

How to Use This Guide

Where to Eat

Restaurant Classifications by Comfort

More pleasant if in red

☺	Quite comfortable
☺☺	Comfortable
☺☺☺	Very comfortable
☺☺☺☺	Top class comfortable
☺☺☺☺☺	Luxury in the traditional style
☺☺☺☺☺☺	Small plates

The Michelin Distinctions for Good Cuisine

Stars for good cuisine

🌟🌟🌟	Exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey
🌟🌟	Excellent cuisine, worth a detour
🌟	Very good cuisine in its category

Bib Gourmand

Inspectors' favorites for good value

Areas or neighborhoods

Each area is color coded...

Map Coordinates

Average Prices

☼	under \$25
☼☼	\$25 to \$50
☼☼☼	\$50 to \$75
☼☼☼☼	over \$75

Restaurant Symbols

☑	Cash only
♿	Wheelchair accessible
☀	Outdoor dining
🍷	Brunch
🍷	Notable wine list
🍷	Notable sake list
🍷	Notable cocktail list
🚗	Valet parking
🕒	Late dining

Where to Stay

Average Prices

Prices do not include applicable taxes

☼	under \$200
☼☼	\$200 to \$300
☼☼☼	\$300 to \$400
☼☼☼☼	over \$400

Map Coordinates

Hotel Symbols

149	Number of rooms & suites
♿	Wheelchair accessible
🏊	Exercise room
🛀	Spa
🏊	Swimming pool
🏢	Conference room
🐾	Pet friendly

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Yellow Dog Café 🐕 American ☺☺☺
 1445 Jasmine Court Dr. (at Lee Blvd.)
 Phone: 212-599-0000
 Web: www.theyellowdog.com
 Prices: ☼☼☼

Named for the owners' beloved yellow Labrador retriever, this chic café exudes warmth from the welcoming waitstaff to the lace café curtains, and pet portraits in the dining room. Pride of place is evident in the faces of friendly servers who are happy to accommodate special requests. You won't be barking up the wrong tree if you order the specialty of the house: prime rib. It is roasted to medium rare (or whatever degree you prefer) and accompanied by sautéed garlic. Fish fanciers can choose among dishes such as with pan-seared day-boat scallops, grilled wild salmon, and pan-fried catfish. Hearty portions and beef bones available to take home for your canine buddies bring new meaning to the term "doggie bag."

Jeanine's Midtown 🍷 Pizza ☺☺☺
 8459 Hart Blvd. (bet. 45th & 46th Aves.)
 Phone: 310-454-5394
 Web: www.jeanines.com
 Prices: ☼☼☼

Carb lovers flock to the Midtown branch of this local pizzeria chain for thick-crust pies slathered with the house marinara sauce and sprinkled with fresh toppings such as organic spinach and broccoli, artichoke hearts and pancetta. There's always a line out the door, and patrons rave about the signature pizza, brimming with pepperoni and house-made sausage. Although pizza is the main attraction here, the menu lists a number of traditional pastas as well. Red and white-checked tablecloths and Chianti bottles adorn the tables, creating an old-fashioned Italian restaurant ambience. And speaking of Chianti, it's the wine of choice here. The chain takes its name from the owner's daughter, who loves that thick crust, but won't touch meat with a ten-foot pole.

Sonya's Palace 🍷 Italian ☺☺☺☺
 100 Reuther Pl. (at 30th Street)
 Phone: 415-867-5309
 Web: www.sonyasfabulouspalace.com
 Prices: ☼☼☼

Home cooked Italian never tasted so good than at this unpretentious little place. The simple décor claims no big-name designers, and while the Murano glass light fixtures are chic and the velvet-covered chairs are comfortable, this isn't a restaurant where millions of dollars were spent on the interior. Instead, food is the focus here. The restaurant's name may not be Italian, but it nonetheless serves some of the best pasta in the city, made fresh in-house. Dishes follow the seasons, thus ravioli may be stuffed with fresh ricotta and herbs in summer, and pumpkin in fall. Most everything is liberally dusted with Parmigiano Reggiano, a favorite ingredient of the chef. For dessert, you'll have to deliberate between the likes of creamy tiramisu, ricotta cheesecake, and homemade gelato. One thing's for sure: you'll never miss your nonna's cooking when you eat at Sonya's.

The Fan Inn 🏠
 135 Shanghai Street, Oakland
 Phone: 650-345-1440 or 888-222-2424
 Fax: 650-397-2408
 Web: www.superfaninnoakland.com
 Prices: ☼☼

45 Rooms
5 Suites

Photo: HowtoUseNYC09-2R (Hotel)

Housed in an Art Deco-era building, the venerable Fan Inn recently underwent a complete facelift. The hotel now fits in with the new generation of sleekly understated hotels offering a Zen-inspired aesthetic, despite its 1930s origins. Its neutral palette runs throughout the property, accented with exotic woods, bamboo, and fine fabrics. The lobby, the sultry lounge makes a relaxing place for a mixed cocktail or a glass of wine. The hotel will even provide office supplies.

Half of the accommodations here are suites, each with a luxury factor ratchets up with marble baths, dressing areas, and fully equipped kitchens. The Fan Inn doesn't have a restaurant, the nearby nearby everything you could want in terms of dumplings to haute cuisine.