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#01

ONE OF NEW YORK'S FINEST HOTELS

A stone's throw from Canal Street, Nine Orchard brings new life to the former Jarmulowsky Bank, a 1912 building transformed into a 113-room hotel. The magnificent renovation honors its neo-Renaissance heritage, right up to the small temple-like domed structure on the roof. The lobby feels pleasantly intimate at first, before the building reveals the spectacular grandeur of the former banking hall.

The rooms are all about light and height: sun-drenched and perched high above the bustle of the Lower East Side. The Design Suite is a particular favorite, with its balcony offering stunning views of the skyline through Corinthian-inspired columns.

Nine Orchard is as much a destination as a place to sleep. The Corner Bar bistro puts a fresh spin on American classics in a relaxed, convivial setting, whilst the Swan Room – a grand salon in the former tellers' hall – serves expertly crafted cocktails to the gentle sound of a piano.



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Restaurants :
cornerbarnyc.com
swanroomnyc.com

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COCKTAILS ON THE ROOFTOP OF HISTORIC SKYSCRAPER

When 70 Pine Street was completed in the financial district in 1932, its height (942 ft.) and 67 floors made it the third tallest building in the world. At the time, its uppermost floors were reserved exclusively for senior executives.

Today, the Overstory bar occupies the 64th floor of this listed landmark. With its backlit marble, brass counter, elegant furnishings, and area covering barely 603 sq. ft., the place is deliberately intimate. But the real draw is outside: from the rooftop, Manhattan unfolds in every direction. The view is so striking that the place feels as much like an observation deck as a cocktail bar. To reach the bar, take the lift from the red marble hall up to the Saga restaurant, then climb one floor higher up the stairs.

Beyond the (pricey) drinks, the concise menu offers oysters, white sturgeon caviar, and small barbecued lamb rolls.



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Reservations are possible but not required

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A CINEMA UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Native New Yorker Alexander Olch had a dream: to create a sexy cinema that would reinvigorate the movie-going experience with a bit of Old Hollywood glamour. A visit to Metrograph is the manifestation of that dream.

On any given night, Metrograph screens films essential to the cinematic lexicon, whether instant contemporary classics or forever favorites; historic masters – Godard, Preminger, Wilder and Kubrick – to current game changers, like Noah Baumbach and Spike Jonze. Everything shown at Metrograph is chosen with purpose and projected on 35mm film, the artform’s original medium (unless the movie was shot digitally).

Metrograph epitomizes what’s great about New York – an ever-evolving city with characters who preserve culture to assure we have a textured future.

PRO TIP: Concession stand before the movie, Metrograph Commissary after.

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ICONIC PLACES. NOT SECRET. JUST UNMISSABLE

> Minetta Tavern, a great New York classic

- ◀ This is everything you'd want from a great New York classic. With its red booth seating, dark wood and late-evening lighting, this 1930s gem has long been associated with the neighborhood's literary life (Hemingway was said to be a regular). Relaunched in 2009 with a chic and timeless tavern spirit, it draws crowds for its old-school atmosphere and a quality menu that won't disappoint. The Black Label Burger has become something of a house classic and is regarded as "legendary" by New Yorkers.

> The Grill, the ultra-exclusive restaurant

This restaurant was designed in 1958 by the celebrated German-born American architect Mies van der Rohe. What makes The Grill truly special is the ritual of it all: impeccable service, dishes prepared and finished at the table, and a proudly American menu of timeless classics including prime rib, house crab cake, impressive cuts of meat, and perfectly mixed cocktails. The whole experience has a wonderful "Mad Men" feel to it.

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AN ARCHITECTURAL CRUISE AROUND MANHATTAN

Manhattan's vast scale and towering skyline make it impossible to fully appreciate it from street level. Take to the water instead: that's where the perspective truly opens up. A three-hour cruise with the American Institute of Architects circles the entire island, revealing how Manhattan has evolved over the decades. In partnership with Harbor Lines, AIA architects guide you through the city's architectural story, turning a boat trip into an insightful journey through living history.



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#16

EXPERIENCE AN AI MASSAGE

Fancy stepping into a futuristic world? Head to Remedy Place, a “social wellness club” painted entirely in gray – a color symbolizing balance.

Here you won’t find treadmills or weight machines, but cutting-edge equipment like cryogenic and hyperbaric chambers, ice baths, and vitamin infusion rooms.

The best treatment to try: the AI massage. After changing into appropriate clothing, a robotic bed with two arms scans your body to create a bespoke program. An hour of compressions will relieve knots and sore muscles in the shoulders and back, and the integrated screen allows you to adjust the pressure, skip a movement or linger longer on a particularly tight spot.

Nothing will ever replace a therapist’s touch, but the technical prowess of this massage is well worth experiencing.



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One-hour massage: \$160

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ENJOY CLASSICAL MUSIC IN THE CITY'S SECRET CRYPTS

Who says classical music can only be performed in formal concert halls and drab recital spaces? Certainly not Andrew Ousley, who since 2015 has been organizing performances in the city's rarely accessed and even less frequently utilized crypts and catacombs. Through his nonprofit Death of Classical, Ousley has put on interpretive dance performances among the tombs of Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery and produced opera under the vaulted masonry beneath Harlem's Church of the Intercession.



DEATH OF CLASSICAL
There are three main venues
deathofclassical.com
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The Crypt under the Church
of the Intercession
(550 West 155th Street
New York, NY 10032)

The Green-Wood Cemetery
and Catacombs
(500 25th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11232)

The Crypt under the Cathedral
of St. John the Divine
(1047 Amsterdam Avenue New
York, NY 10025)

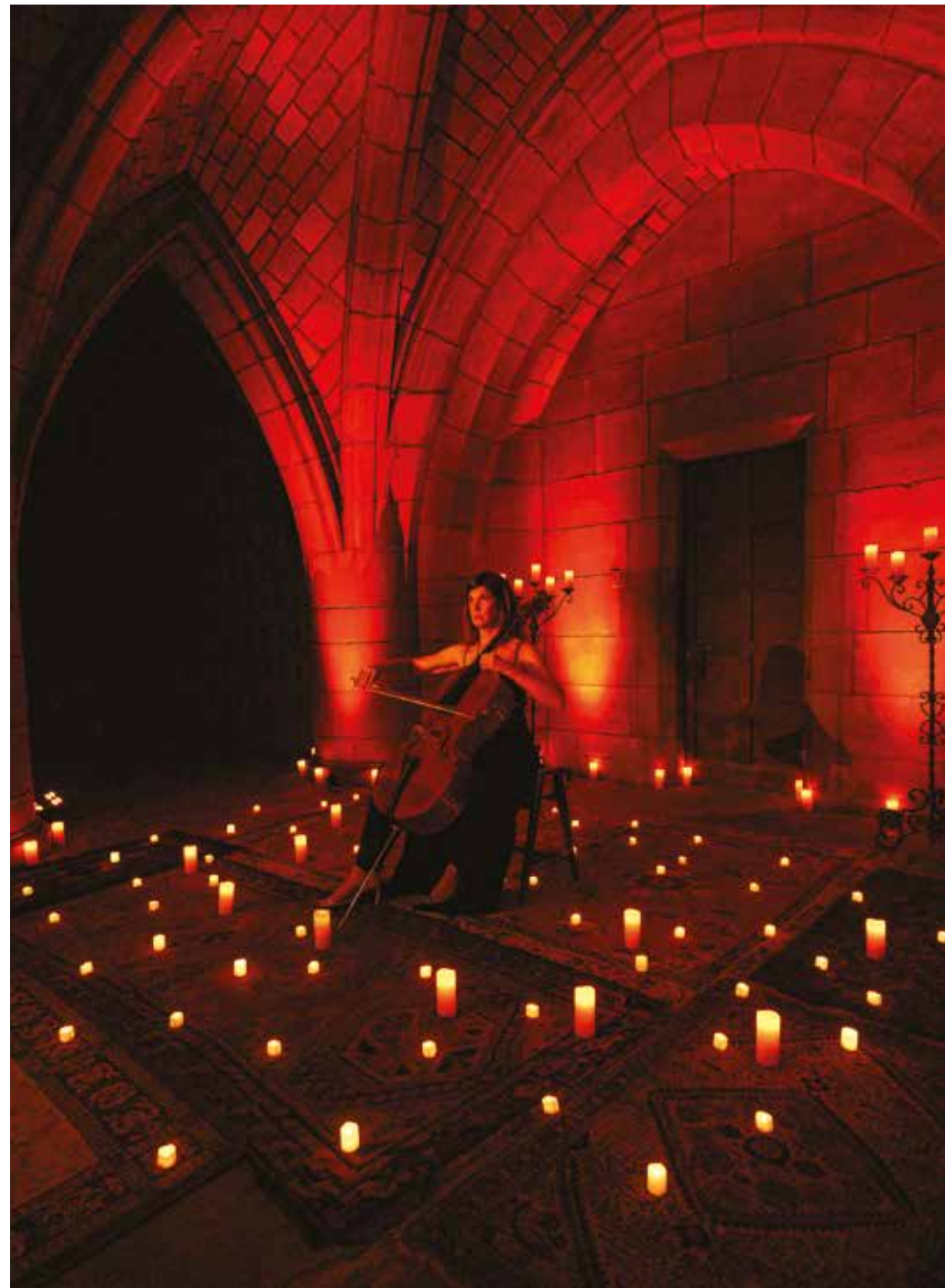


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The son of an amateur opera singer and an Episcopal priest, Ousley believes that by presenting these shows in unique settings he can bring newfound excitement to age-old traditions.

And judging by Death of Classical's exponential growth and success in its decade of existence, he's onto something.

These performances are not for the faint of heart – the spaces often feel alive with both death and spirits, and the content is generally dark and haunting – but patrons are not only rewarded with access to these exclusive, subterranean corners of the city but also take home memories of them coming alive with song, if only for one night.





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A BUCOLIC WATERWAY IN THE HEART OF THE BRONX

Narrow and barely 24 miles long, the Bronx River flows through the heart of the borough of the same name. Less than 330 feet from the elevated train that runs above the Bronx, concrete and tarmac give way to scenery as idyllic as it is unexpected: along the tree-lined riverbanks, rabbits frolic alongside numerous bird species and beavers. Having vanished two centuries ago (the fur of these rodents was the primary source of income for the early colonies), they returned to the river's waters a few years ago.

Whilst it's pleasant to stroll along the banks, the best way to appreciate the river is undoubtedly by canoe.

As well as working to preserve this enchanting setting, the Bronx River Alliance offers various options for exploring the river by canoe. You can paddle free of charge along a short stretch, or for a modest sum, embark on a proper expedition: long stretches through woodland give way to industrial buildings, all the way to Long Island Sound.

The hardest part for anyone who has discovered this enchanting spot is convincing other New Yorkers that it actually exists...



BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE



Schedule of outings: bronxriver.org

Free paddling during summer
Paid private excursions

NEW YORK CITY

WE TESTED 1,000 PLACES, AND CHOSE ONLY THE BEST

Fantastic speakeasy bars, restaurants known only to real New Yorkers, an architecture boat cruise around Manhattan, spending a perfect day in Harlem, Queens, or Williamsburg, a tiny museum hidden inside an elevator, the best pizza of your life, a classical concert in a secret crypt, tips for making the most of Rockaway, New York's beach, the city's best wellness spots, a church where you can have your bike blessed, a one-of-a-kind movie theater, kayaking in the wild right in the heart of the Bronx, playing tennis on the secret courts on the 4th floor of Grand Central, watching the sky from the High Line.

Hidden hotels, outstanding restaurants, secret bars, off-the-radar strolls ... In this guide you'll find a carefully curated, eclectic selection for every budget. Designed for both travelers and locals, it reveals handpicked addresses chosen by local writers – each place a gateway to discovery, far from the crowds and off the beaten path. A fresh take on the art of travel.

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