

Benjamin
603 Second Avenue (at East 33rd Street)
New York, NY 10016

It's All About the Benjamin

Benjamin has one of my favorite comfort food dishes in the whole city (which is also served at their sister restaurant East of Eighth). It is called knife and fork chicken, a sublime creation that consists of half a chicken that has been totally deboned, save for the little nubbin of drumstick, and then coated in a savory breading, fried, and served with creamy mashed potatoes and cool coleslaw. It's about as satisfying a dish as you are likely to have anywhere.

The knife and fork chicken used to only be available at dinnertime but its popularity has made it a lunchtime fixture as well. Aside from the chicken, Benjamin offers a wide variety of dishes and some great daily specials, my favorite being half-priced appetizers all day every Wednesday. The appetizers are generous, so two of them make for a perfect (and affordable) lunch. I recommend the Asian pot stickers and the sesame crusted yellow fin tuna. The mussels appetizer looked tempting as well. One of my dining companions ordered a sausage pizza for himself that could feed a small family. He gave me a slice – it was quite good with a thin crust and lots of savory sausage.

Whether it's lunch, dinner or a smart cocktail at the bar, Benjamin offers friendly service, great food, and reasonable prices in the heart of Murray Hill.

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