

Good Downtown New York Eateries and Destinations • lori kent

NEAR NYU: Great Jones Café best southern style cooking around! 54 Great Jones st. (south of NYU) **Café Yaffa** at 97 St Marks is open 24 hours and very "interesting"

UNION SQ: (above 14th at Broadway) **Republic Noodles.** loud, hip, cheap, good on west side of park...also **the Cafeteria** quiet, very hip, and trendy. **Whole Foods** for quick, healthy take out. **Blue Water Grill** is expensive, need reservations but a good jazz brunch and GREAT seafood. At 45 18th street near b'way is **Old Town Tavern** with bar food and great character.

Or walk down **St Marks Place** (8th between 3-Ave A) to sample a variety of foods including a new Automat! Cal Mex, Falafels, bars, and the famous **Dojos.**

DOWNTOWN destinations

Nyonya 194 Grand Street (near Bowery) Great Asian food. Hard to order the menu is so mysterious.

Flor's Kitchen 149 First Avenue (near 11th) Venezuelan Food. Try the Sangria.

Life Cafe 343 E 10th street (at Avenue B) Good American food on the healthy side. Made famous by the play Rent.

Paprika 110 St. Marks Place (8th Street between 1st and Ave A) Very good Italian food.

Flea Market Cafe 131 Avenue A (across from the Park around 8th street) Very good atmosphere. An imitation French restaurant, but then again...what is real?

Two Boots 37 Ave A (near 2nd or 3rd street?) This is an Italian-Cajun Restaurant which has authentic New Orleans food and good pizza.

Curly's Vegetarian 328 14th Street (near 2nd Avenue) Great for late lunch. Very healthy and inexpensive.

Sixth street between 2nd Ave and 1st Ave or Avenue A? Is an entire street of Indian Restaurants.

Paul's Place 131 Second Ave. Best burger in the East Village, some think in NYC. Has an interesting dive atmosphere. I guess so, I don't eat them. A Pomme Frites vendor is nearby to the South.

Dessert-only Eateries:

Rice to Riches 37 Spring St. (near Lafayette)
They only serve rice pudding in different flavors

Chikalicious Dessert Bar 203 E. 10th Street (near 2nd Ave)
Dessert only. Can get very crowded.

Favorite bar for an expensive drink:

Campbell Apartment on the west side of Grand Central Station. To get a seat, you have to go at 5 or so when it first opens. Beautifully preserved from a former era of American Industrialist wealth.

Favorite Museum for NYC history:

Tenement Museum 108 Orchard Street (near Delancey) Reveals what life was like for emigrants to the East Village and Downtown New York 100-150 years ago.