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The Mark, New York - Enjoy an NYC stay in Upper East Side elegance



If you are looking for Upper East Side chic you would be hard pressed to find a hotel more elegant than The Mark which sits just a block from Central Park and has recently undergone a renovation by Jacques Grange returning it to its full art deco gorgeousness. Everything is so reassuringly confident about the Mark – from the bold black and white foyer that makes arriving here feel seriously glamorous to the cool Guy de Rougemont-designed bar with its ponyskin banquettes and seductive lighting. But best of all are the soothing rooms that are both sleek and modern (plush velvet sofas, calm neutral colors, blonde wood sideboards, Deco light fittings) but at the same time cosy enough to feel like a home from home if you are staying here for a few days especially if you book one of the roomy suites with their own bijoux kitchen. It's thoroughly old-school from the hand-written notes on your pillow and monogrammed linens (the beds are heavenly) to the delicious bathrooms in marble and mint green which have flat screen TVs built into the mirrors so that you can soak in the ludicrously deep bath and catch up with the news. But unlike some more stuffy upper east side hotels thoughtful extras like free Wi-Fi and the bend-over-backwards service make this feel like a friendly hotel too – which is no mean feat for one of the city's grande-dames.

Who Goes: Grown-ups

Top Tip: Book a session at the Frederick Fekkai salon for a glossy New York blow out.

Must-Do: The Frick – one of the city's most beautiful galleries and just around the corner.

Downside: It's a hike if you want to go downtown – but it's hard to imagine anyone wanting to leave the Mark and its leafy environs.

The Mark, Madison Avenue at 77th Street, New York, NY 10075

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