



# MIDTOWN WEST

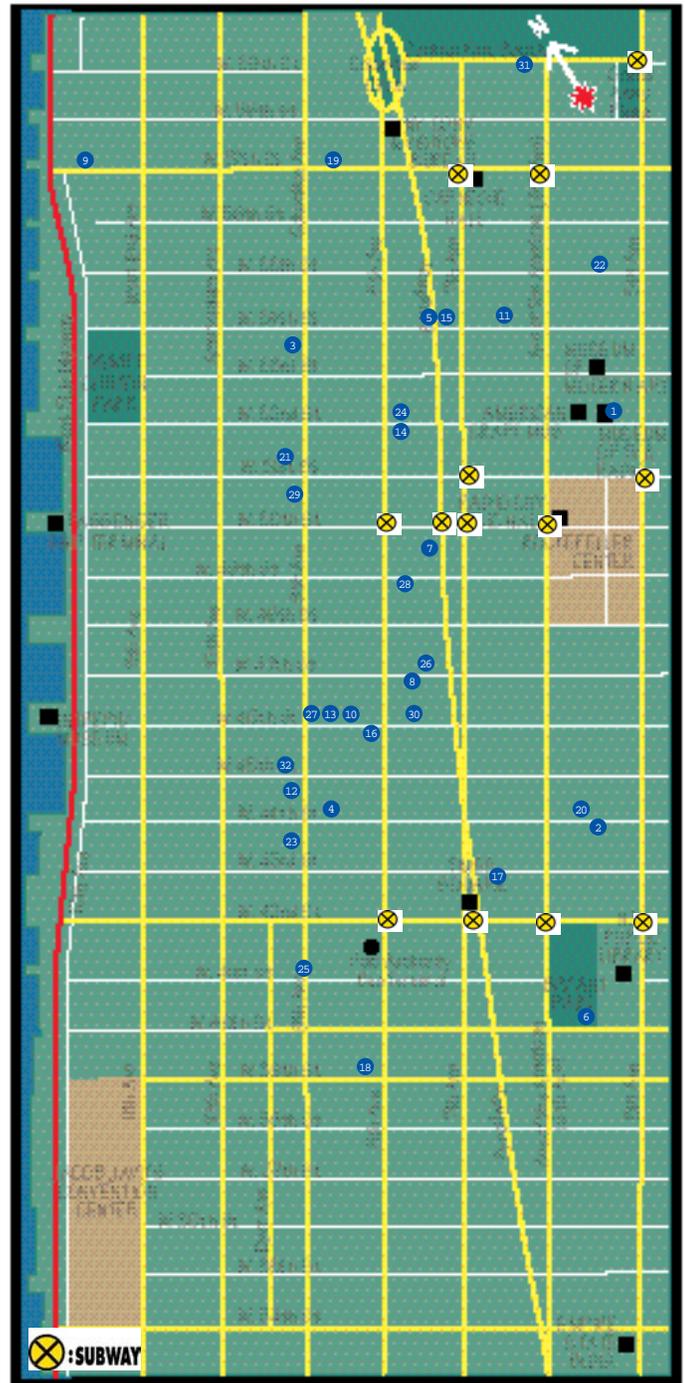


*To the rest of the world, Midtown West is a cultural microcosm of the NYC metropolitan experience – attracting an endless flood of visitors each day.*

To the trained eye, though, its colorful persona is more often than not pre-fabricated for mass consumption, and not always as polished as you may think.

Midtown West nightlife ranges from the ultra-sophistication of the Oak Room to the swanky Swing 46 and Flute. The Theater District is certainly the main draw in this area, but it's far from the only option available. Experience the thrill of courtside seats at Madison Square Garden and the throngs of ravenous, blood-thirsty fans. Then try the awe-inspiring Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. Whether it's an exhibition at the Jacob Javitz Convention Center, or a sightseeing tour around Manhattan aboard the Circle Line, there's an endless list of things to do both night and day.

The unmistakable eye in this swirling neon storm of excitement is Times Square. Having undergone a major face-lift over the past few years, the famed crossroad of the world is more inviting than ever for nightlife and theatergoers alike. Close and careful preparation must be paid to selecting just the right pre- or post-theater dining experience, should that be celebrity spotting at Sardi's, or dinner and dancing at an exclusive supper club.



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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

The 21 Club invites the wealthy of all ages to come in and feel like a child on Christmas morning where every present is theirs. Originally opened as a speakeasy during prohibition, this spot has welcomed the likes of Steinbeck, Hemingway, Dorothy Parker, Joan Crawford and Cary Grant. With a humid room for its cigar collection, 10 private dining rooms, an acclaimed wine cellar, and its famous bar saturated in antique trinkets and toys, the 21 Club is a historically rich and fantastic playground in which you can play — that is, if you can pay.

**44 (Royalton)**  
44 West 44th Street  
Between 5th & 6th Avenues  
212.944.8844

A wise man once said, "To know New York, simply visit the Oak Bar, and then cross the street to the Royalton." You know what? He was right. The high-browed 44 is the Royalton's modern masterpiece, fashioned in an oblong, white-leather and glass lounge swarming with sexy, swanky Europeans and New Yorkers alike. This spot is a stark contrast from neighboring colonial classic design, epitomizing the complex beauty of Manhattan's architecture. Lounge on leather or settle in at the champagne and vodka bar and enjoy a fabulous soiree to which you are always invited.

**Bar Nine**  
807 9th Avenue  
Between 53rd & 54th Streets  
212.399.9336

One would never suspect that such a small doorway could lead into a bar with such an interesting history. Come through the old door shaft of this cozy Hell's Kitchen spot and pass through what the Engineers Union of 1914 used to call the last doorway in Manhattan. Newer additions include three long rooms with Victorian armchairs serving as both cocktail booths and dinner seating. A great artsy/corporate/music-biz after-work joint or a late-night lounge, sometimes enlivened by the occasional swing or jazz band.

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Daily 4:30pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
American

Nearest

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

Leave your thoughts of cabaret and gender bending behind. Forget fuzzy drinks and theme parties. Birdland is a jazz club for the serious jazz aficionado, yet don't expect any worn wooden walls holding romantic history. The supper club seating (decorated a la airport bar) is totally functional. An evening at Birdland is as good as its performer and Birdland continually books international jazz and Latino musicians of considerable acclaim. So come with a date for your \$10 drink minimum, but plan on another stop to chat after the show, for the regulars strictly enforce a 'quiet policy' during the sets.

**Bistro Latino**  
1711 Broadway @ West 54th Street  
212.245.7099

Can I get some Yucca fries with that shake? Who knew that lurking above 54th Street there was such a gem of an evening experience to be had. Even if the spandex is tight, these little ladies shake their tailfeathers while the men groove around them. So put your Cha-Cha heels on for dancing every night, Monday through Wednesday by DJ, and live music the rest of the week. If you're a beginner, come Thursday through Sunday for lessons. Then step to the romantic crystal adorned table and dine on Chef Rafael Palomino's Yucca-crusted tuna, Ecuadorian ceviche, and Argentinean steak before dancing the night away.

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

Within the center of Manhattan's concrete jungle exists a little pocket of loveliness. Invite yourself to this continual garden soiree of perfumed professionals and cultural elite. Come and appreciate the public park's beauty, as well as occasional concerts and film screenings from the rooftop and side patios. The cocktail hour can be quite crazy on a fair-weathered weekday, but the continual draw is for the Epicurean dining. Enjoy the upscale continental cuisine while, if not forgetting you are in New York City, appreciating a different side of it.

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.birdlandjazz.com

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

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

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
Latin American

Nearest  
Subway  
B,D,E to  
7th Avenue

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Daily 11:30am-  
12am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
American/  
Continental

Nearest

Type of  
Establishment  
Comedy Club/  
Restaurant  
Hours  
Varies Daily  
Drink Prices  
Moderate  
Food  
American  
Nearest  
Subway  
1,9 to  
50th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

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  
M \$20 Cover  
Th \$10-\$20  
Cover

Type of  
Establishment  
Club/Live  
Music  
Hours  
Tu 6pm-4am  
Th-F 6pm-4am  
Sa 10pm-4am  
Su 5pm-2am

**Caroline's**  
1626 Broadway  
Between 49th & 50th Streets  
212.956.0101

Need a change from the seriously and uptight bar scene and just want to kick back and laugh. Try Caroline's and experience one of the most popular and prestigious comedy venues in the city. Down a couple of cold ones, grab a handful of nachos and sit back as scores of established and ambitious stand-ups work you into hysterics. Having hosted Billy Crystal, Whoopie Goldberg, Chris Rock, Jerry Seinfeld, and just about everybody that's passed through *Saturday Night Live*, there's more than ample opportunity for you to catch a rising star.

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



Think *Scarface* meets *SportsCenter*, disregard the Chinese theme, add multi-colored neon and scores of pumping and grinding bodies, and you've got yourself midtown's hottest nightclub. Many nights, The China Club is a prime perch for spotting the sport celebrities and entertainment industry big-wigs that frequent this dance club. Whether you're at the bar, on the dancefloor, or one of the lucky few invited into the VIP sections, the blaring house music will find you. A staple of uptown nightlife for years, this midtown replacement breathes a little late-night excitement into midtown.

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

Hike up your skirt, slick back your hair, throw on your Cha-Cha heels, and prepare to talk body language. Hips talk and bodies glide across these crowded weekend fiestas. In this 70s disco throwback arena, all boroughs come to represent their dancing abilities and enjoy themselves. Call for buffet nights and come with your appetite for their all-you-can-

shake it all away on the dance floor.

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

Pre- and post-theater events need not be indulgent diatribes between overly-educated artists. Come here for simple (and often shameless) cabaret seven-nights-a-week, cover free. Slink along a black lacquer bar with golden track-lighting above, slide next to the open mics and debate with friends over which Judy Garland impersonator is better. This conversation may continue past the after-work crowd and into the lounge for a true showcase where various performers mock, and perform, in the highest regard for camp, kitsch and Broadway.

**Faces & Names**  
159 West 54th Street  
Between 6th & 7th Avenues  
212.586.9311

Looking for something a little fun and interesting in midtown, yet would rather bypass the screaming neon, Prozac-filled stuffed animals and \$80 cover charges, try Faces & Names. During the week, it's a simple bar with caricatures of the famous and fabulous lining the walls great old-timer bartenders and counter-seating wrap around the outer windows and walls accomodating theatergoers and suits alike, though at much less than you'd pay at most midtown haunts. Then on weekends come in for a little piano and live jazz — minus the midtown hassle.

**Film Center Cafe**  
635 9th Avenue  
Between 44th & 45th Streets  
212.262.2525

The mixture of downtown and uptown, Hollywood glam, New York grit, 50s diner decor, and a modern/healthy classic menu culminate here drawing people in large numbers. Regulars often crowd the bar, while many meet weekly with groups in large tables in the back or simply relax up-front with great drinks and good conversation. If none of this appeals to you, try looking up and examining the clippings, footage and stills of old Hollywood classics adorning the walls and

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  
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  
Nearest

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, V, MC,  
Diners

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

**FireBird Cafe**

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

An authentic Baroness and her husband converted two brownstones on midtown's Restaurant Row to resemble this pre-revolutionary style, 1927 St. Petersburg mansion. Within its four dining rooms, two bars, museum and sitting room/piano lounge, the decadence of Czarist Russia has been recreated to give the visitors a precious glimpse into that era. Keep this spot in mind when designing that special evening with the one you love, or perhaps the one you wish to woo.

**Float**

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

Chic is costly, and you start paying here by just getting past erratic bouncers with merciless guest lists. But then... drift in a sea of Euro-meets-America hype of stimulating perfumes, designs and tongues. Join the collective bliss of gorgeous girls in sparse tops revealing fake 80s tans and guys in tailored shirts. Throw up your arms in ecstasy to house music and blinding strobe lights on the main deck. But to scale the VIP ladder here you must again be on some enigmatic list... If it gets too much, try relaxing on the couches behind the bar.

**Flute**

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

An old speakeasy created by Parisian, Herve Rousseau, Flute is luxurious and indulgent, while perfectly simple and subtle. The list of stars and business moguls that understandably frequent this intimate basement alcove is



plentiful, but without the plastic trendiness or tackiness of other 'see and be seen' spots. Come here for a divine sampling of over 18 champagnes by the flute, sumptuous appetizers and chocolates flown in weekly from

Paris. Dress to kill, expect to work your way in, but know that behind the bouncers and

**Joe Allen**

326 West 46th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.581.6464



Joe Allen is the Humphrey Bogart of post-theater restaurants. It's simple, straightforward and almost humbling, but possesses 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. For this reason, Joe Allen is no secret written in the stars and you might find yourself dining next to Kevin Spacey, Christian Slater or Tony Danza.

**Kit Kat Klub**

124 West 43rd Street  
Between 6th Avenue & Broadway  
212.819.0377

The sign out front reads, "In here life is beautiful." The young multi-culti crowd extends down the block. They're tired of waiting and anxious to get in. They can hear the music blaring and they all want a piece of the Kit Kat. Some nights, it's a giant club filled with party-goers intoxicated by the bright lights, booming system and giant disco balls. Other nights, it's a cabaret or Broadway theatre house. May we suggest the skybox upstairs. It has a service bar and comfortable leopard-covered couches.

**La Nueva Escuelita**

301 West 39th Street @ 8th Avenue  
212.631.0588

Enter this disco underground and get schooled in the sacred art of flamboyant affairs at La Nueva Escuelita. Drag queens galore will entertain as you salsa away the evening in midtown's secret carnival of sexes, colors and continents. 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 lesbians. Ricky Martin — eat your heart out, these boys will eat you alive.

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant

Hours  
Th-F 12pm-  
2am

Sa-Su  
11:30am-  
2am

M-Tu 12pm-  
2am W  
11:30am-2am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
American

Nearest  
Subway A,C,E  
to  
42nd Street

Credit Cards  
V, MC

Type of  
Establishment  
Club/Cabaret

Hours  
F 9:30pm-4am  
Sa-Su  
10:30pm-  
4am

Drink Prices  
Expensive

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
1,2,3,9 to 42nd  
Street

Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of  
Establishment  
Club

Hours  
Th-Su 10pm-  
5am

Drink Prices  
Moderate

Food  
N/A

Nearest  
Subway  
A,C,E to  
42nd Street

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

**Le Bar Bat**

311 West 57th Street  
Between 8th & 9th Avenues  
212.307.7228

At one time a recording studio to such legends as Frank Sinatra, Jimi Hendrix, Aretha Franklin, The Ramones, Stevie Wonder and more, this space has since transformed into a three level, cavernous bat cave-like venue for R&B, funk and rock bands, networking, and even the occasional 'Jewish Singles' party. "It's the type of place that, when Rod Stewart got laryngitis and canceled his concert, his band just came and played here," says management. Find a cozy corner and share a famous (and dangerous) flaming bowl of Bat Bite.

**Oak Room (Algonquin)**

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

Throw on that favorite tweed coat, not forgetting the shiny pair of spectacles and you'll feel right at home here. Demand a Manhattan from the courteous waiter while you casually reminisce of days bygone when drinks were simple and integrity was still a virtue. Reclining in one of the plush velvet armchairs in the hotel's gorgeous oak-paneled lobby, it's hard not to imagine the heated debates that once raged here between the likes of such literary giants as Sinclair Lewis and William Faulkner. Eventually, though, you may find yourself wandering next door to enjoy authentic jazz and cabaret.

**Otis**

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

Aspiring to bring a touch of SoHo up to Hell's Kitchen, this relaxed lounge is like a fashionable sweat-suit: it's got all the elements of comfort, and yet when you slip into it you feel rather sexy. Frequented by music industry managers and artists, as well as the wide world of MTV who come to listen to their new singles on the jukebox. Drop in during happy hour and stay till four simply 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



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 this classic hotel. Twenty-three floors up, the spacious indoor and outdoor seating of this sexy midtown vista is 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.

**Revolution**

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

Are you a downtowner feeling lost and out of place in midtown? Well, there's no need to make a scene in some cheezy packed theme bar. With its surprisingly tasty menu, Revolution offers a non-threatening, yet hip environment right in the heart of Hell's Kitchen. Dine in the back, crash in the cozy oversized armchairs up front and expect to make friends, especially on the crowded dance floor. They hail from all over the city and beyond, but somehow everybody gets along. Come early, because there's usually a line at the door.

**Russian Vodka Room**

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

Although the decor resembles an American airport hotel lobby, the authentic Russian attitude make up for this venue's shortcomings. Select from over 52 vodkas or one of their own 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. Don't worry about feeling like a lush, there are plenty of contenders here to challenge your vodka capacity. If vodka isn't doing it for you, feast on inexpensive, exotic Russian cuisine.

Type of  
Establishment  
Bar/Lounge  
Hours  
Daily 4pm-  
12am  
Closed  
Sunday

Drink Prices  
Expensive  
Food  
Appetizers  
Nearest  
Subway  
E,F to  
53rd Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

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

Type of Establishment  
Lounge/  
Live Music  
Hours  
Daily 8am-4am  
Drink Prices  
Inexpensive  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
A,C,E to 42nd Street  
Credit Cards  
AmEx, V, MC

**Savoy Lounge**

355 West 41st Street @ 9th Avenue  
212.947.5255

Don't expect chic martini-infused patrons at this lounge. Although it has cleaned up its act, hints of its red-light, pre-Giuliani days still remain. A fantasyland for the liquor lover awaits you early at the bar, tended nightly by the loving and loca Willie Jean. The evening then shifts gears around 9 p.m. and exceptional jazz and blues bands play until 4 a.m.



Apparently, at the month's end, when the postal workers cash in their checks, it's quite a happening morning spot for fans of liquid breakfasts. Forget sorrows and sobriety, and join the Savoy family for smiles and excellent entertainment.

**Supper Club**

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

Swing for your supper and you will be suppin' in style. The love of 40s fancy dress, flirtatious chivalry, and above all, fabulous big band music has passed the test of time and kept this joint jumpin'. Allow the appreciation for swing unite you with others dancers. Eight and 16-piece-orchestras play for an evening's entertainment complete with tap and swing revues at 9:30 p.m., lessons at 11 p.m., and an open dancefloor that keeps going straight through close. Bring a date for dinner or look for one while dancing and make sure to check your inhibitions at the door.

**Swing 46**

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

Jump, jive and wail your way over to Restaurant Row's Swing 46. Slide into a world of smooth moves, classy courting and an appreciation for fantastic jazz and swing music. At 9:15 p.m., live bands accompany the dance classes for beginners and professionals alike, playing well into the night. Feeling lazy, then try the "Design-Your-Own Pasta" meals, while you watch and appreciate the in-class entertainment.

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, V, MC

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Live Music  
Hours  
Daily 12pm-2am  
Drink Prices  
Moderate  
Food  
Italian  
Nearest

**Time (The Time)**

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

Finally, a place to escape the grimy, street hustle and tourist bustle of Times Square. Located on the second floor of the designer hotel, The Time, this 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.

**Vintage**

753 9th Avenue  
Between 50th & 51st Streets  
212.581.4655

Vintage seems to possess all the valued qualities of the one you wish to marry. Decorated like a straightforward bar/cafe with classy accents of art deco and just a touch of European influence, well liked by friends of all gay, straight, corporate, arty, black and Latino crowds (as well as the casts of *RENT* and *Footloose*). Here you can visit to laugh, cry or talk business. And, they offer a menu boasting 100+ assorted martinis, including the Chocolate Banana Spilt, the Tiki Martini and the Safe Sex Martini. Sunday's and Monday's live jazz performances are definite crowd pleasers.

**Whiskey Bar (Paramount)**

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

Show us the way to the next whiskey bar, because if they all look like this one, the world would be a much slicker and sexier place. Add a little uptown flavor to your Times Square experience, maybe sipping martinis at the velvet-by-candlelight tables for two. Your romantic moment, though, may be interrupted by the sheer number of visitors to this legendary bar. If you're looking for love, the young and affluent use this spot to play *Love Connection*. Don't forget to stop off in the hotel lobby which, with its modern minimalist use of glass, steel and tile, is absolutely stunning.

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Lounge  
Hours  
Daily 12pm-2am  
Drink Prices  
Expensive  
Food  
Tapas/  
Mediterranean  
Nearest Subway  
C,E to 50th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Daily 11am-4am  
Drink Prices  
Moderate  
Food  
American  
Nearest Subway  
C,E to 50th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
M-F 4pm-4am  
Sa-Su 3pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
Expensive  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest

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

Tired of the hunting scenes, fireplaces, plaid pillows and pill boxes adorning the lobby bars of midtown's luxurious hotels? Slip into the sleek lounge at the Trump Parc Hotel where the pillows are plush and velvet and the candlelight seductive. While this Whiskey Bar is a little less frenetic than its 'fab' affiliate at the Paramount, you can still watch the European, corporate and beautiful crowd court each other. Come by day with the tourists and watch the life of Central Park South from the large windows by the bar, and stay for some slow star gazing and relaxed schmoozing.

### Zanzibar

645 9th Avenue @ 45th Street  
212.957.9197

Hell's Kitchen's newest addition has gained popularity quicker than the newest member of a cheerleading team. Described by the chef as a Mediterranean groove bar, sample French, Moroccan, Spanish, or Italian food, complimentary sweet potato chips, or their very own 'Millennium Martini.' Wednesday through Saturday are the best nights featuring various musical performances. Its 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 head back to the retro fireplace/pillow lounge in the back. You will drink, meet, and mingle with hip after-workers and midtown adventurers who swarm to this eclectic mixture of people, music, decor and flavors.

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

Credit Cards  
All Major