

# Opera

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## DULCET DINGLE

Lyrical Landscapes & Other Voices

## JINGLE BELLES

New York Festive Season

## ISLE SURVIVE

Derring-Do in Tenerife

## THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Chicago in the Frame




## MASS PRODUCTION

CROWDFUNDING SUCCESS STORIES

# Strike a Pose

GRAHAM NORTON'S NOVEL TURN





# MAN HAT TAN

*Few cities do Christmas better than New York. From snow-covered streets and parks to cosy bars, it oozes festive spirit.*

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**SLEEP AT ...**

**MIDTOWN** The result of a 20-month, \$180 million refurbishment, the swish **Barclay InterContinental** reopened in April 2016 and is a fine addition to Midtown. Rooms are spacious and stylish, staff are excellent and you may never find a buffet breakfast as good as here. Rooms from \$137. (111 East 48th Street, +1 212 755 5900; [intercontinentalnybarclay.com](http://intercontinentalnybarclay.com))

**NOMAD** Riding on the coat-tails of its predecessors in Hollywood and South Beach, **The Redbury** made its east coast debut in August 2016. Guest rooms are mega comfortable, bright and quirky - red feature walls and Bluetooth gramophone speakers - and its attractive bar and restaurant is merry. Rooms from \$169. (29 East 29th Street, +1 212 689 1900; [theredbury.com/newyork](http://theredbury.com/newyork))

**TRIBECA** Could **The Roxy** be any cooler? Its zeitgeisty combo of hip interiors - Art Deco as seen through a 1970s lens - jazz club, film screenings (the exterior resembles a cinema), café and cocktail bar make it a hive for filmmakers, photographers, artists and musicians. All that, and it's entirely snoot-free. Rooms from \$238. (2 Sixth Avenue, +1 212 519 6600; [roxyhotelnyc.com](http://roxyhotelnyc.com))

**DOWNTOWN** Open since September 2016, the stylish **Four Seasons Downtown** is a wonderful paradox; at once grand and understated, homely and über luxe, venerable and high-tech (order in-room dining on a tablet). The spa provides extra respite (world's comfiest treatment beds?), as does the 23-metre lap pool. Rooms from \$499. (27 Barclay Street, +1 646 880 1999; [fourseasons.com](http://fourseasons.com))



Top, Melanie Peradin, bartender at The Roxy. Above, a stylish welcome at the brand new Four Seasons Downtown. Left, ready to rock at The Roxy.



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