

# Kaplan International Center New York - East Village

New York City offers a wealth of opportunities to its residents and visitors. With more than 80 world-class museums, 150 on and off-Broadway theaters, 30 concert halls and countless shops, restaurants and bars, it's no wonder New York is one of the world's most popular study-travel destinations. Whatever you like to do, you'll be amazed by the variety of activities you'll find in New York City.

Our East Village Center is a wonderful, 2-story facility located in the heart of Manhattan's hip East Village. Just a block or two north of the Bowery, the former home of NYC's famed CBGB's rock club, we are minutes away from many of New York's most interesting sites: The Public Theater, located in the former Astor Library; the Cooper Union Great Hall, the site of many historic speeches and addresses; SOHO, the world-famous shopping district; and St. Mark's Place, the place to go for food, music, and a pair of cool shades! What's more, we're less than 5 minutes from Stern Business School and the New York University (NYU) main campus, in addition to major subway lines that can take you to your accommodation, and every place in the city you'll want to visit.

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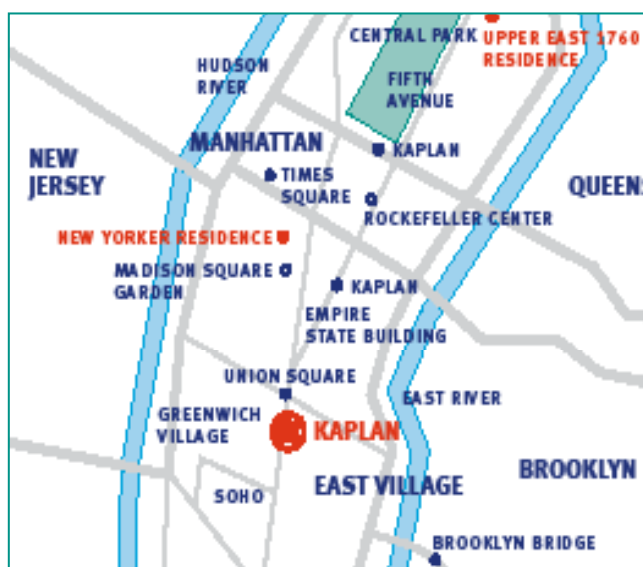


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New York skyline



Kaplan International Center East Village  
16 Cooper Square  
New York, NY 10003  
USA

## Center Facilities

### Classrooms

The Village Center has 17 classrooms for group classes and three additional small-group/private tutoring rooms. All of our classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for our students to spread out. The classrooms are equipped with tables and chairs that are ideal for group and pair work exercises. Each room has access to multimedia equipment.

### Multimedia and IT center

The center has personal workspaces equipped with TV/DVD players, more than 60 computers for student use, and free wireless internet access throughout the building. Our quiet study rooms are also a wonderful telecommunications and media resource.

### Library

Our lending library has a wide variety of textbooks, dictionaries, specific-skill texts and reference materials for students to use for additional practice. We also have multimedia materials (CDs, DVDs and CD ROMs) for students to borrow and use during their structured study hours.

### Student Lounge

When you're hungry or looking to relax, the cozy student lounge on the second floor offers leather couches, desks, vending machines for snacks, and microwave ovens to help prepare your lunch.

### Cafeteria

There are a variety of restaurants from fast food and delis to fine dining located near the center.

### Sports facilities

Sports such as running, soccer, baseball and kayaking are all available nearby.

### Gym facilities

Students can join a local gym located right on Cooper Square and locations at or near their residence or homestay.

### Activities/Social Program

While it does not take much imagination to keep yourself busy in New York during the time you're not studying, Kaplan provides a varied calendar of activities to fill your days. With workshops, parties, walking tours, museum trips, sporting events, Broadway shows and more, you'll discover parts of New York you didn't even know existed! These activities are led by a member of the Kaplan staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



East Village office



East Village student party

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan center which is located at 16 Cooper Square, at 8:30 am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a national holiday on the Monday, in which case your first day will be Tuesday.

### Your course will consist of an all-day introduction, which will include:

- Breakfast and speaking test
- Information about the center and area
- Placement test to determine the level of the course you require (Celt A exam)
- F-1 orientation
- Housing orientation/lunch
- Overview of activities
- Academic orientation and book distribution

### Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (paper you will receive upon arrival to the USA)
- USD \$40 book deposit
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Proof of health insurance, if required
- Your address in the USA
- Course payment/voucher, if available
- All of your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level and elective course. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Just a few blocks north of the East Village Center, New York City local subway stops include the green line (6 train) at Astor Place & Lafayette and the yellow line (R and W trains) at 8th street and Broadway, with transfers available to the M1, M2, M5, M8, M101, M102 and M103 buses.

### Banks and Post Office

A local Chase bank branch is located one block to the east at the corner of Broadway and Astor Place, with representatives making frequent visits to the center to offer students bank account information. Also, the United States Post Office has a convenient location at Cooper Station, 93 4th Avenue.

### Restaurants and cafés

Students will find a deliciously diverse mix of food around the area, both international and American, for all budgets.

### Department stores and supermarkets

Just a block or two away, Broadway is famously lined with shops and street fairs to satisfy all your shopping needs. You can also hop on the yellow line uptown to 34th Street and you'll find the famous Macy's Herald Square.

### Telephone and Internet Cafe

The Kaplan center offers students free wireless internet throughout the facility, with payphones available to students to make both local and international calls (phone card for international).



Statue of Liberty



Central Park



Empire State Building



Yellow cabs

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$6-\$8
Lunch at a deli (take-away) or low-end restaurant/diner	\$12-\$15
Lunch at a moderate restaurant	\$25-\$30
Hamburger	\$2
Tea/Coffee	\$2
at a high-end coffee shop	\$4-\$5
Tickets:	
Movie	\$12
Bus/Subway	\$2 each way
Weekly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$47
Monthly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$81

### Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample program and activities may change.

#### Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Sing along to Broadway hits in Bryant Park
Wednesday	Visit the Statue of Liberty
Thursday	A night out on the town
Friday	Happy hour with Kaplan
Saturday	Boston weekend

#### Week two

Monday	Movie at the pier
Tuesday	Visit to the maritime museum
Wednesday	Volleyball match
Thursday	Disco night
Friday	3-day trip to Niagara Falls

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Transfers

Kaplan can arrange a comfortable and stress-free transfer from any of the three area airports to anywhere in the city you'll be staying - whether you've chosen Kaplan housing or not.

Most students choose to fly in to John F. Kennedy International airport (JFK), but we will also arrange transfers from Fiorello LaGuardia Airport (LGA) and Newark International Airport (EWR). Your driver will greet you outside of the baggage claim area in the airport holding a Kaplan sign. All details of your transfer will be confirmed and your confirmation number will be provided to you after you have provided us with your flight details. We can also arrange a transfer back to the airport when you have to return home.

### Independent Transfers

If you choose not to use the Kaplan transfer service, the famous New York "Yellow Taxis" are always available. In the airport, you can simply follow the signs pointing you in the direction of "Ground Transportation" to an outdoor waiting area where you'll wait in line for the next available car. The cost for a taxi from JFK is a flat fee to anywhere in New York City, so don't be alarmed if the driver doesn't turn on the meter. From LaGuardia and Newark airports, however, the driver should use the meter.

A shuttle and bus service is also available at each airport and specific information about these services is available at the Ground Transportation waiting area.



Brooklyn Bridge



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