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Our best picks for New York City

● \$ Budget ● \$\$ Moderately priced ● \$\$\$ Expensive ● \$\$\$\$ Very expensive



The Plaza Hotel \$\$\$\$

Most famous

Located just across from New York's fabulous Central Park, this is as near as it gets to the best shopping along New York's famous Fifth Avenue. This 1907 hotel, with its beautiful fountain, is a famous location in many popular movies and books. Rub shoulders with the rich and famous. Attentive hotel staff available on every floor—service doesn't get much better than this!

Amenities: 4 restaurants • full-service spa and health club • concierge
• business center • 24-hour room service • twice-daily housekeeping service

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Broadway at Times Square Hotel \$\$

Most convenient

In a great location—next to Times Square and the best Broadway musicals and plays, this convenient hotel is two blocks from the subway, ten minutes from Rockefeller Center, and ten blocks from the Museum of Modern Art.

Amenities: 24-hour business center • 24-hour front desk • fitness center
• free Wi-Fi • wake-up service

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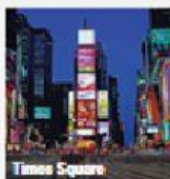
YOTEL \$\$\$

Most high-tech

Popular with young travelers, this very cool high-tech hotel, located only two blocks from the Port Authority bus station, offers automatic electronic check-in and robot bell service! A kitchen on every floor offers free hot drinks and a way to prepare your own food. And super-strong Wi-Fi service makes connecting to the Internet fast and headache-free. Enjoy Yotel's Latin-Asian restaurant and entertainment, or hang out at New York's largest roof garden.

Amenities: 24-hour front desk • laundry • currency exchange • tour desk • ATM
• concierge service • fitness center • free Wi-Fi

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Casablanca Hotel \$\$

Most unusual

Conveniently located near Times Square and more than fifty restaurants and two major museums, this award-winning hotel has lots of atmosphere—it's decorated in a colorful authentic Moroccan style. Its friendly, helpful staff make your stay an experience you won't forget, and it's also surprisingly affordable!

Amenities: 24-hour front desk • free Wi-Fi • free passes to nearby health club • free breakfast
• free coffee, tea, cookies, and fruit all day • Italian restaurant on first floor

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For the budget minded

Hotel Pennsylvania \$

A huge 1,700-room hotel and a great value. Traveling with your cat or dog? Pets are welcome.

The Hotel Newton \$

Even though it's far from many of New York's most popular attractions, it features large clean rooms and wonderfully comfortable beds for a good night's sleep. Sorry, no pets.

The Gershwin Hotel \$

Around the corner from the Empire State Building, this artistic 1903 historic hotel is just a short walk to Grand Central Station and the United Nations Building. Every room displays a famous artist's painting.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

A. Complete each sentence. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- The hotels described in the article are in _____.
a. California b. New York c. Florida
- Broadway at Times Square Hotel is _____.
a. very expensive b. expensive c. moderately priced
- The Plaza Hotel has _____ restaurant(s).
a. one b. two c. four
- _____ has paintings by famous artists in every room.
a. Hotel Newton b. The Gershwin Hotel c. Hotel Pennsylvania
- The most expensive of the hotels is _____.
a. The Plaza Hotel b. Hotel Casablanca c. YOTEL

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A DRAW CONCLUSIONS Complete each statement with the name of a hotel (or hotels) from the Reading. Then compare choices and reasons with a partner.

- 1 On his vacations, Carl Ryan, 43, likes to stay near the Theater District. If he stays at the Broadway at Times Square Hotel or the Casablanca Hotel , he'll be near the Theater District.
- 2 Stella Korman, 35, doesn't like the beds in most hotels. However, if she stays at , her room will definitely have a great bed.
- 3 Mark and Nancy Birdsall (22 and 21) are always online. If they stay at the , the Wi-Fi service is not only free, but it's really fast.
- 4 Lucy Lee, 36, will pay more for a hotel that is very comfortable and offers a lot of services. If she stays at , she'll be very happy.
- 5 Brenda Rey prefers hotels that are different and interesting. If she stays at , she'll find them different from other hotels.
- 6 James Kay always travels with his dog, Louie. If he stays at , Louie will have to stay home.

B. Check the hotels with these features.

Features	The Plaza Hotel	Casablanca Hotel	YOTEL
1. Near shopping			
2. Kitchens			
3. Free breakfast			
4. Free hot drinks			
5. Free passes to health club			
6. Moroccan theme			
7. Very attentive service			

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