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From East Side to West Side: Manhattan on a shoestring

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Like an insider

I stayed in this upscale area for lunch at The Lenox Room, which offers elegant, open-air dining, facing Madison Avenue. Delicately flavored tuna tartare with crispy oriental noodles, lobster Cobb salad and lemon tart were beautifully presented by attentive servers.

Another restaurant I sampled during the weekend was Merchants NY, a curb-side restaurant at 85th street on the Upper West Side, which specializes in seafood, salads and burgers. The quantity of the food was impressive and quality adequate. What I enjoyed most was having a front-row seat during dinner to watch passers-by along Columbus Avenue.