

DINING SUGGESTIONS

The hotel website has a “dining” tab that lists nearby restaurants. Here are some other suggestions, culled from Zagat and elsewhere.

NEAR MARRIOTT HOTEL (First, Second, and Third Avenues, East 80s and 90s)

Baluchi’s, 1724 Second Ave, betw. 89th and 90th Streets (212-996-2600), serves high quality, reliable Indian food at moderate prices. Lunch and dinner. www.baluchis.com

Beyoglu, 1431 Third Ave, at East 81st Street (212-650-0850). Turkish, inexpensive to moderate, lunch and dinner.

Blockheads Burritos, 1563 Second Ave (betw. 81st and 82nd Streets). Mexican, inexpensive.

Brasserie Julien, 1422 Third Ave, betw. 80th and 81st Streets (212-744-6327). French, moderate to expensive, with a 1920s Paris feel. www.brasseriejulien.com

Donguri, 309 East 83rd Street, betw. First and Second Aves (212-737-5656). Simple, high-priced Japanese fare, including soba and udon noodles “prepared to perfection” (but no sushi). www.dongurinyc.com

Elio’s, 1621 Second Ave, betw. 84th and 85th Streets (212-772-2242). A top Zagat spot, “this is the real deal” for expensive Italian classics and people-watching. www.nymag.com > restaurants

Land, 1565 Second Ave, betw. 81st and 82nd Streets (212-439-1847). Standard, cost-effective Thai food. www.landthaikitchen.com

Marmara, 1660 Third Ave at 93rd Street (212-996-1313). Pleasant Turkish/Mediterranean food, moderately priced. www.urbanspoon.com

Our Place, 1444 Third Ave, at 82nd Street (212-288-4888). Slightly high-priced Shanghai cuisine, including dim sum, in calm and quiet surroundings.

Poke, 343 East 85th, between First and Second Avenues (212-249-0569). Outstanding sushi and fantastic rolls, but no atmosphere, no reservations and no credit cards.

Sala Thai, 1718 Second Ave, betw. 89th and 90th Streets (212-410-5557). Not fancy but always good Thai food at affordable prices; a neighborhood institution.

Sistina, 1555 Second Ave, betw. 80th and 81st Streets (212-861-7660). A top Zagat spot serving authentic, Northern Italian cuisine with an extensive wine cellar and attentive service; on the expensive side, but their “unbelievable specials are worth it.”

Totonno’s Pizzeria Napolitano, 1544 Second Ave, betw. 80th and 81st Streets (212-327-2800). No frills, “perfectly crisped” brick-oven pizza.
www.totonnos.com

NEAR METROPOLITAN MUSEUM (Madison, Park, and Lexington Avenues, East 70s and 80s)

The Museum itself offers a wide variety of dining options in various price ranges on its premises; these are listed in its mini Dining Guide (which may be in your registration packets). Ask at the museum, call ahead, or consult www.metmuseum.org/visitor/dining_main.htm

New Amity Restaurant, 1134 Madison Avenue, betw. 84th and 85th (212-861-3255), a classic New York diner and coffee shop. One of the last. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. www.menupages.com/restaurants/amity-restaurant/

Café Sabarsky/Café Fledermaus, 1048 Fifth Ave, at 86th Street (212-288-0665). Old-world Viennese café housed in the Neue Galerie overlooking Central Park. Outstanding pastries in very European surroundings. (Fledermaus, downstairs, offers the same menu in less elegant surroundings.) www.wallse.com

Viand, 1011 Madison Ave, at 78th Street (212-249-8250). An extensive menu of reliable, coffee-shop food at reasonable prices.
www.menupages.com/restaurants/amity-restaurant/

E.A.T., 1064 Madison Ave, betw. 80th and 81st Streets (212-772-0022). Exciting and delicious gourmet cuisine, served, but not priced, casually. Owned by Eli Zabar of New York’s famous Zabar food dynasty.
<http://www.elizabar.com/eat.html>

Lexington Candy Shop, 1226 Lexington Ave at 83rd Street (212-288-0057). A charming throwback to past generations, this is what used to be called a “luncheonette,” with spinning counter stools, booths, and a décor that hasn’t changed since the ‘40s. A real NY landmark, serving ice-cream sodas, frosted malts, and diner food since 1925. Even the Cokes are made the old-fashioned way (a shot of syrup followed by a spritz of seltzer).

Serafina’s, 1022 Madison Ave, at 79th Street (212-734-2676). Chic Italian, affordably priced. www.serafinarestaurant.com

Pastrami Queen, 1125 Lexington Ave., betw. 78th and 79th Streets (212-734-1500), a deli that serves arguably the best pastrami in NY. Small space, big pastrami.

Sarabeth's, 1295 Madison Ave, betw. 92nd and 93rd Streets (212-410-7335). Good old American comfort food, moderately priced, served in a tearoom setting. www.sarabeth.com

Three Guys, 960 Madison Ave, betw. 75th and 76th Streets (212-628-8108). A typical NY diner with a large menu and fast service, though not cheap.

FOR SPECIAL DIETS

Candle 79, 154 East 79th, betw. Lexington and Third Aves (212-537-7179). "An elegant temple of vegan and vegetarian cuisine," where the "carrots are priced like karats." www.candlecafe.com

Ozu, 566 Amsterdam Ave, betw. West 87th and 88th Streets (212-787-8316). Macrobiotic and kosher Japanese cuisine, with an emphasis on vegetarian and egan dishes, but also a good variety of fish dishes. <http://www.ozunyc.com/>

Le Pain Quotidien, 1131 Madison Ave, betw. 84th and 85th Streets (212-327-4900), a Belgian bakery-inspired restaurant that offers a creative, health-conscious menu using mainly organic ingredients, with many good vegetarian and vegan options, served at large wooden communal tables. <http://www.painquotidien.com/>

Blossom, 466 Columbus Ave, betw. West 82nd and 83rd Streets (212-875-2600). Good, New-Agey vegan and vegetarian restaurant. www.blossomcafe.com

Kasbah Kosher Barbeque and Grill, 251 West 85th Street, at Broadway (212-496-1500). Top quality glatt kosher meats. A 25-minute walk or short subway ride from Lincoln Center. www.delikasbah.com

Lunch Box, 886 Ninth Ave, betw. West 57th and 58th Streets (212-969-9642). Good vegetarian and vegan options: healthy sandwiches, soups, and snacks, fresh fruit-and-vegetable juices, espresso and cappuccino. Conveniently located to the Time-Warner Center.

Burrito Box, 855 Ninth Ave (212-489-6889) directly across from the Lunch Box owned by the same proprietor, serves vegetarian and vegan options with a Mexican flavor. Menus for both places at <http://www.burritobox.com/>