

THE **New!** SLEEPS



# 'Room service!'

We dish up a dozen of New York City's latest hotel openings

## Baccarat

We love it because... It's all unruffled, steam-cleaned serenity, despite being in the thick of things (opposite MoMA, and three blocks from the Rockefeller Center and skating rink). Baccarat is a top-end French glassware brand, which means chandeliers a-go-go (17 in the hotel to be precise), a Versailles-style aesthetic, and even a subterranean pool with chessboard floor that looks like a sunken Paris ballroom. Très chic. We're not so sure about... The lack of buzz. Celebs love Baccarat for its discretion and tranquillity but we'd like a bit more va-va-voom.

28 West 53rd St, Midtown (00 1 212 790 8800, [baccarathotels.com](http://baccarathotels.com); doubles from £445, room only).

## CitizenM Times Square

We love it because... CitizenM's first stateside outpost is hip, high-tech and affordable, pitching to a tablet-toting, design-conscious crowd. Clever, compact rooms each have a super-king bed, a power rain shower, plus a 'mood pad', storing DJ-curated playlists and adjustable light settings. Lounge in the lobby, tweet on the free-to-use iMacs, and come nighttime, hit the roof for a Times Square Sour on the terrace.

We're not so sure about... The dearth of decent dining options nearby. The hotel's 24/7 canteen is great for grab-and-go fare, but otherwise the area is an overpriced tourist trap. 218 West 50th St, Midtown (00 1 212 461 3638, [citizenm.com](http://citizenm.com); doubles from £135, room only).

## The Marilton

We love it because... This self-styled 'baby grand' is a fashionable find in bohemian Greenwich Village, with a great bar-lobby scene and wallet-friendly rates. Rooms are Parisian-pretty, with parquet floors, brass sconces and marble sinks, and there's a decadent members-club feel to the place. Loaf in leather armchairs by the fireside, or book a table in the leafy, peppermint-green bistro for smashed avocado or bucatini with lobster.



We're not so sure about... The website. The photography gives an impression of space, but the rooms are very small. 5 West 8th St, Greenwich Village (00 1 212 321 0100, marltonhotel.com; doubles from £155, B&B).

### The New York Edition

We love it because... There's something about the Edition's style that reminds us of an upmarket chocolate box: smooth, cocoa-hued wooden headboards, creamy oblongs of furniture, and sheer, whipped-cream curtains letting in dappled light. You can fool yourself that this is your own elegantly decorated apartment in Madison Square Park — with Brit star Jason Atherton cooking for you to boot. We're not so sure about... The Kardashian-worthy lobby: its creamy uplighting, modern fireplaces and

faux-fur throws attract a rather intimidatingly beautiful crowd. 5 Madison Ave, Midtown (00 1 212 413 4200, editionhotels.com; doubles from £464, room only).

### Boro Hotel

We love it because... Why pay a premium to stay in central Manhattan when you can have a glass-walled room with a balcony overlooking its entire skyline for a great deal less? The Boro's huge, industrial-chic rooms tower over Long Island City, delivering sweeping views of Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx... and all those iconic skyscrapers. Cool but utterly unpretentious — this is a rare combination, indeed. We're not so sure about... The walking. We're fine with the 10-minute stroll to the subway station (two stops from

Manhattan) — it's just the 20-minute walk to the happening part of LIC... 38-28 27th St, Queens (00 1 718 433 1375, borohotel.com; doubles from £223, B&B).

### One Central Park

We love it because... Not only is it seconds from New York's largest lawn, 1CP practically brings it indoors with its plush farmstead vibe: reclaimed woods, sculpted terrariums, natural fabrics in calming taupe and grey, and tarnished brass fittings against whitewashed brick walls. There's a market stand in the lobby for stocking up on boutique foodie goodies, including gourmet picnic baskets for Central Park outings. We're not so sure about... Glass-walled lofts that put you on show to the rest of the room — there are some moments that demand privacy, surely? >

Staying power: opposite, the bar at chic Baccarat. Above, clockwise from top, the Marlton in bohemian Greenwich Village; industrial chic at the Boro; the upmarket Edition on Madison Avenue