

## GREENWICH VILLAGE 2: A STROLL AROUND WASHINGTON SQUARE

Begin at Sixth Avenue and W. 11th Street (1, 2, 3, or 9 train to 14th Street, south end of the platform).

Walk east on 11th Street, one of the Village's most beautiful blocks. As you approach Fifth Avenue, note the lone modern façade in the otherwise uninterrupted row of town houses on the south side. A bomb built by members of the Weather Underground exploded here in 1970, killing two Weatherpeople and destroying the original building. Cross Fifth and walk to University Place, where the avenue's grandeur yields to a smaller-scale, old-English style. Head south on University and, just after Eighth Street, turn right into **Washington Mews**. Like the grand town houses overlooking **Washington Square** that they once serviced, the converted carriage houses on this charming cobblestone lane are now owned by **New York University**, the biggest landowner in the area. (The university's purple banners seem to hang from half the buildings in the neighborhood.) Exit the Mews at Fifth, turn left, and cross to the **Arch**. Designed by Stanford White and built to mark the centenary of George Washington's 1789 inauguration, the Arch has played a part in Village life from Henry James's day to the present. Take a stroll through the park before exiting at the southeast corner and heading south on MacDougal for a stop into one of the street's justly famous coffeehouses. The cozy gloomy **Caffe Reggio** and **Caffe Dante** both have intensely loyal followings, strong coffee, and rich desserts. When you emerge, continue south on MacDougal to Houston, past the last of the neighborhood's old Italian social clubs, **Tiro a Segno** (members only). Turn right at Houston to begin Walk 12, or return to the subway via Sixth Avenue.



## CARNEGIE HILL AND BEYOND

The museum-rich slice of the Upper East Side takes its name from the 64-room brick mansion built by industrialist Andrew Carnegie in 1902 at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 91st.

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For the best view of the classic buildings lining upper Fifth Avenue, most of which date from the 1920s, head uptown on the park side of the avenue before crossing at East 88th Street to the **Guggenheim Museum**, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and completed in 1959. (The **museum's café** makes an excellent lunch stop and can be entered directly near East 88th Street.) On leaving, turn right up Fifth to the **old Carnegie mansion**, which fills the block between East 90th and 91st. Now housing the **Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum**, it is well worth an extended visit. Directly across East 91st Street are the handsome twin mansions of the **Convent of the Sacred Heart**; down the block on the south side is the **Spence School**, one of the city's half-dozen elite schools for girls (it's Gwyneth Paltrow's alma mater). Turn left on Madison and left again on East 92nd to the **Jewish Museum**, a singular resource for Jewish art and Judaica, with a first-rate bookstore. Head uptown another ten blocks to two more museum treasures, the **Museum of the City of New York** and **El Museo del Barrio**, which share a view of Central Park's most elegant and secluded six acres, the **Conservatory Garden**. Pass through the handsome iron gates—which once guarded the Vanderbilt mansion at Fifth and East 58th (it was torn down in the 1920s to make way for Bergdorf Goodman)—and find a quiet spot to sit a while in the 19th century.

