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Around the World in a New York Minute

Ok, so maybe it will take a day, but you really can go around the world in New York –

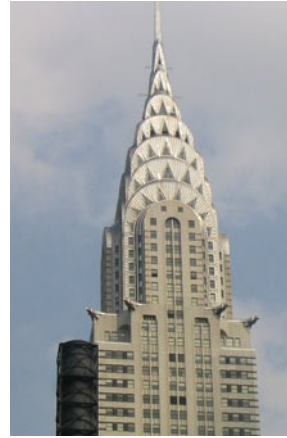
NY is a city that loves to brunch but it is not a city that loves to get up early. If its before noon its breakfast – go to a diner and pay \$2.99 for two eggs, meat, and coffee. Between noon and four a weekend meal that includes alcohol is brunch. You could go to any of the million places that serve eggs benedict and two mimosas for \$15...or...you could go to China. Mandarin Court on Mulberry just south of Canal is the best. The carts full of steamed shrimp dumplings, roast pork buns, Chinese broccoli, fried spring rolls, turnip cakes, and many other delights start to roll by. As soon as you see a cart you can start eating. Three warnings/pieces of advice: 1) Do not eat everything that looks good the first time you see it -- the carts keep changing and there are a million things to choose...so if you get full on the first three carts you will be sad. 2) If you are a vegetarian go to the vegetarian dim sum place around the corner on Bayard -- typical response at Mandarin Court, or any of the other plethora of dim sum joints in China Town, to "is this meat?" is "no meat. pork." 3) Don't forget the Tsing Tao!!



After you finish brunch wander the length of Canal to the East end...don't worry its only about 6 blocks. Check out the weirdly Roman-esque beautiful entrance to the Manhattan bridge. There is probably an art history reason that the bridge looks like this, but I simply find it out-of-place, out-of-time, and absolutely fabulous.

Walk north on Ludlow...you will be on the Lower East Side at this point. For an hour of old New York go to the tenement museum. Its a short interesting walk through a restored tenement that includes a bunch of US census data on the people that lived in the building. It generally rules and makes you appreciate the finer things in life, like indoor plumbing.

From there head back to Mulberry and walk north for another couple of blocks -- now you are in Italy! You will realize this by the quite large red, green, and white light sign over the street that says "Little Italy". Eat pastries and drink espresso at Ferrara's -- I recommend the mini pastries, so that you can have more than one.



Although, geographically I am now back tracking, I recommend dinner at Xunta (1st Ave and 11th) -- Spanish tapas with sangria and soccer on the tv's. Order as much as you can imagine. Its all good.

So, for Eastern Europe in the trip around the world -- after dinner head over to the west 50's and Russia! The Russian vodka room offers flights of homemade flavored vodka. Do not get more than one flight...lest you not complete your journey around the world. The fresh bread basket is a delicious necessity for soaking up the booze. Don't neglect it!

Once you are sufficiently sauced move to Australia...dance some of the drunk off at the Spotted Cow on Ave C and 9th. Good crowd, sublime beats, strong drinks if you need more.

And as a bonus, if you can handle it, go up the street to Cuba...Baraza on Ave C and 10th...serves the best mojitos in town.

Then sleep...tomorrow you can take a different path around the globe..Irish breakfast...Polish perogies...the greatest burger on earth (the Corner Bistro)...Korean BBQ...I could go on like this forever, but I am hungry and thirsty.

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