

The Jewish Traveler

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AGAIN!

I can't get enough of New York City. What a wonderful magical place to visit and every time I'm there I try to see some different sights. This time of year is a wonderful season to be in New York. Everything looks especially great with all the holiday decorations in place.

We had an opportunity to go to New York City a few weeks ago to see a new Carnival ship. The Carnival Dream will be homeported in Port Canaveral, but had just arrived in New York from Europe. We were invited to the naming of the ship and an overnight stay onboard. Afterward, we decided to stay in New York for one night and enjoy the city.

There are great things to see all over New York City. It's so easy to get around this city either by walking (if the weather is good), subway system or taxis. We were so lucky to have good weather and could walk almost everywhere. It's the best way to really get the "real flavor" of the city. We decided to visit one of our favorite restaurants, the 2nd Ave Deli. After a two year absence it's back, but in a new location. Located on East 33rd Street near Third Avenue this great place is among a handful of old-timers (including Katz's and the Carnegie) devoted to Jewish deli food, which isn't just about eating. The food is delicious. We had an incredible meal here. Wonderful matzo ball soup, pastrami, corned beef, chopped chicken liver and, of course, great pickles too. We even got to taste gribenes (deep-fried chicken skin and onions) – that was a totally new experience for me. We finished our lunch with delicious dairy-free egg creams. What a great meal!

After lunch we decided to visit The Jewish Museum located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street



Maxine waits outside the 2nd Ave. Deli.

on the Upper East Side of the city. This beautiful museum is one of the world's largest and most important institutions devoted to exploring the remarkable scope and diversity of Jewish culture. Founded in 1904, it was housed for more than four decades in the library of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. In 1944 the museum was moved to a mansion on Fifth Avenue donated by the widow of a prominent businessman and philanthropist. This area is called New York's Museum Mile.

The Museum is known for its fabulous exhibitions of fine art and wonderful artifacts.

We found this place to be very interesting and educational. We loved the permanent exhibition that tells the unfolding story of Jewish culture and identity through works of art, archaeology, ceremonial objects, photographs, video and interactive media. We spent a couple of hours enjoying this fabulous museum.

We did have a little time to experience some incredible New York restaurants. We dined at Esca, a Southern Italian restaurant celebrating the fruits of the sea. Created by James Beard award-winning chef David Pasternak, it's a culinary delight. For brunch the next day we went to Cookshop in Chelsea. This comfort food restaurant is a real happening with a fabulous menu. For dessert we stopped at Billy's Bakery for incredible cupcakes.

Unfortunately, one night in "The Big Apple" is not enough time. Now we can't wait to go back again. Every time we visit we try and see new and interesting sights. I hope we'll be back again soon. ☆



Maxine rediscovers The Jewish Museum in New York City.



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