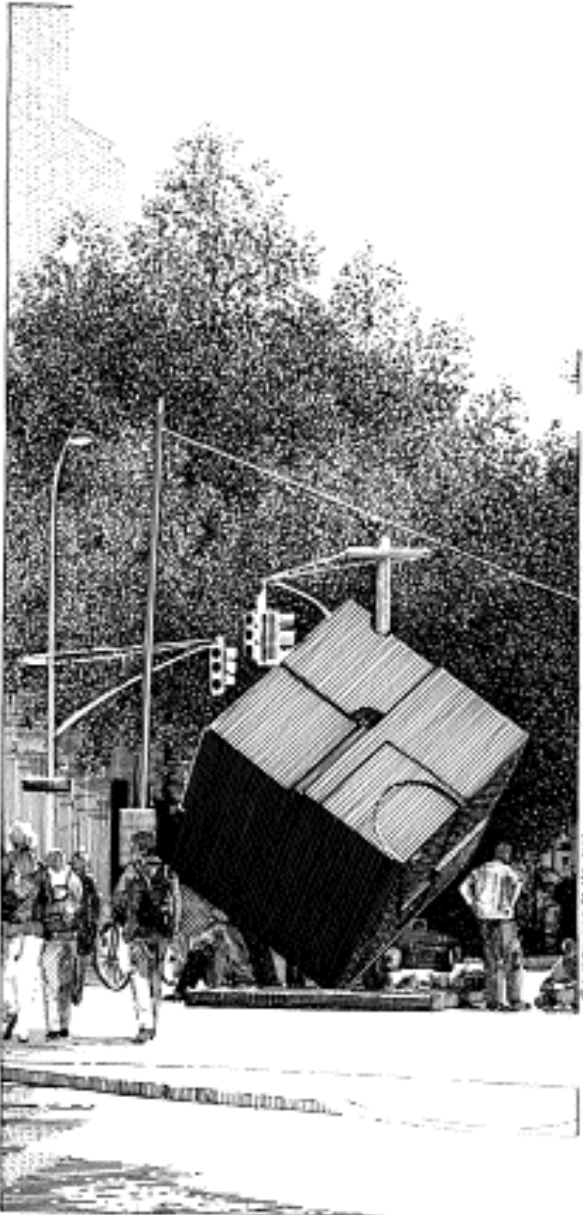




EAST VILLAGE



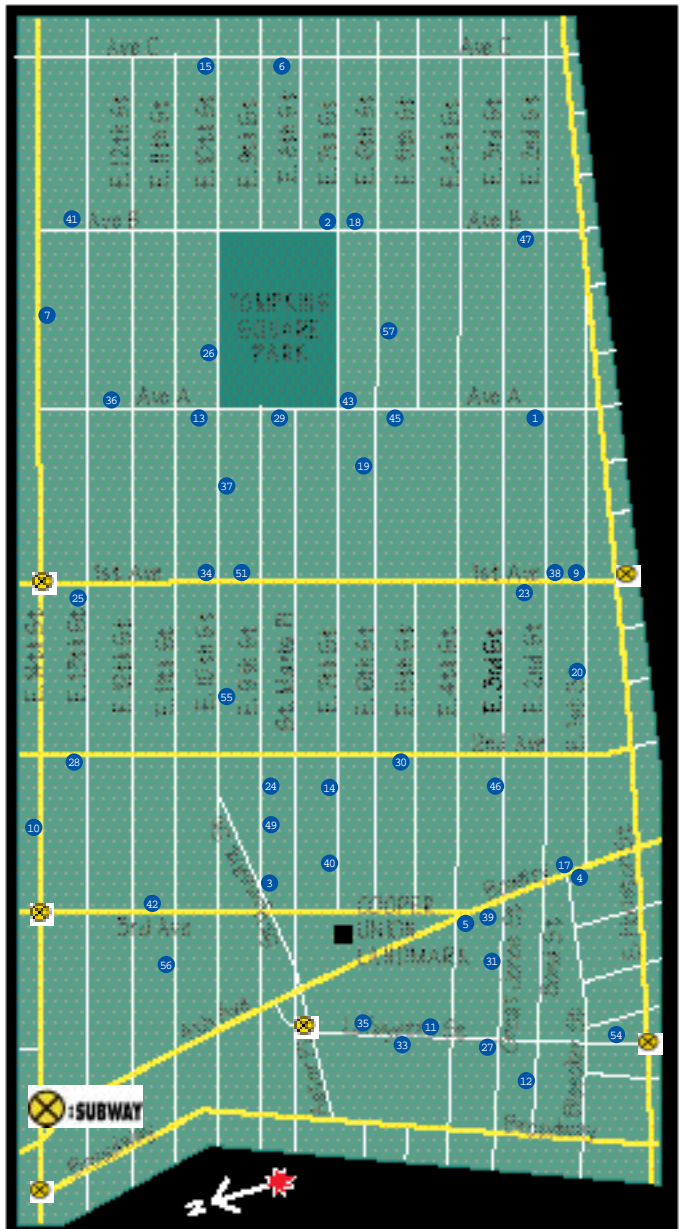
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The gritty, dilapidated facade of the East Village subtly masks the rich reality of this community of artists and musicians. Irreverent, pretentious, outrageous and intimidating, the East Village is alive, loud with the sounds of downtown NYC. Bordered by 14th Street and Houston, the East Village runs eastward from Broadway deep into Alphabet City.

Known for its punk bars, funky cafes, experimental theaters and trendy boutiques, the area first appeared as a distinct neighborhood in the 1960s. Artists fleeing outrageous West Village rents planted their flags deep in the concrete and tar.

Their radical political and artistic views immediately set this loosely knit colony apart, professing an in-your-face attitude that saturates the neighborhood to this day. In the East Village you'll find secondhand shopping at its best, with streets lined with cheap outdoor cafes, music shops and vintage clothing boutiques. Music venues like C.B.G.B.'s and Brownies showcase talented musicians, while political playwrights hold captive audiences at the many performance spaces available.

From the drag queen staff at Lucky Cheng's to the pulsating throngs at Webster Hall, there is something for everyone to experience - at least once.



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Type of Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
Daily 4am-4pm

Drink Prices
Cheap

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

2A
25 Avenue A @ 2nd Street
212.505.2466

2A, or not 2A? Of course that's the question. For most East Villagers these days, the answer is usually yes. Actually two spots squeezed into one, the lower bar area is bright casual with a large and lovely picture window overlooking a scenic corner. Films used to be shown on the building across the street, that is in pre-Rudy G. days. The best way to describe the upstairs level is dark East Village chic, with couches and the usual amenities. During the week people max out all over the bar, with one or two maybe even engrossed in a good read. Weekends the action, and the volume are kicked up a notch when the crowds roll in.

7B
108 Avenue B @ 7th Street
212.473.8840

You want the real East Village? YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE REAL EAST VILLAGE. When you're ready for a stripped down dive, grungy, loud and loaded with East Village misfits, you're ready for 7B. This large stained, sticky spot has plenty of brews on tap and a large horseshoe shaped bar to cram together all comers. For those who don't like to buck up to the bar, there are several booths where you can be spared the verbal slings and arrows of those wanting to know if you think you're better than them. Spitting distance from Thompkins Square Park, it has cheap beer prices and a bathroom that works most of the time. What more do you want?

Angel's Share
8 Stuyvesant Street
212.777.5415

The rules posted at the door basically sum up this hard-to-find, Asian East Village hide-away with a slightly smothering personality.
NO More Than 30 People at a Time
NO Standing
NO Groups More Than Four
NO Shouting



On the second floor with its large windows overlooking the bustling 3rd Avenue scene, this intimate destination is great for swapping a few well-made martinis. But please, keep it down.

Astor Restaurant & Lounge
316 Bowery @ Bleecker Street
212.253.8644

Desperately trying to distinguish itself from the upstairs neighbor City Eatery (oh, do we love their very nibble-worthy home made gnocchi) Astor Lounge casts its own delicious glow. Descend downstairs into the lounge to mingle with the likable clientele the sort you'd find exiled from the B Bar up the street. The decor is Art Deco meets rustic chic, with plenty of comfortable chairs and couches strewn about for low-key lounging. The music scene here flows from the fingers of a DJ wedged in the corner playing his collection, and the drinks are typical fare.



B Bar
40 East 4th Street @ Bowery
212.475.2220

Shedding a few of the letters in its moniker a while back, yet certainly none of its attitude, the former Bowery Bar is humming along on the downtown scene. The fashionistas guarding the gate still require that everyone entering has a certain 'look.' Not surprisingly, it can be a bit of a high gloss meat market at times. As the evening wears on and the Boss and Elite model wannabes relax and stop trying to get discovered, the vibe really mellows to an acceptable AtNight level of cool.

Baraza
133 Avenue C
Between 8th & 9th Streets
212.539.0811

Every night is 'Muy Caliente' at this popular Avenue C joint that exudes a certain we-don't-know-what that we simply love. It could be those cheap, tasty Latin cocktails. Maybe it's the witch-doctoristic decor of the bar, obviously decked out by someone wrestling with an unnatural plastic dollhead fetish. Then again, it could just be the sheer joy of finding the place. You can while away an entire evening here expanding your vocabulary: salsa, meringue, bat-acuda, caipiroska, caipirinha... After a couple of the latter, you just may find yourself draped around one of the lovely mamacitas here.

Type of Establishment
Restaurant/Lounge

Hours
F-Sa 6pm-4am
Su-Th 6pm-2am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
American/French

Nearest Subway
6 to Bleecker

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 12pm-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Sa-Su 10:30am-3am
M-F 11:30am-3am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
American Bistro

Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 7pm-3am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
Light Asian fare

Nearest

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
M-Sa 7pm-4am
Su 5pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
M-F 6pm-4am
Sa-Su 7pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
L to 1st
Avenue

Credit Cards
MC, V

Barmacy

536 East 14th Street
212.228.2240

With its medicinal motif and colorful East Village crowd, this spot is just what the doctor ordered, when he's not on duty. Actually a pharmacy some time ago, Barmacy is a museum of ancient pills, athlete's foot ointments, and rectal tubes (Lord knows what they were used for). But sorry, they no longer fill prescriptions here. An ever-changing roster of DJs ensures no two nights are ever the same. After a few drinks at Barmacy, don't be surprised if you start to swagger and stagger around like a pill-popping Matt Dillon in *Drugstore Cowboy*.

Bar Veloce

175 2nd Avenue
212.260.3200

It's hard to resist a bar with a Vespa coolly parked out front. Opened last year, this refined wine bar somehow manages to repel the AtNight hordes roving 2nd Ave. The bar is a brightly lit narrow corridor lined with stools on both sides and entered via a large folded steel door that's left open when the weather warms. The carefully chosen Italian wines and French Champagnes horizontally line the wall behind the bar, and the snacks, including panini, mixed meats and cheeses, are uniformly excellent. Add in the flat-screen TV at the back of the bar showing everything from Kung-fu flicks to English Premier League soccer, and it's obvious that there are few better places in the city to idle away a relaxing afternoon.

Bar XVI

16 1st Avenue Between 1st & 2nd Streets
212.260.1549

At first glance, it's hard to make out just what kind of vibe they've got going on here. Every night of the week welcomes a different scene. An eclectic mix of people, ranging from brokers to B Boys (and plenty of locals) drink and converse amid a comfortable atmosphere decorated with works of local artists clinging to the exposed brick walls. But the downstairs lounge is where the real action is at. If Gandhi had a rumpus room, it might look like this. Garage sale artwork and a DJ mix it up on weekends, with reggae on Wednesdays. Scale of I to X: We have to give this spot a well earned XVI.

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 12pm-4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
Italian

Nearest
Subway
N,R,4,5,6 to
14th Street
Union Square

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 8pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest

Beauty Bar

231 East 14th Street
212.539.1389

Screaming East Village kitsche, this 14th Street spot definitely gets bonus points for congeniality. You can almost smell the hair spray and taste the nail polish upon entering this unique nightclub. Rows of hair dryers and shelves stocked with every feminine hair-care and beauty product imaginable give this spot the look and texture of an authentic salon - not in a trendy commercial pre-fab style, but more akin to that of your local beauty parlor. Unwind with a cocktail Thursday or Friday night while getting your nails done, the only actual service available. It's a comfortably mixed downtown crowd, so uncover the mystery why women spend so much time getting their hair done.

Belgo Nieuw York

415 Lafayette Street
212.253.2828

Looks can be deceiving, especially at this chic Lafayette Street haunt. What appears from the outside to be an airplane ramp is actually a Euro-flavored futuristic beer hall, as envisioned by Spanish architect Alejandro Zaera-Polo. Under arched ceilings of millennial gray and smart mauve, slowly sample some of the best Belgian golden ales you'll find in New York. At 9% alcohol, these brews are stronger than their US cousins and deserve their names of Delirium Tremens, Lucifer, and Duvel (the devil).

Bond Street

6 Bond Street
212.777.2500

This popular NoHo sushi bar is a big draw with the trendy downtown set. So very New York and so very cool, we're not sure everyone can handle it. Bond Street exists as a sort of Shambhala for those people who know what they want - in this case, the best service, faultless design and a self-contained atmosphere. It's not too hard to get a table, which is refreshing. And, the surprising lack of attitude actually makes Bond Street an easy choice any night of the week. One caveat: After such a great start to an evening, leaving the rarified sanctuary of 6 Bond Street can be a bit of a comedown if you don't plan the entire evening out.



Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
M-F 5pm-4am
Sa-Su 6pm-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
L to 3rd
Avenue

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 12pm-2am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
Belgium

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Credit Cards
AmEx, V, MC,
Diners

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
M-Sa 5pm-2am Su 6pm-1am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
Japanese

Nearest
Subway
6 to Bleeker
Street

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Daily 5pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Cheap

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
L to 1st
Avenue

Credit Cards
All Major

Brownies

169 Avenue A
Between 10th & 11th Streets
212.420.8392

Step inside and you'll quickly realize Brownies is, was and probably always will be all about the music, and only about the music. The live loud, and we do mean LOUD, music slams into rowdy appreciative crowds nightly at this small hard rock dive with a definite downtown gritty texture. Despite the total disregard for decor, the sound system is surprisingly clear - every beat will bounce around inside your head on the way home. Not exactly for the faint hearted during the week, the crowd's intensity escalates furiously on the weekends. While there's obviously no dress code here, we suggest you dress down.

Burp Castle

41 East 7th Street
212.982.4576

Self-proclaimed, "The Temple of Beer Worship," Burp Castle is a favorite watering hole for East Village locals and wandering tourists alike. Gregorian chants and classical sounds soothe you as you order a round of ale from an innkeep clad in the somber brown robes of a Trappist monk. Impressive elaborate medieval murals enhance a decor of immaculate polished oak. Equally impressive is the selection of beers ranging from the 11oz. bottle of Arabler at \$6.25 to the 3 liter \$52.00 bottle of Corsendonk Brown. Shhh. The sign says "No Loud Talking." Bow your head and submit, because the monks have been known to bounce out the unrepentant.

C-Note

157 Avenue C @ 10th Street
212.677.8142

The beautiful decor at the C-Note, featuring a Jazz Age nod to minimalism and sparkling full-mirror bar, should indicate an Upper West Side destination. The music, though, will quickly drag you back downtown and settle you in the an Alphabet City frame of mind. That's a very unique state, brought on by an eclectic mix of music styles and performers that start and end on the Latin end of the spectrum. It's mostly that luscious Latin-flavor of jazz, but there's also room for folk and country. Meanwhile, the mid-week events like the open mike, spoken word, and poetry readings add just a touch of Bohemia.

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Daily 7pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest

C.B.G.B.'s

313 Bowery @ Bleecker
212.254.0983

What's left to say about this East Village institution that hasn't already been said? It's a dirty, dingy club held together with old flyers, posters, and bumper stickers. The stained wooden floors are soaked with generations of fermented beer, and the bar top is thoroughly abused. And though it's always been an eyesore, it's also still a great joint to hear rock'n'roll. Around for over 25 years, everyone from The Ramones to Sonic Youth have rocked this stage. Though it's not nearly as wild as it used to be (those mosh pit-loving punk rockers of the 70s and 80s still left have since receded to the tables), the place still has an edge. It can be a hit or miss affair, so call ahead for the schedules, but don't shy away from something strange and new. It might just be the next great music wave to wash in.

Cachette

14 Avenue B
212.260.7100

Legend has it this East Village newcomer from the owners of the Opium Den was carved out of an old storage space that once held an eccentric lady's jewelry collection. These days Cachette seems more like a Mason's lodge than a diamond in the rough. Dark wood, red velvety drapes and all that doesn't glitter is the statement here. Sit and have a drink with your Grand Pooh-Bah either upstairs at the bar serviced by chummy bar staff, or slink downstairs into the lounge. There is the standard snooty doorman and velvet rope at the entrance, which we find completely unnecessary. But, if it makes them feel important, we're not the ones to argue.

Casimir

103-105 Avenue B
212.358.9683

Far, far left of the Left Bank you'll find this delightful spot heavily inspired by the City of Lights. The tasty bistro fare and a great wine selection make Casimir a great place to grab dinner. The French cultural paraphernalia and music (ranging from acid jazz to Brazilian pop) has a magnetic effect on the hot Euro-types overrunning the East Village these days. The trick is to casually sip a glass of outstanding Merlot at the bar or a table, airily pretending like you do it every day.

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Daily 7pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
6 to Bleecker

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
M-Sa 9pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
F to 2nd
Avenue

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 5:30pm-
12am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
French

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 6pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Cheap

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
F to 2nd
Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Cherry Tavern

441 East 6th Street
212.777.1448

There's no latitude for attitude here. Artists, musicians and local NYU students go out of their way to make a stop at this unpretentious palace.

Break out your best t-shirt and jeans combo when taking in this casual East Village spot.

Take it from a couple of 20-something Cherry Tavern regulars who whine "The stress-free



atmosphere is why we come." The drinks are cheap and the jukebox plays tunes that don't annoy most. The faux wood paneling on the walls and pool table in the back make it feel as cozy and casual as a neighborhood basement party on cruise control.

Chez es Saada

42 East 1st Street
212.777.5617

This romantic hideaway inhabiting an East Village brownstone gets high marks for its mysterious Moroccan vibe. Enjoy a mint-tinged cocktail upstairs over a small bar table as dim candlelight flickers through Arabian lamps throwing ornate shadows on the white walls and antique photographs. Then descend the rose petal strewn stairs to a hauntingly stylish, colonial catacomb restaurant. Candles and low-slung chairs disarm you, as does the waitstaff that is more than happy to help you order from an exotic menu of Moroccan drinks and delicacies. If anyone else here is as attentive and knowledgeable as Jen, you'll be on Chez cruise-control all night.

Continental

25 3rd Avenue @ St. Mark's Place
212.529.6924

This seedy downtown dive may not be much to look at, but it surely kicks ass with a constant barrage of ear-splitting acts pumping out everything from hard core to punk. Located right off St. Marks Place, this dirty little rock'n'roll hole feeds off the furious Village vibe. Though mainly a place for new bands to come and test their wings, Iggy Pop, Deborah Harry, Green Day, Guns-n-Roses and a host of other celebs have all performed here. Just don't blame us when they don't show up when you visit. Did we mention the great sound system and happy hour: five shots of anything for \$10, Jagermeister shots three for \$5, and strawberry banana daiquiris for only \$3. We almost forgot the best deal of all - four to five bands for \$5.

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
F-Sa 4pm-4am
Su-Th 4pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
French
Moroccan

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Daily 4pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest

Coyote Ugly

153 1st Avenue Between 9th & 10th
212.477.4431

Not long ago, Coyote Ugly was a joint where you could sidle up to the bar, sip on a PBR (from a can, never a bottle) and strike up a friendly conversation with the guy, and it was always a guy, next to you. You'd flirt a little with the bar's pretty young waitresses and feel they really meant it when they flirted right back. Then the movie came out. You know, the one with the line dancing on the bar and the model-gorgeous, leather-pant-clad bartenders. Well, the B&T/uptown crowd that now flocks here can't get enough of this scene, so even though we can't find them, they've just got to be hiding those models around here somewhere. Could it be? The sad sight of yet another great dive bar lost forever.

D.B.A.

41 1st Avenue Between 2nd & 3rd Streets
212.475.5097

You won't find any over-stuffed couches or B-list models lounging at this toned-down East Village bar. But what they do offer is a great variety of potent potables, boasting over 25 bourbons, 100 single malts, 30 tequilas and 10 vodkas. That's why this spot can get ridiculously crowded, and really loud, especially during after work hours. D.B.A. is the kind of place you can meet up with a largish group of people you haven't seen in a while. If they're cool, so much the better. If they're not, at least you have a great beer or exotic tequila in your hand, and a deafening scene that's sure to drown them out.

Decibel

240 East 9th Street
212.979.2733

This East Village sake bar screams ambiance akin to a submarine under attack: dive, dive, dive! Well, that's if you can find the place at all. The dark, dingy basement level entrance is easily missed. But once in, settle into their drink specials, like the sake/vodka concoction called "Sake Tini" and you'll forget the iffy surroundings and quite possibly all your troubles. Despite its flaws, this bar is actually quite popular with the downtown crowd that keeps coming back for more. We guess intolerable atmospheres must be their thing.

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
F-Su 12:30pm-
4am
M-Th 2pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place L to 1st
Avenue

Credit Cards
MC, V

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 1pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
F to 2nd
Avenue

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of
Establishment
Sake Bar

Hours
M-Sa 8pm-
3am
Su 8pm-1am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Type of Establishment
Jazz Club

Hours
Su-Th 4pm-2am
F-Sa 4pm-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
L to 1st Avenue

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V
No Cover

Detour

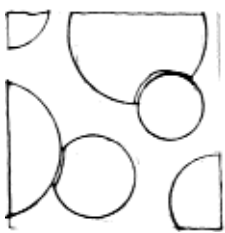
349 East 13th Street
212.533.6212

It's no secret that this Jazz hideaway is one of the last bastions on the live music scene where you'll hear quality sounds, without someone at the door trying to stick you for half your paycheck. It's not hard to strike up a conversation in between sets with fellow jazzheads, especially since you're practically sitting on each other's laps. In spite of its dowdy decor and shoebox space, the place is kind of charming. And there are no black beret-wearing, finger-snapping Bohemians in here. Note: When they pass the hat for the starving musicians, have some class and don't head for the bathroom.

Drinkland

339 East 10th Street
212.228.2435

Lose your grip on East Villaghe reality at this shroomin lounge on the north side of Tompkins Square Park with double-barrel appeal. Psychedelic blue-skies swirl on the ceiling, while black and white polka dots pulse on the wall behind the bar. You'll really feel dosed once you head into the White Room: White



leather benches line the white leather walls, white ottomans double as chairs for white tables. If white is too sterile for you, cross the main room and follow the green glow into the, you guessed it, the Green Room. Live DJs

five nights a week maintain the trippy vibe.

Fez

380 Lafayette Street @ Great Jones
212.533.2680

If you haven't already been to Fez, right inside the Time Cafe, not only are you in a minority, but you're also missing out. This comfortable Moroccan-style hangout, slightly sleeker than Rick's Place, serves up great appetizers and drink specialties (try the "Raztini", the raspberry martini) which work well while spying the occasional belly dancer. It's always a fun place to meet and relax after a tough day. The staff is friendly and efficient, and some of the top acts on the NYC music scene play in the downstairs room. The only problem you might find here is a wait to get in, especially on weekends.

Type of Establishment
Lounge/
Live Music

Hours
F-Sa 6pm-4am
Su-Th 6pm-2am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Flamingo East

219 2nd Avenue
Between 13th & 14th Streets
212.533.2860

Surviving a decade on the uber-competitive East Village scene is no small feat. Decked out in stylish black and white checkerboard with silver accents, this restaurant/bar with a lounge was retro before retro was retro. The clientele who cram this nook range from East Village locals to B&T all-purpose hepcat swingers. Upstairs you'll find plenty of space for dancing, and the downstairs dining/lounge area, with its sculpted cement columns, almost evokes the Guggenheim Bilbao. After midnight the pace picks up, featuring fun weekly theme nights. More importantly, packs of lucious honeys can often be spotted at the bar as early as 11pm.

Flea Market

131 Avenue A
212.358.9282

Slide in off of the grimy East Village scene into this cozy atmospheric bar. Only a Parisian could open a tasteful Left Bank bistro and cafe de matin across from Tompkins Square Park. The cool music mix takes you far, far away from the seedier surrounds of Avenue A. The bar here is painfully small, but take a glass of merlot at a small table and practice your cool, your Berlitz, or both if you've the inclination before heading home. A friendly staff with those oh-so-sexy French accents manages to add to the charm. Mais oui!

Global 33

93 2nd Avenue
212.477.8427

Making a stylish approach onto the East Village's 2nd Avenue runway is Global 33 - tapping into the nagging pop-culture obsession with anything retro. Constructed as a 60s-style airport lounge, the decor is a symphony of symmetrical shapes and patterns prevalent in 60s architecture. The DJ directs drum 'n' bass vibes as you enjoy a menu of international tapas and classic cocktails served in shakers. The relatively young mixed crowd probably can't recall being in a 60s-style airport lounge, but all agree it should have looked like this.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
/Lounge

Hours
F-Sa 6pm-4am
Su-Th 6pm-2am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
Pan-Asian

Nearest Subway
4,5,6,N,R to Union Square

Credit Cards
AmEx, V, MC

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
F-Sa 10pm-1am
Su-Th 10pm-1am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
French Bistro

Nearest Subway
L to 1st Avenue

Credit Cards
AmEx

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
F-Sa 6pm-4am
Su-Th 5:30pm-3am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
International Tapas

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
F-Sa 5pm-1am
Su-Th 5pm-
12am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
Cajun/
American

Nearest
Subway
6 to Bleecker
Street

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Great Jones Cafe
54 Great Jones Street
212.674.9304

Like many downtown locals in the know, the GJC is where you go when you want to kick it cooled out under a mellow vibeminus the relentless downtown poseurs and B&T hordes. Just think, you can actually sit and chat with a friend and you don't have to look amazing. The bartender will look you straight in the eye, and you can order a side of those delicious sweet potato fries while you both argue the meaning of East Village life. Perfect for a weeknight venture out with a close friend, and always when want one step above a dive.

Guernica
25 Avenue B
212.674.0984

If you want proof that Alphabet City is maturing, look no farther than the laid-back, two-story Guernica, located in the space that used to house after-hour favorite Save the Robots. An over-30 crowd of mostly locals sits in the street-level restaurant and bar eating good, if unspectacular tapas, while a DJ in an elevated booth sprinkles down unobtrusive mood music. Downstairs, on a dance floor drenched in blue lighting and surrounded by curved mirrors, budding investment bankers and editorial assistants dip their toes into the Manhattan mating game, while bartenders mix Cosmopolitans and Vodka Tonics at a bar backdropped by a soothing wall of blue water.

Indochine
430 Lafayette Street
Between Astor Place & 4th Street
212.505.5111

This trendy NoHo spot is another NYC sampling of an exotic culture infused with chic modern influences. The minimalist design is enhanced by lush greenery adorning the walls and the landscape, strategically placed so as not to overpower the decor. French-Vietnamese fare with a Thai influence is offered, including early seatings convenient for the theater set. Some couples have been coming back for years, so they must have their AtNight act together. The focus understandably is on the immaculately prepared cuisine, but the bar and lounge in front provides the perfect setting for a pre/post-theatre drink.

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 5:30pm-
12:30am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
French
Vietnamese

Nearest

Izzy Bar
166 1st Avenue
Between 10th & 11th Streets
212.228.0444

A warm copper glow, not bright but deep and lovely, envelops you as you enter the upstairs lounge. Relax at the bar or slink off into the darker rear lounge to unwind. Then take your time as you make your way downstairs for the live music. The outstanding sound system bangs each chord and rhythm until you not only hear the funk, but you feel the funk. Quiet in the beginning of the week, this spot offers a cool lounge upstairs and hot live jazz in the basement. But, the funky feel of the stylish decor fades away on weekends as the focus turns solely towards swarming to thumping Latin beats, house, and soul music.

Joe's Pub
425 Lafayette Street
212.539.8770

Slick downtown hipsters, DJ-lovin lounge lizards and the occasional celebs mingle over martinis nightly at this popular NoHo spot. Inhabiting the former offices of the Joseph Papp Public Theater, the dimly lit decor and small stage lend a sophisticated intimacy to Joe's. The real draw here, though, is the performers, ranging from sexy jazz and salsa to rowdy cabaret and an exceptional spoken word series. Sensing overexposure, they've circled the wagons and re-strung the velvet rope pretty tight. This scene doesn't exactly come cheap. So when you're through posing on line, expect to fork over a \$20 cover Wednesday through Saturday.

Korova Milk Bar
200 Avenue A
212.254.8838

Inspired by Stanley Kubrick's disturbing *A Clockwork Orange*, Korova is one of the better conceived theme bars on the East Village scene. The Molokos (\$7 milk and liquor drinks) are delicious. Moloko Frozen Embryo (coffee-flavored Stoli, Butterscotch Schnapps, Cappuccino Liqueur, ice cream and Snickers bar) and Moloko Karen Carpenter (a banana lover's wet dream and a dieter's nightmare) are pure unadulterated pleasure served in a slim glass. You'll have to hit the gym hard after a night of drinking at Korova, but decadence never tasted so good.

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
Daily 7pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
L to 1st
Avenue

Credit Cards
AmEx, V, MC

Cover W-Su

www.Izzybar.com

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
/ Live Music

Hours
Daily 6pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
American

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 6pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
N/A

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
F-Sa 6pm-4am
Su-Th 6pm-3am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Credit Cards
AmEx

Liquids

266 East 10th Street
Between 1st Avenue & Avenue A
212.677.1717

This pulsing East Village spot comes correct with a trendy lounge atmosphere crawling with young professionals and downtown scenesters. While on weekends Liquids is overrun by a swamped high octane singles scene. Weekdays you'll find more room to operate one on one. The DJ brings it five nights a week, mixing a range of trippy trance inducing vibes. In the wintertime, this is as good a place as any to warm your soul, or toast those sore tootsies by their roaring fireplace as you spread the love.

Lucky Cheng's

24 1st Avenue
Between 1st & 2nd Streets
212.473.0516

"The Original Drag Queen Restaurant" may have spawned branches in LA and Miami, but we'll always prefer the 1st Avenue original. A shockingly loud taste of alternative NYC downtown doesn't even begin to describe this popular spot. The dirty, drab gray East Village fades far from view as you step inside and are splashed by the bright carnival decor. Not only does the dining room feature a full Pan-Asian menu served by a drag waitstaff, but several nightly drag cabaret shows as well. We recommend one of Lucky Cheng's Mini Orgies - the frozen, multi-fruit flavored daquiris, margaritas and piña coladas.

Marion's Continental

354 Bowery @ 4th Street
212.475.7621

This East Village retreat is a vision enveloped in a kitschy, fabricated Hawaiian 50s-style decor. Refreshingly, the people running this Bowery gem are genuine hosts, which is probably why the crowd always looks so relaxed. Picture it: The world of late model and actress Marion is filled with wonderfully tacky mirrored drawings, colorful plastic armchairs, flower paintings, JFK and Jackie O. portraits, and even an aquarium with dream castles and blue dogs. Max out with a martini at the bar or sample the hearty continental menu in the old diner-style restaurant, softly lit by candles and retro lamps.

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 6pm-2am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
Continental

Nearest
Subway
F to 2nd
Avenue

McSorley's Old Ale House

15 East 7th Street
Between 2nd & 3rd Avenues
212.254.2570

Everything about this spot conjures up a time when bars were bars, and clubs were kept behind the bar straighten out the lush rowdies. Claiming to be the oldest ale house in the city, McSorley's is a nostalgic blast of NYC AtNight past. Sawdust litters the floor and there's plenty of kitschy memorabilia strewn about to keep the conversation going. McSorley's Special Ale, 2 for \$3 (the only booze they sling here), is brewed exclusively for the pub by the old Stroh breweries. Old-World charm, great prices and colorful die-hard regulars make McSorley's a local pub par excellence. Hit the ATM. Cash only.

Musical Box

219 Avenue B @ 13th Street
212.254.1731

Smooth candlelight flickers across a blend of young professionals and East Village hipsters at this comfortably dark and unpretentious lounge. Woody Guthrie, Jimi Hendrix and Elvis Costello, all eternalized in the wooden counter, take a peak at you through the bottom of your beer glass, while Jim Morrison scoffs at the yuppie-beige lounge chairs. The back room, with its disorderly red velvet chairs, couches and pool table reveals good that good old anarchist East Village spirit that's becoming increasingly hard to find.

Nevada Smith's

74 3rd Avenue
Between 11th & 12th Streets
212.982.2591

Nevada Smith's has got great bartenders, a giant 15-foot-screen, seven large monitors, a 1000-watt surround system and more East Village au pairs than you can shake a boomin booty at. As the official home of the New York Reds (the US branch of Britain's Manchester United Supporters Club) this is where you go when you're looking for English League, FA Cup, and Champions' League matches. Arrive early on game day, because these events usually sell out early. Weekends you'll find a thriving singles scene, and they've added a downstairs lounge to accommodate the overflow.

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 11am-1am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
American

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 7:30pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
L to 1st
Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
M-Sa 10am-4am
Su 12pm-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
L to 3rd
Avenue

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
Daily 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Credit Cards
All Major

Niagara (Lei Lounge)
112 Avenue A @ 7th Street
212.420.9517

With large windows looking out onto Tompkins Square Park, Niagara is a mosaic of deep browns and off-whites, expanded by mirrored reflections and toned by the flicker of aqua-blue lighting. A popular singles' spot, the crowd here is energetic both at the bar area and in the rear lounge. DJs, every night except Sunday, spin a broad selection of pop music. There's room at the bar most weeknights, but it packs up on the week-ends. Bonus: Beneath the ebb and flow of Niagara you'll find the appropriately dubbed Lei Lounge, a singles minded tiki bar that somehow, somehow just seems to blend in.

No Malice Palace
197 East 3rd Street
Between Avenues A & Avenue B
212.254.9184

Shhh. Don't tell anyone about this place. Just walk in, slide up to the bar, or sit in the comfortable couches by the fake fireplace and hoist a few. The people are friendly, the drinks are fairly priced, and the living room atmosphere is utterly casual. You won't have to stand elbow to elbow, you'll be able to carry a conversation and the bartenders are even willing to talk to you. Of course, on Fridays and Saturdays, the DJ's are loud and crowds even louder, but mid-week, this place is nice and mellow.



Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily
7:30pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
F to 2nd
Avenue

Credit Card
AmEx

Opaline
85 Avenue A
Between 5th & 6th Streets
212.475.5050

Boasting the largest dining room in the East Village, Opaline is a poetic synonym for absinthe. The wildly popular turn-of-the-century milky green liquor was said to have inspired visions, dreams, and dark fantasies. The strong liquor is now illegal, but judging from the number of couples that can't keep their hands off of each other, this French bistro's atmosphere is equally as potent. Choose a glass of one of over 17 wines, relax on a comfy lounge with a lover, groove at one of the weekly dance parties, or simply work out your own dark romantic fantasy.

Type of
Establishment
Restaurant/
Lounge

Hours
Daily 6pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
French Bistro

Nearest

Opium Den
29 East 3rd Street
212.505.7344

With its velvet drapes, candlelight and stylish black-clad clientele, Opium Den has a SoHo AtNight vibe stamped all over it. Its East Village locale, though, means the mood is much more relaxed than those other spots you'll find under Houston (you know who we mean). DJs spin every night of the week, the bartenders are friendly, the crowd's laid back, and the couches comfy. If you want a seat, come slightly before midnight - it gets packed between 12:30 am and 1 am. Leave your credit cards at home, this is strictly a cash joint. And, no baseball lids.

Pierrot
28 Avenue B Between 2nd & 3rd Streets
212.673.1999

Pierrot's decor is subtle camp with a Parisian lilt, inhabiting a stylish Mediterranean-style art deco bar and bistro. With designers, film industry types, leggy models and head-hunters as patrons, this spot is great for low-key networking. Climb into one of the form-fitting barstools and enjoy a passion fruit Cosmo or fresh strawberry and mango Daiquiri as you examine the harlequin statues and intricate handmade resin bar. The menu includes such delicacies as Prince Edward Island mussels and grilled Bay of Fundy salad. A great place to kick off or wind down a night, Pierrot's vibe changes throughout the evening.

Plant Bar
217 East 3rd Street
212.375.9066

If this keeps up, Williamsburg and the far East Village may just merge into one giant liquor loaded amusement park. The latest hot spot to push the land of *Rent* closer into the East River, Plant Bar is the brainchild of DJs Marcus and Dominique. This is the latest piece in the budding Plant empire, which includes a record label and Centro-Fly's Saturday Plant Party. While it seems a crime to pay \$5 for a Red Stripe in this receding bohemian enclave, the bar is a welcome addition, mixing a minimalist and bright decor more reminiscent of London or Berlin with a crowd that alternates between New Balance chic and smarmy Armani boys "slumming."



Type of
Establishment
Lounge

Hours
M-Sa 8pm-4am
Su 8pm-2am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
F to 2nd
Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of
Establishment
Bar/
Restaurant

Hours
Daily 6pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
Mediterranean

Nearest
Subway
F to 2nd
Avenue

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Type of
Establishment
Club

Hours
Daily 6pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
F to 2nd
Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
Daily 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
Expensive
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
AmEx, Diners, MC, V

Solas
232 East 9th Street
212.375.029

You'll always find some of those elusive beautiful people in repose at this popular East Village duplex bar (you may remember it as Cafe Tabac once upon a time). Lounging seems the top priority here, and they've got plenty of space to accommodate. They've also got one of the coolest poolrooms you'll find in the city. Although their Guinness Perfect Pint award is prominently displayed, you wouldn't actually call this an Irish pub. Even so, it's still a great late-night place to go for some good head (we're talking stout). And, if you've got the pull, check out the upstairs VIP Red Room.

Spa
7 Avenue A
212.375.1352

The best nightclubs aren't always located in dank, seedy-chic urban caverns. Spa is an upscale nightclub with a decor dipped in anti-septic white. Steve Lewis, one of the masterminds behind Life, threw open these doors last year. This two-room space features three bars, a waterfall and large dance floor surrounded by white plush couches and pulsing white walls. While the DJs kick quality vibes, most of the

crowd seems too busy preening and posing to let their hair down. For those desperate for attention, there are a couple of large blocks on the dance floor for you to gyrate on. Located just off Union Square, Spa is an It Girl

favorite, but look elsewhere if it's NYC grit you seek.

Standard
158 1st Avenue
212.387.0239

They don't do milk and they don't do blenders at this self-proclaimed "style lounge." Despite the attitude from behind the bar, the clientele is not nearly as pretentious. This spot is a favorite among East Villagers weary of the young, tattooed, and pierced scene. This spot is also a lesson in minimalism; no cool art, funky couches, or distractions, just cream covered walls and conversation. Standard makes up for its impossibly small size with great experimental design from two French architects. The Rothko-inspired light display take a while to figure out, so take your time as you sip a superb Stoli Raz Martini.

Starlight Bar & Lounge
167 Avenue A
Between 10th & 11th Streets
212.475.2172

Star light, star bright, which guy should I grab tonight. Well, it's never that easy, but the Starlight makes it comfortable enough to get to know someone. Attracting a young gay clientele, Starlight's manager touts a drink special dubbed the Smokey Mountain Dolly. Don't ask, don't tell, just have one. The back room has a small stage for what is politely called performance art, and weekends are packed, cheek-to-cheek. The staff is very friendly and the twisted light fixtures remind you that not everything in this world always need be on the straight and narrow.

Swift Hibernian Lounge
34 East 4th Street
Between Bowert & Lafayette
212.260.3600

If King Arthur and his drunken knights went carousing in the East Village, they'd surely wind up kicking it at Swift. After entering, avoid the bottleneck that collects around the bar and head to the back where large tables and church pew benches are found in abundance, and are often unoccupied before 8pm. A large selection of Eurobrews is served up by consistently cheery, chatty waitresses, and the snacky bar food is pretty tasty, especially the pizza. One warning: Early birds who think they have found the perfect spot to chat all night will find themselves shouting at each other when the DJ takes over, lordng over the crowd from his carved pulpit, ignoring all song requests.

Temple Bar
332 Lafayette Street
212.925.4242

The complex blend of sensual seductively lit sanctuary and stylish metropolis is so attractive that you want to get sucked deeper into this labyrinthine bar. A mural with mystical signs and animals - including the bar's mascot, a chameleon - was designed by the late owner Kiki Kogelnic, and separates the brighter and livelier bar area from the romantic lounge. Fine wood, marble and shrill 50s plastic-covered bar stools not only co-exist in this bar, but exhibit self-assured good taste.



Type of Establishment
Gay Bar/Lounge
Hours
Daily 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
Moderate
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place L to 1st Avenue
Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Club
Hours
Drink Prices
Food
Nearest Subway
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
Daily Noon-4am
Drink Prices
Moderate
Food
Bar Food
Nearest Subway
6 to Bleeker Street
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
Daily 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
Moderate
Food
N/A
Nearest

Type of Establishment
Bar/Lounge
Hours
F-Sa 5pm-2am
Su 7pm-12am
M-Th 5pm-1am
Drink Prices
Expensive
Food
Upscale Tapas

Type of
Establishment
Lounge

Hours
T-Sa 5pm-3am
Su-M 4pm-
2am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Credit Cards
AmEx, V, MC,
Diners
www.tenthstre
etlounge.com

Tenth Street Lounge

212 East 10th Street
212.473.5252

Mellow grooves washing over the deep oak and polished decor disarms you almost immediately upon entering this trendy lounge. Both the front and rear spaces lined with oh-so-cozy stuffed leather couches make this an ideal place for both group gatherings and intimate conversations. The spacious design and ceiling-high plate glass windows overlooking 10th Street give the appearance of an exclusive uptown haunt, which almost clashes with its East Village crowd. The high black ceiling overshadowing the manila walls, lit by candles and track lights, complete the ambiance encouraging you to forego that beer in favor of something a bit more sophisticated.

Webster Hall

125 East 11th Street
212.353.1600

Get swept up in a swirling sea of classic disco and pop/rock on the main floor at Webster Hall. Dive down to the darker depths of the lower-level lounge for hip-hop and R&B. Take a breather before climbing to the second floor for cutting-edge dance music. Just when you feel that last ounce of energy ebbing away, grab a drink and retreat to the upper balcony to watch the ocean of club kids, tourists and East Village regulars writhing below. Psychedelic Thursdays are usually a little more rock oriented, but dance reigns supreme every Friday and Saturday. The action gets so hectic week-ends, they even have to close off the entire street outside. So expect to wait on line after midnight.

Wonder Bar

505 East 6th Street
212.777.9105

What makes a good gay bar? Well, music is key - progressive DJs playing R&B, hip hop, and house. Staff it with friendly, attractive bartenders that know their cocktails. The guys should be cute, but not so cute as to turn the bar into a total cruise scene. There shouldn't be too many muscle-bound Chelsea Rent boys, either. Finally, the clientele should be mixed-say, 80% gay and 20% other. Put it all together and you have Wonder Bar, a neighborhood watering hole leading the way in the rebirth of gay bars in the East Village.

Type of
Establishment
Club

Hours
Th-Sa 10pm-
4:30 am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
4,5,6,N,R to
Union Square

Credit Cards
All Major
\$20 Cover

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
Daily 6pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
N/A

Nearest