

Upper East Side



Neighborhood Top Five

- ❶ Spending a few hours (or weeks) wandering amid the priceless treasures, from mesmerizing Egyptian artifacts to Renaissance masterpieces, at the **Metropolitan Museum of Art** (p214).
- ❷ Walking the spiral ramps of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece, the **Guggenheim Museum** (p215).
- ❸ Gazing at the gilded masterpieces of Gustav Klimt at the **Neue Galerie** (p218).
- ❹ Listening to Sunday classical music in a beaux-arts mansion at **Frick Collection** (p226).
- ❺ Sipping an early evening cocktail at the elegant, mural-lined **Belmells Bar** (p226).

For more detail of this area see Map p434 ➔

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The Upper East Side is ground zero for all things luxurious, especially the area that covers the blocks from 60th to 86th Sts between Park and Fifth Aves. If you're looking for eating and drinking spots that are easier on the wallet, head east of Lexington Ave. First, Second and Third Aves are lined with less pricey neighborhood spots.



Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Tanoshi (p223)
- ➔ Café Boulud (p225)
- ➔ Boqueria (p222)
- ➔ Café Sabarsky (p223)
- ➔ Beyoglu (p223)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ The Daisy (p225)
- ➔ The Penrose (p226)
- ➔ Drunken Monkey (p226)
- ➔ Uva (p225)
- ➔ Vinus & Marc (p225)

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Best Museums

- ➔ Metropolitan Museum of Art (p214)
- ➔ Guggenheim Museum (p215)
- ➔ Frick Collection (p218)
- ➔ Neue Galerie (p218)
- ➔ Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum (p218)
- ➔ Jewish Museum (p219)

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Explore Upper East Side

There are infinite ways to tackle this large, well-moneyed neighborhood. Begin with a walk south down Fifth Ave, starting at about 96th St. This will take you down storied Museum Mile, which is studded with vintage mansions and prestigious museums. At 72nd St, scoot east to Madison Ave and head south, where you can then enjoy the sight of some of the country's most extravagant flagship boutiques (Cartier, Prada and Oscar de la Renta, to name a few). The path is strewn with Old World cafes and opulent restaurants. Welcome to the rarefied air of uptown.

Local Life

➔ **Lunch with the upper crust** The Upper East Side is all about lunch – specifically ladies who lunch, a well-coiffed breed known for dispensing air kisses while armed with designer handbags the size of steam trunks. The best places to see 'em include Sant Ambroeus (p225) and Café Boulud (p225), on weekdays.

➔ **(Window) shop 'til you drop** Skip the ritzy Madison Ave boutiques, and hit the neighborhood's high-end consignment shops. Places like Encore (p227) and Michael's (p227) offer good deals on mildly worn frocks tossed aside by New York society types.

➔ **Get jittery with it** The neighborhood seems to have the highest per capita ratio of coffee emporiums anywhere in the city. And when the locals aren't shopping or doing Pilates, they're sipping steamy skim-milk macchiatos at cafes like Via Quadronno (p223), Sant Ambroeus (p225) and Oslo Coffee Roasters (p225).

Getting There & Away

➔ **Subway** The sole subway lines here are the 4/5/6 which travel north and south on Lexington Ave. A new stretch of subway track underneath Second Ave is expected to be completed by December 2016.

➔ **Bus** The M1, M2, M3 and M4 buses all make the scenic drive down Fifth Ave beside Central Park. The M15 is handy for getting around the far eastern side, traveling up First Ave and down Second. Cross-town buses at 66th, 72nd, 79th, 86th and 96th Sts take you across the park and into the Upper West Side.