

**Akdeniz** (212) 575-2307  
19 W 46th (5th+6th)  
Near Hotel  
Turkish, \$30.00  
prix fixe dinner, great appetizers

**Alain Ducasse** (212) 265-7300  
155 W. 58th St (6+7) Essex House  
French, \$215.00  
Ridiculously expensive but an amazing dining experience

**Alto** (212) 308-1099  
11 E 53rd (5th and Mad)  
Near Hotel  
Italian, \$84.00  
Great food great wine list jackets suggested

**Aquavit** (212) 307-7311  
65 E 55th St (Mad+Park)  
Near Hotel  
Scandinavian, \$70.00  
Has a more casual front café less expensive

**Asia de Cuba** (212) 726-7755  
Morgans Hotel 237 Madison (37/38)  
Very Hip  
Asian-Cuban, \$56.00  
Try the calamari salad and lobster mashed potatoes

**Aureole** (212) 319-1660  
34 E 61st (Mad and Park)  
Charlie Palmer  
American, \$83.00  
\$35.00 prix fixe lunch available

**Babbo** (212) 777-0303  
110 Waverly Pl (MacDougal+6th)  
Mario Batali  
Italian, \$74.00  
Amazing wine list great food

**Balthazar** (212) 965-1414  
80 Spring St (Broadway+Crosby)  
raw bar  
French, \$52.00

**Bar Americain** (212) 265-9700

152 W 52nd St (6th+7th)

Bobby Flay

American, \$60.00

Excellent American with a southwest twist. Wife and I love this place

**Ben Benson's** (212) 581-8888

123 W 52nd St (6th and 7th)

Theater

Steakhouses, \$63.00

Great traditional steakhouse huge martinis

**Blair Perrone Steakouse** (212) 796-8000

885 Second Ave (47th+48th)

Near Hotel

Steakhouses, \$70.00

Haven't been there but it's Peter Luger, so it will be good and overpriced

**BLT Fish** (212) 691-8888

21 W 17th (5th+6th)

raw bar

Seafood, \$60.00

Formal upstairs, laid back downstairs. Solid food all a la carte

**Blue Hill** (212) 539-1776

75 Washington Pl (Mac Dougal+6th)

Barber

American, \$68.00

Inventive American Food with great wine list. A-1 recommendation if you can get in

**Blue Smoke** (212) 447-7733

116 E 27th St (Lex+Park)

Danny Meyer

BBQ, \$39.00

Great BBQ Jazz downstairs

**Blue Water Grill** (212) 675-9500

31 Union Sq (16th St)

Raw Bar

Seafood, \$51.00

One of my favorites. Great raw bar and cool building

**Bolo** (212) 228-2200

23 E 22nd St (Bway+Park Ave S)

Bonny Flay

Spanish/Tapas, \$54.00

Good Tapas, boring décor, good spanish wines

**Bouley** (212) 964-2525

120 W Broadway (Duane St)

Bouley

French, \$91.00

Everything is exquisite. Worth the price if you can get in

**Buddakan** (212) 989-6699

75 9th Ave (16th St)

Starr

Asian Fusion, \$63.00

Hugest place ever. Good food, but just jaw dropping scene

**Café Boulud** (212) 772-2600

20 E 76th St (5th+Mad) Surrey Hotel

Chemel

French, \$77.00

I don't love French but I love this place

**Café Des Artistes** (212) 877-3500

1 W 67th St (Columbus+Cent Pk W)

Lincoln Ctr

French, \$66.00

One of prettiest restuarants in city. Solid food

**Calle Ocho** (212) 873-5025

446 Columbus (81st+82nd)

hot/trendy

S. American, \$45.00

"Miami meets Manhattan" Mucho caliente, potent mojitos.

**Capsouto Freres** (212) 966-4900

451 Washington St (Watts St)

French, \$62.00

A favorite from way back. Charming, great food, always a good choice.

**Carmines** (212) 221-3800

200 W 44th St (Broadway+8th)

Groups/Theater

Italian Homestyle, \$37.00

Family style good for groups, theater

**Caviar Russe** (212) 980-5908

538 Madison Ave (54th+55th)

Caviar/Russian, \$85.00

If you love caviar and vodka and have money to burn it's a must

**Chanterelle** (212) 966-6960

2 Harrison St (Hudson St)

David Waltuck

French, \$93.00

One of the best and most luxurious dining experiences in the city

**Chiam Chinese Cuisine** (212) 371-2323

160 E 48th St (Lex + 3rd)

Near Hotel

Chinese, \$44.00

Very good chinese very close to hotel

**Chimichurri Grill** (212) 586-8655

606 9th Ave (43rd+44th)

S. American, \$45.00

Argentinean steaks very authentic

**China Grill** (212) 333-7788

60 W 53rd St (5th and 6th)

**GROUPS**

Chinese Fusion, \$52.00

Great with lots of people big portions of very good asian fusion food. LOUD

**Chola** (212) 688-4619

232 E 58th (2nd+3rd)

Indian, \$37.00

One of few very good authentic Indian rests. Amazing \$14.00 lunch buffet

**Cipriani Dolci** (212) 973-0999

Grand Central Station

Cipriani

Italian, \$50.00

Food itself not worth the price, but great view of Grand Central from Balcony, and it's in the Hotel.

**Craft** (212) 780-0880

43 E 19th St (Broadway and Park)

Tom Colicchio

American, \$72.00

You pick every single thing individually even in the salad. Great food but it's work.

**Cru** (212) 529-1700

24 5th Ave (9th st)

Wine list

Mediterranean, \$86.00

Daunting wine list. "Superlative mediterranean food" \$85.00 Prix Fixe

***Da Filippo*** (212) 472-6688

1315 2nd Ave (69th+70th)

Italian, \$54.00

Big portions but a bit pricey

***Da Umberto*** (212) 989-0303

107 W 17th St (6th+7th)

Italian, \$57.00

Excellent food great service huge large price tag, but a nice meal

***Daniel*** (212) 288-0033

60 E 65th St (Madison+Park)

French, \$112.00

Voted +2 for food +1 for décor, a truly incredible experience. We love this place

***El Pote***

Spanish/Tapas,

***Danube*** (212) 791-3771

30 Hudson St (Duane+Reade Sts)

Daniel Boulud

Austrian Fantasy, \$86.00

Viennese dining with French twist and incredible desserts

***David Burke&Donatella*** (212) 813-2121

133 E 61st St (Lex+Park)

David Burke

American, \$73.00

food as art divine desserts in a townhouse setting \$24.00 prix fixe lunch

***DB Bistro Moderne*** (212) 391-2400

55 W 44th st (5th+6th) City Club Hot

Near Hotel

French, \$62.00

Daniel Boulud. Superlative cuisine (\$29.00 designer burger)

***Del Frisco's*** (212) 575-5129

1221 6th Ave (49th St)

near hotel

Steakhouses, \$66.00

Texas sized steaks-testosterone charged

***Del Posto*** (212) 497-8090

85 10th Ave (16th St)

*Mario Batali*

Italian, \$90.00

"Babbo meets Bouley" piano player, private rooms available for groups

***Devi*** (212) 691-1300

8 E 18th St (Broadway+5th)

*Hemant Mathur*

Indian, \$55.00

Sumptuous yet refined dishes. Pretty décor

***El Pote*** (212) 889-6680

718 2nd Ave (38th+39th Sts)

Spanish, \$39.00

Moderately priced Spanish boring décor fabulous paella

***Eleven Madison Park*** (212) 889-0905

11 Madison Ave (24th St)

*Danny Meyer*

American, \$66.00

Another Danny Meyer winner

***Fiamma Osteria*** (212) 653-0100

206 Spring St (6th ave+Sullivan)

*Steve Hanson*

Italian, \$65.00

Steve Hanson does it in Italian

***Fleur de Sel*** (212) 460-9100

5 E 20th St (Broadway+5th Ave)

French, \$69.00

Exquisite authentic Bretagne cooking. \$25 prix fixe lunch

***Four Seasons*** (212) 754-9494

99 E 52nd St (Lex+Park)

*Near Hotel*

American, \$86.00

My mom's all time fave. Unparalleled cuisine + sophisticated service

***Gari*** (212) 362-4816

370 Columbus Ave (77th+78th sts)

*Gari Sugio*

Japanese/Sushi, \$74.00

Avant garde mega expensive amazing omakase

**Gilt** (212) 891-8100

455 Madison Ave (50th+51st Sts)

near hotel

American, \$142.00

Incredible price, but amazing décor. Old le Cirque. No food rating because changed chefs, but assume it will be an amazing experience.

**Gotham Bar & Grill** (212) 620-4020

12 E 12th (5th Ave+University Pl)

Alfred Portale

American, \$70.00

"Chic yet approachable" with superb food. \$25 prix fixe lunch is a steal. One of the best there is

**Gramercy Tavern** (212) 477-0777

42 E 20th St (Broadway+Park ave s)

Danny Meyer

American, \$76.00

My second favorite Meyer restaurant. Feel free to eat at the bar with or bistro with no reservation

**Hatsuhana** (212) 355-3345

17 E 48th St (5th and Madison Aves)

Near Hotel

Japanese/Sushi, \$50.00

One of oldest sushi places in Manhattan, still good

**I Trulli** (212) 481-7372

122 E 27th St (Lexington+Park Ave S)

Italian, \$55.00

Good food nice atmosphere not too far from hotel

**Il Mulino** (212) 673-3783

86 W 3rd St (Sullivan+Thompson)

Italian, \$68.00

Don't eat all day before you go. Food is incredible and it doesn't stop coming

**Japonais** (212) 260-2020

111 E 18th St (Irving Pl+Park Ave S)

Japanese/Sushi, ?

New to NYC, but my fave in Chicago. Clubby feel. Eat in lounges with couches, sip on sakis. Great sushi

**Jean Georges** (212) 299-3900

1 Central Park W (60+61st Sts)

Jean George

French, \$98.00

Another of those amazing dining experiences. Don't believe the \$98.00. You won't get off that cheap.

***Jewel Bako*** (212) 979-1012

239 E 5th St (2nd+3rd Aves)

Japanese/Sushi, \$77.00

High expectations, high prices, but great food and warm service

***Jo Jo*** (212) 223-5656

160 E 64th St (Lexington+3rd Aves)

Jean George

French Bistro, \$66.00

\$24 prix fix lunch. Jean George's first attempt. Still a winner

***Kai*** (212) 988-7277

822 Madison 2nd fl (68th+69th Sts)

Japanese/Sushi, \$79.00

Small pricey portions, but artistically prepared > Worth the price

***Keens Steakhouse*** (212) 947-3636

72 W 36th St (5th+6th Aves)

Groups

Steakhouses, \$60.00

88,000 clay pipes line the ceiling. Mytton chop is their specialty, great for groups. Cool memorabilia

***La Grenouille*** (212) 752-1495

3 E 52nd (5th+Madison Aves)

Near Hotel

French, \$94.00

My opinion, just one small notch down from the best of the bests, but still a can't miss

***Le Bernardin*** (212) 554-1515

155 W 51st St (6th+7th Aves)

Maguy LeCoze

French/Seafood, \$106.00

Almost in a class by itself

***Le Cirque*** (212) 644-0202

151 E 58th St (Lexington+3rd)

Near hotel

French, \$93.00

Always a spectacle to see. Food is not as good as price would demand, but a fun atmosphere

**Le Veau d'Or** (212) 838-8133  
129 E 60th St (Lexington+Park Aves)  
French Bistro, \$52.00  
Good food, old world atmosphere for last 70 years

**L'Ecole (culinary inst)** (212) 219-3300  
462 Broadway (grand St)  
French, \$45.00  
Run by students, you get what they are serving, but a bargain for the food you get

**L'Impero** (212) 599-5045  
45 Tudor City Pl (42nd+43rd Sts)  
near hotel  
Italian, \$71.00  
Tasty food, high marks by Zagat's. I've never been there.

**March** (212) 754-4499  
405 E 58th St (1st Ave+Sutton Pl)  
Near UN  
American, \$91.00  
Set in a townhouse, romantic, great service. Never been there but supposed to be very nice

**Megu midtown** (212) 964-7777  
845 United Nations Pl (1st Ave 47th St)  
Japanese/Sushi, \$95.00  
Amazing décor-ice buddha sculpture. If you can figure out the menu you will have a great meal

**Mesa Grill** (212) 807-7400  
102 5th Ave (15th+16th Sts)  
Bobby Flay  
Southwestern, \$53.00  
First of the Bobby Flay joints. My favorite. Used to be a regular haunt

**Metrazur** (212) 687-4600  
Grand Central (42nd+Park)  
Charlie Palmer  
American, \$49.00  
Interesting if not great food, but great location overlooking Grand Central, and in same building as hotel

**Mexican Mama** (212) 253-7594  
47 E 12th St (Bway+university Pl)  
Best in City  
Mexican, \$31.00

Best in city for Mexican per Zagat's

**Michael Jordan's** (212) 655-2300

*Grand Central (42nd+vanderbilt)*

Steakhouses, \$62.00

Never been, but it's steak, has a great view and is in hotel building

**Michael's** (212) 767-0555

*24 W 55th St (5th+6th Aves)*

*Near Hotel*

California, \$65.00

I don't know what California food is, but this is it. Publishing+ Entertainment celebs abound. Near hotel

**Milos Estiatorio** (212) 245-7400

*125 W 55th St (6th+7th)*

*Near Hotel*

Greek, \$72.00

Great yet expensive greek food. Fish, etc. Im not a lover of Greek food, but I like this place despite the pricetag. Not too far from hotel

**Montrachet** (212) 219-2777

*239 W Broadway (Walker+White)*

French, \$70.00

High end French with a great wine list

**Mr. Chow** (212) 751-9030

*324 E 57th St (1st and 2nd aves)*

Chinese, \$72.00

Expensive chinese with snobby attitude, but good food, sleek décor, and great star watching.

**Mr. K's** (212) 583-1668

*570 Lexington Ave (52st St)*

*Near Hotel*

Chinese, \$53.00

Palatial Chinese palace. "excellent upscale food" classy venue first class service

**Nanni** (212) 697-4161

*146 E 46th St (Lexington+3rd Aves)*

*Near Hotel*

Italian, \$52.00

Excellent traditional dishes right near hotel. Décor needs upgrading

**Nobu** (212) 334-4445

*105 Hudson St (Franklin St)*

*Nobu Matsuhisa*

Japanese/Sushi, \$76.00

Celebrity gawker's heaven. Fusion Japanese with Peruvian touches is well worth the price tag and the MONTHLONG WAIT FOR RESERVATIONS

***Nobu 57*** (212) 757-3000

40 W 57th St (5th and 6th Aves)

*Nobu Matsuhisa*

Japanese/Sushi, \$77.00

Nobu uptown with a "stunning" undulating wave-like décor"

***Ocean Grill*** (212) 579-2300

384 Columbus Ave (78th+79th Sts)

*Steve Hanson*

Seafood, \$49.00

Steady solid seafood, with slightly tight loud setting

***Oceana*** (212) 759-5941

55 E 54th St (Madison+Park)

*Near Hotel*

Seafood, \$77.00

"Sublime" prix fixe only does "fearless" things with seafood in "luxury liner like quarters"

***Old Homestead*** (212) 242-9040

56 9th Ave (14th+15th Sts)

Steakhouses, \$63.00

The granddaddy of steakhouses since 1868 when the meatpacking district packed meat

***Onera*** (212) 873-0200

222 W 79th St (Amsterdam+Bway)

Greek, \$57.00

Inventive Greek fare. Higher class than most Greek joints despite close quarters

***Orso*** (212) 489-7212

322 W 46th St (8th+9th Aves)

*Theater*

Italian, \$54.00

Theater district staple. Always crowded book early. Worth the trip

***Quest*** (212) 580-8700

2315 Broadway (83rd+84th Sts)

*Tom Valenti*

French/American, \$60.00

"First Class Wonder". Exceptional new American with Haute cuisine style. Been there. It's worth fighting for a reservation

***Oyster Bar*** (212) 490-6650

42nd St Vanderbilt Ave (Grand Central)

Seafood, \$45.00

The original. Source for oysters, pan roasts, and fresh fish since 1913. Right inside Grand Central where the hotel is

***Pampano*** (212) 751-4545

209 E 49th St (2nd+3rd Aves)

Near Hotel

S. Amer/Mexican, \$52.00

Placido Domingos place. Classy midtown mexican, with coastal S. American thrown in. I highly recommend.

***Patsy's*** (212) 247-3491

236 W 56th St (Bway+8th Ave)

Italian, \$50.00

Since 1944. Sinatra frequented Patsys. Real deal Neapolitan comfort food.

***Per Se*** (212) 823-9335

10 Columbus Circle (60th+Broadway)

Thomas Keller

French/American, \$287.00

Again, not a typo. Be prepared for a mega mega bill, but if you are a foodie it was voted # 1 in New York City

***Periyali*** (212) 463-7890

35 W 20th St (5th+6th Aves)

Greek, \$53.00

Top notch Greek in soothing setting.

***Perry Street*** (212) 352-1900

176 Perry Street (west St)

Jean George

American, \$74.00

More Jean-George. Stiking minimalist décor, excellent food.

***Petrossian*** (212) 245-2214

182 W 58th St (7th Ave)

Caviar

French continental, \$73.00

Champagne and cariar rule. Fans say "superlative French continental cuisine", lalique and erte everywhere

***Pheonix Garden*** (212) 983-6666

242 E 40th St (2nd+3rd Aves)

*Near Hotel*

Chinese, \$28.00

Solid Chinese without the Chinatown trek. Rated #1 Chinese in NYC.

***Piano Due*** (212) 399-9400

151 W 51st St 2nd Fl (6th+7th Aves)

*equitable center*

Italian, \$69.00

"Nothing is 2nd rate" Sublime food, top notch service.

***Picholine*** (212) 724-8585

35 W 64th St (Bway+Central pk W)

*Terry Brennan*

French/Mediterranean, \$83.00

Standout service, amazing food, cheese cart to die for with price to match

***Po*** (212) 645-2189

31 Cornelia St (Bleeker+w 4th Sts)

Italian, \$47.00

Heavy Italian. Going strong for a while, great food charming service, be prepared to be elbowed in tight quarters

***Porter House*** (212) 823-9500

10 Columbus Circle (60th+Broadway)

Steakhouses, ?

The most unpretentious and fairly priced of the Time Warner restaurants. A solid yet not incredible steakhouse. I like it there

***Post House*** (212) 935-2888

28 E 63rd St (Madison+Park Aves)

*Lowell Hotel*

Steakhouses, \$70.00

A civilized less macho quieter steakhouse with great steaks

***Quality Meats*** (212) 371-7777

57 W 58th St (5th+6th Aves)

*Alan Stillman*

Steakhouses, \$70.00

Sexy hip décor, excellent steaks. Not too far from hotel and I needed a Q restaurant

***Rene Pujol*** (212) 246-3023

321 W 51st St (8th+9th Aves)

*Theater*

French, \$55.00

The best french food no ones ever heard of. Good for theater, prix fixe menu available

**Rosa Mexicano** (212) 977-7700

61 Columbus Ave (62nd St)

Mexican, \$47.00

Standout Mexican, friendly service, killer pomegranate margaritas

### **Olives**

**Roy's NY** (212) 266-6262

130 Washington St (Albany+Carlisle)

Roy Yamaguchi

Hawaii Fusion, \$52.00

If you like Yamaguchi you will love this. Delectable creative Hawaiian fare, spirit of Aloha, but out of the way

**Ruby Foos** (212) 489-5600

1626 Broadway (49th St)

Groups

Chinese/Japanese, \$41.00

Disney does Beijing décor, but keep the plates of sushi and dim sum coming all night. Not as close to hotel, but exactly the same and not too far

**Sala** (212) 229-2300

35 W 19th St (5th+6th Aves)

Spanish/Tapas, \$38.00

Terrific tapas, killer sangria, decent prices and lots of fun

**San Pietro** (212) 753-9015

18 E 54th St (5th and Madison Aves)

Near Hotel

Italian, \$73.00

Top flight Italian at corporate account prices, but you have to be somebody to get great service

**Scalinatella** (212) 207-8280

201 E 61st St (3rd Ave)

Italian, \$73.00

Mouthwatering Italian in somewhat dark digs. Attentive service, but beware the exorbitantly priced specials

**Sea Grill** (212) 332-7610

19 W 49th St (5th+6th Aves)

Near Hotel

Seafood, \$65.00

Touristy yet excellent seafood with incredible view of the Rock Ctr Christmas tree+skating rink

**Shelly's** (212) 245-2422

41 W 57th St (5th+6th)

Raw Bar

Steak+Seafood, \$55.00

My favorite raw bar, with great steaks to boot. In prime 57th st near art galleries

**Shun Lee Palace** (212) 371-8844

155 E 55th St (Lexington+3rd Aves)

Michael Tong

Chinese, \$53.00

35 years of experience top of the line gourmet Chinese. My choice if you don't want to go to Chinatown

**Smith and Wollensky's** (212) 753-1530

797 3rd Ave (49th St)

Near Hotel

Steakhouses, \$64.00

Another of the macho steakhouses. Always solid for a steak+drink, right near hotel

**Solo** (212) 833-7800

550 Madison Ave (55th+56th Sts)

short walk

Mediterranean/kosher, \$69.00

Great Mediterranean food, best of Kosher food in the city, with the accompanying high Kosher price tag

**Sparks** (212) 687-4855

210 E 46th St (2nd+3rd Aves)

Near Hotel

Steakhouses, \$68.00

More macho steak, but better than Smith+Wollensky in my opinion and just as close to hotel

**Stell Del Mare** (212) 687-4425

346 Lexington Ave (39th+40th Sts)

near hotel

Italian, \$54.00

Elegant fine if unexciting Italian Seafood. Fish fileted at tableside

**Sugiyama** (212) 956-0670

251 W 55th St (Bway+8th Ave)

Japanese/Sushi, \$94.00

Just get the modern kaiseki menu and let them pick the dishes. No flaws at all. Highly recommend.

**Sushi Ann** (212) 755-1780

*38 E 51st St (Madison+Park Aves)*

*Near Hotel*

Japanese/Sushi, \$60.00

Pleasant if spare décor, excellent fresh sushi. Let them pick if you are a real sushi lover

***Sushi Yasuda*** (212) 972-1001

*204 E 43rd St (2nd+3rd Aves)*

*Near Hotel*

Japanese/Sushi, \$75.00

Incredibly high priced yet sublime sushi voted #1 in NYC. My number 2 behind Sugiyama.

***Sushiden*** (212) 758-2700

*19 E 49th St (5th+Madison Aves)*

*Near Hotel*

Japanese/Sushi, \$57.00

safe old fashioned Japanese, kimono-clad staff

***Tabla*** (212) 889-0667

*11 Madison Ave (25th St)*

*Danny Meyer*

Indian/American, \$62.00

Danny Meyer does Indian accented American food to "thunderous applause"

***Taboon*** (212) 713-0271

*773 10th Ave (52nd St)*

Middle Eastern, \$47.00

Known for incredible breads, but everything else is outstanding as well.

***Tamarind*** (212) 674-7400

*41 E 22nd St (Bway+Park Ave S)*

Indian, \$50.00

Indian food a good step above most of the competition, "everything is delicious"

***Tao*** (212) 888-2288

*42 E 58th St (Madison+Park Aves)*

*Near Hotel*

Pan Asian, \$55.00

A+ for décor. A for scene, A- for food and B- for snooty service. All said though, a fun if incredibly loud, experience

***Tasting Room*** (212) 358-7831

*264 Elizabeth st (Houston+Prince Sts)*

American, \$63.00

Daily changing meny with emphasis on small plates and strong wine list. Great food

**Telepan** (212) 580-4300

72 W 69th St (Columbus+Cent Pk W)

Lincoln Ctr

American, \$67.00

Innovative but unfussy menu, minimal setting. A quality choice

**Toqueville** (212) 647-1515

1 E 15th St (5th Ave Union Sq W)

Marco Moreira

French/American, expensive

Outstanding French American with polished service. Worth the splurge

**Town** (212) 582-4445

15 W 56th St (5th+6th Aves)

near hotel

American, \$71.00

"swank+energizing. Posh décor and posh patrons, cuisine that looks too good to eat, but you'll be glad you did

**Trattoria Dell'Arte** (212) 245-9800

900 7th Ave (56th+57th sts)

antipasto bar

Italian, \$53.00

Known for amazing antipasto bar and "plaster body parts" decorating the room. Ample people watching and terrific food

**Tribeca Grill** (212) 941-3900

375 Greenwich St (Franklin St)

Robert DeNiro

American, \$56.00

Still vibrant, still noisy, still packed with glitterati. And the food is still excellent

**Tropica** (212) 867-6767

200 Park Ave (45th and Vanderbilt)

Near Hotel

Florida, \$49.00

Not exciting, but tasty. In Grand Central right next to hotel

**Tse Yang** (212) 688-5447

34 E 51st St (2nd+3rd Aves)

Chinese, \$57.00

Exceptional gourmet Chinese fit for an emperor. Superb peking duck. Close to hotel

**Uncle Jacks Steakhouse** (212) 244-0005

440 9th Ave (34th+35th Sts)

Steakhouses, \$65.00

"Top shelf dining" in very traditional steakhouse style. Big slabs of meat, stiff drinks, hefty bills

***Union Square Café*** (212) 243-4020

21 E 16th St (5th+6th Aves)

Danny Meyer

American, \$63.00

The first Danny Meyer, my favorite NYC restaurant of all time. Eat at the bar if there are no tables. Unforgettable experience. Tough reservation

***Urena*** (212) 213-2328

37 E 28th St (Madison+Park Aves)

Alex Urena

Spanish/Tapas, \$62.00

Urena "wows diners" with nouvelle Spanish and adventuresome cuisine, but décor needs a lot of help

***Valbella*** (212) 645-7777

421 W 13th St (9th ave+Washington St)

Italian, \$75.00

Top notch food, impeccable service and sleek décor come with the sticker shock

***Veritas*** (212) 353-3700

43 E 20th St (Bway+Park Ave S)

Scott Bryan

American, \$85.00

Wine list that reads like War+Peace complements drool worthy \$72.00 prix fixe menu. Nothing but winners served here

***Virgil's Real BBQ*** (212) 921-9494

152 W 44th St (Bway+6th Ave)

Near Hotel

BBQ, \$32.00

"Strap on the feed bag" for the best Southern cooking in NYC. Frat house meets Wild Wet in Times Square

***Vong*** (212) 486-9592

200 E 54th St (3rd Ave)

Jean George

French/Thai, \$61.00

A must for spice lovers. Impeccable service golden décor and incredible food. Prix fixe preheater meal

***Wallse*** (212) 352-2300

344 W 11th St (Washington St)

Gutenbrunner

Austrian, \$66.00

Incredible updated Austrian classics with beautiful wines and expert service. Décor accessorized by Julian Schnabel

***Wolfgang's*** (212) 925-0350

*4 Park Ave (33rd St)*

Steakhouses, \$69.00

Mouthwatering meat with pushy old school waiters in noisy atmosphere. Typical steakhouse