



Pier 17 in the Seaport District.



## MANHATTAN

Seaport District, New York's oldest neighborhood, rises anew with continental and cosmopolitan style.

**Why Now:** The Seaport has seen many transformations since it was established as the city's first commercial hub along the East River in 1625. The latest redo has brought a new wave of international influences. From Italian hospitality to Brazilian pastries, the cobblestoned neighborhood is now a chic shopping destination abuzz

with culture. **Where to Go:** Set up home, if only for a night or two, at the gorgeous Mr. C Seaport hotel, where you can settle into the polished teak lounge with a bellini after checking into your slightly nautical-themed room. In the morning, walk down Front Street to Jack's Stir Brew Coffee for an organic Mad Max—part espresso,

part coffee—and a vegan Mighty Muffin. Or pop across the street to Café Patoro and indulge in Brazilian carrot cake. The iconic Milanese concept store 10 Corso Como is your spot for cutting-edge fashion from the likes of Mansur Gavriel or signature black and white branded tote bags, candles and more. Move on to local designers Cyn-

thia Rowley and SJP (as in Sarah Jessica Parker), who have boutiques in the neighborhood, along with the historic Bowne & Co., Stationers for charming paper goods. For dining, Jean-Georges Vongerichten is the first big-name chef to debut a restaurant—The Fulton—at Pier 17. Or enjoy the outdoor bar, plenty of cornhole and benches for soaking up the sun at Heineken Riverdeck—and check out the rooftop concert series. Somewhere in between all the shopping and strolling, stop at the South Street Seaport Museum for a thorough lesson in the area's history. — **AMY THOMAS**

### HIT THE TOWN

📍 **Big Gay Ice Cream**

Soft serve ice cream with funky names and toppings (crushed Nilla Wafers).

📍 **Barbalu**

Classic Italian primi, secondi and wine in a rustic-chic dining room.

📍 **Blazing Saddles**

Bike rentals and tours to explore along the East River and beyond.



Quesadilla with activated charcoal ash from Otra Vez.

### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

The Thai capital has welcomed a new resort to its riverfront, **Capella Bangkok**, where the only thing rivaling the views is the service • Ahoy, sailors: **Virgin Voyages**, Sir Richard Branson's hip take on cruising, is now booking spots on its inaugural Caribbean trips, set to leave port in 2020 • Mexico meets the Big Easy at **Otra Vez**, chef Akhtar Nawab's New Orleans eatery, complete with a walk-up window for tacos and cocktails • Up for adventure? Fly the *Millennium Falcon*, design a droid, make your own lightsaber and more at **Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge**, the latest attraction at California's Disneyland • Take advantage of a skylit swimming pool and food from celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson at the new **Four Seasons Hotel Montreal**.



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