

Hotels & Hostels

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SLEEPING

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SLEEPING

You need a good place to recharge your batteries in high-octane New York. Luckily, this hotel-happy town has a pillow for every head and a bed for every budget. The changing economy is a boon to travelers, who can often find great, last-minute deals online (even the fanciest hotels will sometimes slash prices to try and fill empty rooms). But during peak seasons, when space is at a premium (like the December holidays and much of the summer), it pays to book in advance.

For business travelers and theater-lovers, there's no place like bustling Midtown, where Broadway's neon lights will very likely be visible from your room. If you prefer to be a little further away from all the action, consider the Upper East or West Sides, where you can find quaint, old-fashioned luxury hotels or relaxing, modern boutiques. Go a few blocks father north to Harlem to find well-run hostels and romantic, turn-of-the-century B&Bs inside Victorian brownstones.

The Villages – East and West – offer a mix of homestays, B&Bs and slick boutique hotels. The options can range from affordable chic, like the Jane Hotel (p367) in Greenwich Village, to full-out glamour at places like Robert De Niro's Greenwich Hotel (opposite) in Lower Manhattan.

You can get a different perspective out in Brooklyn, which has a few sleek and modern options in its downtown business district, but mostly offers quirky and historically-interesting B&Bs. Queens is the place for strict economy, with chain hotels around the two airports offering cut-rate budget deals.

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

There are five essential types of accommodations in New York to pick from:

B&Bs and family-style guesthouses Offer mix-and-match furnishings and some serious savings (if you don't mind some Victorian styles or eating brekkie with strangers).

Boutique hotels Usually have tiny rooms decked out with fantastic amenities and at least one celebrity-filled basement bar, rooftop bar or hip, flashy eatery on site. Your room might not be spacious, but you'll feel like royalty nonetheless.

'Classic' hotels Typified by old-fashioned, small-scale European grandeur like you'll find at the Franklin (p377); these usually cost the same as boutiques and aren't always any larger.

European-style 'travelers' hotels' Have creaky floors and small but cheap and clean (if chintzily decorated) rooms, often with a shared bathroom; good choices include Hotel 17 (p370).

PRICE GUIDE

These \$ signs indicate the starting price of a double per night during peak season (summer months and winter holiday season). Prices in this chapter don't include city taxes (see right).

\$	under \$150
\$\$	\$150 to \$350
\$\$\$	over \$350

Hostels Functional dorms (bunk beds and bare walls) that are nonetheless communal and friendly. Many have a backyard garden, kitchen and a pretty lounge that make up for the soulless rooms.

ROOM RATES

The average room is \$340 a night, with some seasonal fluctuations (lowest in January and February, highest in September and October), and plenty of options both below and above (especially above) this rate. When you get your bill, the hotel will also tack on a 14.75% room tax and a \$3.50 per night occupancy tax.

LOWER MANHATTAN & TRIBECA

It used to be all business all the time in the financial district around Wall Street, but these days you'll find condos, hotels, restaurants, bars and even a few nightclubs in the cozy enclave at the southern tip of Manhattan. On weekdays it fills with workers, and in summer it's particularly lively as crowds en route to the Statue of Liberty and Battery Park wander the crooked lanes dating from the days of New Amsterdam. Nearby Tribeca's a hot spot for hip hotel eateries inside the likes of Smyth Tribeca (opposite), the latest boutique offering from the brains behind Gild Hall (opposite). As of research time, developers were putting