

A DAY IN MANHATTAN



The Lincoln Center area is always busy. Go during fashion week or during the holiday season to catch a performance of *The Nutcracker* at the ballet. Lincoln Center Cinemas is a great New York City movie house. Grab a snack at Alice Tully Hall before your movie; the cafe has excellent freshly brewed iced teas, cookies, and sandwiches that are great for sneaking into the movie theater.



Columbus Circle (Corner of West 59th Street and Central Park West) is the permanent home to one of New York City's Waffles and Dinges Trucks. These doughy waffles go perfectly with Speculoos sauce and a rich Belgian hot cocoa.



The Angelika Film Center on 18 West Houston Street is an art house, cafe, concession stand, and movie theater all in one. It plays a large number of independent films.



Balthazar (80 Spring Street) is a terrific French bakery in SoHo. Their scones are out of this world and the chocolate croissant is perfection. Pick up a loaf of their delicious walnut bread and if you finish it on the train back to Port Washington, don't worry; we've all been there.



Visit South Street Seaport and Pier 17 during the summer for the free Seaport Music Festival. Also, be sure to visit the TKTS ticket booth for discounted Broadway show tickets. The South Street Seaport ticket booth is much mellower than its Times Square counterpart.



The Plaza Food Hall in the basement of the Plaza Hotel (768 5th Avenue) is composed of different food themed stations. The prime rib sliders are incredible and should be supplemented by a plate of parmesan cheese french fries.



Katz's Deli on 205 East Houston Street is the place to go for delicious meat. Be prepared: the sandwiches are expensive but well worth the price. Sit down with a pastrami sandwich and a cold Dr. Brown's Cream Soda.



Washington Square Park frequently has a vacant piano stationed at a random location. Go to play or enjoy music or even to see if you can pass for an NYU student.



The Housing Works Bookstore on 126 Crosby Street is a nonprofit bookstore and cafe that donates all proceeds to fight homelessness and AIDS. The bookstore frequently hosts special events such as The Moth Story Slams.



Battery Park City is great for bike riding, roller blading, or simply taking a stroll. Battery Park is surrounded by plenty of cute cafes.



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