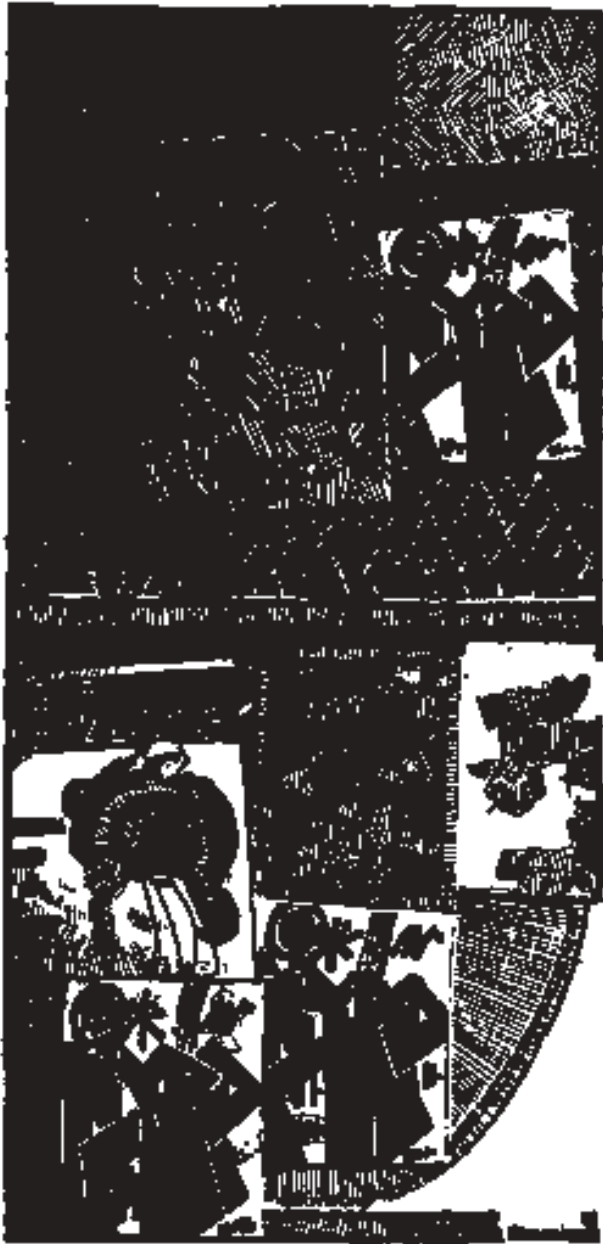




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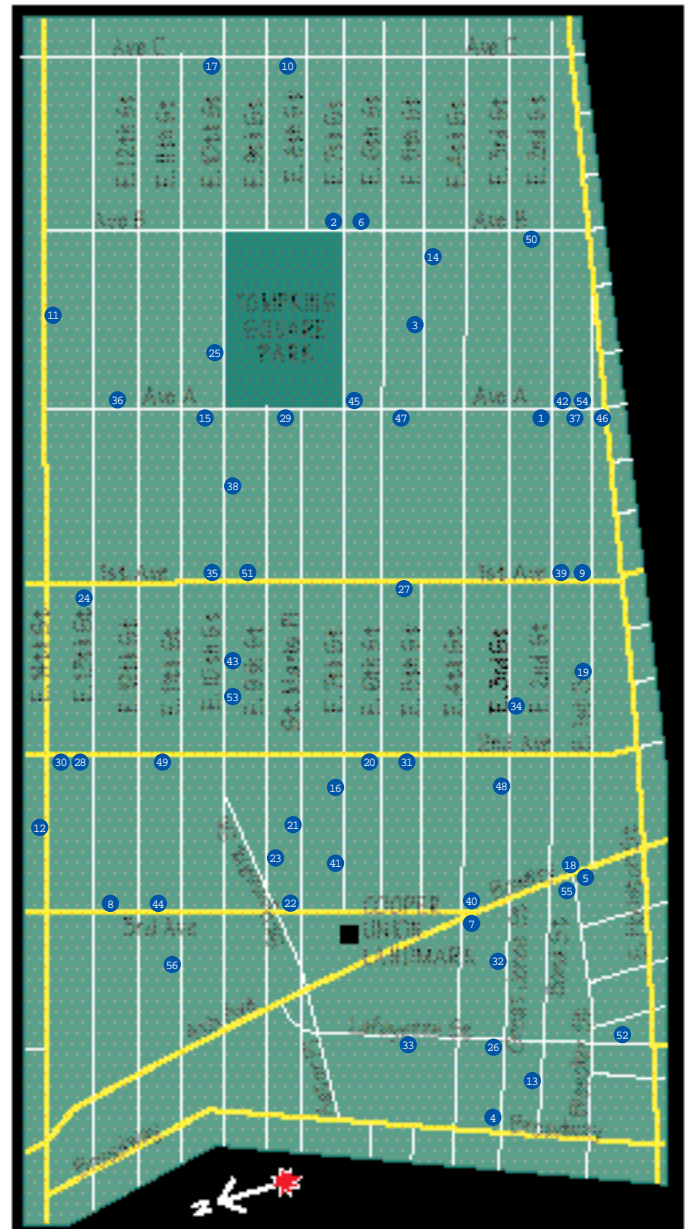


At times, the East Village appears to be an authentic bastion of modern Bohemia — nourished by a sense of historic beatnik tradition and reinvigorated by 90s chic.

Then again, the area can also seem irreverently pretentious, intimidating and exclusive. But always, the East Village is exciting, shocking and alive.

The area first appeared as a distinct neighborhood in the 60s as artists, fleeing skyrocketing West Village rents, invaded and set up camp. 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. Most recently, the area has absorbed large numbers of Latinos, Ukrainians, and gays and lesbians.

An afternoon stroll through the East Village is 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. and the Mercury Lounge showcase local talent, while political playwrights hold captive audiences at KGB and Nuyorican Poet's Cafe. The heart of this area's scene, though, is Avenue A and its abundance of bars of all shapes, sizes and persuasions. 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 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
Cash Only

2A
25 Avenue A @ 2nd Street
(212) 505-2466

There's an interesting sibling rivalry going on at 2A. The bar downstairs is like the South, steeped in tradition and leery of outsiders. The lounge upstairs is like the North, welcoming newcomers, trend-setting and modern. Neighborhood veterans, some of whom have been coming to 2A for over a decade, stay downstairs. They set their watches by their favorite bartender's shift, grab a bar stool and order a pint. Upstairs, candles abound and the lights, covered with 30s pin-up girls, are dimmed. Patrons laze on leather sofas and order drinks from the service bar.

Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
Daily 12pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
L to 1st Avenue
Credit Cards
All Major

7B
108 Avenue B @ 7th Street
(212) 473-8840

"Remember that scene in The Godfather II where the guy gets strangled to death at the bar and dragged into the back? That was filmed here," said Joe who's been coming to 7B for over fifteen years. That scene, Crocodile Dundee I and II, and a host of other movies have been filmed at the bar across from Tompkins Square Park. Opened in 1934, the horseshoe bar hails from an era long lost. Joe, affectionately known as the 'Godfather of 7B', hosts Cinema Saturdays — a chance for people to get together, drink Bloody Mary's and watch movies all afternoon.

Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
Daily 2pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
All Major

Ace Bar
531 East 5th Street
Between Avenue A & Avenue B
(212) 979-8476

It's across the street from a nursing center, but the Ace Bar is definitely not a haven for the hapless. It's a neighborhood bar with an unwritten rule: tattoos are appreciated. Rolling Stone magazine honored the rock bar with best jukebox in New York, with selections from Frank Sinatra to the Beastie Boys. More impressive, however, is the extensive collection of antique lunch boxes worth \$50,000 (the Bee Gees box is a must see) that welcomes patrons when they walk in. Sunday brunch features Bloody Mary's and complimentary bagels all day for \$2.50.

Acme Underground
9 Great Jones Street
Between Broadway & Lafayette
(212) 677-6963

With over 150 different types of hot sauces on its menu, it's safe to say this Cajun restaurant is one of the hottest places in town. Taste bud tingling (or torturing, depending on how tough you are) concoctions like Heavenly Habañero, Hogs Breath Hot Sauce and Dat'l Do It Devil Drops line Acme's wall. Rusted gas station signs make the bar in the back look like a truck stop only a fat man named Bubba could love. After a spicy blackened dinner, head downstairs for some spicy alternative rock 'n' roll.

Astor Restaurant & Lounge
316 Bowery @ Bleecker Street
(212) 253-8644

Start your evening with a Cosmopolitan at the marble bar with tin tiles; splurge into nouveau American/French cuisine surrounded by a hip and lively up-and-down-town crowd in the spacious restaurant; then saunter downstairs to the intricately tiled Turkish bath-lounge, watch some belly dancing and clap your hands with hip Middle Easterners. Owner Murat Bugdaycay, has a great sense of cross-border humor: his Turkish musicians are from Greece.



Avenue B Social Club
99 Avenue B
Between 6th & 7th Street
(212) 674-7957

While the flashy decor of many jazz lounges detracts from the listening experience, the candle-lit deep burgundy and oak tones at this East Village hideaway lend themselves to absorbing the vibes. The club is a comfortable, neighborhood, no-cover jazz lounge with downtown Avenue B ambiance. Most nights, live music performed on the centrally located stage spills over the crowd. The sounds are usually jazz, but often with a touch of soul and R&B. There's room to stretch out downstairs — darker and more intimate, yet not as polished as the first floor.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
Hours
Su-Th 11:30a-m-11:30p
F-Sa 11:30am-12:30am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
Southern Cajun
Nearest Subway
6 to Bleecker Street
Credit Cards
MC, V, Disc

Type of Establishment
Restaurant/Lounge
Hours
M-Th 6pm-2am
F-Su 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
American/French
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

Type of Establishment
Lounge/Live Music
Hours
Daily 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

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

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food
American Bistro

Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place

Credit Cards
All Major

B Bar
358 Bowery @ 4th Street
(212) 475-2220

It used to be the Bowery Bar and now it's just the B Bar. Though it's lost some its letters, it certainly hasn't lost any of its attitude. The Frankenstein-like guys at the door control the requisite velvet rope and make sure everyone that enters has a 'look.' The voguing can get a little ridiculous and the place can be a bit of a meat market, but once the Boss and Elite model wannabes relax and stop trying to get discovered, a good time is definitely had by all.

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 5pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$

Food
Bar Menu

Nearest Subway
L to 3rd Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Bar None
98 3rd Avenue
Between 12th & 13th Street
(212) 777-None

Miss those great college parties? We've found the next best thing. Offering some of the best drink specials in the East Village, Bar None is a high-energy pick-up spot catering to the youngest crowd allowed by law. With just the smallest traces of the East Village, Bar None's up-beat crowd hails primarily from the outer-boroughs and New Jersey, with a sprinkling of the pre-Webster Hall set. Between the well-stocked Top 40 jukebox and the DJ, you'll find something to move to.

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 8pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue

Credit Cards
AmEx

Bar XVI
16 1st Avenue
Between 1st & 2nd Street
(212) 260-1549

This is not your typical neighborhood bar especially when DJ Franco and his Vampyros Lesbos fly into town. The \$7 party gets its name from a Spanish porn flick which helps explain the multi-screen projections of 60s soft-core porn movies that are shown all night. Semi-nude go-go girls take turns tantalizing in a chrome-plated cage. This place drips of sex, but the men aren't sleazy horn dogs — thanks in part to the security guards — and in spite of the gratuitous tits, women do feel comfortable here. If you find upstairs a little too risqué, head downstairs to the mini-bar.

Baraza
133 Avenue C
Between 8th & 9th Street
(212) 539-0811

It used to be a shady bodega that dealt las drogas, but rest assured the only thing this largely huppie and gringo crowd now come to Baraza for is the intoxicating Latin jazz and the great drinks. After having a couple of Caipirinhas, or the equally popular Mojito Cubanos, head to the bathroom and see if you're sober enough to count the number of pennies that cover the wall. Here's a hint: if you can unglue all of them, you'll walk out \$375 richer.

Barmacy
536 East 14th Street
Between Avenue A & Avenue B
(212) 228-2240

Don't let the giant jug of bisulfide, prophy-lactic tooth powder, or distilled witch hazel in the front window stop you from coming in. Barmacy, which was once a pharmacy, definitely has a medicinal charm and the beautiful people love to see and be seen in the bar's banquettes and booths. Ever changing DJs ensure no night at the bar is ever the same. The museum of ancient pills, athlete's foot ointments, and rectal tubes (Lord knows what they were used for) are a little kitschy, but if you're looking for the 'in' crowd, Barmacy is just what the doctor ordered.

Beauty Bar
231 East 14th Street
Between 2nd & 3rd Avenue
(212) 539-1389

You can almost smell the hair spray and taste the nail polish upon entering this unique nightspot. 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 the 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 here's a chance to find out why women spend so much time getting their hair done.

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 7:30pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
L to 1st Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
M-F 5:30pm-4am
Sa-Su 7:30pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
L to 1st Avenue

Credit Cards
MC, V

Type of Establishment
Bar

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

Drink Prices
\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
L to 3rd Avenue

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Restaurant/
Lounge

Hours
Daily 6pm-
2am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food
Japanese

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Credit Cards
All Major

Bond Street
6 Bond Street
Between Broadway & Lafayette
(212) 777-2500

Downstairs at Bond Street is simply too sexy, whether it's the decor, people or ambiance. Definitely a big winner for the trendy downtown set — it's got all the elements needed for success — celebrity sightings, beautiful women, elegant men and a dark, muted environment. So very New York and so very cool, we're not sure everyone can handle it. But it's not too hard to get a table, which is refreshing, and it's surprising lack of attitude actually makes Bond Street an easy choice any night of the week. Call in advance for weekend nights and dress your best.

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 8pm-
4am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
F to 2nd
Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Bouche Bar
540 East 5th Street
Between Avenue A & Avenue B
(212) 475-1673

Situated between two dead-end streets, the Bouche Bar proves it's not where you are, but what you are that really matters. For neighborhood people and artists from around the city, the bar is a welcome escape from the tattooed and pierced set that frequents East Village spots. Bouche's loungey, living room decor and amicable bartenders set the relaxed mood of the place. If you don't know everyone in the place when you walk in, you certainly do by the time you leave. "It's the type of place someone can come by themselves and not feel bad," said owner Pamela Caye.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Daily 5pm-
4am

Drink Prices
\$

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
L to 1st
Avenue

Credit Cards
All Major

Brownies
169 Avenue A
Between 10th & 11th Street
(212) 420-8392

The music is loud and the crowds rowdy at this small hard rock dive with a definite downtown feel. Step inside and understand that Brownies is all about the music, and only about the music. Despite the lack of attention paid to the decor the sound system is surprisingly clear — every beat will bounce around inside your head on the way home. Not exactly for the laid back during the week, the crowd's intensity escalates even further on the weekends. While there's no dress code here, it's advisable that you dress down.

Burp Castle
41 East 7th Street
Between 2nd & 3rd Avenue
(212) 982-4576

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 compliment 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. Self-proclaimed, "The Temple of Beer Worship," Burp Castle has become a favorite watering hole for tourists and neighborhood regulars alike. Note: The sign says "No Loud Talking," and the monks will ask you to leave if you do.



C-Note
157 Avenue C @ 10th Street
(212) 677-8142

"People in the graveyard are feeling you," yelled one enthusiastic patron. "My hands are sore from clapping so hard," cried another. It's no Blue Note or Village Vanguard, but the C-Note (and its understated splendor) can pack them in. Local jazz aficionados love the place, especially on the weekends. "It takes me back to the old days when jazz was jumping down here," said a 36-year Lower East Side veteran. "It's like finding a gold mine on Avenue C." There's no cover but there is a one drink minimum.

C.B.G.B.
313 Bowery @ Bleeker
(212) 254-0983

It's a grungy club held up by old flyers, posters, and bumper stickers. The wooden floors are beer soaked and the bar top thoroughly battered. It's an eyesore, but it's also one of the best places to hear rock 'n' roll in the city. C.B.G.B. has been around for 25 years and everyone from Joan Jett to Sonic Youth has rocked this stage. Though it's not nearly as wild as it used to be (those mosh pit-loving punk rockers are now sitting at tables and drinking beers), the place still has an edge and patrons keep coming. Cover ranges from \$3-\$9.

Type of Establishment
Bar

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

Drink Prices
\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Daily 7pm-
4am

Drink Prices
\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
L to 1st
Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Bar/Live Music

Hours
Daily 7pm-
4am

Drink Prices
\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest
Subway
6 to Astor
Place

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
Hours
Su-Th 4pm-2am
F-Sa 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$\$
Food
French
Moroccan
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
All Major

Chez es Saada
42 East 1st Street
Between 1st & 2nd Avenue
(212) 777-5671



This soothingly romantic Aladdin's hideout, in an aging East Village brownstone, invites you to dream 1,001 nights away. Have a mint drink at a small bar table, as dim candlelight flickers through Arabian lamps throwing ornate shadows on the white walls and antique photographs. Then follow the rose petals down the stairs, to a mysteriously stylish, colonial catacomb restaurant in Casablanca. Imagine Bogart and Bergman kissing passionately behind the arches as you sink into a comfortable couch and order a delicious Middle Eastern meal. Mingle with an upscale, corporate and hip downtown crowd.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
Hours
Daily 11am-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
Mediterranean
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
All Major

Circa
103 2nd Avenue @ 6th Street
(212) 777-4120

'Retro 40s meets the future' in a decidedly hip setting featuring semi-circular booths, a sidewalk cafe, oversized arm chairs by the bar and a DJ spinning five nights a week. The crowd is a glamorous slice of New York's media and fashion elite, the young movers and shakers. But don't be intimidated! There are plenty of 'normal' East Villagers and Upper Eastsiders here too. Circa has an excellent wine list, about 60 well-chosen French, Italian and American reds and whites. Whether you look your best or come in jeans and a t-shirt, Circa is a great place to begin or end an evening.

Coney Island High
15 St. Marks Place
Between 2nd & 3rd Avenue
(212) 674-7959

Type of Establishment
Bar/Live Music
Hours
Daily 5pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place

Clown phobics beware of the menacing joker faces painted on Coney Island High's blood red doors. The rock club, based on the movie Rock 'n' Roll High School, has the decadence of Coney Island, but lacks the charm. The carnival theme of this East Village haunt borders on eerie, but it's not quite as scary as some of the rock bands that play here. Covers range from \$5-\$10 depending on the band. Despite the few punk rock fossils that hover around, it's a fairly young crowd, late teens to mid-twenties.

Continental
25 3rd Avenue @ St. Marks Place
(212) 529-6924

Continental is a rock lover's Kmart. Deals, deals, deals. The happy hour from 4-8 p.m. is surprisingly mild, but who cares about a crowd when you've got steals like: five shots of anything for \$10, Jagermeister shots three for \$5, and frozen Mudslides and strawberry banana daiquiris for only \$3. Although management claims that this is 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. We almost forgot the best deal of all — four to five bands for only \$5.

Decibel
240 East 9th Street
Between 2nd & 3rd Avenue
(212) 979-2733

Sink down a few steps off 9th Street and sample the dark forbidding ambiance that surrounds this Japanese sake bar. You enter a small bar area with an ample number of imported sake bottles on tap, before rounding the corner into the main seating area. Its low ceiling and authentic Japanese design work well together to complete the motif. Decibel offers a menu complete with dozens of sake and appetizers (but no sushi) which may intimidate the novice. The amicable staff and friendly atmosphere, however, make this an ideal spot to get your feet wet.

Detour
349 East 13th Street
Between 1st & 2nd Avenue
(212) 533-6212

This jazz hideaway sparks memories of grandma's basement — old books here, old records there, old board games like Yahtzee and Christmas lights that have been up way too long. In spite of its dowdy decor, the place is kind of charming. There's no cover charge, instead musicians pass around a tip jar, and the informal environs allow performers to be refreshingly experimental and daring with their music. And there are no black beret-wearing, finger-snapping Bohemians in here. Come in your favorite jeans and sweater and feel right at home.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Live Music
Hours
Daily 2pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Sake Bar
Hours
Su-Th 8pm-2am
F-Sa 8pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
Japanese
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Jazz Club
Hours
Su-Th 4pm-2am
F-Sa 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
L to 1st Avenue
Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
M-Sa 6pm-4am
Su 8pm-3am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
Cash Only

Drinkland
339 East 10th Street
Between Avenue A & Avenue B
(212) 228-2435

Psychedelic sky-blue swirls on the ceiling and tables, black and white polka dots on the wall behind the bar and a DJ perched in the corner spinning some obscure track. Nothing to write home about until you escape into the white room in the corner and realize Drinkland does have something different to offer. White leather benches line the white leather walls, white ottomans double as chairs for white tables. The perfect place to drink a White Russian. If white is too sterile, cross the main room and follow the green glow into the ... you guessed it, the green room ... real trippy.

Fez
380 Lafayette Street @ Great Jones
(212) 533-2680



Some places call themselves lounges just because it's in, but Fez has all the reasons to do so. This candle-lit, carpeted Moroccan salon with low tables and pillows is authentic with its cream-colored walls, cushy sofas, and intimate little tables divided by low arches. Savor all this during the week because the weekends are madly packed with cool downtowners. Escape underneath Time Cafe (Fez's upstairs counterpart) and slide into the intimate groove to catch one of Fez's jazz, blues and rock performances. Lastly, don't miss the Mingus Big Band here every Thursday.

First
87 1st Avenue
Between 5th & 6th Street
(212) 674-3823

Love the East Village but tired of theme clubs? Don't have the energy for Karaoke or Improv? May we suggest an evening of conversation, cigars, martinis and late night dining with a distinct urban flavor. Enjoy a smoke while sipping a Cosmopolitan or cognac before retreating to the dining room for a candle-lit dinner. The post-modern decor of brown leather and brick is evenly contrasted by metallic and mirrored surfaces. Flee the bitter competitive reality that is 9-to-5 NYC and join this oasis of after-work revelers. Champagne Sunday Brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Flamingo East
219 2nd Avenue
Between 13th & 14th Street
(212) 533-2860

Stop in on a Thursday night and howl to the antics of a blathering drunk in drag singing and tap dancing across a stage in a low cut dress, matted blonde wig, and worn down pumps. Introducing Kiki and Herb, the \$10 cabaret act that awaits you at Flamingo East. Before you head upstairs to the lounge for a gut-wrenching good time, dinner downstairs in the spacious dining room should not be missed. Entrees range from \$11-\$18. The Malay Fried Rice (\$12.75) is intimidating, but if you ever reach the bottom of your plate, you'll wish the end hadn't come so soon.

Flea Market
131 Avenue A
Between 8th & 9th Street
(212) 358-9282

This quaint French bistro, opened recently on a revitalized Avenue A, has a small bar area with about seven bar stools. A great neighborhood find, the bar is fully stocked and you can order pâté or cheese or even some bigger menu items if you're hungry. A perfect place for two or three people to end up if you don't want to be out till the wee hours and are looking for a cool atmosphere with good music — minus the attitude. A friendly staff with those oh-so-sexy French accents adds to the charm. Mais oui!

Gemini Lounge
221 2nd Avenue
Between 13th & 14th Street
(212) 254-5260

Long black curtains swallow you up as you enter this comfortable dimly lit lounge. Grab a cigar and a Cosmopolitan from the bartender before settling in. Need a breath of fresh air, yet don't want to check your drink at the door? Try the new beer garden out back. That is if you can pry yourself out of the many cozy low-to-the-ground lounge chairs. Soft tones and deep beats mingle with the light cigar smoke most nights. Gemini picks up the pace Tuesdays with its popular Brazilian night and look for the heavy Euro crowd on Techno Thursdays.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant/Lounge
Hours
Su-Th 6pm-2am
F-Sa 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
Pan-Asian
Nearest Subway
4,5,6,N,R to Union Sq
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
Hours
Daily 10am-12am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
French Bistro
Nearest Subway
L to 1st Avenue
Credit Cards
AmEx

Type of Establishment
Lounge
Hours
Daily 5pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

Type of

Establishment
Lounge/
Live Music
Hours
Su-Th 6pm-2am
F-Sa 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
American
Nearest Subway
6 to Bleecker Street
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
Hours
M-Th 6pm-2am
F-Sa 6pm-3am
Su 11am-1am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
Hours
Su-Th 5:30pm-3am
F-Sa 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
International Tapas
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

Global 33
93 2nd Avenue
Between 5th & 6th Street
(212) 477-8427

Crashing, but certainly not burning, into the theme bar explosion downtown is Global 33 — tapping into the pop-culture obsession with anything 60s. 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
Hours
Su-Th 5pm-12am
F-Sa 5pm-1am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
Cajun/American
Nearest Subway
6 to Bleecker Street
Credit Cards
Cash Only

Great Jones Cafe
54 Great Jones Street
Between Bowery & Lafayette
(212) 674-9304

Okay, so it's not a big bar and it's mostly a neighborhood joint, but so what? We love the bar at Great Jones Cafe. It's relaxed and mellow; you can actually sit and have a chat with a friend and you don't have to be bothered to look amazing. The bartender actually looks you in the eye, you can order a side of the delicious sweet potato fries and ponder the meaning of life. Perfect for a weeknight venture out with a close friend, if you want one step above a dive. Did we mention cozy and comfortable?

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
Hours
Su-Th 5:30pm-12am
F-Sa 5:30pm-12:30am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$\$
Food
French Vietnamese
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

Indochine
430 Lafayette Street
Between Astor Place & 4th Street
(212) 505-5111

An established leader among the more upscale eateries on the NoHo scene, this bar/restaurant offers a glimpse into an exotic culture tempered by chic modern influences. Indochine's design is highlighted by giant lush greenery adorning the walls as well as the landscape, strategically and subtly placed so as not to overpower the decor. The fare is French-Vietnamese with a Thai influence, offered up for regular dining as well as an earlier seating for the pre-theater set. There are couples here who have been coming back for years and years, so they must be doing something right.

Internet Cafe
82 East 3rd Street
Between 1st & 2nd Avenue
(212)614-0747

More than just a place to log on, the Internet Cafe is drawing a following for its live music and film screenings. On the surface, it provides a port for techno-nerds to gather; however, like many other non-traditional music venues springing up around the city these days, this spot has developed a reputation for allowing musicians to experiment. The bandstand is located in the middle of this 60-foot-long and 12-foot-wide cafe, forcing the waiter to weave his way between the brass section and the vibraphone while balancing a tray of hot coffee, beer, assorted sandwiches and desserts.

Izzy Bar
166 1st Avenue
Between 10th & 11th Street
(212) 228-0444

A warm copper glow, not bright but deep and friendly, 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 pumps each chord and rhythm until you not only hear the funk, but you feel the funk. Wednesday night's Deep Trax drum 'n' bass show is the favorite among regulars here. Cover ranges between \$5-\$10 for live music.

Korova Milk Bar
200 Avenue A
Between 12th & 13th Street
(212) 254-8838

In case its name didn't clue you in, this entire place is dedicated to Stanley Kubrick's 1971 movie, *A Clockwork Orange*. Everywhere you turn there's a naked mannequin ... Cultists come in and revel! The Molokos (\$7 milk drinks) are heavenly. Moloko Frozen Embryo (coffee-flavored Stoli, Butter-scotch Schnapps, Cappuccino Liqueur, ice cream and Snickers bar) and Moloko Karen Carpenter (a banana lover's dream and an anorexic'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
Live Music/Cafe
Hours
M-Sa 11am-2am
Su 11am-12am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
Light Menu
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
MC, V, Diners
\$10/hr Internet

Type of Establishment
Bar/Lounge
Hours
Daily 7pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
L to 1st Avenue
Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

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

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 12pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue

Credit Cards
Cash Only

The Library
7 Avenue A
Between East Houston & 2nd Street
(212) 375-1352

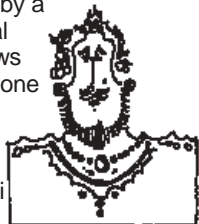
Booze, books and B-movies best describe this East Village stop. From the classics to pulp fiction, the walls overflow with books to enjoy over a pint. Classic Kung Fu and Monster flicks play on the big screen — the volume off so as not to disturb your read. The classic deep red, green and smooth oak decor provides a literary ambiance, complimented by candlelight. Sorry, the books are only lent out to regulars, but apply for a Library card for reduced drink specials. Note: The librarians at your local branch were never as cute as the ones here.

Liquids
266 East 10th Street
Between 1st Avenue & Avenue A
(212) 677-1717

This cozy and pulsating oversized living room is too good to miss. Best known for their Cosmos, which are truly delectable, Liquids is a great date place. The DJ spins five nights a week, mixing jungle, house or acid jazz depending on the night. Sunday nights are a big couples night. In the winter, there's a fireplace to keep your toes warm. Refreshingly, Liquids is a place that people actually smile at each other. Now when was the last time you heard that about a Manhattan bar?

Lucky Cheng's
24 1st Avenue
Between 1st & 2nd Street
(212) 473-0516

A colorfully loud taste of something alternative doesn't even begin to describe this popular spot with a calling card that reads, "The Original Drag Queen Restaurant." The dirty, drab gray Manhattan streets instantly fade far from view as you step inside and are splashed by the bright kaleidoscope 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 daiquiris, margaritas or pi



Marion's
354 Bowery @ 4th Street
(212) 475-7621

As kitsch and fabricated as the decor of this 50s wonderland may be, the people running this lovely place are genuine hosts, and the clientele is truly authentic and relaxed. The world of late model and actress Marion is filled with wonderfully tacky mirror drawings, colorful plastic armchairs, flower paintings, JFK and Jackie portraits, even an aquarium with dream castles and blue dogs. Enjoy a martini at the bar or have hearty continental food in the old diner-like restaurant, gently lit by candles and retro lamps. East Village artists, hipsters and trendy downtowners can feel equally at home here.



McSorley's Old Ale House
15 East 7th Street
Between 2nd & 3rd Avenue
(212) 254-2570

Stepping into McSorley's — said to be the oldest ale house in New York — is like going back in time. Sawdust litters the floor, chock-a-block memorabilia and the original 1854 structure invoke the Old Irish in New York. At 2 for \$3, even the prices appear to need an update (not that anyone's complaining). McSorley's Special Ale, 2 for \$3 and the only alcohol served here, is brewed exclusively for the pub by the old Stroh breweries. Old-World charm, great prices and die-hard regulars make McSorley's a local pub par excellence. Cash only.

Mekka
14 Avenue A
Between East Houston & 2nd Street
(212) 475-8500

When you're in the mood for some great Caribbean or soul food, you've got to make a pilgrimage to Mekka. The bar/restaurant's plantains and honey-dipped fried chicken (\$12.95) are just a few of the items on the menu that keep the mixed crowd coming back for more. Even more delicious, however, are the waiters that look like they were beaten with the same gorgeous stick. Customers will definitely want to take them home in a doggie bag. From old funk and soul classics to R&B and hip-hop, the in-house DJ makes sure the music is always moving the crowd.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 6pm-2am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food
Continental

Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 11am-1am

Drink Prices
\$

Food
American

Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Su-Th 5:30pm-11pm
F-Sa 5:30pm-1am

Drink Prices
\$\$

Food
Soul/Caribbean

Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue

Type of Establishment
Lounge
Hours
Daily 5pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
MC, V

NW3
242 East 10th Street
Between 1st & 2nd Avenue
(212) 260-0891

While it may be named for a postal code in London, this is definitely not an English pub. Gauged towards the younger, techno-centric club-hopping set, NW3 is small, dark and engulfed in deep drum 'n' bass vibes. Couches rim the small club surrounding the central candle-lit bar. The checkerboard floor contrasts the black puffy fabric ceiling, but the lights are usually too low to discern any colors anyway. More suited to an intimate get-together than the group thing. Saturdays Deep House DJ selections are a favorite among regulars.

Nevada Smith's
74 3rd Avenue
Between 11th & 12th Street
(212) 982-2591

Looking for that East Village flavor, but not the annoying East Village pretentiousness? Nevada Smith's is a pleasant collage of the area's charms. The vibe here is high-energy, but in an all-inclusive way. Rather than drawing on just one segment of the nightlife scene, the crowd is a well-blended mix of neighborhood regulars, NYU students, pre-Webster Hall partygoers, and a heavy Euro contingent. Tuesday's Karaoke night crowd is pure energy. Note: Those seeking that ever-elusive perfect pint of Guinness, put this place on your list.



Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
M-Sa 10am-4am
Su 12pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
L to 3rd Avenue
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar/Lounge
Hours
Daily 4pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue

Niagara
112 Avenue A @ 7th Street
(212) 420-9517

This trendy East Village neighborhood spot has a casually romantic flavor. The corner bar with large windows looking out onto Tompkins Square Park is a comfortable mosaic of deep browns and off-whites, expanded by mirrored reflection 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 weekends.

Nice Guy Eddie's
5 Avenue A @ East Houston
(212) 253-1666

A product of the pop culture reemergence of everything 70s, this spot is split between theme bar and Cajun restaurant. Nice Guy Eddie's caters a full menu of New Orleans specialties but is taken over by the bar crowd as the night goes on. The decor is a mix of black, white and brick with several TVs and vintage 70s movie posters thrown in for good measure. The crowd is of the local variety, but the weekend brings in more of an outer-borough mix. Note: Check out the life-size Kiss mural located just outside on Houston.

Opaline
85 Avenue A
Between 5th & 6th Street
(212) 475-5050

Tucked away from the world under a sushi bar is a glorious secret named Opaline. The gargantuan restaurant (the largest dining room in the East Village) takes its name from a poetic synonym for absinthe, the turn-of-the-century milky green liquor which 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 just as potent. It comes as no surprise that the affordable menu — entrees run from \$8-\$18 — is sinfully delicious. Indulge.



Opium Den
29 East 3rd Street
Between 2nd Avenue & Bowery
(212) 505-7344

Opium Den looks like it could be in SoHo, judging by the decor — velvet drapes and candles — and the crowd, in head-to-toe black. A DJ spins every night of the week, the bartender is friendly, the crowds relaxed, and the couches comfy. Try the Cosmopolitans, they're well worth the money. If you want a seat, come slightly before midnight — it gets packed between 12:30 a.m. and 1 a.m. Just get past those velvet ropes on the outside and you're all set for the night. Leave your credit cards at home, this is strictly a cash joint. No baseball caps.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
Hours
M-F 12pm-4am
Sa-Su 11am-4am
Drink Prices
\$
Food
Cajun/Southwest
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Restaurant/Lounge
Hours
Daily 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
French Bistro
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Lounge
Hours
M-Sa 8pm-4am
Su 8pm-2am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Bar
Hours
Daily 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
L to 3rd Avenue
Credit Cards
All Major

Orson's
175 2nd Avenue
Between 11th & 12th Street
(212) 475-1530

Here is a small, intimate yet stylish eatery and bar with a strong East Village accent. Featuring live drag performances Monday and Thursday, Orson's is a popular spot among neighborhood regulars and the occasional tourist. Large globe lights suspended from the illuminated ceiling reflect off the glass-mounted back bar and add just the right touch. Enjoy a taste from the regional menu inside or grab a seat outside in the small front dining area right on 2nd Avenue. Try the variations on the classics like Orson's Cocktail or Orson's Grand Manhattan. No cover for the live drag shows.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant
Hours
Daily 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
Mediterranean
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

Pierrot
28 Avenue B
Between 2nd & 3rd Street
(212) 673-1999

One of the latest arrivals on Avenue B is this polished bistro and bar. The decor is Mediterranean-style art deco accented by artistic renderings of Harlequins, not some cheesy animations. Check out the intricate handmade resin bar. The menu is dotted with such delicacies as Prince Edward Island mussels and grilled Bay of Fundy salad. Climb into one of the form-fitting barstools and enjoy a passion fruit Cosmopolitan or fresh strawberry and mango daiquiri. A bright spot on the seedy streets of Avenue B, this place is sure to catch on.

Type of Establishment
Lounge
Hours
Daily 6pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
Cash Only

Standard
158 1st Avenue
Between 9th & 10th Street
(212) 387-0239

This place definitely has its own set of standards. They don't do much beer, and they don't do blenders. This is not your typical t-shirt and jeans place, it's a self-proclaimed "style lounge" and people usually come dressed. Despite the big attitude from behind the bar, the clientele is not nearly as pretentious. It's fast becoming a favorite among East Villagers weary of the young, tattooed, and pierced set. This hole-in-the-wall is also a lesson in minimalism; no cool art, funky couches, or distractions, just cream felt-covered walls and conversation.

Temple Bar
332 Lafayette Street
Between East Houston & Bleecker
(212) 925-4242



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

Tenth Street Lounge
212 East 10th Street
Between 1st & 2nd Avenue
(212) 473-5252

Mellow groove tunes wash over the deep oak and polished decor and relax you almost immediately upon entering this trendy lounge. Both the front and rear lounge areas outfitted with stuffed leather couches make this an ideal place for a group gathering or intimate conversation. Its spacious design and ceiling-high plate glass windows overlooking Tenth Street give the appearance of an exclusive uptown club 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.

Vain
9 Avenue A
Between 1st & 2nd Street
(212) 253-1462

Remember when mother constantly told you to sit up straight because poor posture looked bad and was a sure sign of slovenliness or an impending hunchback? Mother would be happy to know that at Vain the most uncomfortable slabs of wood with leather strips attached to them are passed off as chairs which could cure the most severe case of scoliosis. This place — a chiropractor's dream — proves that beauty is pain and comfort is way overrated. And when you get tired of posing, follow the house and techno beats downstairs; absolutely amazing.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Lounge
Hours
M-Th 5pm-1am
F-Sa 5pm-2am
Su 7pm-1am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$\$
Food
Upscale Tapas
Nearest Subway
B,D,F,Q to Broadway/Lafayette
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Lounge
Hours
Su-M 4pm-2am
T-Sa 5pm-3am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
6 to Astor Place
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar/Lounge
Hours
M-Sa 9pm-4am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
F to 2nd Avenue
Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Lounge
Hours
Daily 6pm-2am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
6 to Bleecker Street
Credit Cards
All Major

Von
3 Bleecker Street @ Bowery
(212) 473-3039

This enigmatic Russian bar seems to be an escaped Czarist refuge. His rescued treasures — an antique bar cabinet with sepia photographs of ancestors behind crystal wine glasses, turn-of-the-century mirrors and heavy picture frames — set the scene for a sophisticated yet mellow lounge. Like in old Russian movies, everything seems premeditated, ambiguous and in slow motion. As an incognito Wall Street suit said, "In New York people want to see and be seen, but I like it here because I can hide and it's mellow."

Type of Establishment
Club
Hours
Th-Sa 10pm-4:30am
Drink Prices
\$\$\$
Food
N/A
Nearest Subway
4,5,6,N,R to Union Sq
Credit Cards
All Major
\$20 Cover

Webster Hall
125 East 11th Street
Between 3rd & 4th Avenue
(212) 353-1600

Enter on the main floor and plunge headlong into a sea of classic disco and pop/rock. Descend to the darker lower-level lounge for a taste of hip-hop and R&B. Catch your breath and climb 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 writhing ocean of club kids, tourists and regulars. Psychedelic Thursdays are a little more rock oriented, but dance reigns supreme every Friday and Saturday. Expect to wait on line after midnight and dress to impress.