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The GLS – Graduate Law Society

This guide will help you to get some information about the city and you can turn to it when you want to find an interesting place to have a dinner or a cool museum to catch on a free Sunday afternoon, but the most important message from us, former LLMs to you is that the best information and the best support you will get from one another!

Graduate Law Society is a student organization for LLMs that gets funds from Cardozo to organize fun activities and get better connection within the group. Take advantage of this opportunity and reach for businesses, law firms, and companies to be more involved. If you will be elected as GLS officials you will be able to make a change and show influence.

You go to Cardozo Law. This is a great school with amazing professors and the friendliest atmosphere. Reach out! Trust your classmates! Ask them for help and give a hand when someone needs it. You will learn that Cardozo connections work not only horizontally (between you and the students you study with) but also vertically (with alumni or future - about to be admitted students).

Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim out to it!

This will be the best year of your lives.
From the airport to the city

Upon your arrival to one of New York’s airports, you have several opportunities to get into Manhattan. As a general tip: Go to the Ground Transportation Information Desk at the airport. They will let you know which transportation is available.

The following links are very helpful:
http://gonyc.about.com/cs/airlinesairports/a/getto_jfk.htm
http://www.panynj.gov/commuting-traveling.html

TAXIS
They are one of the most expensive ways to commute into the city.

From JFK:
- to Manhattan: $52 flat fare plus toll and to the first destination, to Brooklyn: Fares vary with the destination. Going to Downtown Brooklyn costs around $48-52 (plus toll and tip, of course). From LaGuardia: The fare ranges between $28-32.
- From Newark: A ride costs between $50-75 plus tip and $5 surcharge.

VAN SERVICES
A very convenient alternative to cabs are van services like SuperShuttle.

These services drop you off right in front of your building. However, they drop off several persons, so the trip may take a little time if you are one of the last. From JFK to Manhattan: $23. From LaGuardia: $15. From Newark: $23. Can be booked beforehand at www.supershuttle.com.

AIRTRAIN, BUS, AND SUBWAY

JFK:
From JFK, you can take the airtrain and the subway or the airtrain and the LIRR (Long Island Railroad). The airtrain costs $5 (you pay when exiting it). There are several vending machines at which you can buy an airtrain ticket combined with a metro card for the subway or an airtrain ticket plus a train ticket for the LIRR. The LIRR goes to Penn Station (34th Street and 8th Avenue) and costs $5.25 during off-peak hours and $7.25 at peak time. Add an extra $4.25 if you buy the ticket on the train. There are several airtrain lines. One takes you to Jamaica from where you can take the E-, J-, or Z-train or the LIRR.

Another line goes to Howard Beach from which the A-train leaves. A trip with the LIRR to Penn Station takes approximately 20 minutes. The E-train to the Penn Station stop requires about an hour.

LaGuardia:
There is no subway going right to LaGuardia, however, several busses do. The best bet is to check on the website www.hopstop.com in order to find out the most convenient way for you to get to your destination.

Newark
Newark Airport offers an airtrain service. At the train’s Newark Liberty International Airport Train Station, you can either take a NJ Transit ($15) or Amtrak ($28-38) train to New York Penn Station or to Newark Penn Station and from there the PATH train to 33rd street (NJ Transit: $7.75, Amtrak: $29-40, plus $1.75 for the PATH train).

The Newport Airport Express bus makes three stops in Manhattan and costs $16 one way.

For further details, go to: http://www.panynj.gov/airports/ewr-airtrain.html
Transportation

The most important website in order to learn how to get where, when, and why (or why not – they can help you avoid construction and route diversions): www.hopstop.com

SUBWAY AND BUSES

Train & bus maps: http://www.mta.info/nyct/maps/index.html
To learn about constructions, etc., have a look at: http://www.mta.info/nyct/service/advisory.htm

Busses and subways use the same Metro card (http://www.mta.info/metrocard). You can stay inside the subway system with your ticket as long as you want to. Transfer to a bus is only possible once within 2 hours after having entered the subway system.

There are also numerous apps that you can download for your Apple and Droid devices, which will give you updated train schedule interactive subway maps etc.

MetroCards are sold at vending machines in the subway stations. Most machines accept cash, credit, and debit cards.

Costs:
- Local buses and subway, single rides: $2.50
- Metro cards: Pay-per-ride MetroCard: you receive a bonus if you fill with large amount.
- There are options for Unlimited rides:
  - 1-Day-Fun Pass
  - 7, 14, and 30-Day Unlimited Ride MetroCard

**You can have funds directly withdrawn from your account with a 30-day unlimited ride. This is a benefit, especially when the school year gets busy or if you’re traveling late at night you do not have to worry about refilling your card at a terminal. It is called EASYPAYXPRESS. The funds will be directly withdrawn from your account so that you will always have a card available to use. Just make sure you have sufficient balance on your ATM or credit card that you register online. Here is the link for the direct deposit option: http://www.mta.info/metrocard/EasyPayXpress.htm

Subway lines are distinguished by their letters or numbers and their colors. Lines of the same color run mostly on the same track in Manhattan and often split as soon as they reach one of the other boroughs. But pay attention to the “local” and “express” options on the same color, since the express trains do not stop at every stop. The subway map, and signs above the train tracks, will tell you which trains run express and which run local. In the evenings, some lines that run local during the day become express trains after a certain hour.

And in case you want to take the Number 1-train to South Ferry at the tip of Manhattan: Make sure you are in one of the first five cars.

Busses have numbers such as M14, Q15, etc. The letter stands for the borough in which the bus runs; the number stands for the line.

Abbreviations: M = Manhattan, B = Brooklyn, Bx = the Bronx, Q = Queens, S = Staten Island

CABS

Cabs are generally more expensive than the subway or bus, but can be faster and are worthwhile especially when shared with 4 people (no more than that are allowed in a cab.)

Remember: Tipping is customary in the U.S. for any kind of service. In cabs, usually around 10-15%. If the price is under $10, you usually round up to the second next dollar, e.g., if $7.70, you give $9. The meter starts at $2.50 at the start of
the trip. Additionally, there is a 50-cent surcharge for trips between 8pm to 6am daily, and a $1.00 peak time surcharge for trips between 4pm to 8pm on weekdays. The fare shown covers ALL passengers to one destination.
Where to live and how to find it

One of the hardest questions to answer is certainly where to live. More or less cheap housing exists, even in New York City, but it requires some time and effort in order to find it. The most common way to find an apartment, especially one with roommates, is craigslist (www.craigslist.org). Sublet.com (www.sublet.com) and Rent Direct (www.rent-direct.com) seem also to be reliable sources. There are also many brokers available to help you (for a significant fee)—though former L.L.M.s have had varying experiences with brokers. One L.L.M. recommends www.citi-habitats.com for their brokers who speak different languages. The most convenient, is certainly is to apply for an apartment or room at The Alabama, Cardozo’s dorm, located only a block away from school. It is also beneficial to speak to L.L.M.s or JDs who are native to the city. Before arriving it is useful to see if you have any family who lives in New York who may be willing to give you a place to stay for a year or even if they are unable to accommodate if they know anyone. If this is not an option, native New Yorkers or those living with family maybe go a good resource to help you find safe and friendly neighborhoods to stay. Also make use of the Facebook group for Cardozo LLMs as you may find recent graduates who are vacating their current residence or who know of places in their buildings to live.

Be sure to check out Cardozo's Housing Booklet for suggestions on both short-term and long-term housing. Metro International (http://www.metrointl.org/programs/housingbooklet/) also publishes a very helpful guide to finding housing in New York, including listings for both temporary and permanent housing.

TIPS FOR AVOIDING APARTMENT SCAMS

Adapted from the New York Times article “Rent in Haste, Repent at Leisure,” June 26, 2009

Though the vast majority of the postings for apartments on Craig’s List are legitimate, and many people find short and long-term housing this way, a few dishonest people can sometimes try to take advantage of you. Please be sure to take the following advice as you search for an apartment:

• Do not put in any application or pay any fees or deposits without first seeing the property.
• If an agent or landlord seems to be rushing you, increase your due diligence. Ask a lot of questions and be suspicious if they are not answered to your satisfaction.
• Even though it may be inconvenient, renters should always try to visit the office of the agent with whom they are dealing.
• While modest application fees in the range of $50 to $75 are frequently nonrefundable and collected in cash, be wary if you are asked for a more substantial sum in cash or for other fees that are nonrefundable.
• If an agent wants you to make a check out in his or her name instead of an agency or corporate name, be careful. This may be a sign that he or she is not a legitimate agent.
• If something looks too good to be true (i.e. much cheaper than other comparable apartments), it probably is.
WHERE TO STAY WITHOUT AN APARTMENT UPON ARRIVAL

Finding a room without showing up personally is very hard. The following are some suggestions for temporary housing:

**Short term sublets**: Some New Yorkers rent out their apartments during vacations (sublet). The best place to look is on www.craigslist.org.

**Hotels or Hostels**: Some people stay in hotels or youth hostels, but the first are usually rather expensive, whereas the latter ones are only cheap when you do not mind sharing your room with others. The Cardozo Housing Guide and Metro International’s Housing Booklet publish a list of short-term housing you may wish to consider. Hotels Cardozo’s LLMs used upon arrival is the nearby Larchmont Hotel – [www.larchmonthotel.com](http://www.larchmonthotel.com) which is very reasonably priced for a Manhattan hotel and Hotel Chandler – [www.hotelchandler.com](http://www.hotelchandler.com).

Some additional short-term housing options recommended to us include the following:

**Student Housing**:
- Educational Housing Services 1-800-297-4694 studenthousing.org
- The Pennington 215 East 15th St. 212-673-1730
- University Place 212-400-3052 nystudenthousing.com
- New York Habitat 212-255-8018 nyhabitat.com (apartment sublets)
- Sara Home Stay [www.sarahomestay.com](http://www.sarahomestay.com)

**Hostels**:
- Tone on Lex (has private rooms) 179 East 94th St. tonehostels.com 212-289-0010
- American Dream Hostel 168 East 24th St. 212-260-9779
- Hostelling International 891 Amsterdam Ave. @ 103rd St. 212-932-2300
- Hostel Fresh 330 W. 95th Street @B’way
The following are sites to find hostels in NYC – we have not found anyone who has used the sites yet, so let us know how it works if you use it! [http://www.hostels.com/en/us.ny.ny.html](http://www.hostels.com/en/us.ny.ny.html), hostelsclub.com, www.hostelweb.com.

**Hotels**:
- Gershwin Hotel 7 East 27th St. 212-545-8000
- Murray Hill Inn 143 East 30th St. 212-545-0879
- Franklin Hotel 164 East 87th St. 212-3691000
- Amsterdam Inn 340 Amsterdam Ave 212-579-7500
- Hotel Belleclaire 250 W. 77th St 212-362-7700
- Jazz on the Park 36 W. 106th St 212-932-1600
- West Side Inn 237 W. 107th St 212-866-0061
- Sacred Heart Residence (Women Only) 432 W. 20th St 212-924-0891

**YMCA’s**: [www.ymcany.org](http://www.ymcany.org)
- Vanderbilt YMCA 224 East 47th St. 212-756-9600
- West Side Y 5 West 63rd St. 212-875-4273

**Summer housing for grad students, interns, visiting scholars**:
- International House 500 Riverside Drive 212-316-8400 [www.ihousenyc.org](http://www.ihousenyc.org)

**For Women Only**:
- The Webster 419 W. 34th Street 212-967-9000
- The Brandon 340 W. 85th Street 212-496-6901
- The Markle 123 W. 13th Street 212-242-2400
Familiarize yourself with information on different neighborhoods through the Cardozo Housing Guide or—for more detailed information—NYC and Company’s NYC neighborhood guide at http://www.nycgo.com/. The following are some of the neighborhoods in which Cardozo LL.M.s lived—and their comments about living in them! Be sure to ask for other opinions too!

**NEW YORK NEIGHBORHOODS**

See also: http://manhattan.about.com/

**GREENWICH VILLAGE**

Pronunciation of Greenwich: “gren-nich”

www.nycgv.com

Description:

*Commute to Cardozo:* 10 minutes walk

*Pros:* great location, lots of restaurants and bars, easy access to the train (subway), picturesque and exciting, you have everything you need at your fingertips, amazing to walk around on a Saturday afternoon.

*Cons:* expensive, small apartments (unless you are Donald Trump), lots of tourists (because of Sex and the City), many buildings don’t have elevators.

**THE EAST VILLAGE**

www.east-village.com

Description:

*Commute to Cardozo:* 20-30 minute walk, about the same time by bus (M14A or M14D, no transfer necessary)

*Pros:* great, cheap nightlife, a lot of bars, restaurants, theatres, people on the street at any time of the day, very safe also at night, easy access to transportation, supermarkets, drug stores (partly open 24/7).

*Cons:* very noisy if you live right on one of the avenues.

**THE ALABAMA**

Pros: cuts down on subway fare grocery store right around corner, and Whole Foods/Trader Joe’s just a few blocks away, more time to study, as it only takes 5 minutes to get to the library! no need to deal with supers or utility companies; the residence attends to most matters for you. The residence is well maintained, laundry in the basement, social opportunities

Cons: the cost, central heating - you can’t control when it comes on or goes off, it would be nice to escape from Cardozo from time to time, free internet is only available in the lounge area.

**THE LOWER EAST SIDE (LES)**

Description:

www.lowereastsideny.com

Average commute: around 15 minutes on the F or N

*Pros:* great food, good neighborhood vibe, great boutique shopping, great nightlife

*Cons:* can be loud at night if your windows are near a bar.
SOHO

**Origin of the name:** South of Houston (pronounced “How-ston”)

[www.sohonyc.com](http://www.sohonyc.com)

**Average commute:** Walking distance less than 15 minutes or you can take the 1 train to 14th street.

**Pros:** great stores and restaurants, everything is right in front of your door.

Washington Square Park, 2 great independent movie theatres on Houston Street, galleries, close to the East Village, LES, and the West Village, numerous student bars in the NYU area

**Cons:** crowded on the weekends; at night, the streets where most of the stores are (Broadway, West Broadway) are pretty empty; can be expensive. Many Soho locations are purchase only.

CHELSEA

**Description:**

**Average commute:** About 20 minutes on the ACE or the ACE and L

**Pros:** In walking distance to Cardozo; Whole Foods in the neighbourhood; many art galleries; good proximity to the Hudson River; 24 hour post office; Penn Station is close; industrial flair; big gay community

**Cons:** Can be far to the subway if you live west of 9th Avenue. The streets are nice but the avenues very big, loud and impersonal.

UPPER WEST SIDE (UWS)

**Description:**

**Manhattan Valley** (bounded by West 110th Street to the north, Central Park West to the east, West 96th Street to the south, and Broadway to the west):

**Average commute:** 40-45 minutes without any connections on the 1 train/subway – half that time when you switch to the express train.

**Pros:** central park west and some side streets of Amsterdam/Columbus are quiet and residential; right near Central Park; close to Columbia University, so there are many college students in the bars and restaurants. There are more reasonably priced restaurants and a student friendly coffee shop open every day until near midnight.

**Cons:** Area felt a little unsafe at night around Broadway, Amsterdam, and Columbus Avenue. Commute from downtown nightlife take a little longer for purposes of returning home. If you travel Fridays and Saturdays the subways will be more populated, otherwise you will have to take a cab.

**Southern UWS:** (96th and Broadway area down to 59th street)

**Average commute:** 25 minutes

**Pros:** Very residential, areas of Jewish interest, close to two parks

**Cons:** Crowded morning commute.

**Note:** In terms of the commute to Cardozo during the day, it depends very much where you live. The commute is way faster if you live close to an express train stop or can switch to it. Express train stops on the 123 trains are 96th St, 72nd, 42nd, 34th Express train stops on the ACB and D-trains are 125th Street and 59th Street/Columbus Circle.

UPPER EAST SIDE (UES)

**Description:**

About 25-30 minutes door-to-door when taking the 4 or 5 trains (express trains), a bit
more when taking the 6 train but maybe only by 5-10 minutes.

Pros - fun neighborhood, near the express trains - so only 3 stops until Union Square, reasonable rents (for Manhattan)

Cons - not exactly around the corner from Cardozo, trains can be crowded during rush hours

BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOODS
As a general tip: www.visitbrooklyn.org, http://brooklyn.about.com

WILLIAMSBURG
www.billburg.com; www.freewilliamsburg.com
Description:
Average commute: 10 – 15 minutes if you live on the L-train, sometimes slower due to train traffic, about half hour if your closest stop is Marcy Avenue (JMZ).

Pros: Residential feeling, quiet compared to the city, especially after a long day of studying, close enough to Manhattan so that one can enjoy all the benefits from it without a long commute. Great neighborhood for young people, a lot of vintage clothing stores, cafes, restaurants, nightlife on the weekends and during the summer. Rents are a bit cheaper than in Manhattan. You get more space for the same price.

Cons: The L-train is very crowded during rush hours, sometimes doesn’t even stop. However, since it runs every 2 minutes during rush hour, you get to your spot eventually. In the evenings it runs much slower

FORT GREENE
Commute: ca. 20 minutes, no transfers

Pros: great diversity of people, nice, treelined streets, no waits in restaurants, cheaper rents, BAM-Brooklyn Academy of Music, Fort Greene Park, Prospect Park, close LIRR stop at Atlantic Ave/Flatbush Ave → easy commute to JFK and Long Island

Cons: Long commute at night. No Whole Foods.

MIDWOOD
Average commute to Cardozo: ca. 55 minutes on one subway.

Pros: very quiet and safe, close to the beach (10 minutes by subway), quiet and spacious apartments. Cost is also much cheaper than a lot of Manhattan residences (i.e. 700/mo).

Cons: not a lot of nightlife – trains to the area run very slowly at night and cabs can be cost prohibitive.

PARK SLOPE

Pros: right near Prospect Park. Prospect Park is a great place. You are near some subway lines. You will be near the 7th Avenue stop on the F/G, the 4th Avenue stop on the F/G, the 15thst stop on the F/G (if you are closer to the Prospect expressway) and near the 7th Avenue stop on the B/Q (if you are closer to Flatbush.
Avenue). neighborhood is nice. The crime rates are very low. Every weekend, there is a flea market on the corner of 7th Ave. and 1st St. There are many shops, especially on 7th Avenue.

**Cons:** The rents. Park Slope is one of the most expensive places to live in for all of Brooklyn. The traffic. Since the B.Q.E. and the Prospect are usually full of bad traffic. Because of that, a lot of traffic spills over to 3rd, 4th and 5th Avenue...

**BROOKLYN HEIGHTS**

25 minutes to union square on the 4/5

**Pros:** lots of train access (2/3/4/5/A/C/F/G/R) nice housing stock reasonable rents good restaurants and bars, all reasonably priced; calm but not sleepy vibe

**Cons:** your Manhattan friends get all huffy about visiting you few late night (i.e. after 10pm) food options, slightly longer walks to get to neighborhood stores, etc

**BRIGHTON BEACH**

Average Commute: about one hour on the Q train

**Pros:** close to the beach, good grocery shopping, cheap rents, huge Russian population

**Cons:** far away from Cardozo

**CLINTON HILL**

**Average commute:** 30-40 minutes (one subway transfer)

**Pros:** nice cafes and bars, Prospect Park, Fort Greene, the Brooklyn museum and the Brooklyn library in close proximity

**Cons:** The G train only runs infrequently during the weekends.

**BUSHWICK**

**Average commute:** 15-20 minutes along the L, 25-30 minutes along the J/MZ or the 4/6/F.

**Pros:** inexpensive large apartments, Latin and soul food joints along the J/MZ, hipster community, Hernandez Park, block parties in the summer

**Cons:** Sometimes don’t feel safe. Bushwick’s recent history is one of poverty and crime; though it is becoming more gentrified some of those still remains and can be a deterrent for someone new to New York.

**BOROUGH PARK**

**Average commute:** 50 minutes on the F-train

**Pros:** a variety of Jewish-Orthodox activities, all services necessary for everyday life can be found there as well as special bus lines to other Jewish neighborhoods throughout Eastern North America

**ASTORIA**

**www.astoria.org**

**Commute:** Around 35 – 50 minutes on N or Q trains, in the evenings, sometimes it can take over one hour to get to/from school.

**Pros:** Great international restaurants and coffee shops, cheap rents (half the price of Manhattan), a quiet, residential, and relatively safe neighbourhood, and a great beer garden (see the section about bars).

**Cons:** Distance to Cardozo, no malls

**SUNNYSIDE**

**Average commute to Cardozo:** 30 minutes

**Pros:** very reasonably priced apartments; easy commute to Cardozo; good views of Manhattan; many families; quiet

**Cons:** hard to hail a cab (but you can always call one!)

**QUEENS NEIGHBORHOODS**

See also [www.queens.about.com](http://www.queens.about.com)
LONG ISLAND NEIGHBORHOODS

Average commute can vary from 1.5 hours to 2 hours.

Pros: near beaches, quiet, residential – some places are by the LIRR which has a lot of commuters so you will be in good company; LIRR is very efficient

Cons: travel time/distance from the city; makes it difficult to socialize late night with friends. In the south shore the trains run later but in north shore there are fewer trains that run on a regular basis.

NEW JERSEY NEIGHBORHOODS

JERSEY CITY

www.cityofjerseycity.com

Commute: PATH train to 14th St. & 6th Ave, about 25 minutes.

Pros: very quiet, clean and safe. The PATH train is safe and never empty. Taxes are lower than in NY. Nice people.

Cons: Since there are no professional schools, there are no adequate professional libraries.

HOBOKEN

Commute: 15 minutes on the PATH train

Pros: very safe, a lot of young people; Frank Sinatra’s city; many restaurants, bars, cultural events.

Cons: PATH runs a bit slower at night during the week so makes it complicated sometimes for the commute if you stay out late in the city or work late. Also rent can run expensive as it is becoming a ‘yuppie’ hang out

HARRISON

www.townofharrison.com

Average commute: 20 minutes to on the Path train, then on the ACE to W4th (about 10 minutes). Alternatively, take the train to Journal Square, from there to NYC’s 14th Street – about 45 minutes.

Pros: safe, culturally mixed neighborhood, small town close to NYC. cheap rents (shared apartments for about $400-450 per month; studios around $700).

Cons: not a lot of nightlife.

EDISON

Average commute: With the NJ transit to NY Penn Station, then 20 minutes by ACE. Total travel time about 1.5 hours.

Pros: Many Indians live in Edison, for some it’s kind of “home away from home."

Cons: The travel time to Cardozo.
Getting started

To match your student budget and what may be only a temporary stay in New York, here are some LL.M. tips for setting up your apartment. We’ve listed favourite stores to buy cheap furniture, cutlery, dishes, etc. You can also always try to find second-hand merchandise on http://newyork.craigslist.org/

IN GENERAL

DEPARTMENT STORES
Department stores sell almost everything! See Macy’s on 34th Street and 7th Avenue

FURNITURE AND HOUSEWARES

IKEA
There are 2 IKEAs in the New York City area. One is located in Elizabeth, NJ, one in Red Hook in Brooklyn.

There is a free shuttle bus to the IKEA store in Elizabeth, NJ, leaving from Port Authority terminal on 8th Avenue and 42nd Street at gate five every Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 2:30pm – every half hour. Return trips are also on the half hour. This service is available from noon to 6pm.

Pier One Imports:
71 Fifth Avenue

Jennifer Convertibles
111 Third Avenue NY, NY 10003
Jennifer Clearance Center
168 5th Ave NY, NY 10010

Crate and Barrel: 611 Broadway NY, NY 10012

Bed, Bath & Beyond
TriBeca 270 Greenwich Street
New York, NY 10007
Jersey City: 400 Luis Munoz Marin Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07302
Chelsea: 620 Sixth Avenue at 18th Street New York, NY 10011
Upper East Side: 410 East 61st Street New York, NY 10021
Lincoln Square (Westside): 1932 Broadway New York, NY 10023
Queens: 72-15 25th Avenue East Elmhurst, NY 11370
Brooklyn: 459 Gateway Drive Brooklyn, NY 11239

Chinatown
For cheap kitchen and "bathware", go to Chinatown. There you will find several stores filled with cheap china and all kinds of household utensils.

K-mart
East Village: 770 Broadway at Astor Place, New York, NY 10003
Midtown: 250 W 34th Street, New York, NY 10119

The Container Store: 625 Sixth Avenue @ 19th Street NY, NY 10011

Pottery Barn
100-104 7th Avenue, NY, NY 10011

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY
New York City electricity is provided by ConEdison. You can call 1 800-75-CONED 24/7 to set up an account. If you live in New Jersey, contact PSE&G at their customer service hotline 1-800-436-7734.

ADAPTERS/CONVERTERS
The United States uses 110 to 120 volts AC. Don’t worry if you forgot your adapter (for the plug) or converter (to convert the electricity) at home. You can find adapters at hardware stores. Drug stores and supermarkets sell multiple adapters in which every plug fits. Costs around $10.

INTERNET
High-Speed Internet Access (DSL and Cable) is available for a monthly fee in most New York area residential neighborhoods. DSL is provided by telephone companies, and cable is provided by the cable provider. Inquire with your cell phone, telephone, and cable providers to find the best plan for you.
TELEPHONE
If you wish to have a “land line” (rather than relying exclusively on your cell phone) you have to make arrangements and pay for a phone line to be installed. In the New York metropolitan area, call Verizon for general information on telephone installation at (718) 890-1550. In New Jersey call (800) 427-9977. You then have the choice to use Verizon for both local and long-distance service or to use a different provider for long distance service. Be sure to ask about rates before you decide. The following are the primary companies that provide long distance service:

- AT&T: (800) 222-0300; [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)
- Sprint: (800) 877-4000; [www.sprint.com](http://www.sprint.com)
- Verizon: (718) 890-1550; [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)

PREPAID CARDS
These pay-as-you-go plans are very expensive in the long run. The minute prices range between $0.10 and $0.25 plus sometimes a daily fee is charged.

Some programs do have set prepaid for example AT&T has unlimited text and talk per month for approx. $70.

CAUTION!
Keep in mind that unlike other areas of the world, you pay for minutes for incoming calls and texts as well as for outgoing calls and texts.

SERVICE PROVIDERS
- AT&T: [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)
- Verizon: [www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com)
- Sprint: [www.sprint.com](http://www.sprint.com)
- T-Mobile: [www.t-mobile.com](http://www.t-mobile.com)

CELL PHONE STORES
The providers have their own stores, but you get the whole range of plans from any provider if you go to stores like Best Buy, etc.

- Best Buy:
  - Chelsea: 60 W 23rd St
  - Union Square: E 14th and 4th Avenue
  - Noho: 622 Broadway and Houston
  - Midtown: 529 5th Ave between 43rd and 44 Streets
  - Upper West Side: 1880 Broadway and 62nd Street

CALLING ABROAD
If you are still not using Viber or Skype, in order to call abroad, you add packages for international calls to your cell phone plans or – the cheapest way, even though a bit complicated – you can buy calling cards at grocery stores (usually around $5 – 10), which allow you to call different areas of the world more cheaply. Calling cards work as follows: You dial one of the numbers listed on the card, type in the code that is on the card, and then dial the number you want to call. Tip! Do not forget: In order to place a call to a location outside of the US, you have to dial 011 before the country code. Omit any zeros before the country code. For example, a call to Germany (country code 0049) would look like this: 011-49-11-111111.

TELEVISION AND CABLE
New York City has several channels which are free, but reception in most parts of the metropolitan area may be extremely poor without a “cable” connection.

Along with improved reception, paying for cable gives access to many different channels including movie channels, news channels, and some foreign language channels. Depending on what service you choose, the monthly fee can range from $25 to $150. Some companies offer package deals combining television, phone, and Internet service for less money than it might cost to purchase these services from separate companies, so be sure to shop around. Each neighborhood of New York City is served by particular cable companies. The major companies are Time-Warner ([www.twcnyc.com](http://www.twcnyc.com)), Cablevision ([www.cablevision.com](http://www.cablevision.com)), and RCN ([www.rcn.com](http://www.rcn.com))—check their websites to find out which ones are for your neighborhood.
**School Life**

**BOOKS**
Used and new books and textbooks are sold at

**Stores:**
- **Barnes and Noble** on the 2nd floor of the Law School or on 5th Avenue at 18th Street
- **Strand bookstore:** 828 Broadway at 12th Street

**Internet:** (just remember if you’re purchasing by internet to give yourself enough time to get the books to read for class. Often 7-10 business days is the delivery time)
- [www.campussshelf.com](http://www.campussshelf.com): Lets students from the same campus buy and sell books with one another
- [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)
- [www.half.com](http://www.half.com)
- [www.lawbooksforless.com](http://www.lawbooksforless.com)
- [www.biblio.com](http://www.biblio.com)

**Bi-Annual SBA Bookswap!**
For many years Student Bar Association organizes a **Bookswap**, where students can sell their books to other students through the Student Bar Association. It is now being done online, as follows:

1. Visit [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?pli=1&key=0AhtHWGbif5MBQiTFpDN0R0NziTejVTM1hTUDjvbdzuMHc&hl=en_US&gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?pli=1&key=0AhtHWGbif5MBQiTFpDN0R0NziTejVTM1hTUDjvbdzuMHc&hl=en_US&gid=0) or **click here** to access the Google Docs page.

2. Sellers: list all the books you have for sale along with class, professor, price, book condition, your name, and contact information.

3. Buyers: visit the Registration page on Angel to see the tentative book list. This will allow you to see what books are required for the upcoming classes that you have signed up for. Search the Bookswap document and find a seller that is selling the book you need. Contact that seller and set up a safe meeting location to complete the transaction.

4. Sellers: after a buyer has purchased your book, it would be best for you to sign back into the Google Doc and strikeout or delete your entry, otherwise buyers may continue to contact you believing that your book is still for sale.

**NOTES AND OUTLINES**
Something that may be new to you but is very common in the United States is notes and outlines.

Notes are taken in class and a lot of students are generously sharing theirs with their co-J.D.s or co-LL.M.s. Additionally, there is an internet page (founded by a Cardozo student by the way) where students who took the class with that professor before upload their notes for free: [www.swapnotes.com](http://www.swapnotes.com).

Not only regarding notes but also in general: If you come across an abbreviation you do not know, this is a helpful website: [www.acronymfinder.com](http://www.acronymfinder.com).

Outlines are similar as to what is known in other countries as the normal study book. In the US, professors teach using casebooks. In order to get a general idea about the subjects, outlines are very helpful. Good outline series are, e.g., "Understanding ....", "... in a Nutshell" (relatively short). You can find outlines in any bookstore, also in the Barnes and Noble on the 2nd floor.
Daily Life

As a general tip, in order to read some more or less helpful comments to figure out the quality of a place, go to: http://nymag.com/, http://newyork.timeout.com/ www.yelp.com or www.citysearch.com.

BANKS

Many banks allow students to open accounts, even without a social security number. Make sure you bring your immigration documentation, including Form I-20, I-94, and a valid passport. Many banks also require proof of address in the U.S. This proof can be in the form of a Registrar’s letter indicating full-time student status and address on file with the school or a bill that has been received at a local address with the student’s name on it.

Find out the answers to these questions when opening your account:

Are there monthly fees? Are there ATM (bank machine) charges for withdrawals from that bank or from other banks? Are there accounts that are designed especially for students? Is there a minimum balance requirement? Is there a limit on the number of transactions I can make per month? Is there a bank in my home country affiliated with that bank?

Here are some of the banks that offer accounts to international students:

• Bank of America: 14th Street & University Pl.
• Chase: 14th & 5th Ave.
• HSBC Bank: Union Square East btw 14th& 15th St.
• Commerce Bank: 14th & 5th Ave.
• Citibank: 16th & 5th Ave.

DOCTORS

Health care in the US is not subsidized and is expensive, so be sure you have health insurance to cover you. The International Student Office has information about different insurance plans, and the Cardozo Student Handbook gives information about where Cardozo students can get medical care in close proximity to campus. And if you are experiencing high levels of stress or have other emotional issues, Cardozo students can get free counselling services at Yeshiva University’s Counselling Centre at 239 East 34th Street; 917-326-4942; counseling@yu.edu.

GROCERIES

Food in NYC is expensive, no matter whether you prepare it yourself or get it from the outside.

One store that sells products of high quality is Whole Foods. There are 4 locations in NYC:

• at Columbus Circle in the Time Warner Center,
• in Chelsea on 24th and 7th,
• on the Lower East Side on Houston and Bowery, and
• at Union Square on 14th Street.

Other supermarkets are spread out all over the city like D’Agostino, Garden of Eden, or Gristedes. For one located close to you, check the Not-for-tourist-guide.

Cheap Cheeses can be found at East Village Cheese, 40 3rd Avenue.

If you can, go there at a time other than Friday evenings or during the weekend (the line sometimes starts right at the entrance), Trader Joe’s on 14th Street at 4th Avenue will help cutting back your expenses. Also, their liquor store next door has cheap wines. If you don’t have a US ID, make sure to bring your passport.

Also available are the numerous markets held throughout New York, one of them at Union Square where local farmers sell their products.

The fruit carts on the corners of the streets allow you to save money, too.
GYMS

Gyms in New York are found everywhere. Usually, you have to join for at least one year. See this site also for further references: http://gonyc.about.com/od/gyms/New_York_City_Gyms_and_Athletic_Facilities.htm

Dolphin Fitness Club
www.dolphinfitnessclubs.com
- 242 E 14th St.
- 155 E. 3rd St.
- 94 E. 4th St.

Equinox Fitness Center
www.equinoxfitness.com
Broadway & 19th

New York Health and Racquet Club
www.nyhrc.com
13th btw. 5th Ave. & University Place

New York Sports Club
www.mysportsclubs.com
- 14th St. & 5th Ave.
- 7th Ave. & 10th St.
- 16th St. & 8th Ave.
Check for Cardozo discount

Crunch www.crunch.com
- 113 4th Avenue & 12th St.
- 13th Street & University
Check for Cardozo discount

Bally Total Fitness
www.ballyfitness.com
641 Ave. of the Americas btw. 19th & 20th St.

Lucille Roberts
www.lucilleroberts.com
5th Ave. & 14th St.

Chelsea Piers
www.chelseapiers.com
btw. 17th and 23rd St. along 12th Ave.

POOLS

For information about pools, go to: http://nycparks.org/sub_things_to_do/facilities/af_pools.html#top or call 1-800-201-PARK.

Generally, outdoor pools are open from July 2nd to Labor Day. Some Pool Options: Asser Levy: Asser Levy Pl. and E. 23rd St. (447-2020), which has an outdoor pool in the summer and moves indoor in the winter and Dry Dock: East 10th Street between Avenue C and D (677-4481).

HAIR STYLISTS

In NYC, it is common that the hair salons have different prices depending on the qualification of the stylist. Cardozo LL.M.s recommend:

Bon-Bon Hair Salon and Spa
www.bon-bon.com
Price range :$70 and up

353 Lexington Avenue at 40th Street
571 3rd Avenue at 36th Street
**Dramatics NYC**  
www.dramaticsNYC.com  
Price range: $20-45 for a cut  
The closest location is on 77 5th Ave btw 15th and 16th Streets but there are locations all over the city.

**Jean Louis David**  
www.jeanlouisdavid.com  
Price range: $26, walk-in service only  
Closest is on Park Avenue and 23rd Street but there are locations all over the city.

**Soon**  
www.soonbeautylab.com  
Price range: $50-95 for a hair cut  
55 W 22nd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues  
318 E 11th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues  

**Also** for men there are always corner barber shops throughout the city at prices below $20.

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**LAUNDRY**

As you will soon notice, having a washing machine in the apartment or even building is not common in NYC. In order to get your laundry done, you have two options. You can either do it yourself at a laundromat, or for about twice the price, you can have the laundromat do it for you. When they do it, you either drop off the laundry or they pick it up. Either way, it gets returned to you all folded and ready to put away. It probably will cost approximately $15 to have it done for you, as opposed to the $6-$8 cost for individual service. You decide if it’s worth the extra money! Sometimes there is a cost benefit with the time-money difference. If you have your laundry picked up and delivered, remember to give a $2-3 tip.

**POSTAL SERVICES**

The cheapest way to send mail is still the United States Postal Service. Its prices and locations can be found under [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). The main office is located on 8th Avenue between 31st and 33rd Streets and is open 24/7.

The Post offices closest to Cardozo are:  
70 W10th St. btw. 5th & 6th Aves.  
93 4th Ave at 11th St.  
Private companies are FedEx, DHL, or UPS.

**SHOPPING**

Shopping is what New York City is famous for. Like its neighbor, New Jersey, New York City does not impose a sales tax on the purchase of clothing and footwear. There is, however, a New York State tax on clothing and shoes if the single item costs more than $110.

Nice shopping areas are W34th Street, 5th Avenue, of course, or Broadway south of Houston. Pricey but nice stores are located in SoHo or the East Village. Carroll Street in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn has cute unique stores. Other shopping areas include Chinatown and South Street Seaport. See [www.mondomap.com](http://www.mondomap.com) for a map of downtown businesses.

The following are stores in the Cardozo neighborhood, or within short travel distance, with well-priced clothing:

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<td>New York &amp; Co.</td>
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Food, Food, Food

IN GENERAL
Food, food, food – barely anywhere you will find as many restaurants as in NYC, any origin, any style, any price. From Argentinean to Zimbabwean, from $5 to $500, from traditional to experimental. Anything goes. And, again, in order to get some system into the jungle of the monthly changes of opening and closing restaurants, the internet and some books are very helpful.

BOOKS
Very helpful is Black Book – updated yearly with entries for restaurants in every borough. Then, there is of course, Zagat, who seems to rate everything and everybody in this town. It offers its services either in a print version available at every bookstore (you can’t miss it!) or there is an internet service – for a fee.

INTERNET WEBSITES
Similar offers – for free – are, e.g., menupages.com (It is often helpful to google the restaurant after finding it there. The menu is not necessarily 100% updated but certainly gives a good first impression.)

A further interesting service for foodies:
http://nymag.com/mobile/

www.seamless.com and www.grubhub.com are good websites from which to order food. You begin by typing in your address, then the sites accumulate a list of all the restaurants that deliver to you.

You can directly order from either of the websites and food arrives straight to your door.

RESTAURANT WEEK
In order to try out a more expensive restaurant for less, make reservations during the NYC restaurant week taking place yearly in January and June/July during which restaurants offer 3-course-menus for $25 for lunch or $35 for dinner. The Brooklyn restaurant week is even cheaper with $20-23 for lunches and dinners. Make your reservations early – these events are incredibly popular.

RESERVATION AND WALK-INS
While many restaurants do not require reservations, it is always a good idea to call to ask. In order to make your restaurant reservation online, check with opentable.com. Some restaurants allow you to reserve through this page. If no tables are available, then there is still a chance to get seats by calling the eatery – usually, not all tables are available on opentable.com.

Also important: Make sure always to check in with the host or hostess to ask for a table. The length of the wait for a table can vary quite a bit: From 5 minutes to 2 hours – nothing is impossible in New York.

PAYING AND TIPPING
It is customary to leave a 15-20% tip. If the service is really bad, then you will usually still leave 10% of the bill (including tax). An easy way to determine the overall tip is to double the tax and then round up (In New York City, the total sales tax is 8.735%). Remember, that service personnel are not paid very well and they rely on those tips!

When the service person brings you the check, you will either leave the exact amount you owe on the table or wait for the waiter to come back and ask if you need change (In which case you will receive back the difference between what you put in and the amount listed on the check. Then you will simply leave the tip on the table.) If you decide to pay with your credit/debit card, you place the card on the plate/book etc. with the check and wait for the waiter to pick it up. You can then either have the tip charged to your card or leave it in cash on the table.

ORDERING FOOD
Besides eating out, it is also very common to eat in and order food. Tipping is about the same as when you dine in a restaurant.

Restaurants often offer their menus at their entrances or you can use www.seamlessweb.com, www.delivery.com or www.grubhub.com (Conveniently charges your credit card if you don’t have cash at home). Cheaper – since there is less tipping involved – is to call the restaurant, order food “for pick-up”, and walk there to pick it up yourself.

http://www.menupages.com/ is also a great site to look up restaurant menus then you can always call and order from that menu.
RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS

Here are some LL.M. favorites:

26 Seats
168 Ave. B btw. 10th & 11th St.,
East Village
French

Alma
187 Columbia St. at DeGraw
St., Red Hook, Brooklyn
Mexican Restaurant – stunning
Manhattan views!

Acqua
718 Amsterdam Ave, New York
Italian
(great pizza, like Otto’s but
MUCH cheaper)

Baku Palace
2001 Emmons Ave &E20th St,
Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn
Azerbaijani

bär-bō-nē
186 Ave. B btw 11th and 12th
Streets, East Village
Italian
Great porch in the back.

Bar 89
89 Mercer btw Spring and
Broome Streets, SoHo
Sandwiches
More for the bathrooms than than for
the food –though it is good, too.

Bistro Ten 18
1018 Amsterdam Avenue
(bet. 110th and 111th )
Eclectic

Burger Joint
119 W56th Street between 5th
and 6th, Midtown

Caracas Arepa Bar
93 1/2 E 7th St. btw. 1st Av. & Av. A,
East Village
Venezuelan
Recommended by a Venezuelan!

Café Un Deux Trois
123 W44th Street btw Broadway
and 6th Avenue, Midtown West
More for the crayons than the food

Caffè Vivaldi
32 Jones Street and W4th Street,
Greenwich Village
Live music.

Casimir
103 Avenue B, East Village French
Bistro

Cendrillon
45 Mercer St. and Grand St.,SoHo
Filipino (Recommended by a
Filipino student)

Cercle Rouge
241 W Broadway and N Moore
Street, TriBeCa
French

Chai (Thai)
North 6th St, Williamsburg

Chickpea
210 East 14 St., East Village
Middle Eastern

Cosmic Cantina
105 3rd Ave. at 13th St., East
Village
Mexican

Corner Bistro
331 W4th St. and Jane St., West
Village
Some say these are the best
burgers…

Corsino
637 Hudson Street, at the corner of
Horatio St.
Italian

Dhaba
108 Lexington Avenue
Indian (10.95 lunch buffet)

DiFiore Marquet
15 E. 12th St. nr. University Pl.,
Flatiron/Union Square
Brazilian-French Bistro

Docks Oyster Bar & Seafood
Grill
633 3rd Avenue at 40th Street,
Midtown East

Downtown Bakery
69 1st Ave btw 4th and 5th
Streets, East Village
Mexican
Not exactly a place to take a
date to, but they have some
killer-burritos for pretty cheap.
It’s BYOB for alcohol.

Estihana
79th Street between Broadway
and Amsterdam
Kosher Asian

French Roast
85th & Broadway on the Upper
West Side, and 11th Street and
Sixth Avenue in the West
Village
French/Bistro

Georgia’s Eastside BBQ
192 Orchard Street btw Houston
and Stanton; LES
Southern Cuisine

Gotham Bar and Grill
12 E12th Street and 5th Avenue,
Flatiron/Union Square
$25 prix fixe three-course lunch
daily

Gramercy Tavern
42 E20th Street btw Park
Avenue South and Broadway,
Gramercy
Contemporary American
Grand Central Oyster Bar & Restaurant
Grand Central Station, Midtown East

Gyu-kaku
34 Cooper Square, East Village
Japanese BBQ

Khyber Pass
Afghani
34 Saint Marks Place

Klong
7 Saint Marks Place btw. 2nd and 3rd Aves, East Village
Thai

La Palapa
St. Marks and 1st Ave.
Great Mexican!

Mamoun’s
19 MacDougal St and 22 St.
Falafel

Meskerem
124 Macdougal St. btw. W3rd and Minetta Lane, Greenwich
Ethiopian

Mezzogiorno Restaurant:
195 Spring Street, SOHO
Italian food and good pizza

Nomad
78 2nd Ave btw. 4th and 5th St., East Village
Moroccan

Otto
15th Avenue and 8th Street, Greenwich

Paul’s
131 2nd Ave btw 7th St. and St. Mark’s Place, East Village
The interior looks more like a trailer in the Nevada desert.

Pio Pio
702 Amsterdam Avenue and 210 East 34th Street
Peruvian

Rocking Horse
182 8th Avenue, between W19 & W20.
Mexican

Republic
37 Union Square btw. 16th and 17th St, Flatiron/Union Square
Pan-Asian

Rice’n’Beans
744 9th Ave. btw 50th and 51st Streets, Hell’s Kitchen
Brazilian
Recommended by a Brazilian.

Robert
2 Columbus Avenue/Columbus Circle
Great view of Central Park

Rosa Mexicano
9 East 18th Street btw. 5th ave. and Broadway
Mexican

Saigon Grill
91 University Pl. btw. 11th and 12th St, Flatiron/Union Square
Vietnamese

Siam Orchid
378 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street, Williamsburg
Thai
Great food at a decent price.

Spice
60 University Pl and E10th Street, Flatiron/Union Square
Thai

Taim
2. Waverly Pl. at 7th Ave, East Village
Best falafel in town.

Tao Restaurant
42 E 58th Street,
www.taorestaurant.com
Reservation needed!

Thai Market
between 107th/108th streets
Broadway

Tout Va Bien
311 West 51st Street
French

Va Bene
1589 2nd Avenue, east 82nd st
Italian (kosher)

Yakitori Taisho
5 Saint Marks Pl. btw. 2nd and 3rd Aves., East Village - Japanese

Zenkichi
77 N6th Street at Wythe Avenue, Williamsburg
Japanese.
To die for – the food and the interior design!! Try the $44 tasting menu – 15 items. The best: Sesame ice cream.
RESTAURANT HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some LL.M. dining highlights

SEUL FOOD: DINING IN KOREATOWN
Kunjip
9 W. 32nd St., 212-216-9487
Get your barbecue fix any hour of the day at this beloved Koreatown eatery, which serves up authentic entrees, casseroles and barbecue to an eclectic crowd. Hundreds of regulars flock here for very affordable late-night bites from a menu that boasts short rib soup, kimchi casserole and broiled beef with vinegar. But the notable favorite is clearly barbecue. Diners can choose from a wide range of grilled options, including the mega barbecue combo, which comprises grilled slices of pork, grilled beef brisket and thin slices of ox tongue. And if you're willing to join the packed midday crowd, Kunjip serves lunch specials daily from 11am to 3pm for an average price of just $9.75.

QUEENSINART
Bahari Estiatorio
31-14 Broadway, 718-204-8968
Greek civilization is alive and well in Astoria, where so many thousands of Hellenic immigrants put down roots in the last century that it was dubbed "Little Athens." Of the number of Greek tavernas in the neighborhood, Bahari is among the best. On display up front are freshly butchered meats, a steam table of vegetables, a large spinach pie ready for slicing and an open kitchen where whole striped bass and lamb chops are charcoal grilled. The inviting dining room is garlanded in thick nautical ropes, and its brick walls are pinned with an odd assortment of shutters. A semiprivate dining room is available for large parties, and, in fact, it's always good to go with a group. Share classically prepared, fluffy taramosalata, garlicky skordalia, fabulous moussaka and a fat slab of pastitsio—Greek-style lasagna with ground beef and béchamel.

UPPER CRUST: NYC PIES
Blue Smoke Bake Shop
116 E. 27th St., 212-447-6058, Flatiron District, Manhattan
Pie lovers on the go can get a quick fix at Danny Meyer's year-old Blue Smoke Bake Shop, a sweet little nook near the entrance of Blue Smoke, his rollicking barbecue joint. Grab a mini bourbon pecan pie or Tollhouse cookie pie—a swollen chocolate-chip-walnut cookie cushioned in a flaky crust. Pastry chef Jennifer Giblin bakes seasonal mini fruit pies, too, such as pear-cranberry with a sugared crumb topping. Need enough to feed a crowd? The whole banana cream pie is a dream, with a crust of vanilla wafer crumbs and walnuts.

ONE OF THE US'S BEST: BRUNCH
It is very common to go out for brunch – there is a variety of brunch food out there: breakfast burritos, omelettes with various veggies, burgers, pancakes, French toast, a culinary experience: Some really good brunch places:

Antique Garage
41 Mercer St., nr. Grand St.

Arte Café
106 West 73rd Street
New York, NY 10023-3001

Bubby’s Pie, Co.
120 Hudson Street in Tribeca

egg
135 N5th Street
Williamsburg

Esperanto
145 Avenue C and 9th Street

Felix
340 West Broadway and Grand Street, Soho

Garage
99 7th Ave South
Live jazz brunch every week

Good Enough to Eat
483 Amsterdam Avenue and 83rd Street, UWS

Jane
100 West Houston Street

Kitchenette
156 Chambers St. nr. Greenwich St., Tribeca

Pastis
9 9th Avenue

Silver Spurs
771 Broadway btw E9th and E10th Streets, Flatiron/Union Square

Smoke’s Jazz & Supper Club

Lounge
2751 Broadway
New York, NY 10025

Taboon
773 10th Ave. at 52nd, UW
Another thing you will encounter in NYC is the bagel—in variety and taste you won’t find any better ones outside of NYC (the New Yorkers say). Which of the bagel shops has the best bagel, however, remains an unsolved question.

**Zabar’s**
2245 Broadway New York, NY
— n.b. Zabar’s has great EVERYTHING! There’s a store, and then connected to it a small café. There are specials there every day but one of my favorites is a $4.95 breakfast special for bagel, lox and cream cheese + a small coffee. They also have similar deals for croissant egg and cheese sandwiches are far better in quality than a Dunkin' Donuts or a Starbucks for coffee and food.

**Absolute Bagels**
2788 Broadway (at 107th Street)

**Ess-a-bagel**
359 1st Ave (at 21st Street)

**Murray’s Bagels**
500 Avenue of the Americas (= 6th Ave) and 13th Street; 8th Avenue and 22nd Street

**FROZEN YOGURT, ICE CREAM & DESSERT**
A growing trend in NYC, frozen yogurt has become quite fashionable as a healthier alternative to ice cream. Note too that there are amazing ice cream venues in the city as well and other dessert stores and dessert houses (very reminiscent of European cafes) which are great to try for cheat days!

**Frozen Yogurt**
- **Phileo Yogurt** - 267 Bleecker Street (between Cornelia St & Morton St)
- **Red Mango** – throughout NYC
- **Pinkberry** – throughout NYC

**Ice Cream/Gelato**
- **Grom’s** - 233 Bleecker Street and 2165 Broadway (UWS)

**BEST BURGERS & PIZZA**
This year one of the great outings LLMs had was to determine best pizza and burger joints in the city. Even as a native New Yorker, with new places coming up all the time, there’s always something new to find. Here’s a list of favourite pizza and burger places in the city

**Best Burgers**
1. **5 Napkin Burger**, 2315 Broadway @ 84th Street and 630 9th Avenue @ 45th Street
2. **Corner Bistro**, 331 West 4th Street
3. **BLT Burger**, 470 Avenue of the Americas (14th and 6th ave)
4. **Burger Joint at Le Parker Meridien**, 119 West 56th Street
5. **Shake Shack**, Mad. Sq Park 23rd st, 77th St. Columbus Ave, other locations
6. **Stand4 Burger** (also AMAZING shakes and also student specials), 24 East 12th between University and 5th Ave.
Best Pizza

1. **Grimaldi’s**, 19 Old Fulton St, DUMBO Brooklyn NY

2. **Lombardi’s** 32 Spring Street
3. **Artichoke** (huge line and no seating area but great!) 328 East 14th Street (bet. 2nd and 1st ave)
4. **Otto’s** (expensive but good)

**BARBECUES**

Since there is a big lack of balconies, backyards, and space in general in NYC, some bars offer a nice alternative for a backyard barbecue: Bring your own food but buy our drinks. One example for this is East River Bar in Williamsburg, right under the Williamsburg bridge (97 S6th Street and Berry Street).
Activities

HOW TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON

Not only is there a surplus of events, there is also a surplus of information about those activities, which makes it time-consuming to find what you want (or find friends who know when and where something happens and follow them without asking a lot 😃).

You may have noticed the plastic containers at street corners. Every Thursday, those are refilled with the latest editions of free magazines that mainly contain information about any event happening in this city. To name some, there are The Village Voice, The L Magazine, The Onion (Watch out, the articles in this “newspaper” have an element of truth, but the rest is made up).

There are also magazines that cover activities in NY like Time Out New York (www.timeoutny.com), which is issued weekly and can be found in any magazine store. Signing up for one year costs $19.99 – that's about the price you pay in the store for about 6 issues (This is by the way the case for all magazines in the US. Subscription prices are usually a percentage of what the magazine costs in the store!). Weekly listings of events are also available in the Friday edition of the New York Times (www.nytimes.com).

Also very helpful are the numerous websites dealing exclusively with NY nightlife. Some of them offer a weekly email service that updates you about what is going on. Such websites include:

- www.flavorpill.com
- www.newyork.going.com
- www.thelmagazine.com
- www.nymag.com
- http://www.ephemeroi.com/windchill/
- http://nyc.myopenbar.com/
- http://www.ohmyrockness.com
- http://www.boweryballroom.com
- www.manhattanusersguide.com
- www.notfortourists.com
- www.nycvisit.com
- www.whatsupnyc.com
- www.papermag.com
- www.freenyc.net
- www.brooklynvegan.com
- www.twi-ny.com
- www.newyorkology.com

NIGHTLIFE

The nightlife in NYC pretty much takes place everywhere – depending on what you want. Clubs are mostly found in the Meatpacking District and Chelsea, whereas the bar density is highest on the Lower East Side, the East Village, and in Williamsburg.

First a little hint about the New York habit of tipping: When buying drinks at the bar, you leave at least one dollar per drink on the counter after having paid. If there is table service, its 15-20% of the check.

BARS

Here are some of the Cardozo LL.M.s’ favorites:

675 Bar
675 Hudson Street

Arthur’s Tavern
57 Grove Street

Blue Owl
2nd Ave btw. E12th and E 13th Streets, East Village

Bookmarks
299 Madison Ave., 14th floor, at 41st St. Small space

Coffee Shop
Union Sq W at 16th Street, Flatiron/Union Square

Fat Black Pussy Cat
130 West 3rd Street

Fat Cat
Christopher Street at 7th Ave

Highbar
251 W 48th St., 15th floor
High-priced, upscale bar in Hell’s Kitchen
Larry Lawrence
Grand btw Roebling and Havemeyer, Williamsburg

I tre merli
www.itremerli.com
W10th Street at W4th Street, Greenwich Village

Lolita
Broome Street btw Orchard and Allen Streets, LES

Louis 649
www.louis649.com
E9th Street and Avenue C, East Village Jazz Bar

Max Fish
www.maxfish.com
Ludlow Street btw. Houston and Stanton Streets, LES pool table

MET Museum of Art, Great Hall Balcony Bar
http://www.metmuseum.org/visit/dining/balcony_menu

Royalton Hotel
44 West 44th St, between 5th and 6th Ave.

Rue B
Ave B btw 11th and 12th Streets, East Village

Tir na Nóg
5 Penn Plaza 8th Avenue at 33rd Street, Midtown West

Trailer Park
www.trailerparklounge.com
23rd Street near 8th Avenue, Chelsea
Voted one of the Top 5 kitschiest restaurants

Union Pool
Union Ave. at Skillman Ave, Williamsburg

DRINKS ON DECK

Frying Pan
Pier 66 (Hudson River and West 26th Street), 212-989-6363, Chelsea
This 1929 lightship spent three years at the bottom of the Chesapeake Bay before being resurrected as the ultimate floating bar. The ship was transported up to New York, where it joined forces with a historic barge that used to carry railroad cars from the City over to New Jersey. Now, both vessels are docked on a pier in the Hudson. If you're shy about your hedonism, you can tell people you're there to take in a bit of New York maritime history, but here's the real draw: cheap beer and Technicolor sunset views. The mismatched nautical decor and labyrinth of plastic chairs and tables suit the laid-back, come-as-you-are vibe. And on deck you'll find one of the City's more diverse cast of characters—everyone from college kids swilling Long Island iced teas to male-model types and corporate suits throwing back happy-hour brews. Photo: Joe Buglewicz
### Manhattan by Sail

**North Cove Marina (Hudson River between Vesey and Liberty Streets), Battery Park, and Pier 17 (East River and Fulton Street), Financial District, 212-619-0885**

Choose between themes with Manhattan by Sail's two boats, the intimate *Great Gatsby*–era yacht *Shearwater* and the majestic tall ship *Clipper City*. There's glamour in just stepping out of the urban bustle onto their polished wooden decks. The romance is only heightened by champagne-drenched sunset cruises. If you're more of the single-and-mingle persuasion, you'll enjoy the company's open-bar happy-hour or wine-tasting sailings. But our favorites are the rhythm-filled jazz sails.

### Bars with Outside Seating

During the summer, several hotels and bars open their rooftops or their porches. The following is a list of just a few of those.

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<td><strong>Bar 13</strong></td>
<td>35 E13th St. at University Pl., Flatiron/Union Square</td>
<td>Right next to law school – nice to finish a Cardozo day with a drink.</td>
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<td><strong>Bohemian Hall and Beer Garden</strong></td>
<td>29-19 24th Ave., Astoria, Queens</td>
<td>German beergarden. Try the schnitzel.</td>
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<td><strong>Patroon</strong></td>
<td>160 E46th St. btw Lexington and 3rd Avenues</td>
<td>Cocktails, food, and cigars.</td>
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<td><strong>Porch</strong></td>
<td>115 Ave C btw 7th and 8th Streets, East Village</td>
<td>Beautiful, beautiful porch. The backyard closes at 11pm.</td>
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<td><strong>Salon de Ning</strong></td>
<td>700 5th Ave at 55th St.</td>
<td>Chic but pricey.</td>
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<td><strong>The Delancey</strong></td>
<td>168 Delancey St. at Clinton St.</td>
<td>Takes table reservations. Best from Thursday to Saturday.</td>
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<td><strong>Wine and Roses</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.wineandrosesbar.com">www.wineandrosesbar.com</a></td>
<td>Columbus Ave btw 73rd and 74th Streets, UWS</td>
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The Pour House
64 3rd Avenue and E11th Street, East Village

SideBar
120 East 15th St
www.sidebarny.com

NIGHTCLUBS

Buddha Bar NYC
25 Little West 12th Street, Meatpacking District

Frank’s Cocktail Lounge
660 Fulton St. and Harriet Ross Tubman Ave, Fort Greene

Pacha NYC
618 West 46th Street

Pink Elephant
527 West 27th Street, Chelsea

CAFES

88 Orchard
www.88orchard.com
Orchard Street at Broome Street, LES

Joe’s
141 Waverly Place and Gay Street, West Village
Amy Sedaris delivers her cupcakes to this spot

Joe’s
9 East 13th Street, Greenwich
Best coffee shop around Cardozo.

‘SNice
45 8th Ave at W4th Street, West Village
Vegetarian/vegan.

Grey Dog
www.thegreydog.com
University Place at 12th Street, Flatiron/Union Square

Grounded
28 Jane Street near 8th Avenue, West Village
Organic café.
Entertainment
New York is filled with entertainment for all tastes—film, music, sports—even the beach! Some of the best:

TV SHOW TAPINGS

Be Part of the Studio Audience
It's fun—and free—to attend the tapings of popular television shows filmed in New York City. You get to see huge stars up close, and if you're lucky, your friends at home might even see you on TV.

The wait for tickets is often long, so it's best to write in for them far in advance. Still, many shows have standby options if you're willing to wait in line. See below for the addresses, schedules and other important info for NYC-based TV shows.

Today (NBC)
The Today show is NBC's morning news and lifestyle program. The show—featuring Meredith Vieira, Matt Lauer, Ann Curry, Al Roker, Gene Shalit, Hoda Kotb and Kathie Lee Gifford—tapes on the ground floor at the corner of West 49th Street and Rockefeller Plaza. Fans gather outside on the plaza to watch (and to try to snag some time in front of the camera).
Ticket Info: No tickets are necessary.
Location: 30 Rockefeller Plaza (bet. Fifth and Sixth Aves. and W. 49th and W. 50th Sts.)
Schedule: The show tapes Monday through Friday from 7 to 11am.

The Early Show (CBS)
The Early Show, CBS's morning news and lifestyle program, reports on the issues of the day and offers viewers the chance to be on national television by joining in on the fun outdoors on the plaza. After the show, you can even go backstage and take pictures inside the studio—for free!
Ticket Info: No tickets are necessary. For more information, call 212-975-2890 or send an email to brquest@ cbsnews.com.
Location: The Early Show plaza is a ground-level set located in the General Motors Building at Trump International Plaza, next to FAO Schwarz, at Fifth Avenue and East 59th Street.
Schedule: The Early Show tapes Monday through Saturday from 7 to 9am. On weekdays, weatherman Dave Price gives the forecast outside in the plaza at 8 and 8:30am. Arrive no later than 7:15am.

MOVIES
Various film festivals offer movies in New York City parks under the open sky in front of the city's amazing skyline. There are also great alternative film venues to the major Loews and AMC theatres throughout the city.
River To River Festival
This free summer festival in downtown Manhattan includes musical performances, movies, readings, and more.
www.rivertorivernyc.com

Take Me To The River
Free summer music and movies at Hudson River Park. Movies are screened on Wednesdays and Fridays and start at dusk.
http://www.hudsonriverpark.org/events.asp

HBO Film Festival in Bryant Park
Free classic films from June through August – be there when the lawn opens at five.

Summer on the Hudson
Free movies are screened on Wednesdays in July and August on Pier 1 in Riverside Park South.

Film Forum
209 West Houston Street
New York, NY 10014
www.filmforum.org

MUSIC

New York Philharmonic in the Parks
The Philharmonic plays for free in several New York City parks during the summer.
http://nyphil.org/attend/summer/index.cfm?page=parks

Central Park Summerstage
Free concerts at Rumsey Playfield, Central Park.
www.summerstage.org

Naumburg Orchestral Concerts
Free concerts on Tuesday evenings at the Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park during the summer months.
www.naumburgconcerts.org

Metropolitan Opera in the Parks
One to several free summer concerts in NYC parks for free.

Music

Underground films being shown from June through September.
http://www.rooftopfilms.com/

Celebrate Brooklyn
Free performances at the Prospect Park Bandshell, donation suggested.
http://www.briconline.org/celebrate/default.asp

Summer Crime @ Scandinavia House
Annual series bringing Scandinavia’s best crime drama series to NYC.
http://www.scandinaviahouse.org/programs.html#films

Good Morning America Concert Series
If you are an early bird, go to Bryant park on Friday mornings during the summer. The free concerts take place from 8:30am to 9:30am, but it is recommended to get there before 7am to secure a spot.
http://www.bryantpark.org/calendar/gma-concerts.php

NBC’s Today Show Concert Series
Also taking place mostly on Friday morning during the summer in front of the Rockefeller Center is this free concert series.
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3041478/
Annual Washington Square Music Festival
Free outdoor classical and Music of the Americas concert series starting in April.
http://www.washingtonsquaremusicfestival.org/

JVC Jazz Festival
This festival comes to New York every summer with free events and shows.
www.festivalnetwork.com/jvcc jazz/concert_view.php?ID=4

Mad.Sq. Music
Free concerts on Wednesday evenings during the summer.
www.madisonsquarepark.org/programs/madsqmusic.aspx

Celebrate Brooklyn
Free performances on the weekends at the bandshell in Prospect Park.
http://www.bronxolive.org/celebrate/default.asp

Rhythm & Blues Festival at MetroTech
Free outdoor summer concert series on Thursdays at noon in Brooklyn.
www.bam.org/events/metrotech.aspx

Summer in the Square
Free weekly entertainment on Thursday afternoons, such as concerts or yoga classes.
www.unionsquarenyc.org

Free For All At Town Hall
Free classical concerts in April and May.
www.freeforallatownhall.org/

Mostly Mozart
A concert series dedicated to Mozart's works at the Lincoln center.
www.lincolncenter.org

Lincoln Center Festival
Ballet, music, dance and more during a couple of weeks in the summer. Some performances are for free.
www.lincolncenter.org

Lincoln Center Out of Doors
Free performances of different arts and music during August.
www.lincolncenter.org

Lincoln Center Midsummer Night Swing – free swing dancing to live bands at Lincoln Center in Summer to early Fall

Siren Music Festival
This annual music festival takes place in Coney Island – for free.

Jazzmobile
Free jazz concerts and workshops in Manhattan and Queens.
http://www.jazzmobile.org/

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www.rivertorivernyc.com

Seaside Summer Concert Series
Free Thursday night concerts in Coney Island/Brighton Beach.
http://www.brooklynconcerts.com/seaside.html

Clinton Cove Concert Series
Free concerts on Tuesday evenings in Clinton Cove Park at 55th Street and Pier 84 at 44th Street from June through September.
http://clintoncove.com/events/

City Parks Concerts
Free events in park in all boroughs.

Harlem Meer Performance Festival
Every Sunday afternoon from May through September for free in Central Park.

Take Me To The River
Free summer blues, jazz, movies, etc., at Hudson River Park.
http://www.hudsonriverpark.org/events.asp

Sommergarden
Free Sunday evening concerts at MoMA.
http://www.moma.org/calendar/programs.php?id=112#program_events

Summer Garden Concerts
Free concerts on Fridays in July and August with dance lessons prior to each concert.
http://www.flushingtownhall.org/events/?cat_id=1045

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**SoundFix**

**THEATER**

Theater can be an expensive leisure time. Reduced-priced tickets can be bought either from TKTS-booths at Times Square or South Street Seaport (www.tdf.org/TDF_ServicePage.aspx?id=56) or online: www.talkingbroadway.com. See also www.newyorktheatreguide.com, www.newyorkcitytheatre.com, http://nymag.com/arts/theater/

**Broadway in Bryant Park**

**Shakespeare in the Park**
Shakespeare for free outside. http://www.publictheater.org/content/view/126/219/

**SPORTS**

Sports are very important in the U.S. Below is an outline of NY professional leagues & teams. Tickets, not only for sports but also shows, operas, etc. can be ordered online at: www.stubhub.com www.ticketmaster.com

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL**
League: NFL – National Football League
*Season*: Sept – Dec, *Championship*: Superbowl Feb
**NY Jets** – Jets Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ

**ICE HOCKEY**
League: NHL – National Hockey League
*Season*: Oct – April, *Trophy*: Stanley Cup: May/June
**NY Rangers** (Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division) – Madison Square Garden

**BASEBALL**
League: MLB – Major League Baseball
*Season*: Apr – Sept, *Championship*: World Series, Sept
**NY Mets** (National League) – Shea Stadium/Citi Field, Flushing (Queens)
**NY Yankees** (American League) – Yankee Stadium, the Bronx

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SOCCER
League: MLS – Major League Soccer
Regular season: Apr – Nov, championship game: MLS Cup, Nov

TENNIS
The US Open takes place every summer in Flushing, Queens: www.usopen.org.
**Leisure**

**BEACHES**

It may not have been the main reason why you decided to come to NYC, but it is definitely a nice thing that it is located close to the ocean – partly even accessible via subway. Most of the beaches are open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Expect to pay an admission fee.

**LONG ISLAND**

You get there with the LIRR (718-217-5477) from Penn Station, Flatbush Avenue (Brooklyn), Woodside, Jamaica, or Mineola station to the following locations. Most require transfers to a bus—please check before making the trip!

- **Robert Moses State Park**
  Take the train to Babylon Station

- **Jones Beach**
  Take the train to Freeport Station

- **Atlantic Beach**
  With the LIRR to Long Beach.

- **Long Beach**
  LIRR straight to Long Beach

**STATEN ISLAND**

- **South Beach, Midland Beach, Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk**
  Take the #51 Bus from the Staten Island ferry terminal.

- **Wolfe’s Pond Beach**
  Per bus or subway around 2 to 2.5 hours from Manhattan.

**QUEENS:**

- **Rockaway Beach and Boardwalk**
  Take the A Subway to Rockaway Park.

- **Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk**
  Take the B, D, F or N Subway to Coney Island. There tends to be lots of litter on this beach.

**BRONX**

- **Orchard Beach and Promenade**
  Take the #6 Subway to Pelham Bay Park.

**NEW JERSEY**

- [www.newjerseyshore.com](http://www.newjerseyshore.com)

**PARKS**

Despite most people’s expectations, NYC does not lack parks. There are plenty amazing little – and not so little – parks to spend a Saturday afternoon at.

- **Central Park**
  – and certainly most famous park is Central Park, which is located in Manhattan reaching from 59th Street in the South to 110th Street in the North, from 5th Avenue to 8th Avenue (called Central Park West north of 59th Street). Central Park offers lawn areas to sit on, baseball fields, the reservoir and some more small water bodies, an ice skating rink, a zoo, you name it.

- **Prospect Park**
  – Central Park’s greatest competitor is Prospect Park in Brooklyn. Located in Prospect Heights/Park Slope, it may take more time to get there, therefore, it more foresty than Central Park.

- **East River State Park**
  – This park needs to be pointed out because of its amazing view. It is on N8th Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg (about 4 blocks from the Bedford stop on the L-
train). Over the East River, you look right onto the Manhattan Skyline.

**Madison Square Park** (don’t mix it up with Madison Square Garden – that’s on 8th Avenue) – Broadway/5th Avenue/23rd Street

**Union Square** (Broadway/4th Avenue/14th Street) – There is always an artists market and on 4 days a week a farmers market going on.

**Washington Square** (5th Avenue/W8th Street)

**Tompson Square Park** (Avenue A/E10th Street)

There are numerous random little parks to be found at the waterfront, especially in Downtown (starting with **Battery Park**) going up on the Westside (**Chelsea Piers**).

**Riverside Park** – Rent bikes and ride them up to the Cloisters in Harlem.

**McCarren Park** – great people watch.

**Bryant Park** – right behind the NYPL (New York Public Library) on 6th Avenue and 42nd Street. In the summer, there is a film festival – come early, bring a blanket and picnic and enjoy movies like Casablanca or Psycho with hundreds of people under the open sky.

**Brooklyn Botanic Garden** – Right next to the Brooklyn Museum invites Brooklyn Botanic Garden to stroll or have a picnic. Tuesdays are free, as well as Saturdays between 10am and noon and the winter months. [http://www.bbg.org/vis2/hours.html](http://www.bbg.org/vis2/hours.html)

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**MUSEUMS**

NYC is the location of numerous famous museums. Most of them are for free at certain times – therefore crowded. This is a good site to check out for full listings in all boroughs: [http://www.inetours.com/New_York/Pages/NY_Museums.html](http://www.inetours.com/New_York/Pages/NY_Museums.html)

- **American Numismatic Society**
  [www.numismatics.org](http://www.numismatics.org)

- **Dahesh Museum**
  [www.daheshmuseum.org](http://www.daheshmuseum.org)

- **The Museum at FIT**
  [www.fitnyc.edu/museum](http://www.fitnyc.edu/museum)

- **Franklin Furnace**
  [www.franklinfurnace.com](http://www.franklinfurnace.com)

- **Goethe House – German Cultural Center**
  [www.goethe.de/Ins/us/ney/enindex.htm](http://www.goethe.de/Ins/us/ney/enindex.htm)

- **The Hispanic Society of America**
  [www.hispanicsociety.org](http://www.hispanicsociety.org)

- **The Municipal Art Society of New York**
  [www.mas.org](http://www.mas.org)

- **American Folk Art Museum**
  [www.folkartmuseum.org](http://www.folkartmuseum.org)

- **National Museum of the American Indian**
  [http://www.goethe.de/Ins/us/ney/enindex.htm](http://www.goethe.de/Ins/us/ney/enindex.htm)

- **New York City Police Museum**
  [www.nycpolicemuseum.org](http://www.nycpolicemuseum.org)

- **Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden**
  [www.snug-harbor.org](http://www.snug-harbor.org)
Whitney Museum of Art
www.whitney.org

American Museum of Natural History
www.amnh.org

The Brooklyn Museum of Art
www.brooklynart.org

The Cloisters
www.metmuseum.org/Works_Of_Art/the_cloisters

Dia Center for the Arts
www.diacenter.org

The Noguchi Museum
www.noguchi.org

El Museo del Barrio
www.elmuseo.org

Metropolitan Museum of Art
www.metmuseum.org

The Museum of the City of New York
www.mcny.org

New York City Fire Museum
www.nycfiremuseum.org

New-York Historical Society
www.nyhistory.org

P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center
www.ps1.org

The Morgan Library & Museum
www.morganlibrary.org

Queens Museum of Art
www.queensmuseum.org

Staten Island Museum
www.statenislandmuseum.org

Polish Institute of Art and Sciences of America
www.piasa.org

Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum
ww.si.edu/ndm

Neue Galerie New York
1048 5th Ave
http://www.neuegalerie.org/

National Academy Museum
1083 Fifth Avenue (at 89th Street)
https://nationalacademy.org/pageview.asp?mid=1 &pid=9

The Jewish Museum
www.thejewishmuseum.org

Wave Hill
www.wavehill.org

Bronx Museum of the Arts
www.bronxmuseum.org

Children's Museum of the Arts
www.cmny.org

Museum of Art and Design
www.madmuseum.org

New Museum of Contemporary Art
www.newmuseum.org
A nice alternative to the trip to the Statue of Liberty is the free Staten Island Ferry that offers great views of the Manhattan, Brooklyn, and New Jersey skylines, as well as the Statue of Liberty. It takes 25 minutes one-way and leaves at South Ferry Station (You get there with the 1-train). However, the trip to the Statue includes Ellis Island with a recommended audio tour through the museum.

For those interested in walking tours, check out these pages for details:
http://nymag.com/guides/cheap/walkingtours/
http://www.bigapplegreeter.org/
http://www.grandcentralpartnership.org/what_we_do/promote_free_tour.asp
http://www.unionsquarenyc.org/walk.html
http://www.downtownny.com/?sid=48

For a stunning view of the Manhattan skyline go to Water and Old Fulton Streets in Brooklyn right under the Brooklyn Bridge, then walk back over the bridge. The entrance to the bridge at Cadman Plaza East and Prospect Street is hidden.
If you plan on heading out of the city over the weekend, there are plenty of opportunities. Make sure you plan in advance on national holidays.

The following is a list of nearby travel destinations:

- Lake Taghkanic State Park, NY
- Hamptons, NY
- Boston, MA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Baltimore, MD
- Bristol & Newport, RI
- Plymouth Plantation, MA
- Lancaster, PA (the Amish)
- Ocean City, NJ
- the Hudson Valley
- Adirondacks, Catskill Mountains, Beacon, NY

**ALSO CHECK OUT:**
- Lancaster, PA (the Amish)
- Ocean City, NJ
- the Hudson Valley
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**TRANSPORTATION**


Hint! If you plan on renting a car, it can be cheaper to rent it over a website from abroad.

[www.holidayautos.de](http://www.holidayautos.de)  [www.usareisen.de](http://www.usareisen.de)

Other means are:

- the railway: [Amtrak](https://www.amtrak.com) (leaves from Penn Station)
- Chinatown buses: They connect the Chinatowns of major US cities – usually the cheapest way to travel, but might not be the most comfortable
- Greyhound buses: Greyhound, Peter Pan, etc., buses leave from Penn Station. You can save a lot of money purchasing the ticket 3-days in advance on [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com).
- Boltbus: [https://www.boltbus.com/](https://www.boltbus.com/)
- Airplane: Cheap flights can be found on [www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com), [www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com), [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com), [cheapflights.com](http://www.cheapflights.com)

**BIKE RIDES**

Rent bikes for $30 and ride them through Riverside Park up to the Cloisters in Harlem.

[http://www.nyccentury.org/bike_rental](http://www.nyccentury.org/bike_rental)

**CAMPING**

There are many places to go camping in close proximity to NY. One LL.M. recommends [www.maloufsmountain.com](http://www.maloufsmountain.com) for their organized camping trip to Beacon, about two hours by train from NY.