$\$\$ = expensive; \$\$\$\$ = extremely expensive
 * = number of Michelin stars

Note that many restaurants have shorter hours now, and many others have closed since COVID.

Restaurants within an easy walk of the meeting:

- Walk to MoMA and have lunch or dinner at The Modern Bar \$\$ which is less expensive than the Modern Restaurant** \$\$\$\$. The bar area is better than the fancy expensive restaurant. (W53, 5-6 Aves); there is also MoMA's Terrace Café for lunch only.
- Food carts around the hotels, \$ – try Adel's Famous Halal or the Halal Guys
- Le Bernardin*** \$\$\$\$ (see Tip-Top below); very high-end seafood, has a vegetarian option.
- Aldo Sohm Wine Bar – small plates; managed by Le Bernardin. \$\$ (W51 & 7 Ave)
- Benoit - Alain Ducasse's French bistro, known for roasted chicken. \$\$\$ (W55 & 6 Ave)
- Brasserie Cognac 48th - French bistro; simple, good food. \$\$\$ (Lex & 48)
- Brasserie 8 1/2 - a beautiful, very civilized, quiet place with good food and artwork all around. \$\$\$ (W57 near 5 Ave)
- Sushi Damo - good, quick sushi and other Japanese entrees. \$\$ (W58 & 8 Ave)
- Toloache - modern Mexican, very loud and crowded. \$\$\$ (W50 & 8 Ave)
- Milos Estiatorio – Greek. \$\$\$ (55 & 6 Ave)
- Wagamama – From the UK, fast & simple Asian cuisine. \$\$ (55 & 6 Ave)
- Pret a Manger – From London, lunch with sandwiches, soups \$ (55 & 6 Ave)
- Mozzarella & Vino – antipasti. \$\$ (54 & 6-7 Ave)
- Michael's NY – California salads & celebs. \$\$\$\$ (55 & 6-7 Ave)
- Redeye Grill – classic grill menu, happy hour 3-6PM. \$\$ (W56 at 7 Ave)

The Tip-Top of the Top Restaurants in NYC (all \$\$\$\$ & reservations way in advance)

- Eleven Madison Park*** – The best of the best in NYC; a several-hour, fully vegan tasting menu experience; unique & gorgeous presentations, watching the waiters' choreographed service is a delight. Limited menu at bar available. \$\$\$\$ (Madison & E24, Madison Square Park)
- per se*** – Thomas Keller (French Laundry) in his super-refined NYC post; fabulous & fabulously expensive; reserve 2 months ahead or hope for cancellations. \$\$\$\$ (4th floor, Time Warner Center, Columbus Circle)
- Le Bernardin*** – superstar chef Erik Ripert's seafood temple with a good vegetarian option; make reservations at least 6-8 weeks in advance - very expensive but you will have a superior dining experience. \$\$\$\$ (W51 & 7 Ave)

- Daniel** – Exquisite French from celebrity chef Daniel Boulud; a separate vegetarian tasting menu is always available and is superb. \$\$\$\$ (E65 & Park Ave)
- Jean-Georges** – JG Vongerichten's signature restaurant; one of the best NY dining experiences. \$\$\$\$ (Columbus Circle)
- Bar Masa*** – Some say this is the best sushi in the Americas, by Masayoshi Takayama. \$600 per person, not including drinks or tax. \$\$\$\$ (4th floor, Time Warner Center, Columbus Circle)
- Gem Wine and Gem House – famous young Chef Flynn's casual/charming place for exquisite/fun cuisine & great wines \$\$\$\$ (Forsyth & Division and Broome & Forsyth)

Moderate to High-End Restaurants

- Nougatine - the bar area of Jean-Georges*** - excellent food and less expensive. \$\$\$ (Trump International Hotel & Tower, Columbus Circle)
- Charlie Palmer at the Knick – the bar area is very expensive, but very good. \$\$\$ (Broadway & W42)
- Boulud Sud - a Daniel Boulud restaurant, Mediterranean focus with small plates and tapas style entrees. \$\$\$ (Broadway & W64)
- Leopard at des Artistes - north Italian; beautiful; the murals have been restored; wonderful ambiance. \$\$\$ (W67 & CPW)
- Becco: Lidia Bastianich's place; great all-you-can-eat pasta deal, convenient in theatre district. \$\$\$ (W46 & 9 Ave)
- abc Kitchen - JG Vongerichten's food right from the Greenmarket. \$\$\$ (E18 & Broadway)
- Milos – excellent high-end Greek with great view of the Hudson. \$\$\$ (5th Floor, Hudson Yards)
- Milos Wine Bar – wonderful & large selections of Greek wines & small plates. \$\$ (5th Floor, Hudson Yards)

Vegetarian & Vegan Restaurants (some of the best restaurants in town will do an OK vegetarian plate, but these places are the best)

- Eleven Madison Park*** Superb, elegant, and super \$\$\$\$ (see Tip-Top above)
- Daniel** \$\$\$\$ (see Tip-Top above)
- Hangawi – gracious & beautiful Korean vegan specialties; rare teas, excellent porridges. \$\$\$ (E32 & Madison)
- Franchia – excellent Korean vegan food, great bibimbap. \$\$ (Park Ave & E35)
- Superiority Burger – prize-winning superior veg burgers & sides, try everything; in new digs. \$ (Ave A & St. Marks)
- Vatan Indian – delightful prix-fixe dining in a village setting. \$\$ (3 Ave & E29)
- Avant Garden – creative and trendy vegetarian with good wines by the glass. \$\$ (E7 & Ave A)
- Lady Bird – Southern vegan, very popular. \$\$ (E7 & Ave A)
- dirt candy – wildly popular, trendy & fun vegetarian food; always a scene; reserve far ahead. \$\$\$ (Allen & Broome)
- Bodai – the best of the Chinese vegan & Kosher places; have the soup dumplings. \$ (Mulberry & Bayard, not the one by a similar name on Mott)
- Candle – post-COVID reincarnation of a beloved vegan place, moved from the UES. \$\$\$ (3 Ave & 28)
- Blossom – high-end vegan standard. \$\$\$ (Columbus & W84)
- abcV – Jean-Georges Vongerichten's vegan dishes right from the Greenmarket. \$\$\$ (E19 & Broadway and newly at the South Street Seaport Tin Building)
- Planta Queen – super-good upscale vegan chain from Canada, boisterous & fun. \$\$ (W27 & Broadway)

Pizza (OK, we are risking a fight – no one agrees on the best pizza in town, but here are some greats)

- Kesté Pizza e Vino – Neapolitan pizza with 24-hour raised dough. \$\$ (Fulton & Gold)
- Una Pizza Napoletana – highly-rated Neapolitan pizza (Orchard & Stanton)
- Scarr's Pizza – the newest favorite w/ Insta slices, long lines at peak times (Orchard near Hester)
- Others will swear by John's, Joe's, Patsy's, Lombardi's, Grimaldi's, *et al.*, all quite good. There are also cheap slices in some of the take-out shops around mid-town & Hell's Kitchen – you get what you pay for.

Cheap Eats (all \$)

- Food carts all around town for easy eats – most are mediocre, some quite tasty. One of the best is NY Dosas, in Washington Square Park. \$
- Ivan Ramen – highly acclaimed ramen by the Jewish guy who learned the craft living in Japan; with vegetarian versions. \$ (Clinton at Stanton)

The Best Food Courts

- Eataly – extravagant food venue with multiple stations for different foods - pizza, seafood, pasta, vegetables, cheese & wines, gelato, plus a roof top garden. \$\$\$ (5 Ave & W23; 4 World Trade Center)
- Hudson Yards – Many eateries, many are very good – the best and most fun is Mercado Little Spain by world-famous Chef José Andrés, who is active solving hunger world-wide. \$ Miznon has a location here too.
- Chelsea Market – numerous food stalls inside, some very good, very touristy; Israeli chef Eyal Shan's Miznon is a fav. \$ (9 Ave & W15, in the old Nabisco factory and home of the Food Channel)
- Gotham Food Market – trendy stalls. \$\$ (11 Ave & W45)

Desserts Only (& worth it!)

- ChikaLicious Dessert Bar – a must; 3-course prix fixe dessert menu created before your eyes by Chika Tillman (sit at the counter & always have the wine pairings). No reservations; be prepared to wait outside for a spot. \$\$ (E10 at 2 Ave)
- Serendipity 3 – yes, it serves food but only go for dessert, and you must get their frozen hot chocolate! An old Andy Warhol hang-out – you may sense his ghost. Often mobbed with tweenie girls, no matter. \$\$ (E60 between 2 & 3 Ave)
- Dominique Ansel Bakery – line up outside by 7AM for any hope of getting a famously infamous delicious Cronut, max 2 per person. \$\$ (Spring & Thompson)
- Dominique Ansel Workshop – very creative desserts & some savory dishes too. But no Cronuts here. \$\$ (17 E27)
- Ladurée – the ultimate French macarons, imported from France daily. \$\$ (Madison & E70; West Broadway & Spring, Hudson Yards)
- La Maison du Chocolat – exquisite French chocolates. \$\$ (Madison & E78; Columbus Circle)
- Milk Bar - a David Chang (Momofuku) dessert place; iconic cereal ice cream & crack pie. \$ (Broadway & 29, other locations)
- Cones – remarkable ice creams; try the corn or mate if available. \$ (Bleecker & Jones)
- Venchi Chocogelateria – Italian gelato & chocolates with natural ingredients. \$ (various locations)