



# MIDTOWN WEST



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The way the Theater District sparkles in the evening...the sheer electricity of Times Square on New Year's Eve...a storybook afternoon ice skating unfolding in Rockefeller Center...these are the postcard perfect images of how much of the world sees New York City. Midtown West has so much more to offer, especially when the night grips the neighborhood.

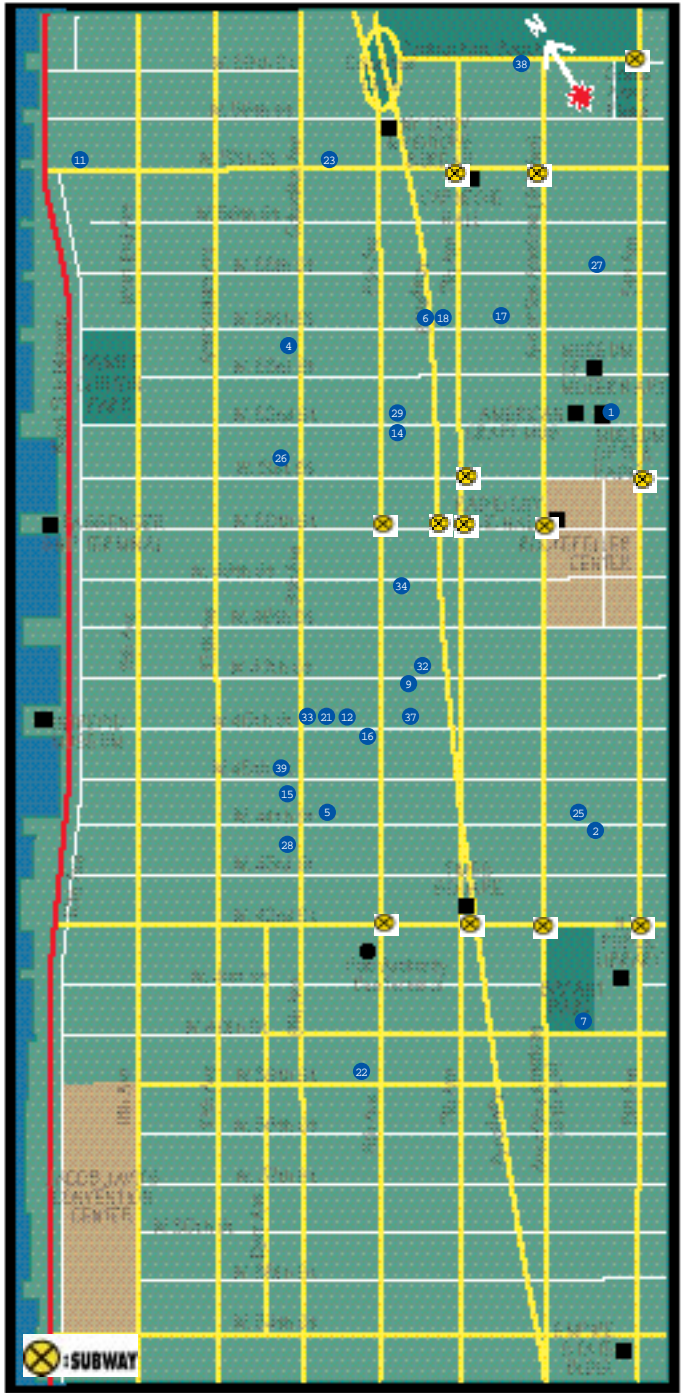
Midtown West offers a full-throttle taste of urban AtNight entertainment, sometimes real, often pre-fabricated, and not always as polished as you may think. And, while the theater scene is the anchor of this area, it's far from the only option.

AtNight entertainment here ranges from the ultra-sophistication of the Oak Room to the swanky environs of Swing 46 and Flute. Farther west, enjoy the more casual haunts springing up throughout an older, more user-friendly Hell's Kitchen.

Experience the thrill of court-side seats at Madison Square Garden, packed in with mobs of screaming fans spewing globs of nachos and streams of back-washed Budweiser with each belch and cheer. Then try the awe-inspiring Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, the car and boat shows at the Jacob Javitz, or a cruise aboard the Circle Line. As you'll see, there is an endless list of things to do both night and day.

Having undergone a major face lift, tummy tuck and boob job, Times Square is now more inviting than ever for AtNighters and theatergoers alike. Close and careful attention must be paid to selecting just the right pre- or post-theater dining experience. Should it be celebrity spotting at Sardi's, or dinner and dancing at an exclusive supper club? Perhaps a small side-order of comedy with your evening, sir?

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Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
F-Sa 12pm-  
2am M-  
Th 12pm-  
12:30am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
American/  
Continental

Nearest  
Subway  
B,D,F,Q to  
Rockefeller  
Center

Credit Cards  
All Major

### 21 Club

21 West 52nd Street  
Between 5th & 6th Avenues  
212.582.7200

This prohibition-era speakeasy born over 70 years ago continues to attract many of the city's well-heeled bent on serious moving and shaking. Features include ten function rooms, over 15,000 bottles of vino, a museum of pre-embargo Cuban cigars, a New American menu masterminded by Chef Erik Blauberg (formerly of American Renaissance and Bouley fame) and a famous bar splashed with antique trinkets and toys. Inhabiting a midtown townhouse, this spot is conveniently located near most area hotels, the 5th Avenue shopping district, Rockefeller Center, the Theater District, and other popular Gotham attractions.

### 44 (Royalton)

44 West 44th Street Btwn. 5th & 6th Aves.  
212.944.8844

The ultra high-browed 44 lounge submerged in the lobby of Ian Schrager's Royalton is an elegant oblong vision draped in white leather and glass, swarming with all the sexy, swanky Europeans and New Yorkers you'd expect. Designed by the world-renowned French architect Philippe Starck, this spot is a très European mix of welcoming comfort and nonchalant style. Lounge on leather or settle in at the champagne and vodka bar and sink into a fabulous soiree you'll likely remember.

### Bar Code

1540 Broadway @ 46th Street  
212.869.9397

This super-sized arcade and bar is sure to satisfy your inner child. Filled with everything from virtual reality kayaking to auto racing simulators, Bar Code is a place where picking up comes second to racking up - the points. The music is loud, the mixed drinks are marginal, but who wants cocktails when everyone knows beer goes better with air hockey. Bar Code draws in a healthy mix of tourists, B&T and after work revelers. It claims to never close, serves up bar appetizers and wraps and even has an ATM on the premises. If you can't find a babysitter, bring the kids along and shoo them upstairs to the Galactic Circus. Same concept, sans the booze.

### Bar Nine

807 9th Avenue  
Between 53rd & 54th Streets  
212.399.9336

This cozy haunt in the heart of Hell's Kitchen (or whatever local realtors are calling the nabe these days) offers a convenient midtown address, minus the obnoxious midtown 'tude. A popular singles spot, Bar Nine is best when you're in the mood to meet that special someone new, or to get that not-so-special someone old off your mind. Seating in the main lounge fosters communal interaction, but there are other more intimate settings available. Live music, from blues to jazz, is on tap several nights a week.

### Birdland

315 West 44th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.581.3080

Generations of jazz buffs have flocked here for years, enveloping themselves in soul soothing sounds delivered by national headliners and internationally established artists. This virtual landmark on the NYC jazz scene relocated to its current 44th Street digs back in 1996. Unlike many cramped jazz spots, Birdland is a more spacious venue offering a theater-like stage. Clear site lines can be had from all the leveled tables and the casual bar area. If it's conversation you seek, seek elsewhere. The middle-aged, mostly white crowd of jazz freaks, artists and tourists strictly adhere to the Quiet Policy.

### Bistro Latino

1711 Broadway @ West 54th Street  
212.245.7099

Stuff yourself into your sexiest dress, dust off those Cha-Cha heels and check out Bistro Latino, one of NYC's best dinner and dancing venues. You'll have ample opportunity to work off the Churrasco Andino and Yucca Fries on the dance floor, but beware, the patrons here have been known to dance until they drop...and sometimes that doesn't even stop them. Monday through Wednesday, DJs blow it up on the one and twos, while live acts perform the rest of the week. Don't worry if you're a beginner. Lessons are offered up early Thursday through Sunday.

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Daily 4:30pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
American

Nearest  
Subway  
C,E to  
50th Street

Credit Cards  
AmEx, Diners,  
MC, V

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Su-Th 6pm-  
11pm  
F-Sa 6pm-  
12am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
New American

Nearest  
Subway  
B,D,F,Q to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
AmEx, MC, V

Type of  
Establishment  
Live Music

Hours  
M-Sa 5pm-  
3am Su 12pm-  
3am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
American/  
Continental

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

www.birdland  
jazz.com

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Arcade

Hours  
Daily 24 hrs.

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
American

Nearest  
Subway

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

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

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Latin American

Nearest

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Daily 11:30am-  
12am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
American/  
Continental

Nearest  
Subway  
B,D,F,Q to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

**Bryant Park Grill**  
25 West 40th Street Btwn 5th & 6th  
212.840.6500

A seasonal retreat, this cafe is a popular Thursday-night hangout for the singles-minded suit set. Adorned with green striped awning and located just behind the NY Public Library, the atmosphere is more casual than it first appears. The loveliness of Bryant Park is really what makes it so appealing, and the bar attempts to replicate the kind of Euro cafe culture to match the landscape. Long lines are common in the summer, especially Mondays when the free movies play in the park evenings. Stroll in on a weekend afternoon, because it's so much more enjoyable when it's not packed.

**Chase**  
225 West 55th Street Btwn Bdwy & 8th  
212.333.3400

Locals no longer need to head down to Chelsea to find swanky gay nightlife. Several blocks north in Midtown you'll find this slick gay-trendy duplex that made its successful debut last year. Chase boasts multiple lounge areas, a stylish modern décor and a comfortable midtown scene. The staff is oh-so-easy on the eyes, as are the colorful cast of young professionals that pour over its multi-level space. Like most spots around here, this place packs them in cheek-to-cheek on weekends as DJs feel out the crowd with a mix of mostly mel-low trance and dance tracks.

**The China Club**  
268 West 47th Street  
Between Broadway & 8th Avenue  
212.398.3800

Offspring of the original China Club uptown, this midtown dance club and restaurant hits on all cylinders. While they attract an upscale clientele, dotted with plenty of celebs and Bronx Bombers, mere mortals have a better than average shot of getting in most evenings. The Pan-Asian menu features delicacies including Katafi-wrapped tiger shrimp and five spice crusted loin of sushi tuna, served in an elegant candle-lit atmosphere.



The nightclub features a polished dance floor, live entertainment and three fully-stocked bars, including freezers for vodka for that perfect martini or Cosmo.

Type of  
Establishment  
Club/Restaurant

Hours  
M-Sa 10pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Pan-Asian

Nearest  
Subway  
C,E to  
50th Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

**Club New York**  
252 West 43rd Street  
Between Broadway & 8th Avenue  
212.997.9510

The crowd that moves together grooves together, and damn do they work it out at this Times Square nightclub. Club NY skipped a beat following a much-publicized melee last year, resulting in a strictly enforced "NO Puff Daddy's Allowed" door policy and an end to hip-hop on Sundays. The spot, though, still boasts one of the best Latin dance scenes to be had in the city. The crowd is attractive, albeit a bit B&T thick. As with most clubs, good luck getting in after 12:30.

**Copacabana**  
617 West 57th Street  
Between 11th & 12th Avenues  
212.582.2672

We know Barry Manilow is lurking around here somewhere, but thankfully this spot is more Latin lovefest than cheesy 70s disco throwback. Sure it's got that warm fuzzy retro vibe at times, but the Copa has always been more about the music than anything else. Hips do most of the talking here as beautiful bodies crowd the dancefloor for the weekend fiestas. They may stop their blood from flowing, but the skin-tight outfits don't stop these mamacitas from advertising their assets. Salsa, meringue, flamenco, you name it, this crowd likes to do it to it.

**Don't Tell Mama**  
343 West 46th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.757.0788

With its disarming singing waiters, this Restaurant Row cabaret is a welcome respite from some of the stuffier spots in the area. Little black tables, 20s posters, and live piano music provide the backdrop for a very animated, bustling pre- and post-theater scene. Simple (and often shameless) cabaret is offered seven-nights-a-week, cover free. Slink along the black lacquer bar lit with golden track-lighting, and make your way into the lounge for show-cases where various performers mock and perform, in the highest regard for camp, kitsch and Broadway.



Type of  
Establishment  
Club

Hours  
Th-Sa 10pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
MC, V

Type of  
Establishment  
Club/Live  
Music

Hours  
Tu 6pm-4am  
Th-F 6pm-4am  
Sa 10pm-4am  
Su 5pm-2am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Barbecue

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,B,D,1,9 to  
59th Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Live Music

Hours  
M-Sa 4pm-  
2am  
Su 4pm-12am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
Cash Only

Type of  
Establishment  
Club

Hours  
Sa 10pm-  
Closing

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
C,E to  
50th Street

Credit Cards  
AmEx, MC, V

\$20-\$25 Cover

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar

Hours  
Daily 12pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Inexpensive

Food  
Light Fare

Nearest  
Subway  
N,R to  
59th Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
W-Sa 12pm-  
4am  
Su-T 12pm-  
2am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
New American

### Exit

610 West 56th Street Btwn 11th & 12th  
212.583.8282

Slow down. You'll see the Exit blocks before you even get near it. The club formerly known as Carbon is decked out with thousands of sequins, all shimmering and shimmering, just like you'll be once you get in. Don't let the line outside fool you. Exit has room for thousands. The wait isn't too bad as you spoon a very young, sexually and ethnically diverse crowd posing impatiently on line. The first two floors are unimpressive with the requisite multi-screen TVs and diner-sized bars. The VIP third floor, however, is cool with a capital K - animal prints, rooms with different themes and DJs, and even a bed, make it the ultimate in tackiness. In summer, the roof offers another dance floor.

### Faces & Names

159 West 54th Street Btwn 6th & 7th  
212.586.9311

Looking to tone down the volume just a touch? Then step on over and check out Faces & Names, a welcome rarity in the frantic, screaming neon scene smothering midtown. During the week, this spot is a simple cozy bar known for its polite service and the caricatures of the famed and fabulous lining its walls-the funniest you'll find this side of Sardi's. Though you won't find many Broadway first-night parties here, artist Dan Springer even drops by occasionally to draw caricatures of the clientele. Weekends, you'll find live acts performing a mellow mix of piano and jazz.

### Film Center Cafe

635 9th Avenue  
Between 44th & 45th Streets  
212.262.2525

Hollywood glam slams headlong into New York grit amidst the 50s-style diner décor at the Film Center Café. Located across from NYC's Film Center in the Theater District, this spot has become a favorite haunt among artsy and film types (not to mention tribes of tourists), many who meet weekly over tasty American fare in large tables set in the back. Soak up the ambiance of the countless vintage clippings, footage and stills of some great old Hollywood classics adorning the walls and playing on the four TV screens.

### Firebird Cafe

365 West 46th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.586.0244

This pre-revolutionary style 1927 St. Petersburg mansion inhabiting two brownstones on midtown's Restaurant Row is the loving creation of an authentic Baroness and her husband. Within its four dining rooms, two bars, museum and sitting room/piano lounge, the decadence of Czarist Russia has been revived, giving visitors a precious glimpse into that era. The Firebird is ideal for pre- and post-theater dining, intimate encounters or to just catch up with an old friend over two glasses of their special Honey vodka.

### Float

240 West 52nd Street  
Between Broadway & 8th Avenue  
212.581.0055

Prada clad trust-fund types jostle with poseurs and players to gain entrance to this popular midtown dance hall. If you're able to maneuver past the fashionistas guarding the door, drift into a Euro-meets-USA swirl of perfumes, designs and tongues. Gorgeous (and we do mean GORGEOUS) girls in skimpy tops sporting fake 80s tans abound. Throw up your arms in ecstasy to house music and stare deep into the strobe lights on the main deck. Sorry, in order to scale the VIP ladder here you must again be on some enigmatic guest list.

### Flute

205 West 54th Street  
Between Broadway & 7th Avenue  
212.265.5169

Parisian Herve Rousseau recaptured the mysterious allure this space once exuded as Texas Guinan's notorious speakeasy during prohibition. Now a swanky midtown champagne lounge, this stylish intimate basement alcove draws a steady stream of champagne swilling sophisticates, and surprisingly, few tourists. Relax on the luxurious thick blue-velvet couches and select from the more than 105 champagnes, including 15 by the glass. The early midtown mogul crowd recedes around 11pm when the lounge is washed over with more of a downtown vibe.



Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Daily 5pm-  
2am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Russian

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to 42nd  
Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Club

Hours  
W-Sa 10pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
C,E to 50th  
Street

Credit Cards  
AmEx, Diners,  
MC, V

Type of  
Establishment  
Champagne  
Lounge

Hours  
W-Sa 5pm-  
4am Su  
6pm-1am M-  
T 5pm-2am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Appetizers

Nearest  
Subway  
B,D,E to 7th  
Avenue

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Hotel Bar  
Hours

Daily 4pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,B,D,1,9,2,  
3 to 59th  
Street/  
Columbus  
Circle

Credit Cards  
All Major

**Hudson Bar (Hudson)**  
356 West 58th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.554.6343

It's as if they built the entire hotel around this showpiece, which literally glows from special recessed lighting. Well-heeled sophisticates will designer cocktails festooned with flowers beneath a frescoed ceiling. Hold your own with celebs at the bar, snag one of the reproduction French antique chairs (with gel-



filled seats) or grab a seat on the bench decorated with - no, you're not seeing things -- the backs of chairs. Fire regulations are strictly obeyed so you'll wait in a long line most nights, but you'll find it's all worth it after tasting a

simply sublime "Polish Apple" cocktail.

**Hudson Library Bar (Hudson)**  
356 West 58th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.554.6317

Leave it to Phillippe Starck to create a library where the books are out of reach. If you actually manage to get into this hot space in the hip Hudson Hotel you'll be too busy shooting stick on the purple pool table, playing chess, warming in front of the fire or gazing at yourself in the story-high Italian mirror to care. Drink prices are steep and it's easy to feel out of place if you're not dressed in the latest hip hotel loungewear. The polished wood and leather surrounds create a serene ambiance that's great for relaxing after a busy work day -- or a night people watching.

**Joe Allen**  
326 West 46th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.581.6464

A popular staple on the midtown pre- and post-theater dining circuit, Joe Allen is simple, straightforward and almost humbling, possessing an undeniably timeless integrity. Thirty years ago, Mr. Allen opened a restaurant on the eastside and has changed very little since migrating west. From the menu featuring pork chops, pasta and potent potables, to the same regulars that followed the move west, nothing has altered this spot's sense of class and style.

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

**La Nueva Escuelita**  
301 West 39th Street @ 8th Avenue  
212.631.0588

One of the best gay clubs in the city, La Nueva Escuelita is a decadent diva underground of the highest order. The artistry on the pulsating dance floor is attentively watched by the chicos at the bar of this dimly lit, mirrored club, if they're not busy sticking dollar bills into the compact ballerino's only piece of clothing - his skimpy underwear. Experience the seemingly continual talent contest of nightly pageantry, where the contestants are beautiful Latino boys and the judges are salivating studs, appreciative ladies and lovely lesbians.

**Le Bar Bat**  
311 West 57th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.307.7228

This former church now refitted like some sort of bat cave draws a different crowd each night--albeit usually a bit B&T heavy. Over a decade old, some say this spot is well past its prime. Yet, they still pack a crowd drawn by the variety of live acts, which are mostly R&B, funk and rock bands. Find a cozy corner and share a famous (and dangerous) flaming bowl of Bat Bite. Prepare yourself though, because the crowd is young, the energy is high and the room is loud. If the high-octane energy upstairs just isn't doing it for you, then swoop downstairs into the lower lounge and dance the night away.

**Metro Grill Roof Garden (Metro)**  
45 35th Street  
Between 5th & 6th Avenues  
212.279.3535

The Metro Hotel transformed its rooftop into one of this past summer's most popular midtown alfresco experiences by simply adding some serious garden furniture and the tiniest of moveable bars. Though the range of drinks is limited, the scenery of twinkling skyscrapers (including the multi-colored Empire State) was enough to build quite a regular after work following during the warm summer months. Though the roof is closed during winter (can't have those deep-pocketed nightcrawlers swept away in high winds), the interior bar isn't too shabby. No need to pack the plastic here, it's cash only.

Type of  
Establishment  
Club

Hours  
Th-Su 10pm-  
5am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
Cash Only

\$10-\$15 Cover

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant/Club

Hours  
Daily 5pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
Appetizers

Nearest  
Subway  
A,B,C,D,1,9  
to  
59th Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Rooftop  
Patio

Hours  
Daily 11am-  
10pm

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
Snacks

Nearest

Type of  
Establishment  
Restaurant/  
Cabaret

Hours  
Daily 5pm-  
1am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Continental

Nearest  
Subway  
B,D,F,Q to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

\$35 Cover +  
\$15 drink min.  
for shows

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Daily 5pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
American

Nearest  
Subway  
C,E to 50th  
Street

Credit Cards  
AmEx, MC, V

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Lounge

Hours  
Daily 4pm-  
12am Closed  
Sunday

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Appetizers

### Oak Room (Algonquin)

59 West 44th Street  
Between 5th & 6th Avenues  
212.840.6800

Long considered an oasis of civility, the Oak Room at the Algonquin once echoed the intellectual battles of such literary luminaries as William Faulkner, Sinclair Lewis, James Thurber and countless others. These days, this spot still boasts an air of sophistication. Enjoy a cocktail in the plush lobby or step into the Oak Room for continental cuisine



served in an elegant atmosphere featuring live piano, opera, cabaret entertainment and literary readings. Warning: There is a \$35 cover here, plus a \$15 drink minimum for shows.

### Otis

745 9th Avenue  
Between 51st & 52nd Streets  
212.246.4417

With its downtown chic texture, this Hell's Kitchen watering hole could very well have made its mark in SoHo or the East Village. Otis draws an attractive clientele, frequented by music industry managers and artists, as well as the occasional MTV performers who come to listen to their new singles on the jukebox. Drop in during happy hour and stay until closing to lounge and laugh, sip drinks and smoke cigars on big cozy sofas dimmed by subtle candlelit tables.

### Pentop Bar (Peninsula)

700 5th Avenue @ 55th Street  
212.903.3097

Twenty-three floors above midtown Manhattan you'll find this sexy summit, enough to make anyone fall in love, and not just with the skyline. Tourists and locals rendezvous at this often overlooked meeting point to appreciate the luxurious view and pricey cocktails served by well-trained waiters who foster an ambiance of high-altitude romance. Why experience the view of the most magnificent city in the world with security guards and sweaty tourists when you can behold the same over drinks with the beautiful on the rooftop of the classic Peninsula hotel.

### Revolution

611 9th Avenue  
Between 43rd & 44th Streets  
212.489.8451

Revolution offers nightlifers a hip singles scene minus the midtown baggage. With its French doors beckoning onto 9th Avenue, this spot has an inviting, non-threatening air to it. Isn't that just what you'd expect from a venue launched by four former bartenders? A relaxed, young upbeat crowd drinks beer at the royal-size bar, dines in the spacious restaurant in the back or cuddles up in the comfortable sofas in the front watching 9th Avenue waft by. A DJ fills the high ceilings with disco and hip-hop tunes every night. Arrive early, because there's sometimes a line at the door.

### Russian Vodka Room

265 West 52nd Street  
Between Broadway & 8th Avenue  
212.307.5835

Some midtowners enjoy casual conversation at the bright front bar in this earthy Russian bar, but comrades in the know prefer to broker their secrets in the intimate back room. Select from over 52 vodkas or one of their infusions - including garlic and pepper, and apple-cinnamon. Order a rack of six flavors served in small two-ounce test tubes and chilled over ice, or go crazy and get a whole carafe. If vodka isn't doing it for you just yet, feast on inexpensive, exotic Russian cuisine. Try smoked veal tongue with Khvanchkara wine from Georgia, the preference of Stalin himself.

### Saci

135 West 41st Street  
Between 6th Avenue & Broadway  
212.278.0988

They tell us this upscale club was named for a Brazilian genie who pops in to fire up the party. Saci didn't seem like it was short on atmosphere when we visited, though the smoke machine could chase out a few customers. This club, playing up to its 30-something crowd with Madonna mixes from yesteryear, has already hit the radar of the cool urbane types who descend nightly from their uptown abodes. Given the popularity of all things Brazilian, (thanks Gisele!) this place will keep its hooks into the Euro crowd. You should expect to see the Hilton sisters here at some point. Note: As the bar staff informs us,

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Daily 5pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Eclectic  
American

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

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

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Russian

Nearest  
Subway  
C,E to  
50th Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Club

Hours

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
B,D,F,Q,N,R,1,  
9,2,3,7,S to  
42nd Street/  
Times Square

Type of  
Establishment  
Club

Hours  
F-Sa 11pm-  
Closing

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

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### Sound Factory

618 West 46th Street  
Between 11th & 12th Avenues  
212.489.0001

You haven't really clubbed NYC style until you've hit a venue like Sound Factory. Hosting popular parties (like 'Factory Fridays' and the 'Dildos and Diamonds' ladies night) this spot is overrun with club kids, bridge & tunnelers, drag queens, tourists and every other kind of nightcrawler you can name-and some who defy description. The three-floor flame painted space boasts one of the best sound systems in the city (DJ Junior Vasquez used to blow it up here), huge chandeliers and the requisite disco balls. Expect a bone-chilling wait after midnight as the wind really whips in off the Hudson.

### Supper Club

240 West 47th Street  
Between 8th Avenue & Broadway  
212.921.1940

Whether it's a 16-piece orchestra blaring toe-tapping swing, or the soulful stylings of an R&B headliner, the Supper Club jumps. The dance floor is usually choked with young and old alike twirling, dipping and shimmying. Swing nights are especially rousing, where the passion for 40s-style dress, flirtatious chivalry, and above all, fabulous big band music makes for quite the evening. Eight and 16-piece-orchestras play for an evening's entertainment complete with tap and swing revues at 9:30 pm, lessons at 11 pm, and an open dance-floor that slams through closing.



### Swing 46

349 West 46th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.262.9554

The Swing revival that swept NYC in recent years may be petering out, but don't tell that to the zooted and suited zealots that frequent this popular Restaurant Row venue. Slide into a world of smooth moves, classy courting and an appreciation for fantastic jazz and swing music. If you're intimidated by the guys in suspenders flinging the girls in short dance dresses over their heads, don't worry - after a few dance classes, offered nightly

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
F-Sa 5:30pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
French/  
American

Nearest  
Subway  
B,D,F, Q to  
47th Street

Credit Cards  
AmEx, MC, V

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
/Live Music

Hours  
Daily 12pm-  
2am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
Italian

Nearest

### Time Lounge (The Time)

224 West 49th Street  
Between Broadway & 8th Avenue  
212.246.5252

Located on the second floor of the designer The Time hotel, this chocolate-brown and crème colored lounge is at once modern and futurist. That's another way of saying that when dark hardwood and stone meet soft lighting and tiny wall-mounted digital TVs, it's a definite rebirth of cool. Of course, you'll want to try any one of the cocktails on the drink menu, but don't overlook the rotating tapas fare, either. And, their Mediterranean-style pizza is simply to die for.

### Tobacco Road

355 West 41st Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.921.1940

The tape is still fresh on the first dollar bill above the cash register, but Tobacco Road is already gaining a reputation as a cool place to groove. Located along newly gentrified 9th Avenue (at the edge of still-seedy Port Authority) the after-work crowd here is a mix of new Clinton locals, die-hard Hell's Kitchen regulars (same nabe, different tag) and professionals on their way home to Jersey. The bar offers a sense of security with its cozy wood paneling and exposed brick décor. The jukebox reflects a passion for blues and blues-influenced rock, though you'll also find some Jimmy Somerville. The back room welcomes live bands on Thursdays through Sundays.

### Upstairs @ Studio 54

654 West 54th Street  
212.445.0190

Opened only since the end of the summer, the most famous name in NYC nightclub history has already attracted quite a following. You probably won't recognize this space, as it was formerly 54's uber-exclusive VIP lounge. Bar staff say there is no attempt to recreate the heyday of the Ian Shragar/Steve Rubell-owned disco classic. Indeed the only remnant of this club's illustrious past is a line of black and white photos of former patrons, like Jerry Hall, outside the bathrooms. The crowd is mixed, a little like the music, which runs the gamut.

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
M-F 4pm-4am  
Sa-Su 3pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
Expensive  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to  
42nd Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

### Whiskey Bar (Paramount)

235 West 46th Street  
Between Broadway & 8th Avenue  
212.819.0404

Nightlife neophytes may see this as just another bar in a hotel, but this is certainly not your father's hotel bar. Perhaps the most subdued venue in Ian Schrager's hotel empire, Whiskey is a popular destination with the pre- and post-theater set, and often littered with friendly tourists, suits and suburbanites. While you'll find less of the "It" crowd here than you would have just a couple of years ago, it's more than worth the trip. And, if you're looking for love, the young and affluent have been known to use this spot as their own Personals playground.

Type of  
Establishment  
Hotel Bar  
Hours  
M-Sa 6pm-4am  
Su 6pm-1am  
Drink Prices  
Expensive  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest  
Subway  
A,B,C,D,1,9 to  
Columbus  
Circle  
Credit Cards  
All Major

### Whiskey Park (Trump Parc)

100 Central Park South @ 6th Avenue  
212.307.9222

A standout on the Central Park South hotel circuit, this stylish bar oozes elegance and sophistication from every pore. The young & the restlessly pretentious flock here, as do many corporate and traveler types, lightly boozing and schmoozing over masterfully crafted cocktails. Sink into one of the many comfortable leather couches or the cushions on the windowsills and wistfully watch the horse carriages slowly disappear into Central Park.

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Th-Sa 5pm-4am  
M-W 5pm-1am  
Closed  
Sunday  
Drink Prices  
Expensive  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to 42nd  
Street

### Zanzibar

645 9th Avenue @ 45th Street  
212.957.9197

Described by the chef as a Mediterranean groove bar, Zanzibar offers French, Moroccan, Spanish, and Italian food, complimentary sweet potato chips, and their very own 'Millennium Martini.' That's good, because we'd have a hard time summing up the varying themes at work here. Still, it's one of the better spots on the midtown lounge circuit to meet and mingle with hip after-workers and nightcrawlers who swarm around these parts. Wednesdays through Saturdays are the best nights featuring various musical performances. It's always a rage at the bar or dancing in the front to house, blues, flamenco, reggae, or hip-hop tunes, but when you get tired, retreat to the retro fireplace/pillow lounge located in the back.