



GREENWICH VILLAGE



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From very early on, Greenwich Village has served as safe harbor for generations of malcontents, each toting their own personal brand of expression...

Though few of those romantic struggling, starving types so synonymous with Village life of old can afford to live here today, the area exudes a neo-Bohemian aura. A hub of tolerance and social nonconformity for over a century, the West Village runs from Houston to 14th Street, bordered by Broadway to the east and the Hudson River to the west.

From very early on, Greenwich Village was sought as safe haven for generations of malcontents questing for their own voice and identity. The Beats made their way to its jazz clubs after World War II. Abstract Expressionists like Franz Kline and Jackson Pollack huddled in its coffee shops, and literary giants such as Eugene O'Neill and Walt Whitman once walked these same beaten down streets.

AtNight entertainment has always been an integral part of the Village experience. Today, thousands of tourists drape its countless bars and eateries, mingling with attractive traffic of NYU students and downtown hipsters. Enjoy the soulful sounds spilling out onto Bleecker Street from the rows of live music venues and coffeehouses, or venture into Washington Square Park to see a street performer work it out.

Indie flicks, stand-up comedy, shameless cabaret, live jazz, body art...the Village offers all this, and so much more that the censors won't allow us to mention. Inhale as much of the Village experience as possible, hold it in as long as you can and slowly exhale before passing it around. Still, so many colorful, outrageous images glide right by.

Whether it's a new idea, or a new piercing, you're guaranteed to leave the Village with a little more than you came with.



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Type of Establishment
Lounge/Club
Hours
M-Sa 10pm-4am
Drink Prices
Moderate
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
A,C,E to 14th Street
Credit Cards
All Major

21's

248 West 14th Street
Between 7th & 8th Avenues
212.807.1775

One of the better downtown destinations for reggae, hip-hop and R&B, 21's dancefloor melts into a bootie-to-bootie sweat box nightly, but these mostly yuppy puppies wouldn't have it any other way. Much more casual than its better-known neighbor Nell's, the vibe here is all about keeping the flow. The upstairs sauna/dance floor may become unbearable at times, but just wipe your brow, repeatedly, head downstairs to the cool-down lounge, snag yourself a drink, crash and recover. Note: The cover will blow a \$10 hole in your wallet, but you'll strut out of this dancehall 10 pounds lighter.

55 Bar

55 Christopher Street
212.929.9883

Christina Aguilera probably couldn't get arrested in this joint. In fact, the most recent track spinning on the original Wurlitzer here is the Lou Reed classic "Walk on the Wild Side." With live jazz and blues performances every night, there is nothing in the decor, or behind the bar, to draw attention away from the tunes. A constant stream of head-be-nodding regulars crowd the bar nightly, looking like they've been kicking it here for the duration. One tip: Check the no-cover early shows that jam at 6pm on week-ends.

Absolutely 4th

228 West 4th Street
212.414.4345

The buzz is out about Absolutely 4th and the crowds can't be too far behind. Until recently, large parties could easily claim space in this bar's comfy banquettes, while couples could count on grabbing a table for intimate conversation. The newly renovated space (formerly known as Karma) hints of something vaguely Moroccan with a mosaic bar and jewel-toned walls, the right lighting, pillows and props. At presstime they told us the late night kitchen's offerings will soon include tapas, great for soaking up those delicious apple martinis. Live jazz, R&B and comedy during the week may bring on the velvet rope, but don't be deterred, Absolutely 4th is worth the wait.

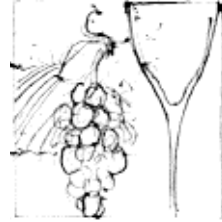
Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
M-Sa 8am-4am
Su 2pm-3am
Drink Prices
Inexpensive
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
1,9 to Christopher Street
Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Bar/Lounge
Hours
Daily 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
Expensive
Food
Tapas
Nearest Subway
1,9 to Christopher Street
Credit Cards
All Major

Art Bar

52 8th Avenue
212.727.0244

What is art? Well, you probably won't find the answer here, regardless of what all these poseurs have to say. Still, the Art Bar has a great after-work singles vibe. Not a destination, but do drop in as this West Village haunt works better as a stop on a downtown pub crawl. Cool out up front or slink back to the lounge and, if you're quick enough, snatch a cozy seat near the crackling fire.

**Bar D'O**

29 Bedford Street @ Downing
212.627.1580

This gay-friendly candle-lit village bar attracts fashion forward downtown types who slip into Bar D'O for low-key lounging on the comfy rectangular leather sofas. With a distinctly downtown vibe, this spot works well as both a pit-stop, or to slowly smooth out a hectic evening. Regulars, usually drawn from the fashion and media industries, don't turn up until late. That is not to say it doesn't get kicking early. DJs spin tracks conducive with maintaining your mellow head, and the drag cabaret shows are especially popular, attracting quite the interesting Village crowd.

Bar Six

502 6th Avenue
Between 12th & 13th Streets
212.691.1363

There's just something about French Moroccan inspiration that wears so well draped in front of an NYC backdrop. This popular West Village haunt fuses together many of the best elements of nightlife: an attractive crowd, stylish decor and romantic ambiance. With such cozy trappings, is it any wonder there's so much meat-marketing going on here some nights? This softly lit 6th Avenue special embellishes itself with ample use of large mirrors, a striking brass bar and generous drenchings of red velvet. DJs parachute in on weekends, blowing up tracks ranging from R&B to funk.

Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
Daily 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
Moderate
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
A,C,E to 14th Street
Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Type of Establishment
Lounge
Hours
F-Sa-7pm-4am
Su-Th 7pm-3am
Drink Prices
Moderate
Food
Appetizers
Nearest Subway
1,9 to Houston Street
A,C,E,B,D,Q to West 4th Street
Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
Daily 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
Inexpensive
Food
French-Moroccan
Nearest

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Su-Th 7:30pm-
2am
F-Sa 8pm-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E,B,D,F,Q
to West 4th
Street

Credit Cards
All Major

The Bitter End

147 Bleecker Street
212.673.7030

This 38-year-young establishment is still a great venue for spotting up-and-coming talent. A long list of musicians (some immortalized with portraits painted over the bar) from Joan Baez to Miles Davis to Tori Amos, played here before, and after everyone knew their name. Usually crowded with those lively, artsy Village people who always seem to know each other, this spot offers folk, funk, reggae, and rock. Is it any wonder the city declared July 23 Bitter End Day? Donnie Hathaway and Curtis Mayfield recorded albums here and even boxer Muhammad Ali has read poetry on the small center stage. Guess the end ain't so bitter after all.

The Blue Note

131 West 3rd Street @ 6th Avenue
212.475.8592

Forget the busloads of tourists, steep covers and close-quarter seating. Serious jazz and blues aficionados flock here to hear national headliners 365 days a year, twice nightly. The intriguing mix of the dark, cool and glamorous jazz world is reflected in the arrow-like stripes made of dark leather and mirrors, and a blue drawing of a jazz musician. Technically superb lighting and sound systems make for an impeccable jazz experience, and veteran performers really know how to entice the audience to snap their fingers, with some even singing along. CDs are available on site.

The Bottom Line

15 West 4th Street @ Mercer
212.228.7880

The music styles offered at this Village institution are as eclectic as the parade of personalities that pass through its doors each night. Nostalgic flash-backing neo-hippies, after-workers, punks and plenty of wide-eyed tourists have been flocking here for over 25 years-and for good reason. Top-notch folk, rock, jazz and more are performed by established bands, some rewarded by getting their grubby hands on precious recording contracts. The decor - wooden tables, dark pillars, bare walls and a bar in the corner - is very basic, leaving it to the musicians to breathe life into this intimate space.

Bowlmor Lanes

110 University Place
Between 12th & 13th Streets
212.255.8188

Most people frequenting this spot aren't your usual gutter-trash alley freaks. Still, the trendy lanes deserve credit for making virtually no concessions to urban chic. The shoes still come in tacky embarrassing hues with those annoying greasy, knotted laces. The American-brewed beer is poured out into plastic pitchers and slurped from plastic cups. What makes it fun is precisely that abandonment of cool, and the great downtown atmosphere. Pretty soon even the most rigid adherent to chi-chi society is artlessly hurling the brightly colored balls towards the glowing pins. Witness the convert's exquisite agony over a gutter ball, and give in to some macho fist-pumping over the perfectly executed 7-10 split.



Cafe Wha?

115 Macdougall Street
212.254.3706

When it's not the "The Brazilian B Band" whipping the crowd into a Bacchanalian frenzy, the "Slam Clinic" or "The Cafe Wha? Band" will get you going. Some nights are free, others are not, but this joint is always a tight squeeze. In a city where bars and clubs open and close faster than a hooker's legs, since the 60s Cafe Wha? has consistently been one of the most down spots in the Village. Playing everything from Bob Marley's "Waiting in Vain" to Elvis' "Blue Suede Shoes", the nine-member Cafe Wha? band has mastered the art of versatility and moved many a person to dance right out of their seat.

Chicago B.L.U.E.S.

73 8th Avenue
Between 13th & 14th Streets
212.924.9755

At C.H.I.C.A.G.O Blues, don't expect to find that raw, seedy wrong-side-of-the-tracks ambiance most blues venues pride themselves on. Plastic theme park-esque decor aside, this venue offers the best blues NYC has to offer. Every night they draw a diverse crowd hailing from all over the city, and beyond, to listen to the giants perform, like Sweet Georgia Brown lamenting over lost loves, lousy friends and all the other bitter-sweets that make for great blues. Cover charge ranges from \$5-\$20.

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
F-Su 10am-
4am M-Th
10am-2am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
American

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

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

www.bowlmor-
com

Type of
Establishment
Live Music

Hours
F-Sa 7pm-4am
Su-Th 7pm-
2am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
American

Nearest Sub-
way
A,C,E,B,D,F,Q
to West 4th
Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

www.bluenote.
com

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
/ Live Music/
Cabaret

Hours
Varies Nightly

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
American

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Su-Th 8:30pm-
2:30am
F-Sa 8:30pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
Bar Menu

Nearest
Subway
1,9 to
Christopher
Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

www.cafewha-
com

Type of
Establishment
Blues Club

Hours
Su-W 9,10:30,
12am
Th-Sa 9,11pm,
12:30am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
F-Sa 3pm-2am
Su 1pm-12am
M-Th 4pm-12am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
American

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E,B,D,F,Q
to West 4th
Street

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 5:30pm-3am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
New American

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E,B,D,F,Q
to West 4th
Street

Credit Cards
All Major

www.clementin
-enyc.com

Type of
Establishment
Club/Live
Music

Hours
M-Sa 8pm-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E to
14th Street

Chumley's

86 Bedford Street
212.675.4449

Others have spent thousands to re-create the authentic prohibition-era vibe Chumley's enjoys. This saw-dusted bar has been around since 1928 and even smells like Old World New York. Regulars claim the phrase 'You're 86ed' originated here, and we're not the ones to argue. Should prohibition ever rear its ugly mug again, they're already outfitted with an ambiguous streetfront and a passageway leading out to the alley. The crowd is mostly local, some B&T stragglers and plenty of frat-types some nights. While Chumley's home-grown beers don't taste like they've been brewed in a bathtub, we'll still grab for a good old Heinie.

Clementine

1 5th Avenue @ 8th Street
212.253.0003

Most evenings you'll find plenty of Wall Streeters and Boiler Roomers talking shop as they wind down at the bar over cocktails. Weekends, the space is usurped by a singles scene of uptown refugees and B&Ts. Most hit the gorgeous dark wood bar and lush front lounge area, complete with swanky Hollywood style banquettes, to indulge in drinks and munch on upscale appetizers. All this to a DJ-spun soundtrack of hip-hop, world, reggae and old standards. Those seeking a more subdued experience head for the warm pleasant glow of the full dining room.



The Cooler

416 West 14th Street
212.229.0785

Before Pastis opened its faux-French doors; before Rhone started serving up frighteningly overpriced wine; before Samantha moved into that fabulous loft in *Sex and the City*; and before *Vogue* staffers ever heard of the Meatpacking District, The Cooler's sky-blue door was concealing a veritable playground of musical delights. For years this downstairs, modernist club has been providing a venue for obscure electronica, underground hip-hop, cutting-edge singer-songwriters and good old rock 'n' roll. The crowd is downtown hipsters, art students and the like, but the vibe is low-key and eclectic. Unlike most live music venues, the staff here actually knows their way behind a bar.

The D Lounge

100 West Houston Street
212.254.7000

The best way to describe the D lounge, located downstairs from the Demarchelier Restaurant, is to say it's cozy and efficient, much like a plush den on a yacht. In what used to be called the Harmony Lounge, D Lounge features DJs spinning a mix of pop, funk and soul while small cliques clink glasses. It's all very Barry White in a limo. The drink special is called a Coco-lada and they do serve appetizers. The prices are average, as is the service. But you can't complain. There are not many places left where can you pretend you're not in New York, and actually feel yourself believe it.

The Duplex

61 Christopher Street @ 7th Avenue Sth.
212.255.5438

So this is where VH-1 gets all those "Before They Were Stars" clips. The longest continuing running cabaret in the city, the Duplex is a great spot to discover unknown talent you'll someday swear you noticed first. This two-floor pub, laid out like a triangle, features cabaret shows downstairs with a wild piano player who beats Jim Carey in facial distortions, and a laid-back upstairs where a mixed local clientele plays pool or chats at the bar. The street cafe allows you to watch the 7th Ave. South scene float by.

Elbow Room

144 Bleecker Street
212.979.8434

Not as revered as some of the other, older Village live music haunts, this shabby-chic nightclub in the middle of the bustling Bleecker Street scene is building a rep for itself. Featuring live acts all week long, listeners max out at the long bar or lounge on the beat-up velvet couches and watch fellow nightcrawlers bust out on the abused wooden dance floor. On Monday you can dance to Brazilian music, from Tuesday to Saturday you'll get rock 'n' roll, and Thursday is Latin night. A DJ spins before, between and after the performances. The unpretentious, ethnic and alternative crowd seems to always be having a good time.

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
Daily 5pm-4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
American
Tapas

Nearest
Subway
B,D,F,Q to
Broadway/
Lafayette

Credit Cards
All Major

www.demdown
-town.com

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Cabaret

Hours
Daily 4pm-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
Bar Menu

Nearest
Subway
1,9 to
Christopher
Street

Credit Cards
Cash Only

www.theduplex
-.com

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Daily 6pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 24 hrs.

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
American/
French

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E to
14th Street

Credit Cards
Cash Only

www.restaurant
tflorent.com

Florent

69 Gansevoort Street
Between Washington & Greenwich
212.989.5779

By day, young toddler-toting parents and locals frequent this diner with a French accent. By night, club kids and celebs wind down with aperitifs, champagnes, beer, wine and cocktails as they nibble at the pate de campagne. The pork chops and stuffed chicken breasts are rumored to be 'absolument fantastique.' A silver metallic backed bar with red cushioned bar stools gives the joint a retro feel, and the gay-friendly, straight-friendly, anything-goes-friendly atmosphere will have you



saying, "Tres chic."

Fressen

421 West 13th Street
212.645.7775

Who knew a decor using so much cement could be so warm and fuzzy. The Zen-like wood partitions, beamed ceilings, sparse but striking flora, and black and gold Mondrian-like lighting fixtures tone down those cold walls and floors. Meanwhile, the ultra-hip black-clad crew here only accentuates that warmth. Fressen means fresh in Yiddish, and chef Lynne Meely selects organic meats and produce directly from the green market for a menu that knows no ethnic barriers. Drop in early to enjoy still-warm salt-n-vinegar potato chips with one of four different sakes. There's live music on Saturday nights. But get there early - Fressen shutters around 1am, way before the crowd is ready to leave.

Gonzalez y Gonzalez

625 Broadway
212.473.8787

Just look for the giant neon sombrero drooping over onto Broadway. With the longest running bar in Manhattan, extending from the front dining area deep into the rear Blue Lounge, Gonzalez y Gonzalez spices things up after dark featuring live Latin music Wednesday through Saturday. Packed with piñatas, paper-mache cowboys, hanging peppers and jalapenos, this cavernous bar/restaurant serves up a spicy blend of salsa, margaritas and sexy singles in search of la vida loca. And what trip to a Mexican bar would work without a few pitchers of margaritas - blended, shaken, stirred, salted, spiced, straight-up...

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
F-Sa 12pm-4am
Su-Th 12pm-1am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
Mexican

Halo

49 Grove Street
Between 7th Avenue South & Bleecker
212.243.8885

Every time we go to Halo they conveniently lose our reservation. But, if you can get in (and we know people who have) this bottle-service lounge, with its claustrophobia-inducing low ceilings, can really kick. Even though the celeb-sighting potential is high and models line the walls like so many coat hangers, the staff-led by proprietor Kareem Amatullah and his partner, top model Shiraz Tal-is personable and willing to go out of its way to make sure you have a good time. Stay long enough, and you will, because Halo tends to heat up late.

Hell

59 Gansevoort Street
Between Washington & Greenwich
212.727.1666

With deliciously potent drinks, comical pictures of celebrities with superimposed red horns, and awesome DJs, this gay-friendly bar is the perfect place to spend the rest of eternity...or at least the rest of the night. In his *Divine Comedy*, Dante failed to mention that the 10th circle of hell was a swanky martini lounge tucked away in the Meat Packing District. A mask of a bug-eyed Lucifer hangs near the bar - that's only a hint of what you'll look like after you've tasted the Devil's Punch, Lucifer Takes Manhattan, or Fallen Angel.

Henrietta Hudson

438 Hudson Street
Between Morton & Barrow
212.924.3347

Check the scene: A smoky room set with a pool table. Serious faces framed by short-cropped hair, cigarettes dangling from the corner of thin lips, and sharp eyes following the ball as it disappears into the black hole. This could be the backdrop for some film noir but for one detail: the tough guys are all women. Relax, it's not all that rough at this Bar and 'Girl' specialty; in fact, the dark, ancient bar in the front spreads a soothing intimacy which invites singles of all ages and genders to unwind with a book as much as it entices lesbian couples to make-out discreetly at the unlit tables.

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
M-Sa 7pm-4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
Nouveau
Cuisine

Nearest
Subway
1,9 to
Christopher
Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, Diners,
MC, V

Type of
Establishment
Lounge

Hours
F-Su 4pm-4am
M-Th 6pm-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E to
14th Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
Sa-Su 1pm-4am
M-F 4pm-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
1,9 to
Houston Street

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
Sa 1pm-4am
Su 2pm-4am
M-F 11am-4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E to
14th Street

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of
Establishment
Restaurant/
Lounge

Hours
M-Sa 6pm-4am
Su 6pm-10pm

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
Neoclassic
American

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

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Club

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

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Hogs and Heifers

859 Washington Street @ 13th Street
212.929.0655

As much of an inspiration for the movie *Coyote Ugly* as that other joint across town, this NYC honky-tonk is everything you'd expect.



Located in the heart of the Meat Packing District, this spot, complete with a 1936 hog (motorcycle) hanging from the ceiling, 138 different specimens of stuffed animals (taxidermied, that is), and a primo collection of bras donated by patrons

that would put Vicki's Secret to shame. Bartenders decked out in Daisy Duke cut-offs, halter tops and motorcycle boots can be found on the bull horn cursing out boring patrons, or occasionally on top of the bar stomping away to the roar of the crowd.

Luahn

59 5th Avenue
Between 12th & 13th Streets
212.242.9710

This is the stylish restaurant/bar brought to you by hottie Stephen Baldwin with the help of Jason Strauss and Noah Tepperberg, the team behind Hamptons hotspot Conscious Point. Lugging some of that Long Island chic way west to 5th Avenue, Luahn attracts the fashion crowd. Notable revelers who've dropped by include Anna Sui, Betsey Johnson and Todd Oldham. Part of the draw here is the hi-tech setting. Diners can watch what's happening in the kitchen from TV sets fixed in the booths before retiring to the dimly lit lounge bar area for cocktails and conversation.

Madame X

94 West Houston Street
212.539.0808

Naughty, naughty, naughty. Très cool, Madame X screams red-light district, sans the sleaze factor. "We can't count the number of couples we've found having sex in the bathroom," says one owner. While they obviously don't condone all out public displays, you can't help but get busy on one of the red plush couches. And with drinks like Pussy Galore, Good Head and (our favorite) Sweet Little Bitch, Madame X promises a night filled with memories, absolutely unmentionable in the morning. Check out the upstairs party space and garden area opened in 2000.

Mega Decibel

71 University Place
Between 10th & 11th Streets
212.260.6407

If you're a fan of Decibel, then you're really going to freak for this shinier spin-off. This is sure to be a hit with the Sake loving throngs that lurk around NYU, many who were too intimidated to enter the sister bar in the East Village. Here the specialty drink is called the Sake Lychee Martini, and you can enjoy it amongst the stylish faux Japanese surroundings. Appetizers are served downstairs, and since it's only been around since late last year, the crowds aren't too overwhelming yet. But, that's sure to change. There is a DJ downstairs so you can eat to a mellow beat.

Moomba

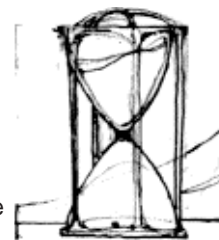
133 7th Avenue South
Between 10th Street & Charles
212.989.1414

The word Moomba means "Let's all get together and have fun," or so they told us. Awash with good Karmic endeavors, this spot makes a serious effort to be in harmony with the universe. All the furniture and fixtures are made from recycled materials, and their calling card features a picture of the Buddha uttering the invitation "An entertaining experience that enlightens all the senses." All of which belies the essence of Moomba, which is frolicking for the exclusive few that are permitted into the VIP lounge. But, with a DJ every night and a great "Moombapolitan" cocktail, even regular minions can have fun.

Nell's

246 West 14th Street
212.675.1567

This popular split-level bar/lounge styled after an early 20th century English manor attracts a young, industry-type crowd that loves great music, but lives for live performances. After thirteen years on the scene (which is more like 250 in AtNight club years), this perennial hot spot shows no signs of slowing down any time soon. Laze and profile on the couches in the foyer, venture to bump bumpers on the dance floor, or head upstairs for live reggae and free body-work from the resident masseuse



Greenwich Village

Type of
Establishment
Sake Bar

Hours
F-Sa 7pm-3:30am
Su-Th 7pm-2:30am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
Appetizers

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

Type of
Establishment
Restaurant/
Lounge

Hours
Daily 7pm-4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
American

Nearest
Subway
1,9 to
Christopher Street

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
Daily 10pm-4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
Light Fare

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E to
14th Street

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of
Establishment
Club

Hours
W-Sa 8pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E,B,D,F,Q
to West 4th
Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, DC,
MC, V

www.pollyesthers.com

Type of
Establishment
Wine Bar/
Restaurant

Hours
M-Sa 6pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
French

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E to
14th Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Type of
Establishment
Jazz Club

Hours
F-Su 6pm-6am
M-Th 10pm-
8am

Drink Prices
Cheap

Food
N/A

Nearest

Polly Esther's

186 West 4th Street
Between 6th Ave. & 7th Avenue South
212.924.5707

If you're yearning for the music of your youth, circa 1970s, head to the West Village link in the national Polly Esther's chain. The theme is all 70s, all the time, which evidently also includes crusty hits from the late 60s and early 80s. The super freak decor captures the psychedelic gestalt of the era, and the crowd is heavy die-hard B&T, helplessly stuck in some retro rut. The secret here is, don't take this scene too seriously. So when the DJ finally breaks out "Stayin' Alive," shriek your approval and bust your best Electric Slide.

Rhone

63 Gansevoort Street
Between Greenwich & Washington
212.367.8440

Where are all the dodgy joints going to go if the Meat Packing District cleans up its act? Mother has left us, but with each passing comes a new birth. This delightful destination spot aspires to recall the region in France it is named after, the wines in particular. And they are good. Very good. Owner Jeffery Goldstein is on hand to help you make the right selection, and steaks grilled on the roof are rushed down to you at one of the minimalist settings that surround the bar. Sometimes there are art openings and the like, but mostly you'll find the crowd sipping wine and listening to jazz.



Smalls

183 West 10th Street @ 7th Avenue South
212.929.7565

Jazz musicians and enthusiasts are a nocturnal bunch, so when the rest of the partygoers around the city have passed out, Smalls' scene is just starting to kick - explaining why it's open until 6am, seven days a week. Did we mention there's no alcohol here, only bowls of Chex Mix and pitchers of OJ, H2O, and milk? It's no Blue Note, rather a rigorous training ground for young up-and-comers with dreams of being the next Miles or Dizzy. And, they don't call this spot Smalls for nothing as quarters in this dim smoke-filled basement are indeed close. Nevertheless, music lovers hang rapt on every note flowing forth from the makeshift stage.

Stonewall

53 Christopher Street @ 7th Avenue South
212.463.0950

The gay bar with gravitas and an NYC watering hole with a spot cemented in history. A police raid of Stonewall in 1969 set off four nights of rioting and a newly awakened consciousness within the gay community, and the city at large. Photographs of the episode may decorate the walls, but this place is no frozen altar to the past. Stonewall is a vibrant and cozy retreat with plenty of colorful regulars. A perfect red pool table and variety of video games help kill AtNight downtime, and a regular go-go dancing contest every Sunday night at Midnight offers a racier diversion. Tune In: Music videos of trademarked divas play relentlessly.

Sweet Basil

88 7th Avenue South
Between Bleecker & Grove
212.242.1785

There's more to the thriving West Village Blues scene than the Blue Note and the Village Vanguard. And my, they really do take their jazz seriously at this West Village institution. In addition to tables mobbed with tourists, you'll find plenty of old cats and young bloods, bar flies and dapper dons all swallowing up plates piled high with contemporary and traditional jazz, served up hot nightly until 2 am. Expect a crowd as the week grows older, so reservations are usually a good idea.

Terra Blues

149 Bleecker Street
Between LaGuardia & Thompson
212.777.7776

With its warm atmosphere and great soulful blues, Terra Blues is way above the Bleecker Street regulars. And, that's not just because it's located on the second floor with large windows overlooking the hectic street scene below. The close quarters make for an intimate listening experience, if you can snag a table before the joint packs up, usually after 11pm. The crowd is downtown local, with plenty of tourists and NYU students thrown into the mix. Traditional blues acts jam all week long, but they have been known to experiment with the set list



Greenwich Village

Type of
Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 2pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
Continental

Nearest
Subway
1,9 to
Christopher
Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Type of
Establishment
Jazz Club

Hours
Daily 12pm-
12am

Drink Prices
Expensive

Food
Continental

Nearest
Subway 1,9
to Christopher
Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V
www.sweetbasil.
-com

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Daily 7pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E,B,D,F,Q
to West 4th
Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

www.terrablues.-

Type of
Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 12pm-
12am

Drink Prices
Inexpensive

Food
Tex/Mex

Nearest
Subway
A,C,E to 14th
Street

Credit Cards
AmEx, MC, V

Tortilla Flats

767 Washington Street @ 12th Street
212.243.1053

Leave your attitude at home on the nightstand with your Ritalin because Tortilla Flats has the tequila soaked remedy for even the worst case of A.D.D. They've got door prizes on Sunday, Tuesday night bingo and, get this, Hoola-hoop Wednesdays where you'll win a free pitcher of margaritas if you can hoop it up for three minutes. With no patience for posing, the crowd is a mix of former frat hounds, sorority gals, tourists and laid-back West Villagers. Sure it's kitschy, loud and downright tacky with a kaleidoscope decor drenched in tinsel, but we hope they don't change a thing.

The Village Vanguard

178 7th Avenue South @ 11th Street
212.255.4037

When you're ready for serious jazz, you're ready for the Village Vanguard. Spoon feeding the smoothest jazz, this institution on the NYC scene seems to have been around forever. Slide your crew into one of the many tables lining this intimate space, and let yourself be surprised by the many flavors of jazz - from the Vanguard's own 16-man Jazz Orchestra to a flamenco meets jazz event. As a backdrop, pictures of famed jazz giants like Thelonius Monk mingle with colorful paintings offsetting the dark walls. The rapt crowd hangs on every note, so quietly nod or tap your fingers. But please, no conversation.

Type of
Establishment
Jazz Club

Hours
Daily 8:30pm-
4am

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
1,9,2,3 to
14th Street

Credit Cards
Cash Only

www.villageva-
nguard.net

Type of
Establishment
Lounge

Drink Prices
Moderate

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
E,F,B,D,Q to
West 4th
Street

Credit Cards
All Major

W8th

40 West 8th Street
Between 6th Avenue & MacDougal
646.602.8180

Behind the inconspicuous awning outside W8th is the pleasant surprise of a club with an almost intimate feel. Walk downstairs to a small bar with chairs and tables for tête-à-têtes early in the evening. Later, head down the hall to a good-sized dance floor (complete with a bar) rimmed with booths, chairs and tables. Light and airy ceiling fixtures filter lights onto dancers moving to house music, including the occasional Brazilian or French track. Mid-20s to mid-30s film, fashion and artistic types, Village people and uptowners mingle most nights making W8th a welcome addition to the scene.