



Industry Hangout

Bartenders and chefs have flocked to West Village cocktail bar Employees Only since the early 2000s. Why? Great service, incredible drinks and endearing traditions, like chicken soup served after last call, make the place feel like home. Now, EO is on a mission to bring its distinctive brand of nightlife to the global stage, with plans to open branches in Miami Beach, Austin and Singapore later this year. For now, make a point to stop by the original joint, where you can watch bartenders in white chef jackets free pour cocktails (like the Billionaire Cocktail, *left*: Baker's Bourbon shaken with fresh lemon juice, grenadine and absinthe bitters) and become part of the EO family.

| **Employees Only, 510 Hudson St., 212.242.3021**

Drinking With Dogs

LOCL Bar offers a few individual experiences, anchored by a rectangular bar in the center. Near the entrance, visitors sit at wooden tables and chairs near a windowed garage door that opens to let in the breeze. In the back, a sophisticated library invites patrons to an intimate, low-key hangout. Finally, a regal 1920s-inspired piano lounge (*below*) sets a trendy mood to take in live music and flavorful cocktails. No matter which experience you choose, you'll be accompanied by the sweet dogs of Upper West Side residents and NYLO Hotel guests. On a recent visit to this dog-friendly bar, I was charmed by at least six friendly, well-behaved pups. | **LOCL Bar, 222 W. 77th St., 212.651.3319**



Midnight Snack

Delicious as it is, greasy pizza no longer needs to be your only go-to snack after the bars close. The new late- (and we mean late) night menu from The Regal diner and cocktail bar in Williamsburg boasts just the right amount of salt and fat to satisfy cravings. Indulge in gooey, bubbling macaroni gratin with black truffle, chicken and waffles, eggs Benedict with potato latkes, churro toast with chili-infused chocolate dip, avocado flat bread and steak-and-quail-eggs tacos (*above*) until 4 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. It's the perfect blend of after-hours favorites and brunch delights. | **The Regal, 163 Hope St., Williamsburg, Brooklyn, 718.388.4626**

Beefy Bar

Come for dinner, stay for a nightcap at Mastro's Steakhouse in Midtown. The lofty, luxurious restaurant—a favorite among Wall Street bankers and celebrities—creates a lively nightlife atmosphere with a drink menu that ranges from fresh and innovative (like Buddha Belly, *below*: Lucky Buddha beer, Cherry Heering liqueur, lemonade and a lemon twist) to strong classics. The nightly live cover band will have you dancing off that steak in no time. | **Mastro's Steakhouse, 1285 Sixth Ave., 212.459.1222**



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