



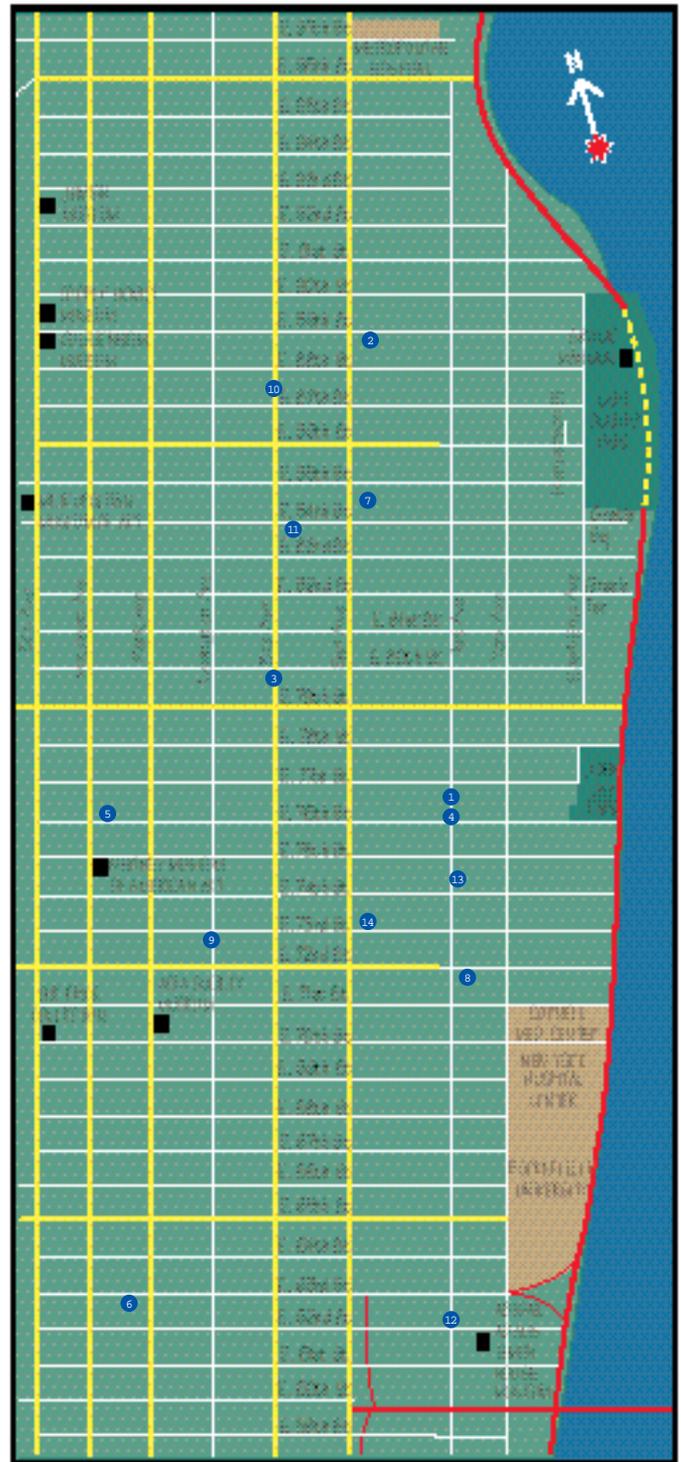
# UPPER EAST SIDE



**Cradling the nest of wealth and power, the Upper East Side's affluent essence radiates from every crack along Park, Madison and Fifth Avenues — engulfing visitors and residents alike.**

From the opulence of the palatial Fifth Avenue highrises facing Central Park to the grandeur of the world-renowned galleries, museums and boutiques that line its streets, the heart of contemporary New York City's high society is firmly entrenched here on the Upper East Side. Some envious of its exclusive and intimidating posterior regard the Upper East Side as absurdly pretentious and dismiss its residents as snobs. The truth is that the Upper East Side is all that, but so much more.

Experiencing the Upper East Side is an afternoon stroll along the famed Museum Mile visiting the Guggenheim or the Met, or treating yourself to a shopping excursion at the ultra-ritzy boutiques along Madison. When night comes down the area shines just as brightly. Unforgettable nights sipping the finest cognacs and delicacies from the area's fine restaurants and supper clubs perfectly accentuate a visit to an art gallery or Broadway show. Loosen your tie and walk a few blocks east to barhop along 2nd and 3rd Avenues, where happy-hours abound as do the throngs of young professionals. For now, sit back, relax, and take it all in.



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Type of Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
Daily 12pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
6 to 77th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

**American Trash**  
1471 1st Avenue  
Between 76th & 77th Street  
(212) 988-9008

Heavy metal blasting, a stuffed buffalo, surfboards on the ceiling, a pinball machine on the wall, a race car, two turtledoves and a partridge in a pear tree. Is it American Trash or all the trash in America? Trash is a neat freak's worst nightmare, but for the record, this biker bar is not dirty, it's junky, on purpose. Judging from the throngs of people that have consistently filled the bar for 10 years (Upper East preps mingle with trailer park chic), American Trash won't be cleaning up its act any time soon. Why mess up a good thing?

Type of Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
Daily 8pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
4,5,6 to 86th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

**Auction House**  
300 East 89th Street  
Between 1st & 2nd Avenue  
(212) 427-4458

Going once ... going twice ... sold to the person looking for an occult edge to their evening. This rococo two-room bar brims with Victorian-style sofas made for a king. But behind the ornate gold mirrors and beneath the intense artwork (namely the one of a woman with an indifferent expression on her face, a bloodless lance in one hand, and a severed head in the other) is an air of spookiness. You'd almost half expect Anne Bolyn, (post beheading) to ask what you're having to drink.

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Daily 5pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
American/  
French  
Nearest Subway  
6 to 77th Street  
Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

**Big Sur**  
1406 3rd Avenue @ 80th Street  
(212) 472-5009

A popular New York magazine rated Big Sur one of the best pickup places in the Big Apple. There are a lot of hotties, but unlike the actual Big Sur in California there are no sharks here. The scamming is subtle. None of those 'I know you're tired cause you've been running through my mind', or 'Do you workout? You're sooo muscular' type scenarios. Just conversation as open and clean as Big Sur's contemporary decor. The affordable menu is American continental with a hint of French, but this attractive 20's-early 30's crowd likes martinis more than meatloaf.

**Brother Jimmy's**  
1461 1st Avenue @ 76th Street  
(212) 288-0999

In this 'frat house meets shotgun shack' setting, transplanted good ol' boys and their lil' ladies mix it up with the Yankees at Brother Jimmy's. If it's true that BBQ and booze is the stuff that makes America strong, this bar/restaurant — with its lethal concoctions served in fish bowls and its spicy gargantuan ribs so soft they slide off the bone — is doing more than its fair share to make sure the U.S. stays a superpower. Simply put, BJ's rewards customers with a finger-licking good time and down-home Southern hospitality.

**Cafe Carlyle (Carlyle Hotel)**  
95 East 76th Street @ Madison  
(212) 570-7189

You think he's a brilliant filmmaker and an even better comedian? The Mia Farrow/Soon Yi escapade threw you for a loop, but you still adore the self deprecating, bespectacled red head? We'll let you in on a secret — every Monday Mr. Allen plays the clarinet in a band that performs at the Cafe Carlyle. The setting is very intimate — performers are practically sitting in the audience's lap — which is great for Eartha Kitt fans that want to hear her cat growl up close. Or catch the ever-endearing Bobby Short as he tears into his 33rd year at the Cafe.

**Club Macanudo**  
26 East 63rd Street  
Between Park & Madison  
(212) 752-8200

Filled with intricate hardwood, comfortable couches, and velvet chairs, this classy cigar lounge and restaurant has spared no expense when it comes to decoration and ambiance. Offering a selection of over 130 cigars from around the world, private humidor and cigar school every Monday, this is the place to come if you're an aspiring cigar aficionado. Though the menu and drinks are pricey, a state-of-the-art ventilation system keeps the visibility and breathability level high. Frequented by cigar lovers from around the city (mostly male), the relaxing environs make for a sophisticated evening out on the town. Note: Jacket required.

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Su-Th 5pm-2am  
F-Sa 5pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
Southern BBQ  
Nearest Subway  
6 to 77th Street  
Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

Type of Establishment  
Cafe/Live Music  
Hours  
M-Sa 8:45pm, 10:45pm  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
International  
Nearest Subway  
6 to 77th Street  
Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx  
\$50 Cover Charge

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
M-T 4pm-12:30am  
W-F 4pm-1:30am  
Sa 5pm-1:30am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
American Bistro  
Nearest Subway  
E,Q to Lexington Avenue  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Cafe  
Hours  
Su-Th 7:30am-12am  
F-Sa 8:30am-2am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
Desserts  
Nearest Subway  
4,5,6 to 86th Street  
Credit Cards  
Cash Only

**DT-UT**  
1626 2nd Avenue  
Between 84th & 85th Street  
(212)327-1327

It's Monday night, you're sitting at home on the Upper East Side, and you can't figure out where to meet a friend for a quick chat and espresso ... Or you're looking for that perfect couch to wind down a date over a glass of wine ... Or even just out to grab a quick chocolate cake fix? You'll all find a niche here to meet your mellow-night standards. With an international list of beers, wines and ports, and a full selection of sweets and cafe creations, DT-UT will keep you busy as you paddle away at your laptop or share a delicious Rice Krispy treat.

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Su-W 11:30am-1:30am  
Th-Sa 11:30am-3am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
Eclectic  
Nearest Subway  
6 to Hunter College  
Credit Cards  
All Major

**Hi-Life Restaurant & Lounge**  
1340 1st Avenue @ 72nd Street  
(212) 249-3600

Just when you thought you'd escaped the flashy neon store fronts that pollute Times Square, just when you thought people were sooo over the 80s giant aquariums that were in every Miami Vice episode, just when you thought a place on the Upper East Side would never even go there, Hi-Life went there, fish tank, neon sign and all. A little gaudy? Yeah. A lot of fun? Definitely. The restaurant is kid friendly in the early evening but after the rug rats have been tucked in, mommy and daddy meet up with their friends, sip martinis, and stuff themselves silly.

Type of Establishment  
Bar  
Hours  
M-Th 4:30pm-2am  
F-Sa 5:30pm-4am  
Su 6pm-2am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
6 to 77th Street  
Credit Cards  
MC, V, AmEx

**Lexington Bar and Books**  
1020 Lexington Avenue @ 73rd Street  
(212) 717-3902

We think it apropos that Lexington Bar and Books is right next door to an actual bookstore. Presumably, if you found yourself dissatisfied with their library, it would only take a minute to purchase your own pulp fiction. Unlike it's older brother down on Hudson Street, this Bar and Books is far bigger and lacks that Village edge — no sneakers, no caps, and shirts must have a collar. Most of the clientele are captains of industry who are not interested in reading. They'd rather get down to business ... a club sandwich, a strong cigar and a potent martini to wash it all down.

**Manny's Car Wash**  
1558 3rd Avenue  
Between 87th & 88th Street  
(212) 369-Blue

It's not a car wash. And it's not a strip club although the bright flashing lights around the marquee are reminiscent of places where men yell, "give me hooters." Manny's Car Wash serves up none of that. No boobs, no lube, just blues and plenty of it seven nights a week. How anything more than a harmonica can fit on the small corner stage is a mystery, but the band starts at 9:30 p.m. and the place is always crowded with uptowners, citywide blues enthusiasts and out-of-towners looking for a down-home good time.

**Martell's**  
1469 3rd Avenue @ 83rd Street  
(212) 879-1717

Martell's is the Upper East Side's version of the neighborhood diner but the continental American fare tastes and looks a lot better. Employees work and play together, patrons work and play with employees, it's one big happy family where regulars like Maria from Korea, Squiggy, and Murphy even have their names engraved in brass plates on the bar. Newcomers may feel like they're encroaching on the 'in crowd,' but after multiple drinks and some crab cakes, you'll be making plans to head out to Fairfield County with one of them soon enough.

**Merchants NY**  
1125 1st Avenue @ 62nd Street  
(212) 832-1551

Why waste your night journeying to a trendy bar for pre-dinner drinks, on to an elegant restaurant for dinner and then to a sexy jazz lounge for after-dinner drinks and cigars, when you can do all that and more in one place? Merchants is one-stop shopping and shifting from one part of the evening to another is as effortless as walking a couple of steps. The moderately priced menu is American cuisine with a Merchant twist — in other words, it too has a lot of different things to offer.

Type of Establishment  
Blues Bar  
Hours  
Su-Th 5pm-2:30am  
F-Sa 5pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
N/A  
Nearest Subway  
4,5,6 to 86th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant  
Hours  
Daily 12pm-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
American  
Nearest Subway  
4,5,6 to 86th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
Bar/Restaurant/Lounge  
Hours  
M-F 5pm-4am  
Sa-Su 11:30am-4am  
Drink Prices  
\$\$  
Food  
American  
Nearest Subway  
4,5,6 to 59th Street  
Credit Cards  
All Major

Type of Establishment  
 Bar  
 Hours  
 M-Th 5pm-2am  
 F-Sa 5pm-4am  
 Drink Prices  
 \$\$  
 Food Bar Menu  
 Nearest Subway  
 6 to 77th Street  
 Credit Cards  
 All Major

**Tar Bar**  
 1412 1st Avenue  
 Between 74th & 75th Street  
 (212) 570-5704

While candle shadows dance on the wall, Barry White croons in the background, singles mingle effortlessly at the bar, old friends catch-up while playing pool, and first dates get to know each other better in the booths. The Tar Bar caters to an older set (veterans of the disco era who've still got a little boogie in them) but mature Gen Xers are welcome. The place has got the kind of class that money can't buy and the staff, from owner Vincent on down, has a refreshing 'mi casa es su casa' type attitude.

Type of Establishment  
 Bar/Restaurant  
 Hours  
 Su-Th 5pm-2am  
 F-Sa 5pm-4am  
 Drink Prices  
 \$\$  
 Food American  
 Nearest Subway  
 6 to 77th Street  
 Credit Cards  
 All Major

**Trilogy Bar & Grill**  
 1403 2nd Avenue @ 73rd Street  
 (212) 794-1870

If this bar were downtown it'd have peanut shells on the floor and neon bar signs haphazardly hung on the walls. But Trilogy is on the Upper East Side so the floor is spotless, framed pictures hang perfectly, and instead of Chex Mix you have a complete and extremely affordable menu which ranges from fried calamari to mesculan salad. Though one wouldn't expect it from a bar that has more than its fair share of cardigan and khaki wearing yuppies, Trilogy has the recipe for a cheap good time. Guessing heads or tails correctly on Flip Night Tuesday wins you a free drink.