

WEST HARLEM

VISITOR'S GUIDE



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HARLEM

NEIGHBORHOOD MAP



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WELCOME TO WEST HARLEM

This comprehensive guide invites you to explore some of the cultural, artistic, religious, and educational landmarks, structures, and museums that make this area one of the richest embodiments of New York's past. Learn about Harlem's unique history while taking advantage of present day offerings, events, performances and exhibitions included in the listings. Enjoy the culinary renaissance currently taking place with the recent explosion of new restaurants and fine dining establishments by experiencing diverse cuisines. A plethora of parks provide a place to rest and relax as you stroll through the charming neighborhoods and historic districts.

West Harlem extends from 96th to 155th Street, bounded by St. Nicholas Avenue to the east and the wide Hudson River to the west, and includes the smaller neighborhoods of Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, and Hamilton Heights. Contrary to Harlem's outdated reputation, West Harlem is one of the most picturesque neighborhoods in New York City. This iconic area has experienced many changes due to gentrification in recent years, yet retains its character with quiet, tree lined streets and magnificent turn-of-the-century rowhouses. Today you can hear many languages spoken, as new residents settle and add to the rich and diverse tableau of West Harlem's cultural landscape.

Beyond the noted landmarks and points of interest, you will discover hidden gems of your own. Between beautiful rowhouses and elegant apartment buildings lining the hilly blocks with their colorful facades and varied architecture, antique gargoyles will peek out at you, community gardens will beckon, and friendly neighbors will flash a welcoming smile.

AN HISTORIC & ICONIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Established in 1658 as the Village of Nieuw Haarlem by the Dutch the area remained rural throughout the 17th and 18th centuries, dotted with luxurious estates. The creation of the elevated railroad that opened in 1879 along 8th Avenue quickly spurred grandiose plans for Harlem and the development of lavish residential housing built for professional immigrants primarily from Germany, Ireland and Italy. By the early 20th century, much of Harlem existed as it stands today.

By the 1920s and 1930s the African American population was rapidly expanding, fueled by an influx of blacks from Southern States as well as immigrants from the West Indies who were drawn to Harlem - the Mecca of black culture and the seat of the Harlem Renaissance—an exciting time of political discourse and exploration of the creative and literary arts.

Affluent blacks, many of whom were artists, writers, and musicians, began to replace the white population in West Harlem. And at the height of the Harlem Renaissance, a prestigious African-American sub-neighborhood was developed along the northern end of Edgecombe Avenue with its panoramic views, primarily in buildings 406 and 555. Famous for the artistic, political and social notoriety of its occupants, the area was nicknamed Sugar Hill, where the life was sweet and the living was easy. Having an address there was a statement of having arrived—and to this day the entire area is highly desirable, attracting students, families and professionals from around the globe.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

MUSEUMS

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HISPANIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

613 West 155th Street | 212-368-9635

This excellent museum and reference library offers research resources for the study of the cultures of Spain, Portugal and South America, as well as extensive art collections, both unparalleled in their scope outside of the Iberian Peninsula. Offerings include manuscripts and rare books, paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, and textiles.

RIO II GALLERY

583 Riverside Drive, 7th Floor | 212-568-2030

The Spanish word for "river," the gallery is named for its stunning wraparound views of the Hudson from the open terrace. The space is located in the penthouse of the Rio apartments, and features monthly exhibitions along with literary events and performances.

SUGAR HILL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF ART & STORYTELLING

898 St Nicholas Avenue at 155th Street | 212-335-0004

Designed by acclaimed architect Sir David Adjaye, and created to nurture the curiosity and creative spirit of three to eight-year-old children, the Sugar Hill Children's Museum boldly denotes the entrance to the Sugar Hill Historic District. The museum strives to provide opportunities for children to grow as both author and audience by providing opportunities for them to engage with the work of accomplished artists and storytellers, then create and share their own. A Legacy Gallery exhibits photography, paintings, and other art forms created by distinguished artists whose lives and artistry speak to the vibrant cultural history of the surrounding communities.

THE MIRIAM AND IRA D. WALLACH ART GALLERY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

615 West 129th Street

(Lenfest Center of the Arts) | 212-853-1623

Established in 1986, The Wallach Art Gallery is Columbia's premier visual arts space and a platform for critically acclaimed exhibitions, a dynamic range of programming, and publications that contribute to scholarship.

HISPANIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA





HISTORIC MONUMENTS LANDMARKS & DISTRICTS



Hamilton Grange
National Monument

AUDUBON PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

155th to 158th btwn Broadway and Riverside Drive
Located on five blocks in the Washington Heights neighborhood, Audubon Park Historic District is a residential area built on the former estate of John James Audubon, naturalist and illustrator of birds. The pocket of land is now comprised of 19 large historic apartment buildings designed in the Beaux-Arts, Renaissance Revival, Mediterranean Revival and Arts, and Crafts architectural styles.

THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

160 Convent Avenue | 212-650-7000
Originally built in 1907 as a free university for children of immigrants and the working class with academic potential, the campus encompasses the original five landmarked structures designed by distinguished architect George B. Post. Considered one of the finest examples of Neo-Gothic architecture in the United States, the buildings boast six hundred gargoyles and grotesques depicting the different disciplines taught in each building. The campus currently occupies 36 acres in Hamilton Heights.

GENERAL GRANT NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Riverside Drive & 122nd Street | 212-666-1640
Who is buried in Grant's tomb? Why, Grant, of course, and his wife, Julia Dent Grant, who is entombed with him, in an incredibly regal resting place. The largest mausoleum in North America, this granite and marble structure lies in Riverside Park, memorializing the military genius and twice-elected president with powerful, neoclassical architecture. Free talks are available during the Visitors Center's hours from Wednesday through Sundays.

HAMILTON GRANGE NATIONAL MONUMENT

414 West 141st Street | 646-548-2310
Relocated twice, the Grange now rests on a sloping hill in St. Nicholas Park, a perfect permanent backdrop for the country home of Alexander Hamilton, one of our nation's noted Founding Fathers. The house was completed in 1802 and has been fully restored and renovated, functioning now as a picturesque and informative museum.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT

142nd to 145th Streets btwn Amsterdam & St Nicholas Avenue

This district is one of the City's most architecturally distinguished and culturally significant neighborhoods, built between 1886 and 1931. The elegant row houses were constructed in a variety of styles, including Beaux Arts, Queen Anne, Dutch and Romanesque Revival in a rich palette of colors and materials. In the 20s and 30s African-American artists, writers, and musicians flocked to the area, which is still highly desirable today.

HAMILTON THEATRE

3560-3568 Broadway at West 146th

Though this 1,857-seat former vaudeville house and movie palace screened its last film in 1958 and fell into disrepair decades ago, the theater is still worth a visit for its elegant façade, and glorious figurative sculptures which frame its upper windows. Designed by Thomas Lamb in 1913, the building's exterior was landmarked in 2000.

JAMES BAILEY HOUSE

10 St Nicholas Place at West 150th Street

This castle-like residence built by James Bailey, of Barnum & Bailey Circus fame, certainly incorporates the magic wonder of the circus with its turrets, Flemish-inspired gables, porches, balconies, 66 windows, and interior detail. The 12,000-foot Romanesque Revival beauty served as a funeral home since the fifties and has recently returned to residential ownership and is being fully renovated.

James Bailey House



JOSEPH LOTH & COMPANY SILK RIBBON MILL

1828 Amsterdam Avenue, btwn 150th and 151st

A testament to 19th-century design and functionality, The Fair and Square brand Silk Ribbons were manufactured here starting from 1875 - 1902. The building features tall windows and handsome brick detail, complete with the manufacturer's name emblazoned in masonry on the cornice for all to see, past and present.

MORRIS-JUMEL MANSION

65 Jumel Terrace | 212-923-8008

Today Manhattan's oldest surviving free-standing residence is a national landmark and museum showcasing eight beautifully curated 18th and 19th-century period rooms. The museum focuses on the history of the mansion and its occupants, including the Morris and Jumel families as well as George Washington and his troops who used the Mansion as their headquarters in the fall of 1776.

NICHOLAS C. AND AGNES BENZIGER HOUSE

745 Edgecombe Avenue at 150th Street

A reminder of uptown's elite past, this is one of Manhattan's last free-standing mansions, constructed in 1890 by a wealthy publisher, and has since served as a hospital, nursery, and housing for the homeless. Its crowning glory is the restored steep clay tile roof and gabled dormers. A lovely garden of flowers, grapevines, and chestnut trees surrounds the house.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE VIADUCT

Riverside Drive, btwn 125th to 135th Streets

Commissioned by the City of New York in 1900 and designed by engineer F. Stewart Williamson, this viaduct exemplifies urban industrial architecture at its finest. Almost Parisian in its look and feel, the spaces created underneath are frequently used as movie locations and for public art projects.

SUGAR HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

145th to 155th btw Edgecombe & Amsterdam Avenues

Sugar Hill got its name in the 1920s, referencing the "sweet life" when the neighborhood became a popular place for wealthy African Americans to live during the Harlem Renaissance. It boasts luxurious row houses and apartment buildings, which Thurgood Marshall, Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Duke Ellington Cab Calloway, Roy Wilkins, and many other prominent figures called home.

TRINITY CEMETERY

770 Riverside Drive

Trinity Cemetery Uptown—the only remaining active cemetery in Manhattan—was designed by James Renwick, Jr., the architect of St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1842, once its sister cemetery on Wall Street had reached capacity. Renwick's sweeping walkways and shaded paths create a quiet retreat to relax and rest, amidst many prominent past citizens of NYC, also laid to rest.

PARKS & PUBLIC ART

CENTRAL PARK NORTH/DANA CENTER

Northwest corner of Central Park

Perched on the shore of the Park's northernmost body of water, the Harlem Meer is Central Park's newest building and the first to be built specifically as a visitor's center. The Charles A. Dana Discovery Center offers a wide variety of free family and community programs, including environmental and cultural exhibits and outdoor performances. In addition, from April to October, the center offers a "Catch and Release" activity, lending out fishing rods and bait to children ages six and over.

DUKE ELLINGTON MEMORIAL

Frawley Circle, Fifth Avenue

Sculptor: Robert Graham, 1997

This piece is indeed monumental, as a memorial to the composer, pianist, and bandleader Duke Ellington—and was the first public monument in New York City to depict an African American. The 25-foot tall sculpture is made of black patinated bronze and gold leaf, depicting Duke Ellington beside a grand piano on a tableau supported by three tall columns incorporating nine caryatids representing his muses.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS CIRCLE

110th Street & Eighth Avenue

Sculptor: Gabriel Koren

Designer/Artist: Algernon Miller

Located at the northwest corner of Central Park, this memorial park honors the African-American abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman Frederick Douglass. It consists of an eight-foot bronze sculpture in his likeness and a large pedestrian plaza within the roundabout featuring a fountain and a pavement pattern designed by Algernon Miller, alluding to African-American quilt design.

HOOPER FOUNTAIN

West 155th and St Nicholas Place

Architect: George Martin Huss

Built in 1894 with funds willed by the civic-minded businessman John Hooper "whereat man and beast can drink," this charming watering hole was utilized by the thousands of horses that used to pass through the area. Partially destroyed by vandals in 1981, it was fully restored a decade later, preserving a landmark where people can still enjoy a cold sip of water.

INVISIBLE MAN: A MEMORIAL TO RALPH ELLISON

Riverside Park at 150th Street

Sculptor: Elizabeth Catlett, 2003

The 15-foot-high monolith honors the author Ralph Ellison who lived near the park at 720 Riverside Drive and is best known for writing the novel *Invisible Man*, the inspiration for the memorial. The silhouette of a man cut out of a bronze slab—a conceptual interpretation of Ellison's epic novel. The monument also features two granite panels inscribed with Ellison quotes and his biography.



Invisible Man



Riverbank State Park

JACKIE ROBINSON PARK

85 Bradhurst Avenue | 212-234-9607

Now covering ten blocks, the Jackie Robinson Recreation Center was originally built in 1911 as a neighborhood playground, with a public pool and recreation center added in 1936. Facilities have expanded to include a weight room, a gymnasium, and a library, with outdoor amenities encompassing baseball diamonds, basketball courts, volleyball courts, a roller-skating area, and a band shell, hosting outdoor concerts throughout the warm season.

MORNINGSIDE PARK

110th Street to 123rd Street, along Manhattan and Morningside Avenues

In the heart of Morningside Heights, near Columbia University is the tree-lined hideaway that is Morningside Park. There are activities all year round, and vantage points provide views of the east side of Manhattan and trails for running and biking. With sprawling fields and basketball courts there's even space for those looking to play sports. The 30-acres of land serves as an active community park and home to both butterflies and wildlife alike. Friends of Morningside Park meet regularly to nurture the natural space and host events year-round. Since 1883 the historic park has been known to provide an "oasis of green" as a break from the city buildings surrounding it.

RIVERBANK STATE PARK

679 Riverside Drive | 212-694-3600

Inspired by urban rooftop designs in Japan, Riverbank is built on the top of a sewage treatment facility on the Hudson River, and is the only park of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. This 28-acre landscaped facility rises 69 feet above the Hudson River with breathtaking vistas to the north and south. Various recreational, athletic, and art experiences are available for all ages. Don't miss the carousel designed by artist Milo Mattola based on local children's drawings of animals—ride these flying horses and other colorful animals while enjoying the wonderful scenic views of the Hudson and the George Washington Bridge.

RIVERSIDE PARK

72nd to 138th Streets along the Hudson River

The massive Riverside Park is widely regarded as Manhattan's most spectacular waterfront park. Renowned co-designer of Central and Prospect Parks, Frederick Law Olmsted, was commissioned in 1873 for the design, resulting in a park with small paths and grand, tree-lined boulevards, rugged bluffs and rocky outcroppings, and panoramic views of the surrounding neighborhood. From Riverside Drive, the land terraces down steeply in three levels to a manmade shoreline and promenade.

ST. NICHOLAS PARK

127 Street to 141st Street along St Nicholas Avenue

One of Harlem's four historic "ribbon" parks, St. Nicholas Park is a narrow but stunning strip of land designed in 1906 by Samuel Parsons Jr., an American landscape architect, and founding member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and Parks Commissioner. The natural landscape with its rugged outcropping of Manhattan Schist on the on the upper portion of the park was preserved by Parsons who wanted to "follow nature's lead." The area to the south, around W 130th and 128th includes "The Point of Rocks," which was a military base for George Washington and site for the Battle of Harlem Heights during the American Revolutionary War.

WEST HARLEM PIERS PARK

Henry Hudson Pkwy. bet. St Clair Pl. and W. 135 St

What was once a supermarket parking lot has been transformed into a two-acre waterfront park and promenade featuring new recreational piers, bicycle and pedestrian paths, and landscaped spaces dotted with sculptures by local artist Nari Ward. Also, docked at the piers is the Baylander Steel Beach, a retired harbor utility craft YFU-79 in service during the Vietnam War and now serves as a seasonal respite for drinks and lite fare. Other recreational features are a fishing pier, a boat and kayak dock, and plenty of seating for river gazing of New York and New Jersey's shorelines and a picturesque view of the George Washington Bridge.

CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



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Columbia University Library

AARON DAVIS HALL - CITY COLLEGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

160 Convent Avenue | 212-650-6400

Named for the philanthropist and father of alumni Leonard Davis, this uptown cultural complex is the largest north of Lincoln Center. It houses three theaters featuring multi-cultural performances including classical, jazz, and Latin music, dance, theater, literary events, and film screenings. Home to the Department of Theatre and Speech's stage productions, the hub comprises dressing rooms, scenery and costume shops, and a large lobby displaying ongoing exhibits.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS & LETTERS

633 West 155th Street | 212-368-5900

Founded in 1898, the membership of this honorary Academy includes architects, composers, artists, and writers. Election into the society lasts a lifetime and is considered the highest formal recognition of artistic merit in the United States. The Academy administers awards and prizes, exhibits art and manuscripts, maintains a museum and library, and funds stage readings and performances of new works.

BARNARD COLLEGE

3009 Broadway | 212-854-5262

One of the "Seven Sisters" historically women's colleges erected in the 19th century when women weren't admitted into Ivy League schools, this still exclusively women's liberal arts institution, affiliated with Columbia University, continues the tradition of excellence and high achievement of its graduates. The leafy four-acre campus combines Italian Renaissance detail with Colonial-inspired features, and uses the same limestone trim seen throughout Columbia's campus.

STEPHANIE WILLIAMS AND ANTHONY SAVOY OF DANCE THEATER OF HARLEM. PHOTO: MATTHEW MURPHY



Ingrid Silva, Dance Theatre of Harlem



Morningside Lights - Miller Theater

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

2960 Broadway | 212-854-1754

This Ivy League university is the oldest in New York and one of the first of the country's nine Colonial Colleges founded before the American Revolution. Founded in 1754 and moved to its current location in 1896, the campus is a breathtaking tribute to higher learning designed along Beaux-Arts principles by architects McKim, Mead, and White and well worth a walk through. Notable alumni of the university include five Founding Fathers, nine Justices of the United States Supreme Court, Nobel Prize laureates, Academy Award winners – and three United States Presidents, including Barack Obama.

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM

466 West 152nd Street | 212-690-2300

Dance Theatre of Harlem is an internationally acclaimed institution that uses the art form of classical ballet to change lives. Founded in 1969 by the late Arthur Mitchell and Karel Shook, DTH is home to a professional ballet company that offers world-class training in ballet and other disciplines and arts education that includes in-class residencies and school-time performances, and after-school programs.

DID YOU KNOW...

that Columbia University's campus was designed as an urban academic village by McKim, Mead, and White, the renowned turn-of-the-century architectural firm.

INGRID SILVA FOR DTH PHOTO: RACHEL NEVILLE

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HARLEM SCHOOL OF THE ARTS | THE HERB ALPERT CENTER

645 St Nicholas Avenue | 212-926-4100

Since 1964 when world-renowned African American soprano Dorothy Maynor founded the institution, HSA has grown to enrich the lives of over 3,000 students annually, providing beginning to advance instruction in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts for all ages. In 2012, when HSA struggled financially, Herb Alpert trumpeted a 6-million dollar gift ensuring a bright future for the school –and a treasure in the community.

HARLEM STAGE

150 Convent Avenue | 212-281-9240

Harlem Stage is a performing arts center that celebrates and perpetuates Harlem's unique and diverse artistic legacy and the indelible impression it has made on American culture. For over 30 years, their special focus has been to identify visionary artists of color, providing opportunities by commissioning, presenting, and producing works that respond to the social and political conditions that shape our lives. Designated a New York City landmark, and listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, this former water-pumping station of the Old Croton Aqueduct, constructed between 1837 and 1842 to pump clean water to New York City from Westchester using gravity alone, is now one of Harlem's premier performance spaces.

THE INTERCHURCH CENTER

475 Riverside Drive | 212-870-2940

Some know it as 475 Riverside Drive. Others call it the Interchurch Center, while many call it the "The God Box." This impressive location, where intercultural, interfaith, and community involvement happens daily, celebrates decades of service. At the 1958 dedication, before an audience

of 30,000, President Dwight Eisenhower unveiled the center's unique mission as a place where Christians, Jews, and Muslims would collaborate as neighbors. That mission remains TIC's guiding principle. Today, The Interchurch Center is the home of more than 76 non-profit organizations.

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

3080 Broadway at 122nd Street | 212-678-8000
Founded in 1886 by the distinguished rabbis Dr. Sabato Morais and Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, JTs is the academic and spiritual center of Conservative Judaism worldwide, encompassing a world-class library and five schools. Its mission is to preserve the knowledge and practice of historical Judaism while sharing a vision of Judaism that is learned and passionate, pluralist and authentic, traditional and egalitarian.

MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

120 Claremont Avenue | 212-749-2802
MSM is one of the premier music conservatories in the nation, dedicated to shaping over 800 students from 40 countries into world-class musicians. The school offers degrees on the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels in classical and jazz performance and composition. The school's community calendar is often packed with top-quality programming throughout the year, much of it free.

MILLER THEATRE

2960 Broadway | 212-854-7799
Miller Theatre at Columbia University is a performing arts producer acclaimed for its innovative performances highlighting emerging trends in contemporary classical

music, opera, dance, and film. It is dedicated to developing and presenting new work from world-class artists.

NEW YORK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

475 Riverside Drive | 212-870-1211
Although the institution has a lengthy history—established in 1900 as the Bible Teachers' College in Montclair, New Jersey—since 2002, NYTS has been located in The Interchurch Center. Classes are held in the Riverside Church. NYTS is distinguished by its focus on ministry and mission, and the diversity in denominational and cultural traditions of its student body.

TEACHERS COLLEGE - COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

525 West 120th Street | 212-678-3000
Teachers College is Columbia's graduate school of education, one of the oldest and most distinguished in the country. Also housed inside the campus, a unique Gothic-style structure, is the Macy Art Gallery. Famous in its own right for producing painters Agnes Martin, Ad Reinhardt, and Georgia O'Keefe, the gallery has been presenting public art exhibitions continually since 1895.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

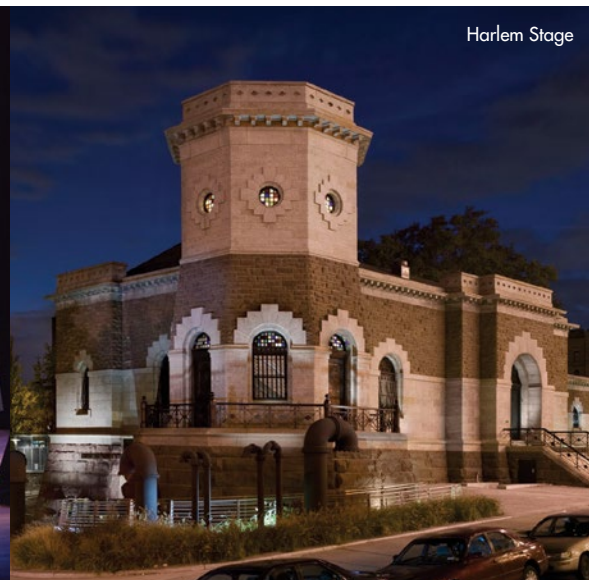
3041 Broadway at 121st Street | 212-662-7100
Founded in 1836, Union forged a new vision for theological education: to center ministerial training in an urban context and respond to the needs of the city. Union is world-renowned as a center of liberal Christianity and neo-orthodoxy, in addition to being the birthplace of the Black Liberation Theology and Womanist Theology. The seminary is home to the Columbia University Burke Library, the most extensive theological library in this hemisphere.

REFERENCE ONLY

Jazz at Miller Theater



Harlem Stage





HOUSES OF WORSHIP

CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE

1047 Amsterdam Avenue | 212-316-7540

Over 600 feet in length, St. John the Divine is the largest Gothic-style cathedral and the fourth-largest Christian church in the world. Built over a century ago, it is the seat of the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, chartered as “a house of worship for all peoples.” The Cathedral and its surrounding gardens and buildings form an 11-acre complex collectively referred to as The Close.

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

99 Convent Avenue | 212-234-1919

Founded in 1952 by Archbishop John Hughes, the Roman Catholic Parish of the Annunciation was established in Manhattanville to serve Irish Catholic laborers on the Hudson River Railroad. The church held its first services in a donated colonial-style house before moving to West 131st St and the old Bloomington Road (now Broadway) in 1953. The cornerstone for the present building on Convent Avenue, designed by Lynch & Orchard, was laid in September 1906. Seating 700, the new church features stained glass windows, the brass altar rail, and baptismal font from the old church.

CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSION

550 West 155th Street | 212-283-6200

Bordering the sprawling Trinity Cemetery, this church is New York City’s finest example of Gothic Revival architecture, complete with a cloister, vicarage, vestry, parish building, and an underground crypt. If God is in the details, this is certainly a holy place with its wood-hammered ceiling, stained glass windows, cloister altar inlaid with stones from the Holy Land, and 850-pound tower bell cast in London.

CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

420 West 145th Street | 212-234-6767

Initially built for a white congregation in 1899, the Convent Avenue Baptist Church has been one of Harlem’s most influential, socially active, and historic African-American churches for over seventy years. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s last appearance in New York was at this church nine days before his assassination. In addition, acclaim for its extraordinary ministry of music consisting of six choirs makes it a great place to visit for a genuine gospel experience.

MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

421 W 145th Street | 212-862-8690

Built in 1888 by Joseph Wolf for the Hamilton Grange Reformed Church, this church became the home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1906 until Mount Zion Lutheran Church acquired the building in 1944. One of its unique features is the memorial tablet with a German inscription brought to the parish by the Evangelical Lutheran Church and still remains at the entrance. The church’s exterior was restored in 2021 with support from the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE



Convent Avenue
Baptist Church

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

472 West 142nd Street | 212-862-4380

Completed in 1904, this church is reminiscent of a palazzo on the Grand Canal. The church's first pastor, Rev. Joseph McMahon, acquired discarded materials from famous 19th-century landmarks, including the façade of the National Academy of Design, at bargain prices. The church then hired an architect to combine salvaged materials to form an ebullient building in the Venetian Gothic style, creating perhaps the most eccentric Catholic church building in New York City.

THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE OF GENOVA

506 W 153rd Street | 212-862-6130

Archbishop Corrigan founded the parish of St. Catherine of Genoa in 1887 on the 150th anniversary of the canonization of the Saint. Masses were first celebrated in the Athenaeum on 155th Street near Amsterdam Avenue. In 1889 the present church in Hamilton Heights was built as a temporary structure in the style of Dutch Colonial Revival. The planned Church was to be built at 152nd Street on Amsterdam Avenue. However, 121 years later the congregation remains in the original structure on W 153rd Street.

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

490 Riverside Drive | 212-870-6700

Built in the 1930s with Rockefeller money, this neo-gothic wonder is the tallest church in the country, with a massive tower – the height of a 22 story building – that can be seen from all over Harlem and beyond. The edifice of this interdenominational church is modeled after the 13th Century gothic cathedral in Chartres, France. Famous for its history of social justice, the church also houses The Riverside Theater offering youth professional training in drama, dance and vocal music and producing three productions annually.

SAINT JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

409 West 141st Street | 212-283-4541

The church was founded in 1895 and was located on W 32nd Street at the Odd Fellows Hall. It subsequently moved to W 137th Street due to displacement by the construction of the Pennsylvania Station. St James later moved to its present location in 1927. This Gothic church, originally built for the Lenox Presbyterian Church, designed by Valentine and Ludlow, and finished in 1905, sits majestically on the corner of an intersection facing St. Nicholas Park, its stark stone walls and fortress-like turrets in contrast with the inviting red entrance doors below. Dorothy Maynor, acclaimed operatic soprano, started The Harlem School of the Arts in the basement of this church almost a half-century ago.

SAINT JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

448 West 152nd Street | 212-283-2648

Known as Friendly Little Church on the Hill for the congregation's warmth, this charming structure was built as a private residence, later serving as a synagogue, then Vaudeville Theater. Rev. Wilson Major Morris founded the church in 1943, and today The Inspirational Mass Choir performs at each service except on the third Sunday of each month, when the Children's and Youth Choir's voices ring out.

ST. LUKE AME CHURCH

1872 Amsterdam Avenue at
W 153rd St | 212-870-1300

The St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal was built in 1869 in the Victorian Gothic style as the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal Church. The St. Luke congregation was founded in 1926 and was located on 126th Street before moving into this church in 1946. It is the oldest church north of 125th Street.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH

405 West 125th Street | 212-662-9125

The Church of St. Joseph of the Holy Family is a Roman Catholic parish and the oldest existing church above 44th Street in Manhattan, built in 1860 before the Civil War. The Romanesque Revival red brick church was enlarged in 1871 and altered in 1889, when the window over the entrance became a niche for a statue of St. Joseph holding the infant where it still stands to this day.

SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

512 West 126th Street | 212-864-4013

St. Mary's Church is a complex of three buildings: the church, its adjacent clapboard-covered parish house, and the brick Sunday school quietly nestled in a country-like setting in contrast to the surrounding neighborhood. This modest neo-Gothic structure built in 1909 is distinguished by its intricate herringbone brickwork. The congregation is noted for its social justice activism and strong advocacy for the poor, the aged and those living with HIV/AIDS.

CAFÉS

RESTAURANTS & CAFÉS

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Bono Trattoria

123 BURGER SHOT BEER

712 W 125th Street, btwn Riverside Dr and Hudson River Pkwy | 646-850-0193

This friendly, bustling sports bar near Columbia University is everything you would expect. Spirited options include names like Hot Mama, Harlem Hooch, and Rainbow Shots. The classic bar food, including sliders and wings, is budget-priced and served in large portions. Loud music and multiple TV screens set an upbeat vibe, and Uno cards, board games, and big Jenga blocks are available as rentals. The name 123 BSB stands for \$1 burger \$2 shots \$3 beer, which says it all!

BEER RUN HARLEM

3604 Broadway at W 148th St (upper level) | 212-749-7500

Beer Run Harlem specializes in craft beer from New York City and around the globe. Beer Run Harlem offers a unique selection of special brews to stay, and a wide selection from the bottle shop to go. A limited wine list is also available: Rosé, Pinot Grigio White, and Pinot Noir.

BIRD IN HAND NYC

3569 Broadway at W 149th St | 845-669-7371

This farm-to-bar neighborhood corner features a seasonal menu of handcrafted cocktails, a curated selection of local craft beer, and small plates of new American cuisine. Beautifully appointed with hardwood floors and checkered tiled bar floor surround, accented with vintage-inspired elements. Beautifully appointed with hardwood floors and checkered tiled bar floor surround, the room is accented with vintage-inspired elements.

BONO TRATTORIA

3658 Broadway, btwn W 151st and 152nd Sts | 646-281-9249

Popular Italian restaurant with a brick pizza oven imported from Naples on center stage. Bono embraces Italian classics



Dinosaur Bar-B-Que

like the margherita pizza and bucatini ala bolognese, but also features traditional Umbrian dishes. Try the strozzapreti alla norcina (pasta with sweet sausage, porcini mushrooms, and truffle cream sauce). As Italian grandmothers are known to say: Eat because it is delicious!

BUTTERFUNK BISCUIT CO.

3229 Broadway at W 130th Street | 917-522-0391
Award-winning Chef Chris Scott's butterfunk Biscuit is an ode to recipes passed down by four generations of the Scott family. Served with his award-winning biscuit are a variety of sandwich fillings, plates, and bowls. The Pennsylvania Dutch Chicken & Corn Soup is a favorite.

CAFÉ ONE

1619 Amsterdam Avenue, at W 140th St | 212-690-0060
Students and neighbors adore this family-owned and operated spot near City College. Tasty breakfast options, sandwiches, large salads, hearty soup, and a full dessert case are served up quickly by friendly staff who soon know your name and coffee preference. Yummy vegetarian options are available - try the black bean burger or Greek avocado sandwich! Prices are excellent and there is limited seating inside and out.

CARIDAD RESTAURANT

3533 Broadway, btwn W 144th and 145th Sts | 212-862-4053
Family-owned for over two decades, this Puerto Rican and Dominican restaurant is so authentic that you will imagine you're in the Caribbean. Menu items include dishes like alitas de pollo, monfongos al pilon, and bistec encebollado. The rotisserie chicken is fabulous and addictive! It is nicknamed "Super Pollo," and so popular that Caridad advertises you will LOVE it or it is free.

CHOPPED PARSLEY

500 W 146th St, near Amsterdam Avenue | 917-675-6666

This quaint, intimate restaurant is loved by locals for its fresh and delicious Japanese comfort food. Parsley is the name of the owner-chef, and she puts her heart into every dish. Customers rave about soba and ramen soups, onigiri (stuffed rice balls), maze gohan (fried sushi rice with pickles and salmon) and, of course, the sushi and special rolls. Save room for the matcha cheesecake! The kitchen is in plain sight and tiny, so expect some wait time. Open for dinner only; closed on Sunday and Monday. Beer, wine, and sake are available.

CLOVE INDIAN RESTAURANT & BAR

1592 Amsterdam Avenue, btwn W 138th and W 139th
Clove is known for its modern interpretation of classic northern Indian dishes and a range of signature cocktails. A weekday lunch buffet is offered from 11 am – 3 pm.

DEAR MAMA COFFEE SHOP @ THE FORUM, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

61 W 129th Street off Broadway | 716-727-2854
Located next to the Lenfest Plaza-Columbia Manhattanville, Dear Mama's inviting garden room vibe is spacious and sun-filled with indoor and outdoor seating. The menu offers a variety of Dear Mama coffee blends, teas, small plates, and sandwiches.

DINOSAUR BAR-B-QUE

700 W 125th Street, near Riverside Drive | 212-694-1777
From humble beginnings in 1983 as a 55-gallon-drum concession that traveled the country, this acclaimed BBQ joint offers three classic St. Louis-style BBQ plates: pork shoulder, brisket, and half chicken, all provided with honey hush cornbread and two succulent sides. Since 2004, locals and visitors have enjoyed Dinosaur's memorable food, a lively roadhouse atmosphere and great service.

ECUATORIANA RESTAURANT

1685 Amsterdam Avenue, btwn W 143rd and 144th Sts | 212-491-4626
Two spacious brick dining rooms provide plenty of space for locals and Ecuadorians from surrounding states to enjoy the authentic fare that earns this restaurant rave reviews. Menu selections include seafood (house specialty), grill items, delicious fresh soups, daily specials, and a 5-star ceviche.

DID YOU KNOW...

that illustrator Norman Rockwell lived at 789 St. Nicholas Avenue as a child from round 1900 to 1902. The extreme modesty of this tenement building seems in stark contrast to the idyllic Americana embodied in Rockwell's renowned artwork.

FALAFEL TARBOOSH

1701 Amsterdam Avenue, at W 144th St | 212-234-4434
A fast-paced spot for Mediterranean middle-eastern food served up in hefty portions for a reasonable price. Reliably delicious, and the staff is very friendly and attentive too. Some customer favorites are chicken gyros, shawarma, fish on salad, falafel, and lentil soup. Dishes are well seasoned and always very fresh. Best for takeout or delivery – only a few seats.

FLOR DE BROADWAY

3395 Broadway, btwn W 137th and 138th Sts | 212-281-1556
Offering an authentic menu of food from the Dominican Republic, Flor de Broadway serves quick and flavorful meals in large portions from a cafeteria-style counter. With lunch specials, customers get plenty of deliciousness for the buck. Reviewers shout out the Cuban sandwich as the best in the city. Try it with garlic sauce!

FRIJOLITO'S

3446 Broadway, near W 140th St | 646-682-9033
A colorful, low-key Mexican spot that is a neighborhood favorite. Enjoy a full menu of traditional foods and ample bowls that include rice, beans, and salsas, all made with the freshest ingredients. Try the hard shell tacos, green chile enchiladas, pollo asado bowl, or signature burritos frijolitos. The veggie burrito is very popular, too. Friendly service!

FUMO

1600 Amsterdam Avenue at W 139th St | 646-692-6675
Lively and casual, Fumo is located across the street from the City College campus. The restaurant has a bright, upbeat

décor, including a full bar, and is a favorite spot in the neighborhood for lunch, dinner, and brunch. Choose from delicious pizzas cooked to perfection in a brick oven, and plates of pasta, large salads, or main dishes like chicken, salmon, and steak. Whole wheat, gluten-free and non-dairy options. Plenty of indoor and pleasant outdoor tables.

GEISHA SUSHI

3468 Broadway, btwn W 141st and 142nd Sts | 212-862-7800
This authentic sushi bar quickly serves an impressive selection of fresh sushi and Japanese food. The intimate dining area extends out onto the sidewalk when weather permits. Customer favorites include spicy girl roll, tuna mango roll, and avocado salad. Enjoy a creative cocktail (lychee martini, perhaps?) and great happy hour specials. Attentive, friendly servers and a live DJ.

GO! GO! CURRY!

567 W 115th Street near Broadway
Over 70 locations in Japan and one in West Harlem, all with the mission of bringing Kanazawa curry and "genki" (happiness) to customers. This delicious Japanese comfort food has a sports theme behind the scenes; the chain is named for Hideki Matsu, a baseball legend whose jersey number 55 is pronounced "Go Go." In honor of him, the curry is cooked for 5 hours and matured for 55 hours. The dark, thick sauce is spooned over premium Koshihikari rice and served with a crispy deep-fried pork or chicken cutlet and a smile.

GRILL ON THE HILL SPORTS BAR

1624 Amsterdam Avenue, at W 140th St | 646-838-8879
This unpretentious neighborhood bar is a great spot for unwinding after work or watching sports, with six large screen TVs, a pool table, and a cool jukebox setting the mood. Nachos, burgers, tacos and chili fries team up nicely with buckets of beer and daily drink specials.

HAMILTON'S CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT

3750 Broadway, at W 146th St | 646-559-2741
A homey, comfortable vibe and ample seating inside and out make this restaurant a great place to socialize or study. Featuring small-batch non-GMO fare, grab-and-go sandwiches, fresh-baked pastries and bread, and delicious coffee and teas. Wine and beer. Occasional live music.

HAMILTON HALL

3493 Broadway, btwn W 142nd and 143rd Sts | 646-454-9797
Hamilton Heights version of a down-to-earth gastropub. Take a tall seat at the bar on your own or sink deep into a cozy booth with friends. There's a long list of craft beers on the blackboard, plus select wines, spirits, and batched signature cocktails on hand to quench your thirst. Pick from a menu





of shared plates, or opt for a burger (rave reviews!), salad, or elevated entrees like Shepard's Pie with lamb. Weekend brunch and events.

HARLEM PUBLIC

3612 Broadway, near W 149th St | 212-939-9404
 Enjoy indoor and outdoor seating at Harlem Public, a gastropub with a creative selection of bar foods, a multitude of craft beers on tap, tasty and potent cocktails, and small-batch spirits. The local favorites list includes fish tacos, customizable burgers (ground in house), and the ooey-gooey tater tots. (Think cheese curds and sausage gravy). The wide variety of tasty fare and drinks will satisfy everyone in your party.

HOME SWEET HARLEM

1528 Amsterdam Avenue, btwn W 135th and 136th Sts | 212-926-9616
 Homey and comforting atmosphere showcasing regionally inspired food that is guaranteed to nourish your heart and soul. Customers especially enjoy the S. Nicholas Park burger, sweet potato pie, plus the weekend's bottomless brunch. A separate menu offers healthy and vegetarian dishes. Home Sweet Harlem also features live Jazz, R&B, Latin and Fusion sounds Weds-Fri. Call for details and reservations.

JIN RAMEN

3187 Broadway, near W 125th St | 646-559-2862
 Nestled under the metalwork of the #1 Train metro station at 125th St., this popular Japanese noodle house with a name that means "how we treat each other" regularly receives a Michelin Bib Gourmand designation for "great food offered at great prices." Jin serves tasty specialty dishes and perfectly executed classics like tonkotso, shoyu, and shio ramen. In addition, soba noodle dishes, rice bowls, salads, and appetizers are on the extensive menu. Compliment your meal with Japanese beer, sake, or a bubble tea.

L'ARTISTA

142 Hamilton Place, btwn W 143rd and 144th St. | 646-858-0312

Much more than meets the eye. This Northern Italian spot looks tiny from the outside but extends far back and below street level, providing comfy nooks, party seating, and a performance space where free jazz concerts happen on Sundays, 5-6 pm. (One of the owners is a world-touring jazz musician, and he and friends often play there.) The food is authentic and house-made. Cozy bar and a great wine list.

LA CASA D' LA PASTA ITALIAN CUISINE

1792 Amsterdam Avenue, at W 149 St | 646-401-0261
 Spacious, relaxed, and welcoming with a classic bar. The extensive wine list, craft beer, and delicious food make this eatery a hot spot in West Harlem. The menu celebrates modern Italian cuisine as well as Italian classics. There is a wide variety of salad entrees, Antipasti, Terre e Mare, and cocktails.

MAKANA

1502 Amsterdam Avenue, at W 134th St | 212-368-5033
 Adding to the diversity of the West Harlem culinary scene, Makana features Hawaiian fare in a cute takeout joint with a few tables for seating. In the "Aloha" spirit, Makana means gift, so customers enjoy generous poke bowls, Asian BBQ, bubble tea, fried dessert buns, and other island-style favorites.

MAMASUSHI

3569 Broadway, Btwn W 146th and 147th Sts | 646-682-7879
 This popular Asian-Latino spot incorporates Caribbean cuisine with traditional Japanese dishes. The extensive menu includes traditional sushi, plus many rolls made with "fully cooked" protein and ingredients such as plantains, guacamole, cheese, and pico de gallo. Steak, chicken, fish and other meat dishes are delicious and hearty. Enjoy signature and classic cocktails, specialty beer, and sake. Lots of seating.

MAISON HARLEM

341 St Nicholas Avenue, at W 127th St | 212-222-9224
Genial French-speaking staff and a charming, exposed brick interior provide the perfect ambiance for a mouth-watering French Bistro style meal. Customers love the extensive wine list. Traditional dishes such as escargot, mussels, coq au vin, wild mushroom risotto, and ratatouille are very popular. Maison Harlem has a delicious weekend brunch menu, with live music on Sundays. Ample in and out seating, and the bar up front is a friendly place.

MUMBAI MARSALA INDIAN GRILL

1768 Amsterdam Avenue, btwn W 147th and 148th Sts | 212-368-0100
Sister to a popular Indian grill in Williamsburg, West Harlem's Mumbai Marsala offers a wide range of favorite dishes from many regions of India. Traditional fare such as chicken tikka masala and lamb Vindaloo is on the menu, but vegan and vegetarian diners will feel very at home here too; malai kofta, chana saag, and red pumpkin thoran are all delicious choices. Service is attentive, prices are reasonable, and the cozy location is ideal for small groups.

OSO HARLEM

1618 Amsterdam Avenue at 140th St | 646-858-3130
The menu serves Mexico City street-inspired food and consists of traditional and innovative cuisine and cocktails. Warm, rustic interior with wooden tables and splashes of art highlighted by a Dia de Los Muertos mural.

PICANTE MEXICAN RESTAURANT

3424 Broadway, btwn W 139th and 140th Sts | 212-234-6479
Casual, colorful Mexican spot with ample in and out seating. Expect salads, burgers, tacos, and traditional Mexican fare served in generous portions. Corn tortillas are prepared fresh throughout the day. Try the tortas, authentic

Mexican sandwiches filled with a variety of meat. Happy hour is always popular, drinks are large and \$40 margarita pitchers can fill up to 12 glasses.

PISTICCI ITALIAN TRATTORIA

125 La Salle Street, btwn Broadway and Claremont St | 212-932-3500
A hidden gem! Below ground and on a little-known side street, Pisticci offers wonderfully prepared, unpretentious Italian food in a setting akin to an Italian grandmother's living room. Customers rave about the ambiance, service, menu, and cocktails. Try garlic bread with homemade pasta and hearty house meatballs or a satisfying vegetarian dish like fettuccine al funghi with truffle oil. Open for lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Live jazz on Sundays. Reservations requested.

PLOWSHARES CAFÉ AND COFFEE ROASTERY

1351 Amsterdam Avenue, btwn W 125th and 126th Sts | 646-755-8667
Plowshares began roasting specialty coffee in 2008 when the number of quality-focused roasters and retailers in the city were few and far between. Their dedication to sourcing unique and wonderful coffees, roasting them to unlock their potential, and building meaningful friendships with customers makes this a stellar spot for spectacular coffee. Enjoy a cup on site and take a bag home with you. Monthly subscriptions are available too.

RAI RAI KEN RAMEN

1467 Amsterdam Avenue, near W 133rd St | 917-639-3342
A retro 1950's noodle bar vibe with white-coated hosts, relaxed and delicious. Menu items include Tokyo-style shoyo, curry, miso, yaki, and mabo ramen soups, plus casual Japanese fare, such as dumplings and steamed buns. Enjoy with hot sake! Affordably priced.

REFERENCE ONLY



Mumbai Marsala



OSO Harlem



ROKC



The Chick Inn

RIVER THAI AND BEYOND

1766 Amsterdam Avenue, btwn W 146th and 147th Sts | 646-490-8290

Very cozy restaurant with lovely décor, relaxing music, and friendly, focused service. The Thai menu offers lots of options, and with few exceptions, all food is halal. Customer favorites include veggie dumplings, papaya salad, tom kha soup, pad thai, curry dishes, and duck gra prow. Also, try the Thai iced tea, which is always fresh and perfectly spiced! Prices are very reasonable.

ROKC (RAMEN, OYSTERS, KITCHEN, AND COCKTAILS)

3452 Broadway, at W 141st St | (332) 217-8755

Subterranean ROKC is a traditional take on an old Japanese port, where East meets West. ROKC is an intimate location specializing in a variety of ramen soups (classic and seasonal versions), a raw bar, and sophisticated craft cocktails inspired by Tokyo's current bar scene. Fresh oysters are hand-selected and delivered daily, mainly from the East coast. Go early, as ROKC is small and fills up quickly.

SITA THAI

3609 Broadway, btwn W 148th and 149th Sts | 646-901-5623

This tiny Thai spot offers hearty portions that are reliably tasty and well-priced. The ambiance is pleasant and customer service is quick and attentive. Pad Thai, pad garlic, crab meat fried rice, and green curry are best sellers. Good for takeout! Neighbors love this place.

SOFRITO

679 Riverside Dr, in Riverbank State Park at W 145th St | 212-754-5999

The word "sofrito" means a fragrant mix of ingredients used as a base flavor and seasoning. This lively restaurant's savory mix includes a Caribbean vibe, Puerto Rican food and cocktails, world-beats music, a cozy lounge area, and

attentive service. The menu includes appetizers, soups, and salads, mafongo, as well as traditional entrees and sides. Enjoy the specialty drinks and great views of the sunset and the George Washington Bridge from the patio!

SUGAR HILL CAFE

410 W 145th Street, btwn Convent and St Nicholas Ave | 212-234-2024

Cool, cozy, a below-street-level coffee shop with limited seating in and out. Enjoy exquisite Bellocq teas and coffee purchased from Plowshares, a local roaster, to ensure freshness and taste. The menu includes creative takes on a NYC egg sandwich, bagels, pastries, and some vegan options. All-day brunch includes French toast, avocado toast, and loads of eggs, benne (sesame), and omelet options. Beer and wine are available.

SUSHI SUSHI

1504 Amsterdam Avenue, btwn W 134th and 135th Sts | 212-866-7876

Opened in 2013, Sushi Sushi is a simple Japanese café committed to freshness and the highest quality ingredients. Customers love the adventurous menu that includes appetizers, traditional and signature sushi rolls, sashimi, bento boxes, rice bowls, and desserts for reasonable prices. Vegetarian options such as tofu inari sushi and sweet potato tempura are delicious. Service is quick, and lunch specials are popular with students and locals.

THE CHICK INN

3508 Broadway, btwn W 143rd and 144th Sts | 212-234-3084

Yum! The star of this Broadway show is Rotisserie Chicken, humanely raised and veggie-fed, but there are plenty of greens and grains to be found too. Order a whole, half, or quarter chicken with your pick of tasty sides. Or opt for a hearty salad or chicken sandwich – buttermilk battered, grilled, or vegan. Small bites and dippin' sauces are on

the menu too. A weekend brunch is served 11am-4 pm, including craft cocktails, beer, and wine.

THE CHIPPED CUP

3610 Broadway, btwn W 148th and 149th Sts | 212-368-8881

This popular café with a retro-cool personality is a West Harlem hidden gem. Follow the pointing hand signs down a metal staircase to discover baristas serving up flavor-rich coffees, teas, and pastries. Look to the chalkboard for light lunch plates, including an excellent avocado toast. The mismatched décor and heavy wood tables set a fun, laid-back mood for work and study. If the weather permits, catch some sun with your caffeine in the eclectic private garden out back.

THE CRAFTSMAN

3155 Broadway, near Tiemann Place | 212-933-0602

By day, the warm and rustic Craftsman is a Craft Café, serving superfood smoothies, healthy eats, pressed juices, and great coffees and teas. By night, it is a Craft Bar with unique cocktails, 24 international craft beers on rotation and a curated menu of small plates. The Craftsman is a relaxed spot to savor a cup of fair-trade coffee, enjoy a delicious and healthy lunch, or have an exciting night out.

DID YOU KNOW...

that in the late 1920s Alabama native William “W.C.” Handy, a self-taught musician who composed the classic St Louis Blues earning him the moniker “father of the blues”, lived at 393 Edgecombe Avenue.

in the neighborhood. The crowd is diverse, the service is friendly, and the prices are reasonable.

THE EDGE

101 Edgecombe Avenue, btwn 139th and 140th Sts | 212-939-9688

This local eatery, owned by two sisters who grew up nearby, captures the unique spirit of the Harlem community. The rustic industrial setting is softened by big bouquets and artistic touches and works equally well for a date, a solo meal with a book, or a business meeting. Casual, flavorful cuisine incorporates the flavors of Jamaica, England, and New York, reflecting the siblings’ heritage. The brunch menu is a local favorite. Friendly, prompt service. Occasional world music.

THE GRANGE BAR AND EATERY

1635 Amsterdam Avenue, at W 141st St | 212-491-1635

A casual and up-tempo American Eatery in a rustic, farm-inspired space featuring oversized windows, cozy booths, and a 40-foot bar where conversation flows easily. Picture microbrews and craft cocktails meeting artfully presented comfort fare. This popular spot collects neighbors and students from nearby City College. Brunch is served on the weekend, and Sunday evening includes a regular jazz trio.

THE HANDPULLED NOODLE

3600 Broadway, btwn W 148th and 149th Sts | 917-262-0213

One of the best hand-pulled noodle and dumpling spots in NYC. Recipes from the Xinjiang region are hearty, spicy, and flavorful. Rustic noodles are made of only water and flour, so eating them is a fun, textural affair. Served in a cute space by friendly staff. Try “super addictive” chopped ding



The Edge

The Grange Bar and Eatery

ding noodles with cumin lamb, the house favorite! Gluten-free and veg/vegan options too. Two more pluses: The Handpulled Noodle is open late, and the price is right!

THE HONEY WELL

3604 Broadway, btwn W 148th and 149th Sts | 646-861-0489

This popular subterranean bar welcomes patrons with a retro-chic 70's vibe, creative cocktails that kick, and small bites inspired by Mom's delightful dishes. (Remember deviled eggs, crab cakes, and meatballs with BBQ sauce?) The Honey Well is a low-key chillaxing alternative to its sister bars on the same block—Harlem Public and At the Wallace. Guests love the full backyard garden open for drinking and dining every day.

THE VALE PUBLIC HOUSE

3473 Broadway, btwn W 141st and 142nd Sts | 646-559-8253

The Vale is a space in the neighborhood where the customer's comfort is achieved at any level. Authentically Scottish, The Vale's half-pint pours, comfort food, and social snugs provide its customers with a hometown hangout vibe and a place everyone can call "theirs."

TRUFA

3431 Broadway, btwn W 139th and 140th Sts | 646-522-4142

An intimate bistro with an open kitchen, Trufa is known for tasty, made-from-scratch Italian and American dishes served with warm, rapt attention. The menu constantly changes but includes sandwiches, fresh salads, gourmet pasta, and meat and fish dishes. Customers love the grocchis with wild mushrooms, blackened salmon, burgers, and sangria! Daily specials on the sidewalk chalkboard are always a tasty surprise. Delicious tiramisu and other desserts.

TSION CAFÉ AND BAKERY

763 St Nicholas Avenue, btwn W 148th and 149th Sts | 212-234-2070

A stylish café featuring delicious Ethiopian cuisine, TSION stands in the big shoe of Jimmy's Chicken Shack, a famous eatery and jazz spot from the 1930s to the 1980s. Customers rave about the doro tibs with jollof rice, veggie combo, shakshuka, and samosas. An extensive beverage selection includes flavored ice teas, specialty cocktails, and Ethiopian organic wines. Enjoy the friendly vibe and the indoor or cozy patio seating. Brunch on the weekends and live music.

TASZO COFFEE SHOP AND WINE

5 Edward M Morgan Place, near W 157th St | 917-365-9499

A unique brick-walled neighborhood hangout with a European vibe. Climb the short flight of stairs for praise-worthy coffee, pastries, quiches, sammies, salads, craft



Tsion Café and Bakery

cocktails, wine, and beers. Good vibes abound with artsy décor and an amiable owner and staff on hand. Laptop use is limited to a communal table. Bring a book or enjoy some people-watching in Washington Heights!

UPTOWN BOURBON

3631 Broadway, btwn W 149th and 150th Sts | 646-918-6627

Cozy hot spot with relaxed vibes and an impressive selection of hard-to-find bourbons. Food is limited, but they have a turn table and tons of vinyl, including classics. Choose what you want to hear, and they will play it for you! Great cocktails plus happy hour specials. Come early for easy conversation and the best seating.

VILLAGE CHICKEN AND BURGERS

1739 Amsterdam Avenue, near W 146th St | 212-281-1060

This counter-service eatery is very clean and bright, and the extensive menu offers a mix of favorite fast-food options and sides at low prices. Customer favorites include the fried chicken, wings, double cheeseburgers, and fries, which the owner says are all cooked with LOVE. Service is excellent, and the jazz music helps any wait time pass quickly.

YELLOW BANANA JUICE AND SNACK BAR

1658 Amsterdam Avenue, near W 142nd St | 646-360-3653

Tucked beside a charming community garden, this island-style juice bar with a service window onto the street offers a full menu of healthy, fresh vegetable juice blends, fruit smoothies, and Dominican goodies. Cassava frituras, crispy pastelitos stuffed with cheese, chicken, beef, and salami are freshly made throughout the day. There may be a line in front, but service is quick and efficient.



Avirililly's Gelatos,
Flower Cakes & More

BAKERIES & SWEETS

AVIRILILLY'S GELATOS, FLOWER CAKES & MORE

1610 Amsterdam Avenue | 917-265-8449

Avirililly's is an authentic specialty bakery and small-batch artisanal gelateria offering a unique and unforgettable customer experience while enjoying your favorite sweets, hand-selected coffees, teas, and beverages. Menu selections include beautifully decorated and handcrafted flower cakes and small-batch gelatos using the finest ingredients.

THE OMA COFFEE SHOP + HOME

1707 Amsterdam Avenue | 646-760-4518

OMA offers a unique selection of coffee, teas, and pastries in a small, inviting space. The owners have also extended their online home products business to the shop, creating a pleasant, personalized boutique atmosphere.

SUGAR HILL CREAMERY

3629 Broadway, Btwn W 149th and
150th Sts | 212-634-9004

Follow your sweet tooth to Harlem's only family-owned neighborhood ice cream shop. Dedicated to local collaborations and the best ingredients, the Creamery serves handmade, small-batch ice cream and non-dairy frozen desserts in cones and cups, with seasonal and classic flavors available. Many of their unique flavors are inspired by the Caribbean, Midwest and Harlem! Service is fast and friendly.

SWEET CHEF SOUTHERN-STYLE BAKERY

122 Hamilton Place, Btwn W 142nd and
143rd Sts | 212-862-5909

An inviting little storefront bakeshop staffed by friendly folk featuring Southern-style pies, cakes, cobblers, puddings, and other desserts. The sweet potato, pecan, three berry, and pumpkin pies are famous throughout NYC and a holiday staple for many families. Lots of rugelach flavor choices too. Everything is well-packaged for traveling.



With a variety of ways to access West Harlem, traveling to the area from within the city is as simple as a bus or train ride away.

A C B D 1 2 3

Running along Broadway is the 1,2,3 trains and parallel along St. Nicholas Avenue are the A,B,C,D trains. Free subway maps are available upon request at MTA booths underground.

M2 M4 M5 M11 M15 M60 M100 M101 M104

For those looking to travel crosstown, hop on one of the several buses that frequently run through West Harlem - an added convenience to traveling above ground. The M60, M100, M104, M4, M5, M2, M101, M15 and M11 have routes that run north, south, east and west of Harlem. To view their routes the Official NYC Information Center distributes maps and schedules can be accessed via the MTA online.

MTA Long Island Rail Road

If taking the Metro-North, the Harlem - 125th Street station is located at Park Avenue.

We invite you to explore Harlem either on your own or join a guided tour of the area. For information on guided tours and events uptown, visit **HarlemOneStop.org** or e-mail **tours@harlemonestop.org**

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