



## EO LOCATION GUIDE – UNION SQUARE

### A BIT OF HISTORY

Originally farmland, Union Square was also the site of the first theater district in Manhattan before it moved further uptown. The Square was named a national historic landmark in 1997, and in 2001 became a public gathering point for mourners after the Sept 11 attacks. These days, it is a bustling park, which attracts a mix of professionals, street artists, students and protesters. The surrounding streets are lined with high-rise apartments, big-name chain stores, casual eateries and cafes. The long-running Union Square Greenmarket draw crowds for local produce and artisanal food.

### THE ESSENTIALS

#### Morning coffee

- Starbucks
- Barnes & Nobles' 2nd floor cafe
- Joe's Coffee

#### Lunch options

- Pret A Manger
- Chipotle
- Union Square Cafe

#### Something sweet

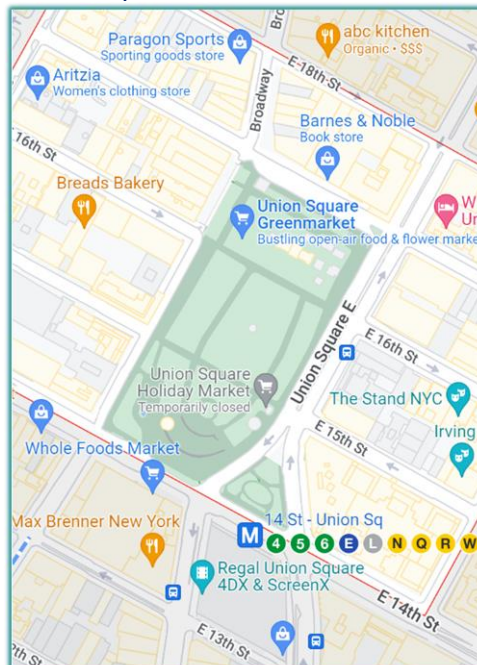
- Levain Bakery

#### Grocery stores & pharmacies

- Wholefoods market
- Duane Reade v

#### Nearest subway stations & lines

- 14<sup>th</sup> Street-Union Square  
(4, 5, 6, E, L, R, N, W, Q lines)



*(public restrooms on-site and at Barnes & Nobles)*

### PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY

Washington Square Park – Flat Iron Building – Madison Square Park – Strand bookstore

### 3 COOL THINGS TO DO AFTER YOUR ENGLISH CLASS

1. After a quick lunch, head south for a couple of blocks & drop into the world famous Strand bookstore. Then continue walking for a few minutes until you reach iconic Washington Square Park, the perfect place to do some people watching. From here, head west and lose yourself amongst the quaint beautiful streets of the West Village. End your afternoon with a cupcake at Magnolia's bakery or a slice at Joe's pizza.
2. Leave Union Square and head north until you reach the Flat Iron building, break for lunch in Madison Square Park at Shake Shack, and then continue up 5th avenue. This walk will take you past other iconic NYC buildings such as the Empire State Building and the NY Public library. Don't walk past it! Go in, it's a beautiful building. Then turn right on 42nd street and walk a couple of blocks to take in a couple of other famous locations: Grand Central Train terminal and the Chrysler building.
3. Head east 1 block to reach the Irving Place historic district. Lots of cool places to have lunch here. If you want to splurge, try Casa Mono for some great Spanish Tapas. Then continue walking East until you reach Stuyvesant Square Park. This quiet shady park is rarely explored by tourists, so it's a great place to while away a little quiet time. Later in the afternoon, walk a few blocks south until you reach the East Village. This is another great neighborhood to explore and there are lots of great places to eat and drink too.