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## Welcome to New York City!

The Brown University Club in New York has crowdsourced recommendations from recent Brown grads in the area for favorite places to eat, play and explore around town. Get the most out of this vibrant city by sampling some of these tried-and-true destinations and experiences. Enjoy!

Your fellow Brown alumni



## HOUSING

A bit of neighborly advice on areas to embrace—or avoid.

### East Village

“[This is] one of the best places to be as a new grad—tons of young people, with fun bars and great food—all for a reasonable price.”

*Stephen R. '13*

“I live and work downtown and love the East Village because of its quirky charm and amazing variety of affordable dinner spots! Honestly, there are SO many great neighborhoods in NYC—every area has something to offer!”

*Kyla H. '13*

### Upper East Side / Murray Hill

“Avoid Murray Hill unless you are looking for cheap rent—the bars and restaurants aren’t up to par with the rest of the city and you will tire of the area quickly.”

*Stephen R. '13*

“When I moved here, we all somehow ended up on the UES. Not the ‘coolest,’ but very rent-friendly for new grads. Now everyone seems to move directly to Williamsburg. Try it out while the L is still running!”

*Alexa N. '13*



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### Queens

“Sunnyside, Queens!  
It’s neighborhoody, super  
diverse, full of great food,  
and unpretentious.”

*Natasha G. ’10*

### Everywhere!

“Lower East Side/Chinatown,  
East Village, Williamsburg,  
Bed-Stuy, Bushwick, Crown  
Heights, Prospect-Lefferts  
Gardens, Ridgewood”

*Khalia ’13*

“All over! There are a lot of  
people are on the lower east  
side or Brooklyn, but I live  
with Brown alums on the  
upper east side.”

*Molly S ’16*

“Don’t let yourself get sucked into a single neighborhood. There is too much going on in New York—and too much variety of experience between neighborhoods—to spend all of your time in one area. Get out there, say ‘yes’ to as much as you are willing to, and have a blast.”

Stephen R. ’13



## DINING & NIGHTLIFE

The best spots to kick up your heels and enjoy an evening with friends.

### **Astoria Seafood**

Long Island City

“For the most amazing pick-your-own-seafood/BYOB/BYOSquad experience ever.”

*Natasha G. '10*

### **Le Bein**

Meatpacking District

“The indoor/outdoor bar at the top of the Standard Hotel in Meatpacking for a great view of downtown. Head up on a Saturday or Sunday in the summertime. It’s difficult to get into at night, but a great place to have a cocktail or two during the day when it’s less crowded.”

*Stephen R. '13*

### **Corner Bistro**

West Village

“Amazing burgers, great drink prices, hole in the wall place with a great vibe!”

*Gianna S. '12*

### **Lalito**

Lower East Side

“For a fun time/great food/Sunday night dance party/queer friendly space.”

*Natasha G. '10*

### **Chumley’s**

West Village

“One of a handful Prohibition-era speakeasies in the city and supposed origin of the phrase ‘86 it’ has one of the best burgers in town, with the ambiance of a literary drinking den.”

*Stephen R. '13*

### **The Penrose**

Upper East Side

“Great brunch spot with a fun party vibe. Good for day time or night time.”

*Gianna S. '12*

### **Bleeker Street Bar**

SoHo

“Great dive bar with happy hour specials. Lively scene usually crowded with young people/recent college grads. Pool and darts in the back.”

*Gianna S. '12*



## MAKING NEW MEMORIES

Not-to-miss local experiences.

### Central Park

“During your first summer here, don’t miss the Summer Series concerts in Central Park and Shakespeare in the Park.”

*Alexa N. '13*

### The High Line

“Amazing oasis in the middle of the city, great views of the west side.”

*Gianna S. '12*

### The Cloisters

“During the summer months, a visit to the cloisters is amazing—the architecture and exhibits are exquisite, and it’s a gorgeous walk when the weather is nice.”

*Valery '13*

### Experiential Theater

“Experiential theater (i.e., performances that you can participate in) have become a huge hit in New York. I’d recommend checking out Sleep No More in Chelsea or Then She Fell in East Williamsburg for a taste.”

*Stephen R. '13*

### Comedy Cellar

“Tickets are cheap and famous comedians will often stop by unannounced if they are in town. (I saw Judd Apatow and friends have seen Dave Chapelle.)”

*Stephen R. '13*



## WORDS OF WISDOM

General advice and tips about adapting to your new home.

### Expand your housing search

“Don’t be afraid to venture a little to look for housing in your budget. New York is so expensive, and as long as you’re near a subway, you can get most places in a decent amount of time. It’s so much better to have a comfortable place you can afford, than to cram yourself into a discomfort in order to be closer to what you know.”

*Khalia '13*

### Community-building

“Carve out your own community spots! NYC can be a tough city. Build a support system including people and places that you can fall back on when you need a lift.”

*Kyla H. '13*

### Limit nightlife

“Don’t go out every night! It will be tempting, but in your first years in NYC it will be hard to save money so making a plan to go out once/twice a week will help with that.”

*Gianna '12*

### IDNYC

“Get an IDNYC; it gives you access to free memberships for 40+ cultural institutions around the city.”

*Nate '14*

Your membership in the lifelong Brown alumni community starts NOW.

## Here are 5 easy ways to keep Brown in your life.

1. **Keep your Brunonia profile up to date** to stay in the loop on all things Brunonian and ensure classmates can find you.  
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3. **Traveling?** Connect with Brown in cities around the world. Wherever you go, you'll never be far from a friendly face.  
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