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Best After-Hours Eats in NYC

New York City, 1 Day

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: What do you do when you're leaving the bar or club or concert and haven't a chance to eat? Or you had a late lunch and missed the dinner hour? In New York, that's no problem--you can still get great food. Here are eight spots that stay open until 2 am or later--some of them all night long.

Photo: Veselka, a late-night tradition in the East Village. By Maggie Hoffman.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - New York City

	'inoteca Excellent Italian eatery
	Bacaro Subterranean osteria
	Veselka Hip Ukrainian fare, open 24 hours
	Frank Cheap Italian restaurant
	Blue Ribbon Manhattan A foodies' delight
	Schiller's Liquor Bar A bite from around the world
	Pastis Meatpacking district bistro
	Corner Bistro Burgers-and-beers in a classic Village spot
	7A Neighborhood hang-out

Day 1 - New York City

QUICK NOTE

contact:

tel: 1 212 614 0473
fax: +1 212 614 0637
<http://inotecanyc.com/>

location:

98 Rivington Street
New York NY 10002

hours:

M-F Noon-3a, Sa-Su 10a-3a

1 'inoteca

DESCRIPTION: Italian-style small plates, including the ever-popular paninis and bruschetta, feature at this trendy Lower East Side eatery, an extension of 'ino in the West Village. Inexpensive but excellent, this is the place to head for Italian if you don't want to leave feeling bloated. In addition, the wine list is extremely lengthy, and sure to impress. The espresso and desserts are also great. © wcities.com



Photo courtesy of inoteca

contact:

tel: 2129415060
<http://bacaronyc.com/>

location:

136 Division Street
New York City NY 10002

hours:

Dinner: Sunday, Tuesday -
Thursday: 6:00pm - 12:00pm,
Friday - Saturday: 6:00pm -
2:00am

2 Bacaro

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Try Bacaro's new late-night menu (served from 12-2 am Friday and Saturday nights), including tasty snacks like fried meatballs and stuffed zucchini blossoms.

DESCRIPTION: From the trio behind Peasant, Bacaro's a Venice-inspired, subterranean osteria located way down on Division Street (right below Canal, where flinty-eyed street hawkers retire after unloading garbage bags of Big Beats reggae mix cds). The vaulted-ceiling'd cellar is honeycombed with candle-lit private rooms, and boasts two temp-controlled wine rooms and a marble-topped bar, a catacomb-like set-up Venetians would enjoy, were there basements not festering with dead gondoliers. The grub's Northern Italian (chestnut-stuffed quail, fried meatballs), with cheeses selected by Lou DiPalo, "The Cheese King of Little Italy" -- a lactose-tolerant food magnate also once impersonated by a reservationless Matthew Broderick. For more casualness, there's also a black-woodworked, ornately chandeliered above-ground bar serving select gins and whiskies and 30 Italians by the glass, priced \$3-\$20 -- presenting another date problem, when she recognizes her cuddles have a \$3 valuation. © Thrillist



Bacaro

contact:

tel: 1 212 228 9682
<http://www.veselka.com>

location:

144 2nd Avenue
New York NY 10003

hours:

24-hours daily

3 Veselka

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Hungry diners should try the the bigos, a Ukrainian stew featuring kielbasa, roast pork shoulder, sauerkraut and onions and billed as "a substantial meal fit for a hunter."

DESCRIPTION: Whenever the craving hits for hearty eastern European fare at old-world prices, Veselka fits the bill with fluffy and light (if that's possible) pierogi (small doughy envelopes filled with potatoes, cheese, or sauerkraut), kasha varnishkes



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(cracked buckwheat and noodles with mushroom sauce), stuffed cabbage, grilled Polish kielbasa, freshly made potato pancakes, and such classic soups as a sublime borscht. Breakfast is special here. If all you want is a burger, don't worry -- it's a classic, too. Despite the authentic fare, the diner is comfortable, modern, and appealing, with an artsy slant and delicious house-made desserts. Veselka surpasses its status as a popular after-hours hangout with clubbers and other night owls to be a favorite at any hour. © Frommer's

contact:
tel: 1 212 420 0202
<http://www.frankrestaurant.com/>

location:
88 Second Avenue
New York NY 10003

hours:
10:30a-midnight Su,
10:30a-1a M-Th, 10:30a-2a F-Sa

4 Frank

DESCRIPTION: This charming but small Italian neighborhood restaurant manages to hold its own in an area filled with trendy spots, by serving good food at low prices. With all sorts of odd decorations on the wall and an open kitchen, it feels like your eccentric Aunt is in charge of this eatery. The crowd is a mix of locals looking for quiet refuge, as well as couples on dates. You will find plenty of classic Italian dishes here, the pastas are freshly made, and the cheesecake is fabulous. © wcities.com



Photo courtesy of Frank

contact:
tel: 1 212 274 0404
http://www.blueribbonrestaurants.com/rests_brass_man_main.htm

location:
97 Sullivan Street
New York NY 10012

hours:
Daily 4p-4a

5 Blue Ribbon Manhattan

DESCRIPTION: This is the first and evidently the most popular restaurant of the Blue Ribbon restaurant group. While it's a veritable stop for food connoisseurs, it is also popular among professionals in Manhattan working late hours. The seafood dishes score well but the chicken, duck, pigeon and beef culinary creations are not far behind. The salads and soups are a nice way of rounding off the meal, and the desserts have you searching for excuses to celebrate. Obviously, given its popularity and limited seats, you ought to reserve before you head here during evening hours or simply wait. Some of the other branches you can check out include Blue Ribbon Brooklyn, Blue Ribbon Bakery and the nearby Blue Ribbon Sushi. © wcities.com



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contact:
tel: 1 212 260 4555
www.schillersny.com

location:
131 Rivington Street
New York NY 10002

hours:
Lunch: 11a-4p M-F,
Late Lunch: 4p-6p M-F,
Dinner: 6p-midnight M-Su,
Supper: midnight-1a Su-W,

6 Schiller's Liquor Bar

DESCRIPTION: Labeled as a French, Irish, English and a Southern Soul restaurant, there's not much that is not satisfying on the menu. White tiled and filled with sunshine, this joint offers delicious Steak Frites, Skillets of sizzling Garlic Shrimp and a delectable Penne Arrabiata. The sticky Toffee Pudding is worth a try and if you're feeling adventurous, check out the Welsh Rarebit. On weekend mornings, you can try fruity Pimm Cups and fresh-made Dollar Doughnuts as well as thick Hazelnut Waffles doused in bourbon-flavored maple syrup. This



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midnight-2a Th, midnight-3a
F-Sa, Brunch: 10a-4p Sa-Su

fantastic menu is very affordable, so dash over and gorge. ©
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contact:

tel: 1 212 929 4844
fax: 1 212 929 5676?
www.pastisny.com

location:

9 Ninth Avenue
New York NY 10014

hours:

Breakfast: Daily 9a-noon,
Lunch: M-F noon-6p, Brunch:
Sa-Su noon-5p, Dinner:
daily 6p-midnight, Supper:
Su-Th midnight-2a, F-Sa
midnight-2:30a

7 Pastis

DESCRIPTION: This bistro situated in the meatpacking district is immensely popular due to its remarkably French atmosphere, fine food and attentive service. There is outdoor seating, and the dining room features tiles on the floor, antique mirrors on the walls and leather banquettes everywhere. A happy bar scene is ongoing in the lounge. Dishes of note include the house pate, onion soup gratinee, oysters on the half shell, roast leg of lamb, and the whole fish of the day. Pastis is owned by Keith McNally of Balthazar fame. © wcities.com



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contact:

tel: 1 212 242 9502
fax: 1 212 242 9502
http://cornerbistro.yguides.net

location:

331 West 4th Street
New York NY 10014

hours:

11:30a-4a M-Sa, noon-4a Su

8 Corner Bistro

DESCRIPTION: Nestled in the heart of the West Village, this casual American bar and restaurant keeps late hours (until 4a) and serves cheap, casual fare. Greasy but tasty burgers, and fries. A friendly spot, Corner Bistro caters to a diverse crowd of downtown denizens, as well as the college types who party on Bleecker Street. It is cash only, but at these prices you should have no problem paying the bill. © wcities.com



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contact:

tel: +1 212 475 9001
http://www.7acafe.com/

location:

109 Avenue A
New York NY 10009

hours:

Mo to Su from 12:00 AM to
12:00 AM

9 7A

DESCRIPTION: Located near the southwestern edge of Tompkins Square Park, 7A is an oasis for East Village locals who just want to chill and hang out in an attitude-free zone. Simple is the word, and there are plenty of outdoor seats in good weather. The pub food takes a back seat to drinks like their refreshing Frozen Mudslide (vodka, Kahlua and Bailey's Irish Cream), but inexpensive burgers, salads and sandwiches are all available. © wcities.com



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New York City Snapshot

Local Info

New York, New York: There's truly no other city in the world like it. The city reaches far and wide with neighborhoods and people changing at every block you cross. Don't let the Big Apple intimidate you though, it's got a little bit of everything for travelers of all kinds to enjoy. Shopaholics and fashionistas roam the pricey boutiques of Soho while downtown locals flock to the street food of Chinatown. View stately museums of the Upper East Side or challenge your knowledge of art browsing Chelsea, this sprawling metropolis offers the best of all worlds...and that's just the big city of Manhattan. Here's an overview of some of that island's noteworthy neighborhoods, as well as the basics on the outer boroughs, too—Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island. To dig deeper on any of these destinations, check out the relevant Neighborhood Information section.

Midtown

This is the beating heart of the Big Apple, complete with towering skyscrapers, packed streets, and many of the city's top destinations for sightseeing, shopping, and entertainment, including Times Square, the United Nations, the Empire State Building and Rockefeller Center. This is must-see New York, but make sure to spend some time outside this neighborhood if you want to breathe a bit more freely.

Central Park

Nestled between the Upper West and Upper East Sides, this 843-acre oasis is the most visited urban park in the country. Among its many charms are miles of winding pathways, several lakes and ponds, two skating rinks, a zoo, and a conservatory. Visit in the summer if you can, when the park hosts free concerts and plays.

Times Square/Theater District/Hell's Kitchen

The once seedy Times Square zone is all cleaned up and packed full of chain restaurants and other tourist-friendly attractions. Catch a Broadway show in the Theater District, or head west to Hell's Kitchen, also cleaned up from its seedier days and full of dining and nightlife options.

Chelsea

Chelsea has been the center of the city's art scene since the mid-1990s, with more than 200 galleries centered mostly in its western reaches (near 10th and 11th Avenues). In addition to the High Line, a newly opened public space along an old elevated railway, it also boasts some of the city's hottest nightclubs, is chock-full of busy restaurants and bars, and has long been seen as the heart of gay-friendly New York. □

Gramercy/Flatiron/Union Square

This central neighborhood has a little of everything, from pedigreed Gramercy Park to bustling Union Square (site of the city's largest greenmarket). It's also home to a number of the city's most popular restaurants, and the dining options abound on Park Avenue South and the area around Madison Square Park, near the iconic Flatiron Building.

Greenwich Village/West Village

With its labyrinthine (compared to the Midtown grid) streets and historic townhouses, the Village is classic New York. Its eastern region contains Washington Square Park and New York University, while the charming, formerly bohemian West Village is home to increasingly upscale shopping and restaurants. Head further west to the Meatpacking District, now a mecca of expensive dining/nightlife options.

East Village □

The East Village stands out for its young, arty, funky (though nowhere near as edgy as in years past) vibe, on display in its many shopping, dining and nightlife options. History buffs will appreciate landmarks like St. Mark's-in-the-Bowery Church, while a cleaned-up Tompkins Square Park offers great people-watching.

Lower East Side

□ Go below Houston Street on the east side and you'll find even more restaurants, boutiques and bars lining the streets of the ever-more-upscale Lower East Side. Though this area was once home to some of the city's worst slums, its gritty past has made way for a vibrant shopping, dining and nightlife scene. Learn about the neighborhood's past at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum (it's free!) or check out the historic Orchard Street Shopping District.

Soho

Though many galleries have moved to Chelsea, Soho still boasts its own art scene. Shopping is the real draw in this neighborhood, however, from high-fashion boutiques to the chain stores that line Broadway. At the eastern end of Soho, Nolita is perfect for shoppers who favor smaller, more unique stores. A plethora of kitschy Italian restaurants still draw tourists to the lively neighborhood of Little Italy, around Mulberry Street, including the throngs attracted by the annual San Gennaro Festival.

Lower Manhattan

This diverse zone encompasses Chinatown (with its designer knock-offs and dim sum), swanky Tribeca, family-friendly Battery Park City, and the bustling (at least during the week) Financial District. Must-see spots include South Street Seaport, Wall Street and the New York Stock Exchange, and the World Trade Center site.

Upper East Side □

The Metropolitan, the Whitney, and the Guggenheim are only the biggest players in this stately, museum-filled neighborhood, which also boasts some of the city's best high-end shopping (Madison Avenue) and some of its highest-priced real estate (Fifth Avenue along Central Park, Park Avenue).

Upper West Side

The beautiful Upper West Side, historically a mecca for New York City artists, writers and intellectuals, is also one of the city's most family-friendly neighborhoods, with brownstone-lined streets, brunch spots, shops galore, and easy access to Central Park. It's also home to Lincoln Center, the Museum of Natural History, architectural gems like the Ansonia and the Dakota, and (a bit further north) Columbia University.

Harlem

Long a vibrant center of African-American history, music and culture, Harlem has changed a lot in recent years, as a diverse new crowd of residents have started calling its stately old brownstones home. It's still a great destination for soul food (try stalwarts like Sylvia's) as well as live jazz and nightlife at historic spots like the Cotton Club or the Lenox Lounge.

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Brooklyn

From the galleries of Williamsburg to the brownstones of Brooklyn Heights, from family-friendly Park Slope to kitschy Coney Island, devotees of this borough wouldn't live anywhere else. Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge and check out the views from the Promenade, or stroll in Prospect Park, for just a taste of what Brooklyn has to offer. But don't neglect this outer borough on your next visit, there's plenty reason for Brooklyn to be worth your while.

Queens

The largest borough, Queens is also the most ethnically diverse, boasting arguably the best food in the city, from Greek in Astoria, to Indian in Jackson Heights, to Chinese and Korean in Flushing. It is also a popular destination for sports (Citi Field--new home to the New York Mets--and U.S. Open tennis) and culture (check out P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center in Long Island City).

The Bronx

Though New York's northernmost borough is best known to many as the home

of Yankee Stadium, the Bronx offers a good deal more than meets the eye. Explore its beaches and museums, its world-famous zoo and botanical garden, its own Little Italy, quaint City Island, and more parkland than any other borough.

Staten Island

The breathtaking views from the free Staten Island Ferry are just the beginning of this borough's charms. With a more suburban feel than any of the other boroughs, Staten Island boasts a number of parks, as well as a zoo, a children's museum, a botanical garden, a minor league baseball stadium, and a restored colonial village.

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Fun Facts

New York State: New York **Country:** United States

New York City By The Numbers:

Population: 8.3 million (city); 19.8 million (metropolitan)
Average January Temperature: 32°F / 0°C
Average July Temperature: 77°F / 25°C
Annual Rainfall: 47in / 1200mm
Waterfront: 578mi / 930km
Elevation: 87ft / 27m
Location shoots:

40,000 annually
Number of islands that NYC is made up of: 50

Quick Facts:

Time zone: GMT- 5 (GMT- 4 from first Sunday in April to Saturday before last Sunday in October); Eastern Standard Time (EST)
Electricity: 110/120 volts, 60Hz; round two-pin plugs are standard.
Country dialing code: 1
Telephone area code: Manhattan 212, 646 & 917; outer boroughs 718, 347 or 917

Did You Know?

The nickname, The Big Apple, came from sportswriter John Fitzgerald eavesdropping on stable hands in New Orleans, terming NYC's racetracks as "The Big Apple".

The department store Macy's is the world's largest store.

Babe Ruth slammed his first home run in the first game ever played at Yankee Stadium.

Once the skyline of NYC wasn't dominated by tall skyscrapers. In the 1660s, a two-story windmill was the highest building in New York City.

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