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6 SPOTS TO TAKE A **STAR TURN**

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Searching for the hottest spots? Try navigating by the stars. Here's where celebrities like to mix, mingle, dine or dash off to.

THE STYLISH STAY

Spotted here: Actress/model Emily Ratajkowski, actor/musician Jesse Metcalfe

The landmark Hotel Grand Union has been reborn as **HGU New York**. The 1905 Lounge's marble fireplace, warm leather chairs, chandeliers, shocking red walls and tweed couches give off a very private-club vibe. Luxury 300-thread-count Frette bedding, bath and beauty products from C.O. Bigelow Apothecaries will make you feel like an A-lister.

34 E. 32nd St.; 212-779-3432; hgunc.com

THE SWEET SPOT

Spotted here: Actor couple Rose Byrne and Bobby Cannavale, actor Andrew McCarthy ("St. Elmo's Fire") and his wife, Dolores Rice

Mah-Ze-Dahr Bakery elevates baked goods to amazing heights. In Urdu, *mazedar* describes the taste essence of food, its flavor and magic. The signature treat, the Mah-Ze-Dahr Bar, is a must.

28 Greenwich Ave.; 212-498-9810; mahzedahrbakery.com

THE ULTIMATE RETREAT

Spotted here: "Real Housewives of New York City" star Bethany Frankel, actress Drew Barrymore
New Yorkers in the know head to a pristine stretch of oceanfront real estate at the eastern tip of Long Island, **Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa**, for relaxation. It's a year-round hot spot for celebrities getting pampered, sipping cocktails or grabbing a bite.

290 Old Montauk Highway; 631-668-2345; GurneysMontauk.com



THE HIP HIDEAWAY

Spotted here: Singers Rita Ora, Miley Cyrus

The Electric Room holds about 100 people on the lower level of Dream Downtown — think high-end specialty cocktails and a hip Britannia feel. Try the "Gold Digger" (Woodford Bourbon, fresh lemon, tumeric honey) and scan for celebs.

355 W. 16th St.; electricroomnyc.com

THE CHIC ROOFTOP

Spotted here: The cast of "Gotham" (including Ben McKenzie, Erin Richards, Robin Lord Taylor and Donal Logue), chef and Food Network star Bobby Flay

The **Refinery Rooftop** bar has had much to see this year. If you really want to star-gaze, grab a before-dinner drink or a nightcap atop the Refinery Hotel with its unparalleled views of the Empire State Building. No wonder it's a favorite for the fashion-forward crowd year-round under the retractable glass roof.

63 W. 38th St.; 646-664-0310; refineryhotelnewyork.com

THE GREEK MECCA

Spotted here: Actress Katie Holmes, Ivana Trump, ex-wife of the president-elect

Avra Madison is a new dining spot that serves up traditional Greek cuisine with an emphasis on fresh seafood. Next to Central Park and across the street from Barney's New York, it's not unlike an open-air villa in Greece with fresh lemon trees and stone-washed walls.

14 E. 60th St.; 212-937-0100; avrany.com/madison

The 1905 Lounge at the HGU New York, formerly the Hotel Grand Union.