

Taschen's New York

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We'd plunk down nearly anything made by Taschen on our coffee table, and this New York guidebook is no exception. Open up the colorful cover (featuring illustrations of Audrey Hepburn from *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and a Dean & DeLuca cup) and find a behind-the-scenes peek at places like the Maritime Hotel, tips on how to score a great table at the Waverly Inn and where to buy hand-printed cards. Look for versions of Paris and London next.

I want to go to there The drool-worthy photos of trendy hotels such as the Bowery make us want to forego a friend's sofa in Brooklyn on our next NYC visit—if only we could afford to.

Carry on? Yes and no. The book should stay at home (it's too pretty to travel) but the small pull-out map (pinpointing every place mentioned in the book) located in the back cover fits perfectly in your day bag (or, God forbid, fannypack).

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