




The MONOCLE Travel Guide Series

2 

New York

 Need to know

 Hotels

 Food and drink

 Retail

 Essays

 Culture

 Design and architecture

 Sport and fitness

 Walks

 Index

Films. Jazz. Modern art — Stationery. Posters. Magazines — Burgers. Cocktails. Lobster rolls



... Taxi! Take a journey through the city's outposts
of good food, design, retail and more ...



9 The High Line Hotel, Chelsea
Understated chic



*I plan to
beat jellag
from a
mid-century
armchair*



The brick façade of the High Line Hotel might fool the unsuspecting passer-by. A former seminary, the building comes by its modest appearance honestly. The hotel is a slice of old-school New York in a neighbourhood that is increasingly modernising.

The front courtyard is dotted with bistro tables and a row of planters; a great spot to sit and have a cappuccino from the vintage Intelligentsia coffee truck at the far end of the space. In the summer the patio sheds its daytime caffeine crowd and becomes Champagne Charlie's, where guests and locals gather.

The property has become a de facto retreat from the glam-heavy establishments in the nearby Meatpacking District. The hotel's 60 rooms are understated yet well kept and offer a smart mix of accents from classic to mid-century. This place reminds you that a stay in New York doesn't have to be all pomp; it just has to be about pride of ownership.

180 10th Avenue, NY 10011
+1 212 929 3888
thehighlinehotel.com

MONOCLE COMMENT:
Architecturally this is one of New York's most unusual hotels. Be sure to check out the Harry Potter-esque Hoffman Hall, a high-ceilinged, turn-of-the-century conference space that is a fine example of collegiate gothic architecture.