

Transportation

- AirTrain/Subway from JFK - \$7.50
 - You can either take the LIRR or the E to Penn Station.
 - You can also take the Airtrain to the Howard Beach Station and then get on the A train.
- Uber is super easy
- Car Service - \$89 with tax, tolls, and tip
 - [Groundlink Car Service](#)
- Getting around Manhattan
 - You should download the [HopStop](#) App to your phone. It's the best app for navigating the subways!

Where to Stay

- Greenwich Village
 - [Washington Square Hotel](#)
- East Village
 - [Bowery Hotel](#)
- Upper West Side
 - [Hotel Beacon](#) - West 75th Street and Broadway
 - [The Empire Hotel](#) - West 63rd Street and 9th Ave.
 - [The Hudson Hotel](#) - West 58th and 9th Ave. (small rooms)
- Midtown
 - [Ace Hotel](#) - West 29th St. and 5th Ave.
 - [Standard Hotel](#) - 848 Washington at 13th Street
 - [W Hotel](#) - 541 Lexington Ave.

Restaurants

- More recommendations can be found [here!](#)
- [Raffetto's](#) is our all-time favorite Italian market. You get fresh pasta, meats, and cheeses. It's cash-only!
- Brunch
 - Must try [Normal's](#) in Le Parker Meridien. It's the best brunch we've ever had and then you can take a long walk in Central Park after to work off the meal!
 - [The Jane](#) and [The Smith](#) are both fantastic for brunch, lunch, and dinner. It's American food with great cocktails and large portions.
 - [Bubby's](#) is a great spot in Tribeca to bring kids and the menu is extensive. They don't take reservations, but it's a large restaurant and it moves quickly. You can then walk out to the Hudson and enjoy the parks nearby.
 - [Tartine](#) is one of our favorite spots in the West Village. They have a \$15 brunch and it's a little spot in the West Village that is cash only. Get there early as there's usually a wait!
 - Another great brunch is at [Balthazar](#) - definitely order the pastry basket.
 - [Freemans](#) - cutest restaurant down an alley with really delicious food and reasonably priced.
- Lunch/Dinner
 - Italian
 - [Carbone](#) - located in Greenwich Village and is a contemporary Italian American restaurant; the food is amazing (best Caesar salad we've had!) but it's pricey and you need reservations (they book up 1 month out).
 - [Don Angie](#) - located in the West Village and is a new trendy spot; flavorful and

unique dishes that are meant to be shared; smaller plate sizes but really delicious.

- [Locanda Verde](#) (for dinner) - Such great Italian food in Tribeca. Reservations can be tough, but if they do have anything free (even if it's 5:30), we highly recommend it! You could tour the World Trade Center and then walk to Locanda Verde.
- [Arturo's](#) is a really fun pizza spot that has a guy that plays the piano in Greenwich Village.
- Other good Italian food is [Bar Pitti](#) (cash only and one of our favorites)
- [Lombardi's Pizza](#) - Home of the first pizza in NYC. Good pizzas and salads in Soho - cash only.
- [Otto](#) - Great for groups. Good pizza and Italian food.
- [Numero 28](#) is also good for groups.
- Chinese & Sushi
 - [Kotobuki](#) - really fresh sushi that's reasonable priced and in the East Village
 - [Han Dynasty](#) - order the scallion pancakes and dan dan noodles!
- Steakhouse
 - [Four Charles](#) - known for their burger (seriously order at least 1!) and prime rib. Reservations are a must.
 - [Beatrice Inn](#) - the steak and kale salad are so good and it's got a really swanky vibe.
 - [Strip House](#) - Steak house - so good with a fun atmosphere!
- Indian
 - [Sapphire](#) - Delicious Indian food a few short blocks from Lincoln Center.
- Spanish/Mexican
 - [Rosa Mexicano](#) - Multiple locations all of which have good Mexican food, especially tableside guac, but it's not like CA!
- Mediterranean
 - [Soulvaki](#) - is an amazing Greek spot in the Lower East Side. They take reservations so call a week ahead.
 - [Fig and Olive](#) - in Meatpacking. It's some of the best Mediterranean food. Definitely order the crostini sampler! You could eat here if you walk the highline.
 - [Kefi](#) - Great Greek food at a reasonable price on the Upper West Side
- American
 - [Stanton Social](#) - small plates and really tasty food!
 - [Whitehall](#) in the West Village is really fun, good for groups and solid American food
- Theater Restaurants - places near Broadway shows
 - [Bello Restaurant](#) - Italian
 - [La Rivista](#) - Italian
 - [Hell's Kitchen](#) - Mexican

Activities

- Rent Citi bikes and bike the southern tip of Manhattan; it's our most favorite activity to do with friends visiting as you get a totally unique perspective of the city. You can stop for a bite to eat or drink at PJ Clarke's, which is right on the water.
- Get banana pudding from [Magnolia Bakery](#) - it's seriously the BEST!
- Get drinks at the [Honorable William Wall](#) - it's a barge in the middle of the Hudson. You take a boat to get there and have the most amazing views of the city. Drinks are really cheap and you

can bring food with you.

- Walk Central Park and grab drinks and appetizers at [Tavern on the Green](#).
- [Highline](#) - You could start at the top of the highline at West 33rd street and 10th Ave. and then walk down to the end of it (ends in Meatpacking) and have lunch in either Meatpacking or Chelsea Market.
- Visit [Chelsea Market](#) - an old warehouse building with lots of gourmet food and specialty shops
- [Eataly](#) - Amazing Italian food!
- [NYC Food Walking Tour](#) - explore some of NYC's finest food neighborhoods by tasting the cuisine on foot.