

Researching Children, Global Childhoods & Education

Neighborhood Guide

Getting Around

1. Hopstop

www.hopstop.com is a life-saving website for moving around New York City. It provides great directions for walking and navigating public transportation and even takes up-to-the-minute service changes into account. Here's what you do:

- Go to the URL and click on NY
- Enter your starting address (can be a landmark like JFK Airport or an intersection)
- Enter your destination address
- Select the time you plan to depart from the dropdown menu
- Select your preferred mode of transportation
- Input your preference over "more street walking" or "more transfers"
- Press "Get Directions" and your route will be calculated!

Coffee and Cafes

1. Birch Coffee

@ The Gershwin Hotel

5 E 27th Street (btwn 5th + Madison)

7 am - 9 pm (M - F) 8 am - 9 pm (Sat) 8 am - 8 pm (Sun)

<http://www.birchcoffee.com/>

A fantastic cup of coffee and a simple, chic environment. Birch also serves sandwiches, beer, and wine.

2. Stumptown Coffee

18 W 29th Street (btwn 5th + Broadway)

6 am to 8pm daily

<http://www.stumptowncoffee.com/locations/nyc-ace>

The coffee (and espresso) is strong and delicious, the Ace Hotel is funky, and the baristas look like they could play in a 1930s jug band.

Restaurants

1. Artisanal

2 Park Avenue (entrance on 32nd)

Mon-Fri, 10:45am-10:45pm; Sat, 10:30am-10:45pm; Sun, 10:30am-10pm

<http://www.artisanalbistro.com/>

Good French Brasserie fare, a wide selection of cheese and charcuterie, and reasonable (for NYC) three course lunch and dinner prix fixe menus (lunch, \$24.07; dinner, \$35).

2. Baden Baden Restaurant

28 W. 32nd St., 2nd fl. (btwn 5th + 6th)

Sun-Thu, 5pm-2am; Fri-Sat, 5pm-4am

<http://nymag.com/listings/restaurant/restaurant-forte-baden/>

Have you ever eaten Korean fried chicken? You should. Not every day, but every so often. As New York Magazine says, "Korean-style fried chicken is cooked in a rotisserie to an exquisite tenderness, let to cool slightly, and then deep-fried, giving it a perfect combination of yielding moistness and crisp, garlicky exterior. The best in town is Baden Baden, a hard-to-find sports bar on an upper floor of K-Town, where the chicken is served sauceless, in all its stark brilliance."

3. Josie's Restaurant

565 Third Avenue (@37th)

Mon-Thu, noon-10:30pm; Fri, noon-11pm; Sat, 11:30am-11pm; Sun, 11am-10pm

http://josiesnyc.com/josie_east/josie_east.html

With a focus on local, organic produce, this restaurant caters to vegetarians and meat-eaters alike. The wide ranging menu is mostly dairy-free and tends towards Asian-fusion although you will also find a char-grilled natural beef burger and ancho-rubbed grilled salmon.

4. Kunjip

9 W. 32nd Street (btwn 5th + 6th)

Open 24 hours

<http://kunjip.net/>

Most of the Korean restaurants on 32nd Street (btwn. 5th + 6th) are quite good. Kunjip is a favorite! Delicious and reasonable Korean food such as casseroles, stews, BBQ, and rice dishes.

5. Ravagh Persian Grill

11 E. 30th Street (near 5th)

Daily, 11am-11pm

<http://nymag.com/listings/restaurant/ravagh-persian-grill02/>

A simple, reasonably priced Iranian restaurant serving meze-like appetizers, yummy kebobs, stews, and grilled fish.

Bars

1. Failte Irish Whiskey Bar

531 Second Avenue (near 30th)

Daily, 11am-4am

<http://failtenyc.com/>

Down home Irish pub with limited pub-food menu.

2. Enoteca I Trulli
122 E. 27th Street (near Lexington)
Mon-Fri, 3pm-11pm; Sat-Sun, noon-11pm
<http://itrulli.com/>

Chic Italian wine bar.

3. Me Bar
La Quinta Hotel (rooftop, 14th fl.)
Sun-Tue, 5:30pm-2am; Wed-Sat, 5:30pm-4am
http://nymag.com/listings/bar/me_bar/

Fabulous views of the Empire State Building, relatively inexpensive drinks, a pile of takeout menus, and it's all right upstairs!