

ALL THINGS NEW YORK

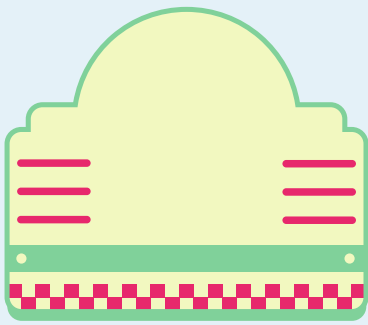
Places we ate:

ADRIENNE'S PIZZA BAR: \$\$

Such GOOD pizza!!!
Honestly, one of the best pizzas of my life. But they are HUGE. So even if sharing with a few people, order the small.



ELLEN'S STARDUST DINER: \$\$



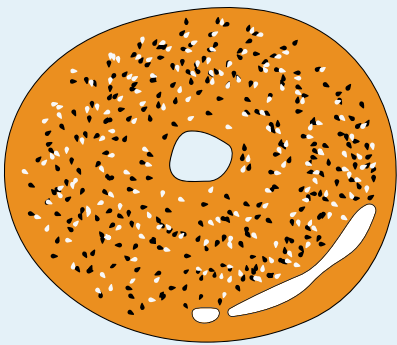
If you go to New York, this is a MUST. Less for the food & more for the experience. The servers sing the entire time you are there. It is wonderful entertainment. A Lot of the servers are either Broadway singers or working their way to Broadway. The entrees we ordered were pretty meh, but the loaded tots appetizer was to die for.

BLACK TOP BURGERS: \$\$

One of the best burgers I have ever had but the biggest seller is their incredible milkshakes. You can't go and not get a milkshake. The Mexico Burger was INCREDIBLE as well.



CHELSEA'S BAKERY & PIZZERIA: \$



New York is known for their bagels. We went here on our very last day, and I wished we had discovered it on the first. There were at least 10 different cream cheese options that were made in house. I got a regular bagel with scallion cream cheese and my mouth is watering just thinking about it.

LOVE KOREAN BBQ: \$\$\$

We sat outside for the cheaper menu option. If you sit inside, it's considered hibachi and is \$100-\$150 per person.

The food was good, but it was different. You have to really love Asian food to enjoy this place, but we really liked it!



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Places we ate

MEXICUE: \$\$

Really really good mexican food. I had tacos, my friends had burritos. We ordered the queso, guac, salsa, and bean dip. The chips were incredible. We didn't order margs, but they looked delicious. Can't recommend this place enough.



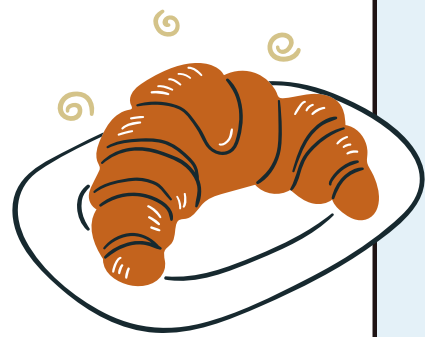
MOM'S KITCHEN & BAR: \$\$

A New Yorker recommended this place to us and to be honest, we weren't impressed. It wasn't our favorite meal. It wasn't terrible, it just wasn't super great either, especially for the price.



THE GREY DOG

The Grey Dog had really good breakfast. We all got a breakfast sandwich served on a croissant. It was HUGE. One plate definitely could have been shared between two or maybe even three of us! But it was delicious. The only part we didn't like was that they didn't have any flavorings for coffee. They just had black coffee with half and half. That was definitely a disappointment.



SERRA BY BIRRERIA: \$\$\$

My most favorite place that we ate all week. This is a place in "Little Eataly". The drinks were good, we had the best calamari that I have ever had in my life, and the Gnocchi Al Pomodoro was the freshest most delicious pasta dish I have ever had. It is also an outdoor rooftop that has tons of greenery and vines hanging above where you sit. It was beautiful and just a really neat vibe.



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Where we stayed

HOTEL 3232

This hotel is a great location near downtown New York. It was within walking distance to a ton of things and very close to the subway station as well. The hotel itself was cute and quaint. It had everything we needed.

We booked a room with one queen sized bed and one sofa bed. The sofa bed was not comfortable but we didn't care; we took turns sleeping on it. The room was more affordable than the rest. We had no issues with the hotel and never felt unsafe.

There was a balcony which was fun to have as well. Highly recommend!



Things we did

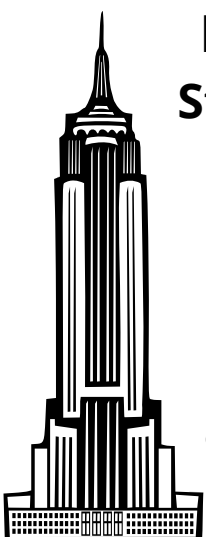
Statue of Liberty

This was surreal. The Statue of Liberty, the iconic picture that has been in all of my history books growing up, was right there in front of me. It was definitely worth seeing. Maybe not something I would do a second time but worth it if you're going to New York.



Empire State Building

Way way cooler than I thought it would be. I don't know why I didn't realize how iconic the Empire State Building was, but I didn't. On the way to the elevators, there is a little museum with a lot of interactive stuff that's hard to explain but made the experience way cooler than any of us thought it would be. Also, we only went to the 86th floor and we went at sunset. The view was incredible and definitely worth seeing.



The Lion King on Broadway

You HAVE TO go see a Broadway show while in New York. It was far better than what I expected. It does not matter what you see, just go see one. Next time I go, I will be seeing more than one Broadway show. It was one of my favorite parts of the trip.



Bike Tour of Central Park



I don't think I'll be doing this again. It was cool- our tour guide gave us some history and fun facts about New York. But the bike ride itself was not enjoyable. lol I thought I was in shape until I literally could not get my bike up a hill. But if you are about biking, go for it! Next time, I would probably choose to do a bus tour instead.

Night Life

We did one night of nightlife and it was a good time! It also was the strangest experience. The thing to do in New York apparently is rooftop bars. We went to **230 Fifth Rooftop Bar**. We were approached by several men within 10 minutes of being there and although that has potential to be flattering, it was also strange so all I would say is ladies, watch your drinks and be smart!



Brooklynn Bridge

HIGHLY RECOMMEND. The views were incredible. My friends and I did a little photo shoot. It was so fun and so pretty!!!



9/11 Memorial

The 9/11 Memorial touched my heart in a way that I'm not sure I can describe. I was in 3rd grade when 9/11 happened. I remember it vividly. But to read about all the details as an adult hit differently. It was emotional and to be honest, mentally draining. So plan this at a time where you can go sit and process for a bit afterwards. Definitely a must while in New York.

