

KA's tasty recession restaurant tips for the New York show!

This is the insiders guide, no tourists allowed! Cheap eats and fun places...the perfect antidote to a long day at Javits and the Piers

Pizza John's Pizza



Famous historic Village locale (since the 1920's) is rated #1 for pizza in NY. Whole pizzas only, no slices. There may be a line but it's worth the wait. Have a pitcher of beer with your pizza and you'll find yourself in pizza Nirvana! Cash only. 278 Bleeker Street, between Jones and Morton 347-706-3336

Patsy's

Great light pizza with wonderful cheeses and thin crusts. Have their scrumptious salads to go with your pizza. It's noisy and always crowded with locals but really great! Credit cards accepted. 509 Third Avenue, between 34th and 35th 212-689-7500

Italian Pepolino



Off the beaten path but worth the trip downtown. Hearty Italian fare. Check out the handsome waiters. 28 West Broadway, between Canal and Lispanard Street, 212-966-9983

Diners &

Brooklyn Diner

Some in-the-know New Yorkers say it's the best cheeseburger in town. Gigantic portions and huge fun. 212 W. 57th, between Bway and 7th Ave 212-977-2280

24 Prince

Try the crispy mac and cheese rolls. And the meatloaf is like your Mother used to make (not my Mother, but hopefully yours) Bravo's top chef Nikki Cascone has put together a delicious meal. Check out the garden seating. 24 Prince Street 212-226-8624

BLT Burger

Classic burgers and innovation ones made with brisket, short ribs, etc. Try the milk shakes then waddle back to your hotel. 470 Sixth Avenue, between 11th and 12th Street 212-243-8226



Comfort Food

BBQ



Blue Smoke

The only pit barbeque in NYC. Meat and fish and special soul-ful home style pies for dessert. Yummy! 116 E. 27th Street, between Park and Lex 212-447-7733

Steaks & Seafood



For those who made really big bucks this year...both of you...try these steakhouses!

Minetta Tavern

Best new steakhouse in NY. Keith McNally took the famous village landmark and created a mix of the 1930's feel with up to date designs. It's cramped, very loud and usually filled with the rich and famous, especially from the entertainment industry. Forget dessert and order a side of Potatoes Anna. Very expensive and reservations are required.
113 McDougal Street 212-475-3850

STK

Located in the hot meatpacking district (where else should a steakhouse be?). Loud and noisy, great for people watching. Portions sized to meet your appetite. Make reservations but even then you may still have to wait.
Hangout in the bar and watch the action unfold.
26 Little West 12th Street, between Greenwich and Washington

Tides

Very funky lower Eastside restaurant. Bamboo Stalk ceilings. Great lobster rolls and reasonably priced modern seafood menu.
102 Norfolk Street, between Delancy and Rivington 212-254-8855



Cuban



Cafe Habana

Diners will feel as if they're in Cuba. Very creative cocktails and mucho fun. Especially after your cocktails. Special bonus--they have authentic Cuban and Mexican cuisine. Listen to jazz downstairs after dinner.
17 Prince Street in Soho 212-625-2001