

THE 101 DATE
GUIDE
for
“NEW”
YORKERS

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Dedication:

This pamphlet was compiled when my boyfriend at the time, complained that dating is too expensive and boring in NYC. Men are socially expected to spend, while the woman reaps. Well, instead of being the typical girl (who one would think desires a 5 star restaurant on a first date) I loved that “Fat Cat” was our first outing, and \$6 was spent (plus \$4 for the MTA). It was winter, cold, and the worst time to date anyone. Despite the grim weather and challenges, I owe this guide to a fabulous guy and much gratitude for his checking off about 45 places...and counting.

Please Note:

Locations listed and chosen in no way reflect a personal preference or opinion of the compiler. Anything not mentioned should not be taken as anti-endorsement or subject to question.

Quote of Inspiration:

“Some of the best dates I’ve had in my life have been free ones, and by free I don’t mean that he paid for it, and I sat back and reaped the glory. I mean that through creative planning on one of our parts – and sometimes through fate – we were able to glide through a glorious night, smiling just a little bit more because neither of us got hit in the wallet. And when you push away all the smoke and mirrors of the big tab, you’re left with two people simply getting to know each other.” – Jamie Attenberg

BARS

KGB Bar (Free of charge) <http://www.kgbbar.com/>

Arthur's Tavern (1 drink minimum) <http://www.arthurstavernnyc.com/>

Algonquin Hotel <http://www.algonquinhotel.com/>

Zanzibar <http://www.zanzibarnyc.com/>

White Horse Tavern http://nymag.com/listings/bar/white_horse_tavern/

Bleu Evolution <http://bleuevolutionnyc.com/>

<http://nymag.com/nightlife/>

<http://www.the4040club.com/Default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

<http://www.tavernonthegreen.com/>

<http://www.nyrp.org/newleaf/>



The City is my PlayGround

FAO Schwartz

Toy's R Us

Sony Wonders Tech Lab (Free) <http://wondertechlab.sony.com/>

IBM Building <http://www.thecityreview.com/ibm.html>

Dave & Busters <http://www.daveandbusters.com/>

Bowlmor <http://www.bowlmor.com/> \$20 unlimited bowling 10pm-3am

Slate NYC <http://www.slate-ny.com/>

Soho Billiards <http://www.yelp.com/biz/soho-billiards-new-york>

ESPN Zone <http://www.espnzone.com/>

Fat Cat <http://www.fatcatjazz.com/>

Bowling <http://www.leisuretimebowl.com/> Features disco nights

<http://www.westsidepistolrange.com/>

The Disney Store <http://destinations.disney.go.com/wod/index?bhcp=1>

Chelsea Piers

New Roc City <http://www.newroccity.com/>



Listen to MUSIC of the Traffic in the City

Gotham Jazz (Free concerts around NYC) <http://www.gothamjazz.com/>

Julliard www.julliard.edu/asp/calendar

New York Philharmonic

<http://nyphil.org/attend/season/index.cfm?page=eventDetail&eventNum=1539&performanceNum=2620&seasonNum=8&effortcode=google0809&gclid=CliO24L-3JoCFQLikgodoFWg2g>

www.cachacajazz.com/schedule

Town Hall <http://www.the-townhall-nyc.org/>

Lincoln Center <http://new.lincolncenter.org/live/>

Barge Music <http://www.bargemusic.org/>

<http://www.cottonclub-newyork.com/>

Central Park Summer Stage <http://www.summerstage.org/>



PARKS

Central Park <http://www.centralpark.com/>

Shakespeare in the Park <http://www.publictheater.org/>

Shakespeare on the Run <http://www.newyorkclassical.org/current.php>

Battery Park http://www.batteryparkcity.org/page/index_battery.html

The Belvedere Castle <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/medny/andrews3.html>

Bryant Park <http://www.bryantpark.org/calendar/week.php>

Dakota Apartments/Strawberry fields (Central Park area)

Loeb Boathouse/Bethesda Fountain (Central park area)

Conservatory Garden (Upper East Side) Fifth Avenue and 105th Street

Botanical Garden (Free of charge on certain days, check website)

Greenbelt Conservatory (Staten Island)

<http://www.sigreenbelt.org/events/Upcoming.htm>

Socrates Sculpture Park (Long Island City)

Coney Island

Wave Hill Gardens (Bronx) <http://www.wavehill.org/home/>

Herald Square

Ft. Tryon Park <http://hhoc.org/fftp/>

The Little Red Lighthouse <http://www.hudsonlights.com/littlered.htm>

The Winter Garden <http://www.worldfinancialcenter.com/>

http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_things_to_do/upcoming_events/events_search.php

<http://www.washington-heights.us/calendar/>



TAPINGS

Jon Stewart: The Daily Show <http://www.thedailyshow.com/tickets.jhtml>

SNL (Saturday Night Live) http://www.nbc.com/Saturday_Night_Live/

<http://www.nbc.com/Footer/Tickets/>

www.comedycellar.com

TKTS (Broadway) www.tdf.org/TKTS

Rachel Ray Show <http://www.rachaelrayshow.com/show-info/audience-tickets/>

The “Apollo” Theater <http://www.apollotheater.org/>

Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater (shows are \$5)

<http://www.moosehallisf.org/> (Free of charge – Shakespeare, Opera, etc)

Upright Citizens Brigade Theater (\$5) <http://www.ucbtheatre.com/>

Tickets to the View <http://abc.go.com/daytime/theview/tickets>

Colbert Show <http://www.colbertnation.com/tickets>

Time Warner Center <http://www.shopsatcolumbuscircle.com/>

MUSEUMS

NYC MET (suggested donation) <http://www.metmuseum.org/>

Forbes Magazine Galleries <http://www.forbesgalleries.com/>

Listing of Art Galleries in NYC www.artreach.com

NYC Studio School www.nyss.org/gallery

Moma Sculpture Garden

http://www.metmuseum.org/Works_of_Art/the_cloisters (suggested donation)

South Street Seaport <http://www.southstreetseaport.com/html/>

The Studio Museum in Harlem (\$7 per person)

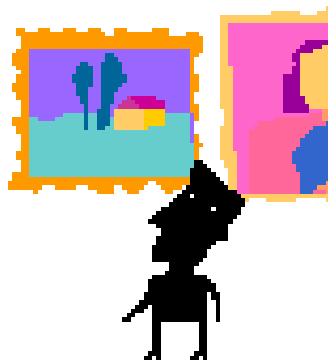
Museum Mile Festival

<http://www.nyc.com/link.aspx?site=http%3a%2f%2fwww.museummilefestival.org%2f>

Children's Museum of Manhattan

Alexander Hamilton House <http://www.alexanderhamiltonhouse.com/>

Museum of Radio and Television <http://www.ny.com/museums/MTR.html>



THE ARTIST IN YOU

Little Shop of Crafts <http://www.littleshopny.com/>

www.penandbrush.com (Free events, check calendar)

www.aiany.org (Center for Architecture)

http://www.ournameismud.com/aboutmud_storelocatorNew.cfm

<http://www.lamanopottery.com/>

<http://www.tribeca.colormemine.com/>

http://art-collecting.com/galleries_ny.htm

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION?

Staten Island Ferry (Free of charge, great view of downtown NYC)

The Brooklyn Bridge (Free of charge, nice walk alongside car traffic)

GW Bridge (to walk around – or see

<http://socialnetwork.meetup.com/488/calendar/8844487/>

www.downtownboathouse.org (Free summer Kayaking on Hudson)

Grand Central Tours <http://grandcentralterminal.com/info/tours.cfm>

LIONS AND TIGERS...

Bronx Zoo (Free of charge on Wednesdays)

Build a Bear <http://www.buildabear.com/>

Central Park Zoo

<http://www.macys.com/campaign/parade/parade.jsp> Big Animal Balloons!

<http://www.nyaquarium.com/>

LIBRARIES/BOOK STORES

Jefferson Market Library – (Urban Eden)

<http://www.nypl.org/branch/local/man/jmr.cfm>

Barnes and Noble (events/author visits all over NYC, Free of charge)

<http://www.nypl.org/events/> (for the ones who like to read/hear stories)

ATHLETICS

<http://www.yu.edu/athletics/page.aspx?id=17308> (Free games, at YU)

<http://athletics.baruch.cuny.edu/index.aspx?tab=basketball&path=mbball>

www.fisch.nyu.edu/object/calendar (free - NYU events)

www.gocolumbialions.com

Yankees Stadium http://newyork.yankees.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=nyy

Giants Stadium <http://www.giants.com/gameday/GiantsStadium.html>

Shea Stadium http://newyork.mets.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=nym

OLD LANDMARKS

The Morris Jumel Mansion <http://www.morrisjumel.org/>

Dyckman Farmhouse <http://www.dyckmanfarmhouse.org/>

General Grant's Memorial <http://www.nps.gov/gegr/>

Ellis Island <http://www.nps.gov/elis/>

Ground Zero/Wall Street

The Empire State Building

<http://www.esbnyc.com/index2.cfm?CFID=33306257&CFTOKEN=70251706>

Roosevelt Island <http://www.nps.gov/this/>

Rockefeller Center (Top of the Rock)

Federal Bank Reserve Tours

http://www.newyorkfed.org/aboutthefed/ny_tours.html

Hayden Planetarium (Free of charge) <http://www.haydenplanetarium.org/>

The Westin Hotel

http://specialoffers.starwoodhotels.com/westintimesquare/so.htm?PS=PS_aa_MidAtlantic Google the westin hotel nyc 091208 NAD FM

Dining

<http://www.theprimegrill.com/theprimegrill/media/theprimegrill.html>

<http://www.theprimegrill.com/solo/media/solo.html>

<http://www.abigaels.com/>

<http://www.vabenenyc.com/>

<http://www.mikesbistro.com/>

<http://www.milknhoneykosher.com/>

<http://www.teverenyc.com/>

<http://lemarais.net/index2.htm>

<http://www.taliassteakhouse.com/>

<http://www.mrbroadwaykosher.com/>

<http://www.olympicpita.com/>

[http://www.mikesbistro.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=28
&Itemid=62](http://www.mikesbistro.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=28&Itemid=62)

<http://www.mendysdeli.com/> (many locations around NYC)

Eli's NY Deli (153 E. 53rd St, in the CITI building)

Circa <http://circa-ny.com/home.asp>

<http://www.clubhousecafe.net/menu.php>

Broadway's Jerusalem II Pizza * Location newly renovated!

<https://www.dunkindonuts.com/>

<http://www.caravanofdreams.net/>

<http://www.coldstonecreamery.com/>

<http://www.avianddavidsbagels.com/>