The Insider’s Guide to Thanksgiving Break

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What to do over Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving break is approaching. Many students with family in the area will be going home for this American family holiday. For international students, Thanksgiving break is a perfect time to finally explore New York City while the stress of classes subsides for a few days.

Check out Not For Tourists and Time Out New York for events in the city over the weekend!
On-Campus Dining: Reduced Hours

As you’ve all experienced in Fall Break, the campus dining options all close over the breaks. Between Wednesday, November 25th, and Monday, November 30th, you will have to provide food for yourself. Here’s a rundown of when the different dining options close (taken from the Columbia Dining Website).

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Food for less than a meal swipe

So what are you going to do for food over the long weekend? The International Student Advisory Board has some suggestions! Here are some ideas for meals and snacks costing less than a meal swipe in our neighborhood. Click on the links to find out more!

**Chipotle**
(Broadway at 111th): American-Mexican fast food

“For about $10, Chipotle will make your day”
- Sahil

**Sweetgreen**
(Broadway at 115th): Salads and grain bowls

“Pick and choose what you want in your salad to make sure it’s within your budget and to your taste!”
- Joanna

**Milano’s**
(Broadway at 113th): Sandwiches, salads and other deli fair

“How to get the most from Milano’s: Walk in and order the H4 ($11). Done.”
- Ryan

**Dig Inn**
(Broadway at 112th): Healthy, fresh food

“Good plates for a reasonable price ($10) that leaves you feeling full.”
- Ryan

**Nussbaum & Wu**
(Broadway at 113th): Salads, bagels and other deli fair

“Quick salad with five toppings of your choice, plus bagel with cream cheese! ($8)”
- Suzie

**M2M**
(Broadway at 115th): Udon, Sushi, Burgers, Asian snacks

“Their cheeseburger and fries ($9) is a registered form of therapy.”
- Ryan
Amir’s  
(Broadway at 114th): Middle Eastern bowls, plates, and delicious wings  

“Get the hearty lunch and dinner specials ($5-10), or better yet, get the half-chicken for $8.50!” - Chris

Chapati House  
(125th and Broadway): Indian Chipotle, one of the best Indian places around  

“The rice bowl for $9 is a perfect meal!” - Sahil

Shahi Biryani  
(109th and Columbus): Great Pakistani/Indian food  

“The aloo paratha and biryanis are great! (Don’t forget to ask for student discount)” - Sahil

“What’s Thanksgiving without indulging in some great food?” - Dafne

Absolute Bagels  
(Broadway at 108th): Good and classic bagels  

“Walking down and getting a lox spread bagel ($4) is a great study break.” - Ryan

Doaba Deli  
(Columbus at 107th): Affordable and yummy vegetarian Indian food  

“Lunch special, Choose three dishes for $8!” - Kaatje

Saigette  
(Columbus at 106th): Pho, Sandwiches and Vietnamese fare  

“I always love a hot bowl of Pho on a cold day – for just $10!” - Joanna
Thai Market
(Amsterdam at 107th):
Thai Lunch Special

“Legendary Lunch Special, with curry puffs, hot soup and amazing green curry! ($9)" - Varun

Bombay Roti Roll
(Amsterdam at 109th):
Indian Wraps and Fries

“Any wrap and small fries comes out at $10 which makes my day.” - Ryan

“The Chicken Malai wrap with a mango lassi will give you a taste of India” - Sahil

Pita Grill
(Amsterdam at 110th):
Pitas and Middle Eastern Food

“Falafel and a drink only costs $5 here – talk about a great deal!” - Kaatje

Kissaten Jin
(Broadway between Tiemann Pl. and 125th):
Japanese rice bowls

“Best Oyakodon, with warm eggs and chicken! ($9)” - Suzie

Uncle Luoyang
(Broadway between 116th and 120th):
Food truck, restaurant for Chinese food

“For $3, you can get a decadent chinese burger,, and for $5, you get a ton of dumplings!” - Joanna

Deluxe
(Broadway at 113th):
$7 burger dinner deal every Monday

“The deal is for dine-in only, but that makes it a great idea for a nice sit-down dinner with a friend!” - Joanna

Bon Appetit!

Still hungry? Read on for desserts, coffee, and other tea-time treats!
Tea-time treats: Desserts, Coffee and more

**Hungarian Pastry**
(Amsterdam at 110th)

“Morning Croissant with a sweet Hungarian Coffee is the best! ($5)” - Suzie

**Levain Bakery**
(Frederick Douglass Blvd. at 117th)

“Ginormous cookies are good for the soul” - Joanna

**Silver Moon Bakery**
(Broadway at 105th)

“Award-winning French Cakes? Yes please!” - Joanna

**Max Soha Cafe**
(Amsterdam at 123rd)

“Tiramisu and warm soy hot chocolate <3 ($5)” - Suzie

**Insomnia Cookies**
(Amsterdam at 110th)

“Get a dozen of the best for $10 and have a cookie party!” - Ryan

**Artopolis**
(Amsterdam at 113th)

“Waffles and crepes near many of the dorms!”
- Joanna
What if I feel I don’t have the resources to get food?

If you feel that you lack the resources to pay for your meals during the break, you may be eligible for assistance through the Deans’ Student Assistance Fund. You can find out more about the program [here](#).

Please note that to effectively evaluate, process and approve appropriate students, the application must be submitted by 6 p.m. EST Thursday, November 19, 2015.

Don’t hesitate to reach out to the board!

We know how difficult it can be to talk to a stranger about this, but the board is more than willing to help you out by referring you to the right resources. You can always reach us [here](#) to find out more or tell us more about your experiences over Thanksgiving!
Tips from the board on how to have a terrific Thanksgiving

Still wondering what else you can do? The board is always full of ideas! Here are a couple of suggestions for how you can make Thanksgiving in the city a meaningful time!

**VARUN SAYS:** Upright Citizens Brigade Shows - Grab a $5 tickets and watch amazing comedians perform all weekend long. Don't miss the LAW FIrm performing at the Chelsea branch on Friday the 27th and don't forget to pre book your tickets [here](#).

**JOANNA SAYS:** “If it’s cold out, stay indoors! Cuddle with friends and warm your hearts with this [list](#) of Thanksgiving movies!”

**DAFNE SAYS:** “Enjoy amazing snacks and great ice skating at Bank of America Winter Village Bryant Park all weekend long!”

**RYAN SAYS:** Don’t forget to enjoy a New York tradition: the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade on the 26th! The easiest way to see the balloons up close is the Big Balloon Inflation which is available to the public the night before the Parade.

**CHRIS SAYS:** “Join [Feeding NYC](#) to help prepare, package and deliver holiday feasts to New York families in need. Be it packaging or donating, there are plenty of ways to help others this Thanksgiving!”
Back row, from left to right: Varun Hegde, Sahil Rai, Dafne Murillo, Joanna Suwen Lee, Kaatje Simone Greenberg, Christopher Lin; Front row, from left to right: Ryan Davies, Suzie Kim