

Tavern on Jane
31 Eighth Avenue (at Jane Street)
New York, NY 10014

Great Weekend Brunch or Weekday Lunch Pick

Here is one of my favorite places to have lunch during the week or brunch on the weekend, discreetly tucked away on the corner of Eighth Avenue and Jane Street in the West Village. Brunch is \$14.00 and gets you get a cocktail (the Bloody Marys are very good), a tasty basket of mini muffins and mini croissants with homemade (or at least it tastes like it) marmalade and strawberry jam, entrée, home fries, and fresh fruit.

I highly recommend the corned beef hash and eggs. As much as I like the stuff in the can, it can't compare to this rustic yet sophisticated version. Also memorable is their most popular brunch dish that has been on the menu since the day they opened – Tavern Eggs, a delicious combination of smoked trout and crab meat on an English muffin topped with two perfectly runny poached eggs with hollandaise sauce.

Waffles are a good bet, the French toast looked inviting, and you cannot go wrong with a side of sausage or bacon.

Even more impressive are their weekday lunch specials. On a recent Tuesday afternoon, I had a delightful meal at the bar. The place was not crowded, the bartender treated me like an old regular, and I had the juiciest hangar steak I can remember in a long time. Served medium rare with a bleu cheese demi-glace, creamy mashed potatoes, and crisp green beans, it was a near perfect lunch – a glass of red wine would have made it perfect but then I would have needed a nap.

Tavern on Jane is a little known gem and I am fine if it stays that way, for it is easily one of my favorite restaurants in Manhattan.

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