



# GREENWICH VILLAGE



Few other neighborhoods in the world have embedded themselves as deeply in our collective conscious as Greenwich Village.

Its winding streets have served as both sanctuary and battleground for generations of political radicals, fiery writers and starving artists. Their prose and performances have ignited great change and upheaval in the city and beyond. Just as important, though, is the neighborhood's tenacity for preserving a forum for personal and artistic expression. Many critics argue the Village has outgrown its radical mantle and abandoned its authenticity. The reality has been, however, more of a gradual maturity — sincere to the core, yet assuming the role of elder statesman over this next generation of firebrands and revolutionaries, striking out from both within and beyond its boundaries.

Thousands of visitors pour over the crooked nooks and dark crannies of Greenwich Village each day to experience and embrace the sweet independent air of unhindered artistic and lifestyle expression. R&B soulful tunes floating down Bleecker Street are assaulted in mid-air by the screeching guitar of a Kiss cover band down the block as you stroll in and out of the bars and cafes near the intersection of MacDougal. Tourists and New York University students mix with the usual suspects as you make your way through the colorfully crowded streets. Independent films, comedy, performance art, live music, 101 different rum drinks, the list goes on and on. Pay close attention and still so many things glide right by. But rest assured, whether it's a new idea, or a different way of looking at something familiar, you'll always leave with a little more than you came with.



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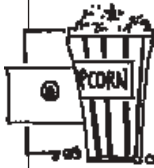
Type of Establishment  
Lounge/Club  
Hours  
M-Sa 10pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
1,2,3,9 to 14th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

**2i's**  
248 West 14th Street  
Between 7th & 8th Avenue  
(212) 807-1775

When the joint gets jumpin' on Saturday night, which is usually after midnight, it gets hot, hot, hot. 2i's melts into a bootie-to-bootie sweat box, but the largely yuppy crowd wouldn't have it any other way. It's definitely more casual than its next door neighbor Nells, but if you came to boogie, here at 2i's you can really get jiggy wit'it. The upstairs sauna/dance floor can become unbearable, but just wipe your brow — repeatedly, head downstairs to the cool down lounge, grab a drink, and recover. There is a \$10 cover, but you'll walk out of 2i's ten pounds lighter. Promise.

**55 Bar**  
55 Christopher Street  
Between 6th & 7th Avenue South  
(212) 929-9883

One of the last true neighborhood bars, this former speakeasy from the 20s still lures you with the promise of something deliciously forbidden. Glide down the hidden stairs, converse with the old Bohemian couple at the upper-right-hand corner of the bar or disappear at a small table in the dark, where insider jazz aficionados, intellectuals, and a tourist or two stick their heads together. This place has no frills, but offers seven days a week what the Village used to be all about: live contemporary New York jazz and blues, an authentic alternative community feel, and, oh yes, free popcorn.



**Art Bar**  
52 8th Avenue  
Between Jane & Horatio  
(212) 727-0244

Sorry, there are no Picassos or Matisses here, and in spite of the bar's name, the art in the front room is furniture-store tacky (i.e., gold tassels hanging from mirrored canvases with indiscernible etchings). Fortunately, the ever-changing installations of original art that cover the brick walls of the lounge more than make up for the faux pas up front. The cozy little alcove, complete with fireplace, can be a little too close for comfort at times, but the neighborhood crowd of aesthetes don't appear to mind at all.

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

Type of Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
Daily 4pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
A,C,E to 14th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

**Bar D'O**  
29 Bedford Street @ Downing  
(212) 627-1580

The Supremes they're not, but when drag divas Sherry Vine, Sade, and Raven O get together on Saturday nights, they're fierce and infinitely entertaining. Sade beats Toni Braxton at her own game. Sherry, "like the drink," and Vine, "like the ivy," plays the dumb bombshell blonde of the group, and Raven O is the HHBIC (Hispanic head bitch in charge). Bar D'O is very gay friendly, but the cabaret also definitely attracts a huge young hetero crowd. Get there early or be prepared to catch a butt cramp sitting on the floor all night long.

**Bar 6**  
502 6th Avenue  
Between 12th & 13th Street  
(212) 691-1363

Though management swears the two places are not at all affiliated, and the menu on the mirrored walls and European pub-like feel of both places is just coincidence, Bar 6 does bear a striking resemblance to the French bistro Lucky Strike in SoHo. One look at the menu and its prices, however, and you'll soon discover that the places are nothing alike. Instead of French-inspired food, Bar 6's menu has Moroccan influences and instead of an average entree costing an arm AND a leg, at Bar 6 you get your choice of the two.

**The Bitter End**  
147 Bleecker Street  
Between LaGuardia & Thompson  
(212) 673-7030

Run by three friends who follow music to the bitter end, this 38-year-old establishment is New York's insider spot for up-and-coming bands. A long list of musicians — some of whom had their portraits painted over the bar — from Joan Baez, Miles Davis to Tori Amos, played here before and after everyone knew their name. Always packed with lively, artsy Village people who seem to know each other (and, of course, tourists), this friendly, smoky club featuring a small, intimate stage, offers alternative rock, folk, acoustic music, jazz, reggae and blues at affordable prices seven nights a week.

Type of Establishment  
Lounge  
Hours  
Daily 7pm-2am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Houston Street  
Credit Cards  
Cash Only

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Daily 12pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
French/Moroccan  
Nearest Subway  
B,D,F,Q to 14th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Live Music  
Hours  
Su-Th 8pm-2am  
F-Sa 8pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
A,C,E,B,D,F,Q to West 4th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Live Music

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

Drink Prices  
\$\$\$

Food  
American

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

Credit Cards  
All Major

**Blue Note**  
131 West 3rd Street @ 6th Avenue  
(212) 475-8592

It's in a village, but of worldly dimensions. Tourists, as well as New York jazz aficionados, flock here and squeeze each other in 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 stars like B.B. King know how to entice the audience to snap their fingers and even sing along. CDs are available on site.

Type of Establishment  
Comedy Club

Hours  
Su-Th 9:30pm  
F-Sa 10pm & 12:15am

Drink Prices  
\$\$

Food  
N/A

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

Credit Cards  
All Major

\$5-10 Cover + 2 Drinks

**Boston Comedy Club**  
82 West 3rd Street  
Between Thompson & Sullivan  
(212) 477-1000

Okay, so it's not Carolines, but up-and-coming comedians have got to have a place to work out the kinks before they have their own HBO comedy special, don't they? Monday is new talent night so you might have to sit through some "don't you hate it when..." routines, but judging from the plethora of framed head shots that cover the walls, these comedians grow out of that generic stuff and find jokes that don't require an explanation. There's nothing funny about paying an \$8 cover, in addition to a two drink minimum, but at least here you can laugh it off.

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant /Live Music

Hours  
Varies Nightly

Drink Prices  
\$\$\$

Food  
American

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

Credit Cards  
Cash Only

**Bottom Line**  
15 West 4th Street @ Mercer  
(212) 228-7880

Music lovers can't go wrong in this 24-year-old Village institution. The folk, rock, jazz and all-women acts are performed by established bands with 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 illuminate this intimate space. The music styles are as eclectic as the people walking in here: nostalgic hippies, after-work crowds and punks mingle with tourists from across the ponds, especially Japanese who MUST bring back proof that they spent a night at the Bottom Line.

**Braque**  
775 Washington Street  
@ 12th Street  
(212) 255-0709

You've just come home from a hard day at whatever glitzy gig you have. Rover has been locked in the house all day and he needs some fresh air. While walking your four-legged friend, you're hit with an intense craving for red wine, steak frites grilled contro filetto with fries (\$15) and some dessert. Okay maybe your craving isn't that specific, but you are hungry and you know that Braque, the seasonal open-air cafe in your West Village neighborhood, has great light fare, is the perfect place to unwind and most importantly allows pets.

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
May-October  
Daily 5pm-2am

Drink Prices  
\$\$

Food  
Mediterranean

Nearest Subway  
A,C,E to 14th Street

Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

**Cafe Wha?**  
115 Macdougall Street  
Between Bleecker & 3rd Street  
(212) 254-3706

It's Monday night and the Brazilian songstress bellowing into the microphone is sweating. Her band is in full swing and they're giving the crowd all they've got (they better; the audience did pay a \$10 cover and a two drink minimum to get in.) When it's not the "The Brazilian B Band" whipping the crowd into a Bacchanalian frenzy, it's "Slam Clinic" or "The Cafe Wha? Band." Some nights are free; others are not, but the place is always a tight squeeze. It can get a little stuffy, but that's never stopped the crowd from shaking their booties.

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Live Music

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

Drink Prices  
\$\$

Food  
Bar Menu

Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Christopher Street

Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

**Chicago B.L.U.E.S.**  
73 8th Avenue  
Between 13th & 14th Street  
(212) 924-9755

Chicago B.L.U.E.S. offers the stuff good blues is made of. Every night an assortment of people from all over the city come here to listen to performers like Sweet Georgia Brown lament over lost loves, lousy friends and all the other bittersweets that make up why we sing the blues. Cover charge ranges from \$5-\$20, but patrons don't mind paying. "It's the best blues bar in New York because it's committed to investing in quality performers," said a CB regular. Know what that's called? BLUES POWER!

Type of Establishment  
Blues Club

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

Drink Prices  
\$\$

Food  
N/A

Nearest Subway  
A,C,E to 14th Street

Credit Cards  
All Major



Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Daily 5:30pm-3am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
New American  
Nearest Subway  
A,C,E,B,D,F,Q to West 4th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

**Clementine**  
1 5th Avenue @ 8th Street  
(212) 253-0003



The revolving door with swimming pool, hotel and gas station icons, spins you into a miraculous potpourri of styles — from oversized, leather-cushioned, 50s-diner sitting arrangements to a 90s wooden bar with cool lines and warm, dim lights. The crowd is just as eclectic, varying from middle-aged diners who follow the chef's renowned cooking, to the downtown business and entertainment set. The later in the evening, the younger and hipper the crowd. The large back room accommodates big parties, and on Easy Mondays, bubbly, hip kids and eternal 20-year-olds pass around lollipops and listen to DJ Shorty's retro music.

**Comedy Cellar**  
117 MacDougal Street  
Between 3rd Street & Bleecker  
(212) 254-3480

An entertaining downtown comedy showcase without the uptown, flashy commercial texture. You descend the stairs off MacDougal and enter a comfortable club with old-fashioned Greenwich Village dark brick and stained glass decor. Hilarious professional stand-up comedians and the occasional celebrity perform for you on a low stage that is extremely up close and personal. Nosh on some tasty charbroiled burgers, nachos or buffalo wings as you enjoy the show. The delicious array of cappuccino and coffee drinks is also highly recommended. Note: Don't be shy, audience participation is often encouraged and always enjoyable.

**The Cooler**  
416 West 14th Street  
Between 9th Avenue & Washington  
(212) 229-0785

It's dark... it's cold... it's industrial gray... it's a cooler. There are many coolers in the Meat Packing District (hopefully), but none has DJs spinning hardcore, hip-hop or drum 'n' bass every night. This underground bar lends new credence to, 'You never know what's going on behind closed doors or curtains.' Up-and-coming rap groups perform at the Lyricist Lounge party every Thursday, \$10 cover. In keeping with the spirit of its location, The Cooler can be a bit of a meat market.

Type of Establishment  
Comedy Club  
Hours  
Su-Th 9pm-2am  
F-Sa 9pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
American  
Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Christopher Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major  
\$5-\$12 Cover  
+2 Drinks

Type of Establishment  
Club/Live Music  
Hours  
M-Sa 8pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
1,2,3,9 to 14th Street

**Duplex Cabaret**  
61 Christopher Street  
@ 7th Avenue South  
(212) 255-5438

If you love to sing along to loud Broadway and rock 'n' roll tunes rendered by talented unknowns (and the occasional headliner) or just enjoy a blithe, tank-top-clad, red-cheeked, gay crowd clapping their hands in ecstasy, wigglin' their hips and smackin' each other's behinds — this is your place! This two-floor pub, laid out like a triangle, features cabaret entertainment 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 Avenue scene.

**The Elbow Room**  
144 Bleecker Street  
Between LaGuardia & Thompson  
(212) 786-4055

This groovy, loungy and cheap nightclub in the middle of bustling Bleecker Street features live music seven nights a week. Check out the bands, hang out at the long bar or in the beat-up velvet couches and watch Brazilian girls in tight flower dresses go wild with adventurous Europeans in jeans 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 concerts. The unpretentious, ethnic and alternative crowd here is having a good time.

**Florent**  
69 Gansevoort Street  
Between Washington & Greenwich  
(212) 989-5779

Squeeze yourself on scene at the dense diner tables in this fantastically surreal, 24-hour Fellini set; admire the ballerina in her baby blue frills at the deep chrome counter; listen to a tank-top-clad gay guy's tête-à-tête with his mother and his lover; but stay away from the ash-colored Frenchman with his enigmatically smiling blonde from Kiev as he downs a boudin (blood sausage) and offers you dinner. And when the whole spook is over, back on the cobbles



Type of Establishment  
Bar/Cabaret  
Hours  
Daily 4pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
Bar Menu  
Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Christopher Street  
Credit Cards  
Cash Only

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Live Music  
Hours  
Daily 6pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
A,C,E,B,D,F, to West 4th Street  
Credit Cards  
AmEx

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Daily 24 hrs  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
American/French  
Nearest Subway  
A,C,E to 14th Street  
Credit Cards  
Cash Only

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Su-Th 12pm-1am  
F-Sa 12pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
Mexican  
Nearest Subway  
B,D,F,Q to Broadway/Lafayette  
Credit Cards  
All Major

**Gonzalez y Gonzalez**  
625 Broadway  
Between West Houston & Bleecker  
(212) 473-8787

From the genuine artwork that adorns the pale adobe walls, to the colorful and delicious spicy food, this spot offers that elusive Mexican authenticity long corrupted by the likes of Taco Bell and other south-of-the-border wannabes. Touting the longest bar in New York City, which runs from the front dining area to the rear lounge, Gonzalez y Gonzalez picks up the pace after dark featuring live salsa music Wednesday through Saturday. What's a trip to a Mexican bar without sharing a pitcher of margaritas — blended, shaken, stirred or straight-up.

Type of Establishment  
Lounge  
Hours  
M-Th 6pm-4am  
F-Su 4pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
A,C,E to 14th Street  
Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

**Hell**  
59 Gansevoort Street  
Between Greenwich & Washington  
(212) 727-1666

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. 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.

Type of Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
M-F 4pm-4am  
Sa-Su 1pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Houston Street  
Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

**Henrietta Hudson**  
438 Hudson Street  
Between Morton & Barrow  
(212) 924-3347

A smoky 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. The scene could be from The Godfather but for one detail: the tough guys are all women. Relax, it's not all that rough at this "Bar and Girl"; in fact, the dark, ancient bar in the front spreads a soothing intimacy which invites singles of all ages and gender to relax with a book as much as it entices lesbian couples to make out at the unlit tables.

**Hogs and Heifers**  
859 Washington Street  
@ 13th Street  
(212) 929-0655



Though owners claim it's sheer coincidence, Hogs and Heifers is located in the heart of the Meat Packing District. The honky-tonk bar, complete with a 1936 hog (motorcycle) hanging from its ceiling, 138 different specimens of taxidermed animals, and a collection of bras donated by patrons that would put Vicki's Secret to shame — 2,533 at last count, guarantees a raucous good time. Bartenders dressed in Daisy Duke cut-offs, halter tops, and motorcycle boots, can be found on the bull horn cursing out boring patrons or on top of the bar clogging the night away with the livelier bunch.

**Hudson Bar & Books**  
636 Hudson Street  
Between Jane & Horatio  
(212) 229-2642

There's a cozy nook in the back of Hudson Bar & Books that gives you a hint of its clientele: on the wall right next to one of the several ceiling-high bookcases, you'll find a black and white photo from 1934 of five men whose combined ages total 434 years. The average age of the patrons here is far less than 85 — let's just say this English library-styled bar attracts an older, more refined crowd. Enjoy spending the night debating the misogynist overtones of Paradise Lost and thoughtfully savoring a single malt scotch ... some would say it just doesn't get any better than this.

**Louisiana Community Bar & Grill**  
622 Broadway  
Between West Houston & Bleecker  
(212) 460-9633

Walk in the door and you're instantly catapulted from a restaurant in downtown New York to a shotgun shack on the Louisiana bayou. Papier-mâché statues, colored beads from Mardi Gras and giant crawfish light fixtures give this Cajun restaurant a festive feel. Everything from the jalapeño rolls to the blackened tuna (\$18.75) is delicious and the devilish drinks, like the Hurricane, Lafayette Lightning, and Mardi Gras Mash, will leave you feeling like someone put a great hex on you.

Type of Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
M-F 11am-4am  
Sa 1pm-4am  
Su 2pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
A,C,E to 14th Street  
Credit Cards  
Cash Only

Type of Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
Su-Th 4:30pm-2am  
F-Sa 4:30pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
A,C,E to 14th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Su-Th 5pm-2am  
F-Sa 5pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$  
Food  
Cajun  
Nearest Subway  
B,D,F,Q to Broadway/Lafayette

Type of Establishment  
Club  
Hours  
T-Su 10pm-5am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
A, C, E, B, D, F, Q to West 4th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

**Life**  
158 Bleecker Street @ Thompson  
(212) 429-1999

Get in on the steamy scene and dance for your Life. This dance emporium in black concrete has kept decoration and lighting to a bare minimum, since all it's about is dance-dance-dance. A diverse crowd moves in unison to hip-hop, Latin, disco and rap rhythms. Several bars and little tables circle the wide-open arena of physical fun. Bikini-clad girls do contortions on elevated podiums, trying to incite the gladiators on the dance floor. If you've got rhythm and don't mind long lines on the weekends — as fitting for any hot spot in the Village — this is your place to let loose.

Type of Establishment  
Lounge  
Hours  
M-Sa 5pm-4am  
Su 6pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
B, D, F, Q to Broadway/Lafayette  
Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

**Madame X**  
94 West Houston Street  
Between Thompson & LaGuardia  
(212) 539-0808

Have you ever been to an erotic bar? Step in from busy West Houston Street into an oasis of ... a bordello where you see, feel and breathe red. The whole place appears to be a red-light district, without the sleaze. Instead, comfy couches invite you to put your feet up and as Mimi, the owner says, "This is the kind of place a gal can hang out at alone, without feeling like the biggest loser." On weekends, Madame X is crowded by 10 p.m. so come in advance if you want space. Très cool and mellow. Did we mention that we love this place?

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

**The Monster**  
80 Grove Street @ 4th Street  
(212) 924-3557

If you can't find your size, color, class and style in this gay emporium in the heart of the West Village, you're helpless. Whether you prefer the bright, plastic bar and salon with the artificial flowers in the revealing windows upstairs, or the pounding, throbbing and sopping disco downstairs, at The Monster there's something for every gay man's desire.

**Moomba**  
133 7th Avenue South  
Between 10th Street & Charles  
(212) 989-1414

If you're not Madonna, don't even try to get past the doorman without a dinner reservation! Once you're in, a deadly cool and stylish interior, spread over three floors in an intricate layout, awaits. The food looks as attractive as its ultimate decor of exotic plants, burgundy crêpe drapes and truly beautiful artwork. The hip fashion, entertainment and nouveau-riche crowd has drinks and appetizers at the seafood bar, dines downstairs or in the mezzanine, and reposes in the warm, Asian-inspired lounge upstairs.

**Nells**  
246 West 14th Street  
Between 7th & 8th Avenue  
(212) 675-1567

It looks a bit stuffy when you first enter, but Nells — a split-level bar/lounge styled after an early 20th century English mansion — is far from boring. The lounge attracts a young, industry-type crowd that loves great music and even better, live performances. Teddy B. (he's the diva with the cowboy hat and long black ponytail) hosts the amateur talent showcase on Tuesday nights. "If you come on my stage you have to be superb," warned B. "You never know who's watching in the audience." Prince, Stevie Wonder, Chaka Khan — the list goes on and on ...

**Nowbar**  
22 7th Avenue South @ Leroy Street  
(212) 293-0323

Perfect make-up, hairdos and designer dresses light up the cave-like walls and mini-waterfalls of this dark grotto. From the black beauty in sequins with flowers in her hair, to the leather vamp with silver boobs and the three Asian girls stroking each other's mane, they all convince their admirers. Drags and trendy downtowners come here to adore each other at theme parties, to enjoy Gloria Wholesome's drag show on Thursday and Saturday, or to listen to New York's most famous DJs such as Sherry Vine, Lily of the Valley and many more.

Type of Establishment  
Restaurant/Lounge  
Hours  
Daily 7pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$\$  
Food  
American  
Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Christopher Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Lounge  
Hours  
Daily 10pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
A, C, E to 14th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
Daily 10pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Houston Street  
Credit Cards  
MC, V

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Su-Th 11am-2am  
F-Sa 12pm-4am

Drink Prices  
\$\$

Food  
American

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

Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

**Riviera Cafe & Sports Bar**  
225 West 4th Street  
@ 7th Avenue South  
(212) 929-3250

This 70-year-old, unhip yet congenial, West Village venue has hidden charm and a refined sense of humor. Squeezed between 7th Avenue and West 4th Street like a ship's bow, a symbiotic downtown crowd hangs at the casual bar with a long front window or at the outdoor cafe (weather permitting). Unusual artwork, such as the Lady on the Trapeze, with a head full of coins from all over the world, is perched above the bar. Sports fans venture downstairs to the cozy sports bar hung with 20 TVs, where satellite and cable bring every game of the season.

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
M-Sa 3pm-4am  
Su 11:30am-12am

Drink Prices  
\$\$\$

Food  
Eclectic  
American

Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Houston Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

**Ruby Fruit Bar & Grill**  
531 Hudson Street  
Between Charles & 10th Street  
(212) 929-3343

It's one of Melissa Etheridge's favorite spots. Hint #2: Martina Navritolova's picture hangs on the wall. Final Hint: Downstairs in a small glass case are the books Butch Femme and Gay Metropolis. Still stuck? One more hint: It's always ladies night here. It took you long enough to figure it out Sherlock — Ruby Fruit Bar & Grill is a women's restaurant. The upstairs lounge has a simmering red glow and a 'medieval meets Lilith Fair' feel. Downstairs, the Victorian dining room is candle-lit, cozy and romantic. The fare is American with a twist and you mustn't leave without having the cute crabcakes.

**Smalls**  
183 West 10th Street  
@ 7th Avenue South  
(212) 929-7565

Its threadbare banquettes are an eyesore and the candle-lit quarters are extremely cramped (the place lives up to its name), but it's clearly not about aesthetics. The beauty of Smalls is found in the music. Jazz musicians and enthusiasts are typically a nocturnal bunch, so when the rest of the partygoers around the city have passed out, Smalls' crowd is just waking up — which explains why it stays open until 6 a.m., seven days a week. Sorry, there's no alcohol here, only bowls of Chex Mix and pitchers of OJ, H<sub>2</sub>O, and milk.

Type of Establishment  
Jazz Club

Hours  
Daily 10pm-6am

Drink Prices  
\$

Food  
N/A

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

Credit Cards  
Cash Only

**Sweet Basil**  
88 7th Avenue South  
Between Bleecker & Grove  
(212) 242-1785

Like the nearby Vanguard, this warm and lively jazz venue is another well-known New York establishment. From the Chico Freeman Quintet to the Spirit of Life Ensemble's Cuban and Brazilian flavors, there is something for every jazz taste. And whether it's the jazz freak in rapt attention who suddenly breaks into loud whaling to a wicked solo, the quiet corporate couple holding hands, the black lady at the corner table who turns out to be tonight's singer or the aging musician in dark glasses and bandanna, jazz brings them together. It gets packed as the week grows older, so reservations are a good idea.

**Terra Blues**  
149 Bleecker Street  
Between LaGuardia & Thompson  
(212) 777-7776

Deep soulful sounds wash over you as you enter this dark cozy second-story blues club located in the heart of The Village. Grab a seat in the front and look out over the colorful bustle that is Bleecker Street, or retreat to one of the many intimate candle-lit tables and enjoy the show. It's a mixed downtown crowd with large numbers of tourists and NYU students. It packs up on the weekends so if you want a table arrive early. They offer traditional blues acts all week long, but they have been known to experiment with the setlist on Tuesdays.



**Tortilla Flats**  
767 Washington Street  
@ 12th Street  
(212) 243-1053

We're beginning to wonder what exactly they put in the tortillas. Most nights at this Mexican bar/restaurant, particularly Hoola-hoop Wednesday (hoop for 3 minutes and win a free pitcher of margaritas), are of Bacchanalian proportions. Former frat boys, sorority girls and the type of crowd that laces their sentences with "like" and "awesome" fill the all-too-colorful room. Tinsel hangs from eave an awesome time and like, we know that you'll love it.

Type of Establishment  
Jazz Club

Hours  
Su-Th 12pm-12am  
F-Sa 12pm-1:30am

Drink Prices  
\$\$

Food  
Continental

Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Houston Street

Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Live Music

Hours  
Daily 7pm-4am

Drink Prices  
\$\$

Food  
N/A

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

Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Daily 12pm-12am

Drink Prices  
\$\$

Food  
Tex/Mex

Nearest Subway  
A,C,E to 14th Street

Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx



Type of Establishment  
Jazz Club

Hours  
Daily 8:30pm-4am

Drink Prices  
\$\$\$

Food  
N/A

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

Credit Cards  
Cash Only

\$15-25 Cover + Drinks

**Village Vanguard**  
178 7th Avenue South @ 11th Street  
(212) 255-4037

What is there left to say about a 60-year-old New York jazz establishment that every aficionado and tourist in this city know? Descend the red staircase into the seductive realm of cool jazz, squeeze yourself into one of the many tables cramping the intimate space, and let yourself be surprised by any type of jazz — from the Vanguard's own 16-man Jazz Orchestra to a flamenco meets jazz event. Photographs of renowned jazz musicians, like Thelonius Monk, and colorful paintings lighten up the dark walls. The attentive crowd takes jazz seriously. So quietly nod or tap your fingers, but please, listening only.

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Daily 6pm-2am

Drink Prices  
\$\$\$

Food  
Belgian

Nearest Subway  
1,9 to Christopher Street

Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

**Waterloo**  
145 Charles Street @ Washington  
(212) 352-1119

Finally a brasserie that reflects contemporary dining and bar life across the Atlantic. The four owners of Le Zoo — all in their 20s — opened this Belgian eatery over a year ago, and a loyal downtown crowd of locals and avant-garde Europeans appreciate their authentic frites, ambient music and bright, Le Corbusier-inspired design. White and yellow brick walls, white table clothes and red chairs set a nice contrast to hip downtown's black dress code. A camouflage patchwork separates the kitchen from the dining area, which is also divided from the packed bar by a white cloth. It opens to the street in the summer.