



# HARLEM





Type of  
Establishment  
Restaurant/  
Lounge

Hours  
Th-Sa 11am-4am Su  
12pm-10pm  
M-W 11am-1am Drink  
Prices

Moderate

Food  
Soul/Southern

Nearest  
Subway  
2,3 to 135th  
Street

Credit Cards  
MC, V

www.22west.com

### 22 West Restaurant & Lounge

22 West 135th Street  
Between 5th & Lenox Avenues  
212.862.7770

From the jukebox jammed with riffs by artists like Bobby Bland and Miles Davis, to the exposed brick wall decor, this cozy little jazz joint is a Harlem gem. While sitting at Malcolm X's favorite booth, slowly savor authentic southern/soul food including sweet potato pie that you'd have to go way, way south of the Mason-Dixon to sample. The warm atmosphere makes even the most timid visitor eager to jam with the live band during Saturday's "Open Mic" night. Sultry jazz, a diverse clientele and reasonably priced drinks will likely push 22 West right to the top of your uptown nightlife "To Do" list.

### Cafe Largo

3387 Broadway  
Between 137th & 138th Streets  
212.862.8142

Talk about your hidden treasures! The softly lit copper-toned bar and the framed photography ooze uptown chic, yet the atmosphere is down-right Harlem homey. Duck in out of the cold and sink your teeth into sumptuous BBQ ribs, or tempt your palate with a tasty Argentinean dish. Muse over the offerings of the poetry series on Tuesdays while a live Salsa band spices it up on Friday nights. When you find a joint like this with the owner out front on point personally greeting patrons, you know you've found a standout in a city infamous for its lack of hospitality.

### Copeland's

547 West 145th Street  
Between Broadway & Amsterdam  
212.234.2357

Down because you're stranded in NYC, too far from mom's home-cooking? When the yen becomes just too overpowering, high-step it over to Copeland's. Whether it's a one-on-one, or a family scene straight out of Soul Food, they know how to satisfy cravings for comfort food. Quality live music wafts through the air, mingling with the sweet aromas rising off piles of fried chicken, sweet potatoes, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, and even a few Cajun selections. If you can't decide what to try, you could always go for the mid-week buffet.

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
M-Sa 12pm-Closing  
Su 10:30am-10:30pm

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
Spanish

Nearest  
Subway  
1,9,3 to 137th  
Street

Credit Cards  
MC, V

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant / Live Music

Hours  
Tu-Th 4:30pm-11pm  
F-Sa 4:30pm-12am  
Su 4:30pm-9pm

Drink Prices  
Moderate

### The Cotton Club

656 West 125th Street @ 12th Avenue  
212.663.7980

This Cotton Club is actually the third incarnation of the legendary Harlem nightclub. Though the original was further uptown at 142nd and Lenox, this descendant has held its own on 125th since 1978. Photographs of giants like Cab Calloway and Lena Horne adorn the walls of the cabaret-style room, recalling the rich history that will always be attached to The Cotton Club's resume. A sizable dance floor and bandstand complete the classic look of yesteryear. A mature crowd usually prefers this spot. The entertainment includes jazz, swing and gospel. Note: You should forget checking it out if you don't have a reservation for one of the shows.

### Emily's Restaurant

1325 5th Avenue @ 111th Street  
212.996.1212

We assume you've sampled a Long Island Iced Tea, but have you ever experienced a Harlem Iced Tea? It's just one of many specialty drinks you'll find at this 5th Avenue spot. Harlem's own version of the Hard Rock Cafe, there's a subtly annoying theme present here, including the requisite photos of people you should know, and, of course, branded apparel for sale. Up and comers snack on the tasty Catfish Strips while listening to R&B music in Emily's simply decorated space. You and all those tourist-types will enjoy the moderate prices, but this place has definite 'tude, so be sure to bring yours!

### Lenox Lounge

288 Malcolm X Boulevard (Lenox Ave.)  
Between 124th & 125th Streets  
212.427.0253

You'll really get a taste of Harlem at this lounge up on 'One-Two-Five' and Malcolm X. Just a few blocks away from the Apollo Theater, the recently renovated Lenox Lounge caters to a colorful cast of neighborhood regulars, most of whom seem to know each other. There's nothing like walking through the door and into a sea of bodies gyrating to the sounds of a live band kicking up some great old school jam. After whipping yourself into a frenzy, check out the shrimp and whiting, or collard greens. Jazz is the sound du jour three nights a week, and on Tuesdays there's a DJ spinning tunes for a predominantly gay crowd.

Type of  
Establishment  
Club/Live  
Music

Hours  
Call for Shows  
Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
American

Nearest  
Subway  
1,9 to 125th  
Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

www.thecottonclub.com

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Th 11am-2am  
F-Sa 11am-3am Su 9am-12am M-Tu  
11am-12am W  
11am-3am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Southern

Nearest  
Subway  
6 to 110th  
Street, 2,3 to  
110th Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Lounge/  
Live Music

Hours  
Daily 12pm-4am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
American

Nearest  
Subway  
2,3 to 125th  
Street

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
M-Sa 4pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
American

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,B,D,1,9 to  
125th Street

Credit Cards  
D, MC, V

### Perk's Fine Cuisine

553 Manhattan Ave. @ 123rd Street  
212.666.8500

Searching for a sophisticated vibe this evening? Perk's works, from its friendly staff that will never make you feel forgotten, to its upscale setting ideal for an elegant evening out with your honey. A sophisticated crowd gathers around the bar while the jukebox sounds off music from artists like George Benson, James Brown and Luther Vandross. Try the delectable peppers stuffed with crabmeat, or the lobster bisque. Then, head downstairs to the dance floor. Three nights a week you can catch live jazz that's sure to accentuate an already enchanted evening. Don't you work way too hard not to enjoy all the little Perks that come along in life.

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Live Music

Hours  
M-F 11am-  
2am Sa 11am-  
2am Su 1pm-  
12:30am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
A,B,C,D to  
145th Street

Credit Cards  
Cash Only

### St. Nick's Pub

773 St. Nicholas Avenue @ 149th Street  
212.283.9728

Not only is jazz alive and well, it's being played to near perfection nightly at St. Nick's Pub. This popular live music venue is great to just cool out with friends, or step with that special fella. You'll feel as though you've discovered a hidden uptown treasure entering this small, captivating jewel. You may even encounter a celebrity like Stevie Wonder, but why not make a name for yourself as you jump onstage and blow like jazz singers of old. Just slip in late on a Sunday night for a jam session. Your ears, not to mention your soul, will thank you. Sensual and relaxed, it achieves something that too few places accomplish...real, uncontrived "coolness".

### Sylvia's

328 Malcolm X Boulevard (Lenox Ave.)  
Between 126th & 127th Streets  
212.996.0660

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
M-Sa 8am-  
10:30pm  
Su 11am-8pm

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
Southern/Soul

Nearest

Another NYC institution, Sylvia has over 30 years under her apron in Harlem. Showing no signs of slowing down, Sylvia has even rolled out a popular line of over-the-counter food products. Sooner or later, everyone who's anyone in Harlem make their way up here. Feast your eyes on a menu that includes chicken and dumplings, salmon cakes and candied yams, but you know you came here for the scene. The jukebox has something for almost every music enthusiast, but on the weekends enjoy a side order of live entertainment with your meal.