

# Southern Accents

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## southerners in NEW YORK

### Midtown

Last year's Radio City Christmas Spectacular added a new song, "I See Christmas Everywhere," to the performance. Surely its inspiration came from the very streets surrounding the famous music hall, as Midtown, the area just south of Central Park, is holiday central. It's home to some of the city's most iconic Christmas sites, and bundled-up tourists literally line up to take them in. Locals avoid the lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree—you'll never get a cab or a table for dinner—so if you don't like crowds, reserve a weeknight to stroll the area, checking out the tree and the celebrated window displays at the nearby department stores.



“Bryant Park is completely charming. They have shops, an ice-skating rink, and even a restaurant, where they serve sort of Swiss comfort food, such as crêpes and fondue.”

— designer Carey Maloney (left), with business partner Hermes Mallea

Between 40th and 42nd streets and Fifth and Sixth avenues  
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“When my mother and my Southern friends come for a long weekend each year, we always go to Suarez for their great purses in all colors, skins, and styles.”

— designer Lisa Fine

450 Park Ave.  
212/753-3758



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Henri Bendel



#### WHERE TO STAY

**70 Park Avenue Hotel**  
With interiors recently redesigned by Jeffrey Bilhuber.  
70 Park Ave.  
212/973-2400  
[www.70parkave.com](http://www.70parkave.com)

**Four Seasons Hotel New York**  
Primo locale for Midtown shopping.  
57 East 57th St.  
212/758-5700  
[www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com)

**Library Hotel**  
Convenient location and rooms with literary leanings.  
299 Madison Ave.  
877/793-7323  
[www.libraryhotel.com](http://www.libraryhotel.com)

#### WHAT TO SEE

**The New York Public Library**  
See the decorations by M (Group), the firm of designer Carey Maloney and architect Hermes Mallea (shown at left).  
East 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue  
212/930-0830  
[www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org)

**Radio City Christmas Spectacular**  
Quintessential! The live nativity is amazing.  
Nov. 9 through Dec. 30  
1260 Sixth Ave.  
212/247-4777  
[www.radiocity.com](http://www.radiocity.com)

**Rockefeller Center**  
Don't miss the iconic tree. Hit the rink too.  
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[www.rockefellercenter.com](http://www.rockefellercenter.com)

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