

# 25 Reasons The Upper West Side Is The Best Neighborhood In NYC

According to someone who lives there, loves it, and wants to make you understand.

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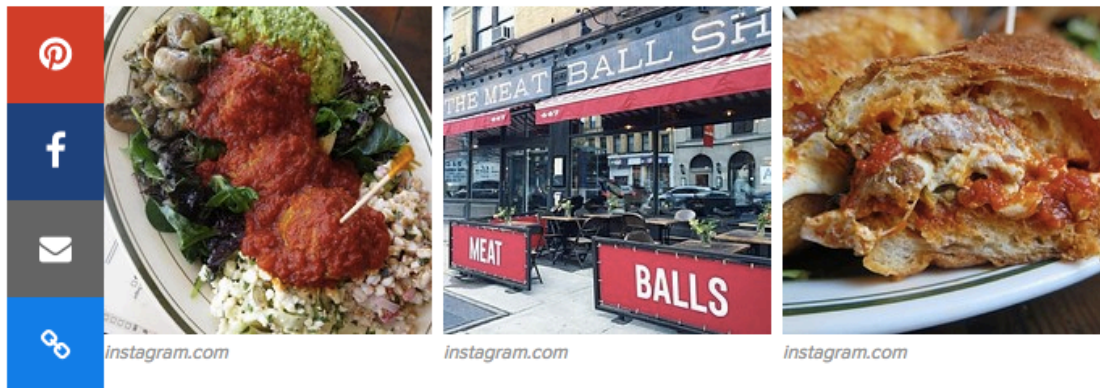


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**Sure, the Upper West Side isn't exactly a ~trendy~ place to live, but it's got a lot more going for it than you think.**

## 20. Ditto the best downtown mini-chain.



**The Meatball Shop:** 447 Amsterdam Avenue (between 81st and 82nd Streets)

Say what you will about The Meatball Shop — They've been serving the same menu since they opened! It's so simple I could make it at home! WTF is the deal with the 'mark your menu' shtick!? —but there's no denying that it's a very useful restaurant. Sure, the menu doesn't change much, and even the rotating specials seem to boomerang back around pretty often. The thing is, it's a place where **you can get a heaping plate of spaghetti and meatballs or a heaping plate of seasonal vegetable salads, which makes it perfect for a big, varied group.** If you've been too many times and can't stomach another pork meatball, try the chicken version. (It's better.)