

New York City's 15 Best Hidden Bars and Restaurants

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If you're looking for a truly unique night out in New York City, you've come to the right place. For my new book, *New York: Hidden Bars & Restaurants*, my co-author Michelle Young and I scoured the city for Prohibition-era speakeasies, underground drinking dens, and restaurants concealed behind unmarked doors. These places may be hard to find, but trust me, they're worth the effort. The book—which comes out on October 7th—contains nearly 100 exciting locales spanning from the Lower East Side to the outer edges of Queens. Need a quick recommendation? Here are 15 of my favorites.



Lantern's Keep

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On 44th Street—also known as Club Row because of all the opulent private clubs that line the block between 5th and 6th Avenues—there are a few historic hotels, including the Iroquois Hotel. Savvy imbibers know that if the lantern on the hotel's façade is lit, they can go inside and have a drink. Off the lobby, **Lantern's Keep** is a hidden gem resembling a Belle Époque salon, with powder blue Louis XIV chairs, Impressionist-style paintings of ballerinas, and a bar serving excellent cocktails.