

# BEST OF NEW YORK

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## MANHATTAN: THE BEST OF MIDTOWN

Iconic sights and crowds of tourists pack the internationally recognized heart of NYC. Times Square, Broadway, Carnegie Hall and the Empire State Building only scratch the surface of this skyscraper-stacked area. **Annie Fitzsimmons** lists Midtown experiences you won't want to miss.



### RESTAURANTS

#### 1 PIZZARTE

Neapolitan owners have brought a true taste of Naples to Midtown with delicious thin-crust pizzas at this somewhat hidden two-level restaurant and bar.  
69 W. 55th St.; 212-247-3936; pizzarteny.com

#### 2 OCEAN PRIME

Ocean Prime's new energy and luxe ambiance evoke a time in New York when business lunches and celebratory dinners went on for hours. The restaurant, opened by Cameron Mitchell, is known for top-quality steaks and excellent fresh seafood.  
123 W. 52nd St.; 212-956-1404; ocean-prime.com/locations/new-york-city

#### 3 KEENS STEAKHOUSE

This is a truly old-school New York City steakhouse, having opened in the 1880s. You'll feel as if you've gone back in time — in the best meaning of the phrase.  
72 W. 36th St.; 212-947-3636; keens.com



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### ATTRACTIONS

#### 1 THE PLAZA FOOD HALL

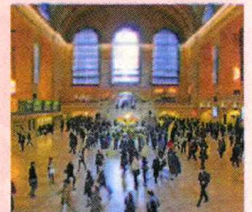
This collection of shops and restaurants below the famous Plaza Hotel, just south of Central Park, has turned into an only-in-New-York experience, thanks to local proprietors like William Greenberg and the No. 7 sandwich shop. There's even an "Eloise" shop selling books, costumes and other merchandise featuring The Plaza's most famous fictional resident.  
theplazany.com/dining/foodhall

#### 2 TOP OF THE ROCK

Locals know to skip the Empire State Building and come here to Rockefeller Center for the best panoramic views of New York City. That's because the views from here include the city's most iconic skyscraper.  
Entrance on 50th Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues; 212-698-2000; topoftherocknyc.com

#### 3 GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL

Whether you're catching a train or simply staring up at the astronomical ceiling in the Main Concourse, Grand Central is breathtaking. Highlights include the lower food concourse, the original Grand Central Oyster Bar, Campbell Apartment and bar, and the gourmet market. Free tours are offered every Friday at 12:30 p.m. through the Grand Central Partnership; meet at 120 Park Ave.  
89 E. 42nd St.; grandcentralterminal.com



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