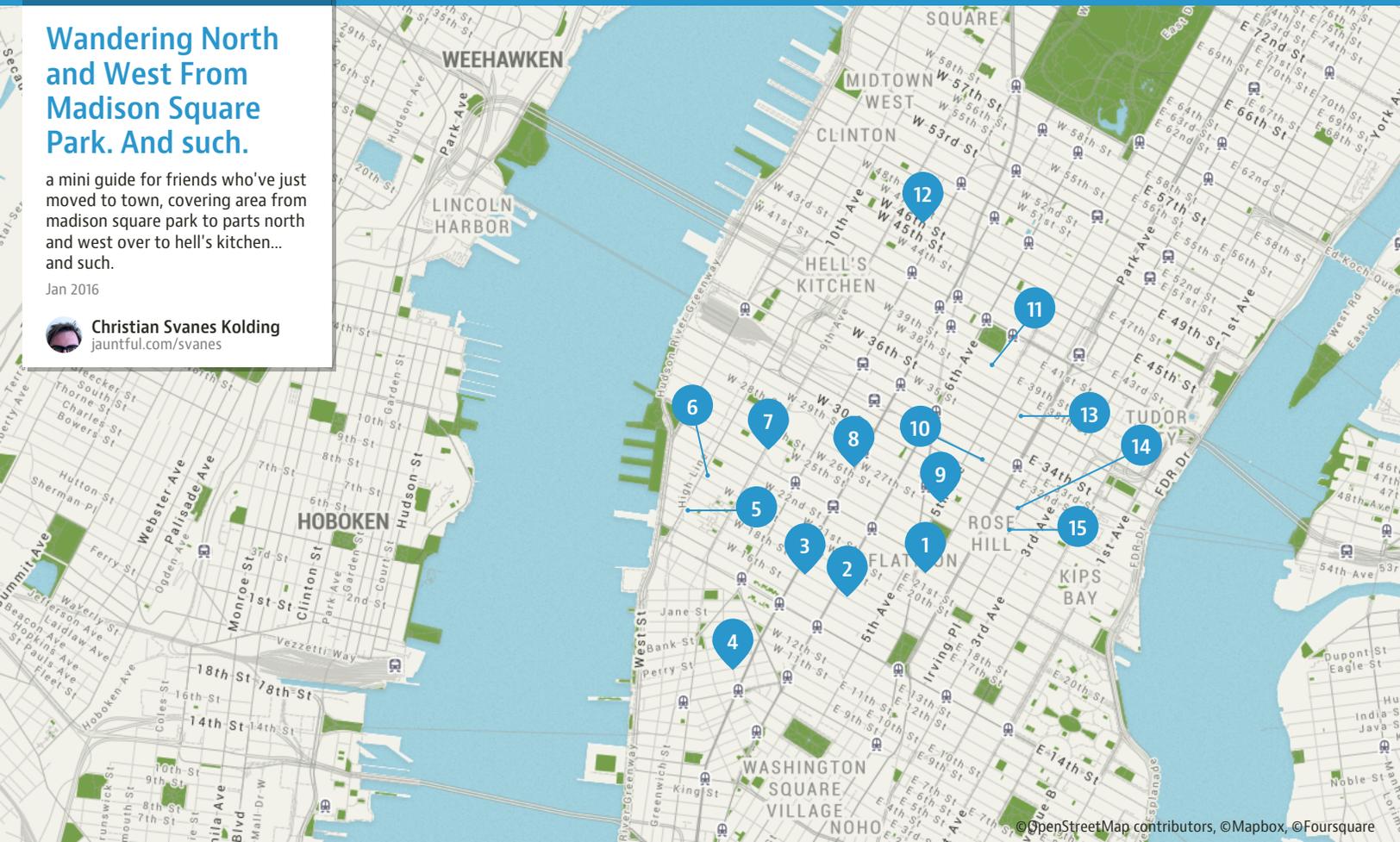


Wandering North and West From Madison Square Park. And such.

a mini guide for friends who've just moved to town, covering area from madison square park to parts north and west over to hell's kitchen... and such.

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Almond 1
French
mixed feelings about this place. best for brunch and lunch, think i, where it can be very good. reasonable prices for the area. less a fan of the spot at night.

12 E 22nd St, New York
(212) 228-7557 almondnyc.com

The Raines Law Room 2
Speakeasy
unmarked door, find doorbell. windowless, living room décor. best for duos & quartets. reservations suggested. best after work, avoid weekends. summer garden.

48 W 17th St, New York
(212) 242-0600 raineslawroom.com

Rubin Museum of Art 3
Art Museum
semi-hidden gem on the west side - great for disappearing for a few hours to absorb arts from the himalayan regions, as well as greater asia. there's a café.

150 W 17th St., New York
(212) 620-5000 rmanyc.org

Mary's Fish Camp 4
Seafood
if it's late and you want the kind of unfussy place that serves fried fish, stews, chowders, lobster & occasionally oysters, then here you are! no reservations.

64 Charles St, New York
(646) 486-2185 marysfishcamp.com

Naka Naka 5
Sushi
very much a mom and dad operation - not fancy at all, nor inexpensive but quite good. it's very quiet, so not the place to go if you want to sing and shout!

458 W 17th St, New York
(212) 929-8544 nakanakany.com/home2.html

Intelligentsia Coffee 6
Coffee Shop
i mention this spot only because of its location: hidden inside the highline hotel during the winter but outside out front in a food cart during summer/spring.

180 10th Ave, New York
(212) 933-9736 intelligentsiacoffee.com

Txikito 7
Tapas
tapas. it's on my list of places to try, and received rave reviews from friends over the last year, but is it still good? now, it can be on your list too.

240 9th Ave, New York
(212) 242-4730 txikitonyc.com

Museum at the Fashion Institut... 8
Museum
it's great to check in often with this little museum in the basement at FIT. rotating shows with very specific insights into NYC's role in fashion.

227 W 27th St, New York
(212) 217-4558 fitnyc.edu/museum.asp

ilili 9
Mediterranean
i've frequently been delighted by the lebanese meals we've had here. setting is formal though relaxed. meals are served family-style, so it's great for groups.

236 5th Ave, New York
(212) 683-2929 ililinnyc.com

Don's Bogam Korean BBQ & Wine 10
Korean
amongst korean friends, we argue which k-town spot is best. new wonjo is frequently mentioned, as is hangawi for vegetarians. i choose DB for the BBQ and décor.

17 E 32nd St., New York
(212) 683-2200 donsbogam.com

Szechuan Gourmet 11
Chinese
rarely is there much of an atmosphere but the hearty, banquet food is a lovely assault on the senses: spicy cumin lamb, mapo tofu, chili cucumber salad. solid.

21 W 39th St, New York
(212) 921-0233 szechuangourmetnyc.com

Bar Centrale 12
American
like angel's share, a bit of a hidden spot behind unmarked door (up the front steps), though you need reservations here almost every time. they hate crowds.

324 W 46th St, New York
(212) 581-3130 barcentrallenyc.com

The Morgan Library & Museum 13
Museum
you'll eventually get around to going here. opened 1906. interesting weekly events, many urbanism related. main attraction is the multi-tiered library itself.

225 Madison Ave, New York
(212) 685-0008 themorgan.org

Dover Street Market 14
Boutique
a london transplant, it's a series of design shops distributed across seven floors. some more pop-up than others. fashion, housewares, jewelry, etc.

160 Lexington Ave, New York
(646) 837-7750
newyork.doverstreetmarket.com

Kalustyan's 15
Gourmet
one of my favorite shops for spices, herbs, teas, whole grains and dried beans in manhattan. fresh produce as well. delicatessen / restaurant upstairs.

123 Lexington Ave, New York
(212) 685-3451 kalustyans.com