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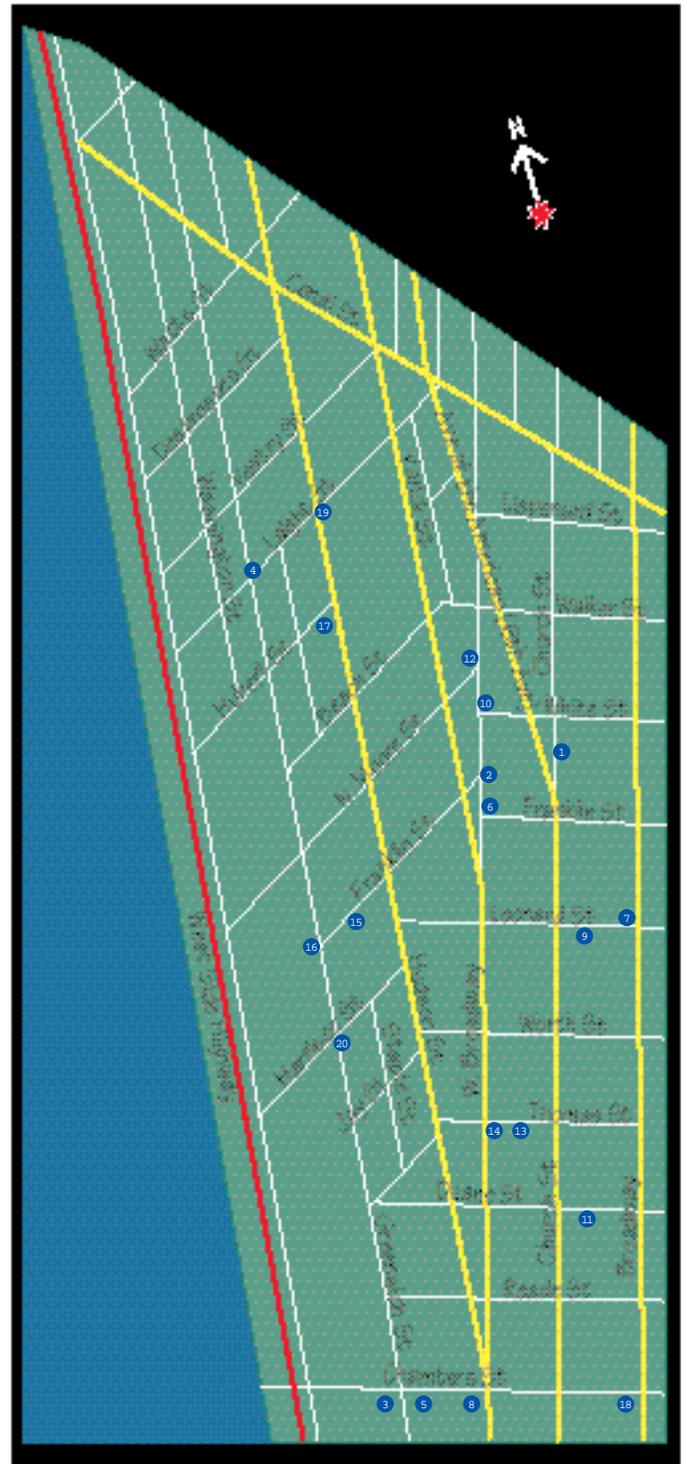




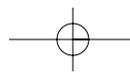
Like most neighborhoods south of 14th Street, lower Manhattan has changed drastically both geographically and demographically over the past 20 years.

The Financial District, aside from the emergence of the 'city within a city' Battery Park complex, is relatively the same as it was a decade ago. However TriBeCa has experienced significant upheaval, the least of which is gaining identity as a distinct neighborhood. Dubbed by real estate interests to refer to the Triangle Below Canal, the term is actually a misnomer as the area resembles more of a trapezoid. Boundaries began emerging about a decade after SoHo was settled by artists and musicians fleeing the high rents in the Village. Similarly, escalating living costs in SoHo drove the next wave down into TriBeCa. They may have followed the SoHo model in converting the cavernous lofts to housing, but So-SoHo the area is not. The residents are a pleasant mix of young families, ladder-scaling corporates and artists.

Bustling and fast-paced during working hours, the Financial District pretty much sleeps during the night, except for a handful of popular bars and eateries. The majority of the action going on down here at night is in TriBeCa — in its bars, galleries, performance spaces and, of course, the restaurants along Hudson and Franklin Streets — the area's most famous restaurateur Robert DeNiro owns a number including Layla and Tribeca Grill. With the Financial District ever-bulging at the seams, and TriBeCa polishing its nameplate, it's likely the area will grow more cosmopolitan, exciting, and certainly more expensive.



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Type of Establishment
Restaurant/
Lounge

Hours
Su-T 6:30pm-12am
W-Sa 6:30pm-2am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food Eclectic

Nearest Subway
A,C,E,N,R to Canal Street

Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

2seven7
277 Church Street
Between Franklin & White
(212) 625-0505

Once you've found this dreamy TriBeCa hideaway, sink into its cushiony royal-blue couches with padded backs arching to the sky and eat dinner in an open space where walls are playing with warm, flickering candles, hidden flowers and cool, cloudy gray paint. Enjoy the groovy downstairs lounge as you wait for your table, and read the smart, transparent menu against the eye-catching, curved tables which glimmer like fireflies in the dark. The heavenly couches carry you off into the black wall clouds as the DJ spins groove, funk and hip-hop for an upbeat, young and fashionable downtown crowd.

Type of Establishment
Lounge

Hours
Su-Th 5pm-2am
F-Sa 5pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food Caviar/Sushi

Nearest Subway
1,9 to Franklin Street

Credit Cards
All Major

Bubble Lounge
228 West Broadway
Between Franklin & White
(212) 431-3433

No doubt, what sparkles here is the champagne. Women in black dresses and guys in Gap shirts with big cigars like to sit in unromantically grouped but aristocratically comfortable couches and chairs and listen to house music while sipping a Le Comte de Monte-Cristo. Brut and Tattinger posters, and high ceilings with lots of fans attract a downtown and after-work crowd, during the week and some 'bridge and tunnel' on weekends. If you want to feel like a VIP, check out the Cru Room downstairs. Live music on Mondays.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Club

Hours
W-Sa 4pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food Gourmet Pizza

Nearest Subway
1,9 to Rector Street

Credit Cards
All Major

Cafe Remy
104 Greenwich Street
Between Rector & Carlisle
(212) 267-4646

Are you one of those suits who, after dark, loves to slink off to the sleazy parts of the Financial District and get down to mambo dancing? A Latino gentleman in a gray zoot and white patent leather shoes will teach you, inexperienced gringa, the essentials of Latin rhythms on the sopping upstairs dance floor. There are some serious dancers at Cafe Remy, and they are a pleasure to watch. Patrick Swayze could've learned some real nasty dancin' here.

City Wine & Cigar Co.
62 Laight Street @ Greenwich Street
(212) 334-2274

Whether you're 20 or 50, come have a snack at the spacious, cool and functional bar. Dine on spicy Spanish food in the intimate chef's room or the dining room, or knowingly dip a cigar in cognac at the cherry wood cigar bar featuring humidors and showcases with just about any tool a cigar aficionado's heart desires. Crowded on weekdays with business people, and a mixed crowd on weekends, they all agree on one thing: cigar smoking is hip. There's a cigar shop with an international selection, and wine/cigar lockers for members.

Edward Moran Bar & Grill
250 Vesey Street @ North End
(4 World Financial Center)
(212) 945-2255

It can take you 45 minutes to squeeze by the animated business suits at Moran. The corporate world unwinds in this relaxed pub after another delirious day at the stock market. The main attraction here, besides its interminably long indoor space, is the enormous outdoor cafe right on the pier, where you can watch the Statue of Liberty, big yachts coming in, a music performance, and finally the sunset over New Jersey. Four brunch menus on the weekends and extra beer stands in the summer keep the crowds happy.

El Teddy's
219 West Broadway @ Franklin
(212) 941-7071

You can't miss it: A wickedly colorful airplane (or is it an insect or a big mushroom?) picks you up outside and lands you in a cool interior with white Spanish tiles and mosaics, which, together with Liz Taylor's portrait and a staff taking itself too seriously, sobers you up immediately. The fun of Carlos Castaneda's peyote trip is over — but the hip straight and gay downtown crowd doesn't seem to notice. They merrily enjoy the psychedelic rock and the 'Naked Lunch monster insect' tables as much as the exotic margaritas and burritos in the sophisticated bar area, the diner-like back room, or bustling sidewalk cafe.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
M-Sa 5:30pm-2am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food International

Nearest Subway
1,9 to Franklin Street

Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

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

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food American Bistro

Nearest Subway
1,9,N,R to Cortlandt Street

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
M-F 5pm-12am
Sa-Su 5:30pm-1am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food Mexican

Nearest Subway
1,9 to Franklin Street

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment
Restaurant/Club

Hours
Th 5:30pm-1am
F 5:30pm-4am
Sa 10pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$

Food
Cajun/Soul

Nearest Subway
1,9 to Franklin Street

Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

Fahrenheit (Peppers)
349 Leonard Street @ Broadway
(212) 343-2824

Dinner jackets, shiny shoes and long dresses are spiced up with soul, Cajun and Caribbean food, live jazz and blues at Peppers. The long glossy black bar and artworks with an African theme give this spacious locale a Harlem 30s feel, which attracts an upscale New Jersey crowd (free parking lot) and tourists. Fahrenheit, the club downstairs with a strict dress code, offers plenty of dance space and a good sound system. Wednesdays and Sundays are lesbian nights, Thursdays reggae, Fridays comedy or Latin parties, and world music on Saturdays.

Greatest Bar on Earth
World Trade Center 107th Floor
(212) 524-7000



Located on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center (over 1,300 feet in the sky), this is indisputably the bar with the greatest view on earth. To your right a dazzling view of the Statue of Liberty; to your left an equally picturesque panorama of New York. Rest easy, you're not only paying for the view — the live bands, DJs, drinks (sake to Dom Perignon) and food (the sushi is sumptuous) are all worth the trip into World Trade Center Building #1.

Type of Establishment
Bar/Restaurant

Hours
Daily 4pm-2am

Drink Prices
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Food
Sushi/Raw Bar

Nearest Subway
1,9,N,R to Cortlandt Street

Credit Cards
All Major

Knitting Factory
74 Leonard Street
Between Broadway & Church
(212) 219-3006

Do you want to know what's cooking in the avant-garde jazz, indie rock and experimental music scene? Spend a night at this refreshingly unpretentious downtown Mecca of unusual tunes with New York's intelligentsia of all ages. Listen to internationally renowned stars in the main room, free local bands on their assigned weekdays in the Tap Bar, jazz and poetry with film and video at the Alterknit Room, or well-known artists during their 5-night runs in the Old Office, a loungey cigar bar that also features world music on Tuesdays. Or just have a drink at the main bar, rustically decorated with musical instruments



Liquor Store Bar
235 West Broadway @ White
(212) 226-7121

If the group of artist friends at the round table gives you a funny look, it's because you just came from the Bubble Lounge across the street. This friendly and unpretentious neighborhood artist bar, tucked away in an over 200-year-old building, is standing its ground in an exorbitant TriBeCa neighborhood. Get into the groove of warm obscurity, mysterious jazz, and catch a conversation with the bearded writer at the bar, watch the young woman with short-cropped hair and the artwork earrings or the black hipsters in the outdoor cafe. Or just get a beer from the friendly bartender, smoke a cigarette and feel at home.

Lush
110 Duane Street
Between Broadway & Church
(212) 766-1295

This resolutely cool and stylish bar with loud house music attracts a decidedly hip, yet relaxed downtown crowd, intent on taking over any promising spot. Once you've found it among the crumbling facades, let yourself be overwhelmed by owner Paul Ujlaky's perfectionist sense for space. He built it all — the impressive cherry wood bar, the upholstered gray walls in the spacious main room with elevated seating areas, a separate lounge for private parties and a small, round, spaceship-like room that serves 25 varieties of bourbon.

No Moore
234 West Broadway
@ North Moore Street
(212) 925-2595

It may take a while to figure out exactly what's going on in this music lounge, but it's well worth a try. A fun mix of styles in the triangle-shaped top floor with big inviting windows includes a casual arrangement of refreshingly tacky sofas, wooden floors and stained glass at the pub-like bar. In this unhip atmosphere, a relaxed, young, artsy crowd listens to 70s rock and Jimi Hendrix, while concert music is blaring through the French doors. Follow the tunes, and you'll find yourself on a balcony overlooking a live blues band. Venture downstairs and find yourself a table.

Type of Establishment
Bar

Hours
Daily 12pm-4am

Drink Prices
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Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
1,9 to Franklin Street

Credit Cards
Cash Only

Type of Establishment
Bar/Lounge

Hours
W-Sa 5pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$\$\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
A,C,E to Chambers Street

Credit Cards
MC, V, AmEx

Type of Establishment
Lounge/Live Music

Hours
Daily 5pm-4am

Drink Prices
\$\$

Food
N/A

Nearest Subway
1,9 to Franklin Street

Credit Cards
All Major

Type of Establishment Bar/Restaurant
 Hours M-F 11am-3pm
 Su-Th 6pm-11pm
 F-Sa 6pm-12am
 Drink Prices \$\$\$
 Food Pan-Asian
 Nearest Subway A,C,E to Chambers Street
 Credit Cards MC, V, AmEx

ObeCa Li
 62 Thomas Street
 Between Church & West Broadway
 (212) 393-9887

Cross the wooden bridge into this gigantic Asian temple, and feel important even if you're not Naomi Campbell — who may be dining in the Moongate Room, one of the many chambers and separations generously spread over three floors. Owner Li Ping (Kelly & Ping) knows how to mix ascetic Asian, sleek European and hip New York to give you a feel of sacred privacy in a worldly community. If you like to be part of the fashion and entertainment clan, this is your sanctuary.

Type of Establishment Bar/Restaurant
 Hours Su-W 11:30am-2am
 Th-Sa 11:30am-3am
 Drink Prices \$\$\$
 Food French/American Bistro
 Nearest Subway 1,2,3,9 to Chambers Street
 Credit Cards All Major

Odeon
 145 West Broadway
 Between Duane & Thomas
 (212) 233-0507

This restaurant/bar/street cafe has been around for 20 years and you can tell it's a success — sure of itself and its clientele, it's always crowded. A lively, animated downtown crowd of all ages dines back-to-back in the bistro area, while others chat, smoke and sip a Moscow Mule at the art deco bar. It doesn't take wild decor or loud music to make a place happening — Odeon is proof of that. An understated, sophisticated accent, warm colors and background jazz attract lawyers and judges during the day, suits in the early evening, and the 'fun' downtown crowd later on.



Tribeca Grill
 375 Greenwich Street @ Franklin
 (212) 941-3900

Only a few doors away from Nobu, this lively, upscale TriBeCa venue is mostly visited for its food — the restaurant is always full, and those at the bar are often waiting for a dinner table. A big, square space with exposed brick walls, just the right amount of artwork and background jazz together with a friendly, professional staff make for a typical TriBeCa understated sophistication. A relaxed, poised crowd of all ages dines to animated conversations around the center bar (which can feel a little lost with all the action happening around it).

Vinyl
 6 Hubert Street
 Between Hudson & Greenwich
 (212) 343-1379

Serious club-goers of all ages and creeds flock to this alcohol-free party Mecca to get the ultimate dance experience. The obscure labyrinth, with acid paintings and strobe lights, vibrates to the latest groove. Young hipsters form circles and break it down in the middle. Stay Fresh with house and jungle every first Friday of the month, feel Growth once a month with techno if you belong to an older generation, float around the Goa Trance party with hippies in tie-dyes, or get into a collective sweat to DJ François K's tunes with a mixed, die-hard dance crowd at Body and Soul on Sunday afternoons.

Wall Street Kitchen & Bar
 70 Broad Street @ Beaver
 (212) 797-7070

In this temperate two-floor atrium (one block below the New York Stock Exchange) black suits relax after closing million-dollar deals. The clean design, the abstract artwork, the red walls and orange lamps, and some soft rock provide the balanced background for a predominantly male clientele. They even take off their jackets before ordering a flight of beer — a sampling of four out of the 100 beers offered. There's also a large selection of wines, champagne and liquors. Note: It gets packed on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, but is closed on weekends.

Type of Establishment Bar/Restaurant
 Hours Daily 11:30am-3am
 Drink Prices \$\$
 Food Eclectic American
 Nearest Subway 1,9 to Franklin Street

Riverrun Cafe
 176 Franklin Street
 Between Hudson & Greenwich
 (212) 966-3894

Be it because "Riverrun" was James Joyce's first word in Finnigan's Wake, or that Michael Douglas plotted A Perfect Murder here, this rustic English country-style pub, lost on a TriBeCa side street, has a fine poetic air. Hard-boiled eggs and Man Ray photographs consolidate at the cozy bar, while the diner-like area with little separations features paintings by mostly local artists. It gets crowded on Fridays and Saturdays with a loyal, mixed neighborhood clientele. What they appreciate is Riverrun's unpressured atmosphere and its 365 days a year operation.

Type of Establishment Bar/Restaurant
 Hours M-Sa 5:30pm-11pm
 Su 5:30pm-10pm
 Drink Prices \$\$\$
 Food American Grill
 Nearest Subway 1,9 to Franklin Street
 Credit Cards All Major

Type of Establishment Club
 Hours T-Th 10pm-4am
 F-Sa 11pm-close
 Drink Prices \$\$\$
 Food N/A
 Nearest Subway A,C,E to Canal Street
 Credit Cards Cash Only
 Alcohol Free

Type of Establishment Bar/Restaurant
 Hours M-F 11:30am-12am
 Drink Prices \$\$\$
 Food 4,5 to Bowling Green
 Nearest Subway American
 Credit Cards All Major

Type of Establishment
 Live Music
 Hours
 Daily 8pm-4am
 Drink Prices
 \$\$
 Food
 N/A
 Nearest Subway
 A,C,E,1,9 to Canal Street
 Credit Cards
 MC, V, AmEx

Wetlands
 161 Hudson Street @ Laight
 (212) 966-4225

If you're an old or a nouveau hippie with long hair, tattoos and nose ring, or just love to listen and dance to live music in shorts and a t-shirt, this barely lit, two-floor dive-like club offers it seven days a week. Listen to ska or hardcore on Sunday, jungle on Monday, Grateful Dead-type bands on Tuesday, alternative music on Wednesday and Thursday, funk on Friday, and psychedelic rock on Saturday. The management is keen on educating the public about environmental and animal issues by cluttering the walls with political stickers and posters, and a 'VW van turned shop' sells t-shirts, CDs and buttons.

Type of Establishment
 Bar/Restaurant
 Hours
 Su-Th 11am-2am
 F-Sa 11am-4am
 Drink Prices
 \$\$
 Food
 Mediterranean
 Nearest Subway
 1,9 to Franklin Street
 Credit Cards
 All Major

Yaffa's
 353 Greenwich Street @ Harrison
 (212) 274-9403

Even if you're not part of Yaffa's eclectic family — white collars, wealthy artists, Europeans and neighborhood kids — Phyllis, the friendly bartender who frequented this 40-year-old bar as a teenager, will treat you as such. Whereas the bar evokes a congenial neighborhood diner, the tearoom overwhelms with its rustic-artsy charm, high ceilings, old window front, and owner Yaffa's self-crafted lamps of fake fruits and crystals that would have made Carmen Miranda proud. It gets packed with a young crowd on Fridays and Saturdays, and you can tan all day at the popular outdoor cafe.

