



Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

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## WEST HARLEM

New York's most diverse neighborhood re-emerges as a cultural capital.

**Why Now:** A time-honored hub for African-American culture, Harlem has, in recent years, seen a burst of new development. West Harlem in particular is a driving force, thanks to specialty boutiques, locally owned restaurants and the renovation of one of New York City's most significant cultural institutions.

**Where to Go:** Live like a local in the heart of Harlem at the beautiful four-room 255 West Guesthouse. Located in a 130-year-old brownstone, it charms with design elements such as exposed brick walls, hardwood floors and tons of natural light. Fuel up with a latte at quaint neighborhood spot Harlem Coffee Co. before

spending the morning at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Fresh off a \$22 million renovation and designation as a National Historic Landmark, the center has a new media gallery that entices visitors with interactive experiences, including a global Google Map tour that follows the paths of notable people

of African descent. For lunch, pop into Curry-Ya Uptown for a soul-warming bowl of Japanese chicken curry before perusing the diverse collection of skin-care, hair-care and cosmetic products for women of all nationalities at Vivrant Beauty boutique. Have a predinner cocktail at Harlem's favorite speakeasy, 67 Orange Street, then dig into contemporary Mexican cuisine at La Diagonal. Expect a fusion of Mexican and Asian flavors, such as shredded Peking duck confit tacos or tempura nopalitos with spicy aioli. — SHAYLA MARTIN

**HIT THE TOWN**

- 📍 **Flamekeepers Hat Club**  
Sophisticated hat boutique with classics such as fedoras, bowlers and top hats.
- 📍 **The Honeywell**  
Laid-back basement bar with a 1970s disco vibe and creative cocktails.
- 📍 **Minton's**  
Relive Harlem's jazz age with live music and dinner (try the oxtail dumplings).



### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

**L'appartement Caudalie on Madison**, the brand's first concept spa, is open in NYC, offering unique services and a wine lounge anchored by a Louis XVI fireplace • Now showing in San Diego and LA: kidcentric **Cinépolis Junior** movie auditoriums, featuring beanbaglike seating and play areas with slides • **Sportalm**, an alpine-themed eatery with gondola seating, has landed at the Munich airport • **MGM National Harbor** resort, a recent addition to Washington, D.C., offers in-room dining from Marcus Samuelsson, public artwork by Bob Dylan and a boutique from Sarah Jessica Parker • The new high-tech **American Writers Museum** in Chicago brings works from diverse authors to life through events and interactive exhibits.



### NYC'S NEW SWEET SPOTS

**DŌ**  
Bite into a scoop of pure cookie dough at this Greenwich Village hot spot. The treats are safe to eat raw and come in 16 flavors of unbaked goodness, including peanut butter snickerdoodle, brownie batter and the signature chocolate chip.



**PÂTISSERIE CHANSON**  
French pastries, breads and confections rule the day at this brand-new Flatiron District patisserie. At night, however, it's all about the sweet and savory tasting menu at the downstairs dessert bar, complete with cocktails and champagne.



**NEW TERRITORIES**  
Snap a picture before diving into the Insta-worthy desserts at New Territories on the Lower East Side. The famed unicorn milkshake spills over with color; the classic bubble waffles are topped with artisan ice cream.



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