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Cosy up in the autumn and winter ...

- Hit buzzy Italian trattoria [Morandi](#) in the West Village for a relaxed but chic brunch/lunch/drink or dinner. A favourite with locals, and you may even rub shoulders with the odd famous face.
- For drinks on New York's elegant Upper East Side, head to [Bemelmans Bar at the Carlyle Hotel](#). Oozing with Art Deco style, the warm colours and tinkle of piano music create the perfect backdrop for classic romance on a cold winter's night.
- The Meatpacking District is full of hip bars and delicious food; for a day-day, check out the labyrinthine [Chelsea Market](#) for sampling an array of tasty treats then head to the [Whitney Museum](#) afterwards to soak up some culture and American art.
- For a 'jeans and leather jacket' night in the cool East Village, carnivores & pescatarians will love the American cuisine and cool vibe at [Saxon and Parole](#). While vegetarians will also enjoy the week day Happy Hour aperitifs!
- For the best jazz and blues in town, head to famous Theater District club [Birdland](#). Drop in for a drink or Cajun-influenced dinner and enjoy a mellow night of fantastic live music. You may just be sitting next to one of the regular celebs who love to drop in...
- One of the closest things to a private members' club in NYC is the exclusive [Rose Bar](#) at Gramercy Park Hotel. To be let in, come with your glad-rags but without the attitude ... If getting through the door doesn't impress your date, the dark-lit interior, exotic cocktails and live music should do the trick.
- If the cold wind whipping around that corner makes you want to take shelter and re-group, head to [Podunk](#) in Noho for a warm, 'country home' environment and the best afternoon tea in town.