



# Communications Network Fall 2009 Conference

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### Recommended Restaurants Near The Ford Foundation

There are literally hundreds, if not thousands, of great restaurant choices all over New York City. The ones listed a below are just a few favorites within walking distance of the Ford Foundation...in an area called “East Midtown”. For more restaurant ideas around the city, you can consult Yelp ([yelp.com](http://yelp.com)), Zagats ([zagats.com](http://zagats.com), subscription required) or New York City Search ([newyork.citysearch.com](http://newyork.citysearch.com)) or ask a New York Host Committee Member!

Price Range Key: \$ Cheap, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Expensive, \$\$\$\$ Very Expensive

Restaurant	Address	Price Range	Cuisine	Summary
Alto	11 E. 53rd St near 5th Ave	\$\$\$\$	Italian	High-end, sophisticated Italian
Avra	141 E 48th Street between 3rd and Lexington Aves	\$\$\$	Greek Seafood	Upscale, outdoor seating
Alcala	342 E 46th St between 1st and 2nd	\$\$\$	Spanish	Basque and tapas cuisine in a

	Aves			comfortable brownstone restaurant
Ben and Jack's Steakhouse	219 E. 44th St.	\$\$\$\$	Steakhouse	Opened by alumni of Peter Luger's
Boi	246 E. 44th St near 2nd Ave	\$\$	Vietnamese	Good and reasonably priced Vietnamese
Bukhara Grill	217 E 49th Street @ 2nd Ave	\$\$	Indian	Upscale Indian
Chiam	160 E. 48th St near Lexington Ave	\$\$	Chinese	Elegant but not expensive Chinese
Chin Chin	216 E. 49th St. near 3rd Ave	\$\$-\$\$\$	Chinese	Elegant Chinese
Cibo	767 2nd Ave. (between 41st & 42nd)	\$\$\$\$	Italian/American	Business clientele, crowd pleasing Italian/American fare
Convivio	45 Tudor City Pl at 42nd St	\$\$\$	Italian	Southern Italian, in Tudor City
Django	480 Lexington Ave @ 46th St	\$\$\$	Greek/American	Upscale, modern take on Greek and American
Grand Central Oyster Bar & Restaurant	Grand Central Terminal @ 42nd St	\$\$\$	American/Seafood	Great chowders and seafood in subterranean space with vaulted ceilings
La Fonda del Sol	200 Park Ave @ MetLife Building	\$\$\$	Spanish/Tapas	Good tapas and sangria near Grand Central
Le Bateau Ivre	230 E. 51st St near 3rd Ave	\$\$	French	Good wines, and small French plates
Mama Mexico	214 E 49th Street between 2nd and 3rd Aves	\$\$\$	Mexican	Upscale Mexican, extensive tequila list
Menchenko-Tei	131 E 45th Street between 3rd and	\$\$	Japanese Noodle	Inexpensive home-made Japanese

	Lexington Aves		House	ramen and noodle dishes
Metrazur	Grand Central Terminal	\$\$\$	American Nouveau	Charlie Palmer restaurant on the East Balcony overlooking Grand Central
Osteria Laguna	209 East 42nd St near 3rd Ave	\$\$\$	Italian	Tuscan fare, good pastas and wine
Palm 1 & 2	837 and 840 2nd Avenue between 44nd and 44th Sts	\$\$\$\$	Steakhouse	Original Palm steakhouse, opened in 1926
Pampano	209 E 49th Street @ 2nd Ave	\$\$\$	Mexican Seafood	
Pizza Rustica	817 2nd Ave @ 44th St	\$	Pizza	Good pizza, mostly takeout
Rare Bar and Grill	303 Lexington Ave @ 37th St	\$\$	American/Bar	Rooftop bar with cityline views. Good burgers on the ground floor.
Rosa Mexicano	1063 1st Ave @ 58th St	\$\$/\$\$\$	Mexican	Upscale Mexican food, great pomegranate margaritas
Sakagura	211 E 43rd St, Basement #1, between 2nd and 3rd Aves	\$\$\$	Japanese	Extensive sake list, good soba
SEO	249 E 49th Street @ 2nd Ave	\$\$\$	Sushi/Japanese	Small and cozy but popular Japanese restaurant
Shun Lee Palace	55th St near Lexington Ave	\$\$/\$\$\$	Chinese	NYC classic serving upscale Chinese
Smith & Wollensky	797 3rd Ave @ 49th St	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	Steakhouse	A New York City classic, upscale steakhouse
Sparks	210 E 46th Street between 2nd and 3rd Aves	\$\$\$\$	Steakhouse	Old school steakhouse and the infamous site of mobster "Big Paul" Castellano's murder

Sushi Yasuda	204 E. 43rd St, near 3rd Ave	\$\$\$	Sushi	Among the top ranks for sushi in NYC
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