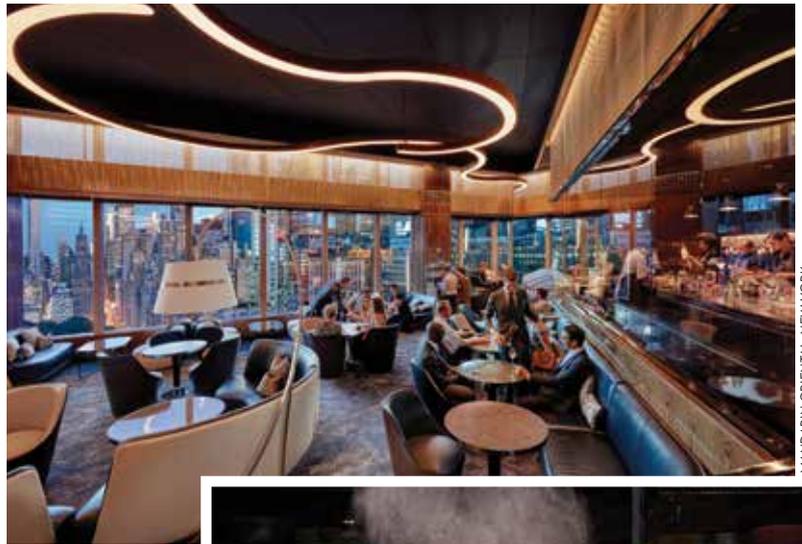


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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, NEW YORK

QUICK TRIPS

We Heart NEW YORK

Fall in love again and again with America's ultimate EVERGREEN CITY

By Paul Rubio

STAY

Double down on the best Big Apple views and location at the Mandarin Oriental New York (mandarinoriental.com), which soars 80 stories above Columbus Circle. Gawk at the Manhattan skyline and Central Park through floor-to-ceiling windows in the exquisitely appointed, Asian-inspired rooms. Book ahead to drink and dine in-house at The Aviary NYC (aviarynyc.com), where hyper-creative cocktails drive a multicourse, food-paired menu.

EAT

Take your pick of James Beard Award-winning chef Tim Cushman's trifecta of restaurants at Park South Hotel. At O Ya NYC (o-ya-restaurant.com), indulge in the apex of *omakase*, underscored by small plates like torched



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ENJOY CENTRAL PARK VIEWS AT THE MANDARIN ORIENTAL AND EAT ON-SITE AT THE AVIARY. SEE WAITRESS THE MUSICAL AND DINE AT O YA OR COVINA BEFORE SAVORING A COCKTAIL AT THE ROOF AT PARK SOUTH (BOTTOM LEFT).

hamachi with banana pepper mousse and fried Kumamoto oysters crowned with yuzu kosho aioli and squid ink bubbles. At Covina (covina.nyc.com), arrive hungry and prepare to feast on eclectic, American-meets-global dishes such as Hungarian potato fry bread (wrapped in smoked salmon, topped with crispy capers, and bathed in Kefir Ranch dressing) and spicy honey pizza (blanketed in house-made fior di latte and provolone béchamel). In warmer months, enjoy an aperitif, nightcap, or snack at The Roof at Park South (roofatparksouth.com), which serves gourmet bar bites and a selection of highly evolved libations. Think: a crystal clear and super smooth Clarified White Russian with a massive bespoke ice cube.

SIP

For true big city magic, head to The Peninsula New York (peninsula.com) and snag a table at Salon de Ning, the resident all-season rooftop bar overlooking the shops of tony Fifth

Avenue. Order the Ning Sling, a gin-based passion fruit mojito finished with lychees, and mingle with NYC's power players in this 1930s Shanghai-themed lounge.

SEE

Grab a ticket to one of The Broadway Collection's (broadwaycollection.com) latest debuts like *The Cher Show*, a musical that chronicles the icon's life and career. Or stick to a new generation crowd-pleaser like Tony-nominated musical *Waitress*, featuring music and lyrics by Sara Bareilles.

RELAX

Decompress at the first full-service spa by European cosmetics brand Babor at The Spa at The Dominick (thedominickhotel.com) in downtown's SoHo neighborhood. Choose from a variety of treatments rooted in Middle Eastern traditions and recharge in the spacious Turkish hammam. <<



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