

Ido Sushi
29 Seventh Avenue South (at Bedford Street)
New York, NY 10014

Do You Take This Tuna Roll? I Do! I Do!

I love sushi when it's prepared right, and I am happy to report that Ido Sushi is my new favorite Japanese restaurant. Conveniently located in a prime West Village/almost Soho location, Ido Sushi serves sushi of the highest order along with many other traditional Japanese dishes.

I am a minimalist when it comes to sushi – spicy tuna roll and California roll are my two faves, and they are of the freshest quality. During the week, for only \$7.95 you can get a lunchbox which consists of your choice of one sushi roll, salad, rice, and entrée (I recommend the chicken teriyaki). The pork katsu was *okay* – just a breaded pork cutlet really but it does not come with any vegetables and I was not crazy about the rather cloying sauce served on the side. The lunchbox comes with miso soup, which is fine if you like miso soup.

The service is terrific. On my last visit, it was one of my friend's birthday so they brought over a complimentary appetizer of warm oysters with a nice garlic and breadcrumb topping for the table, then fresh slices of cold watermelon to finish our meal.

Ido Sushi offers a full liquor bar with some interesting cocktails (think sake, cucumber, etc.). Probably my biggest quibble was being charged \$3.00 for a can of Diet Coke – that kinda defeats the benefit of the \$7.95 lunchbox. But there are some good deals here. You can get three sushi rolls for \$12.00 at lunch and that comes with soup or salad.

The most fun time to come here, however, is Sunday around 6:30 p.m. when the great Dan Daly, who is something of a legend in the West Village, performs at the piano on the little stage. He has a loyal following from the old Rose's Turn days, and it is a joy to watch an array of people come up to sing in between chowing down on sashimi.

Ido Sushi is small, intimate, friendly, and a lot of fun.

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