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# Hotel Review: Gansevoort Park Avenue NYC



The view at the rooftop pool and bar.

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A dash of downtown hip meets Park Avenue, with rates from \$395.

## BASICS

[Gansevoort](#) Park Avenue is a classier version of the original sleek

Gansevoort hotel in the meatpacking

district, which still draws denizens sipping on mojitos to its rooftop bar and pool, and occasionally to its rooms. This third outpost of a growing brand (the second is in [Turks and Caicos](#)) opened in August. But this hotel builds on the original, with more rooms (249), better amenities and more tasteful, subdued design.

## LOCATION

At Park Avenue South and 29th Street, the hotel is in a neighborhood known as NoMad, or north of Madison Square Park. The nearby attractions are endless. The [Empire State Building](#), visible from many of the outdoor terraces, is blocks away, as are restaurants ranging from the high-end 11 Madison Park to the lower-end, always-packed Shake Shack in the park.

## THE ROOM

Our superior king room was nicely decorated in muted slate and dark, lacquered wood with accents of hot pink and lime green. The Art Deco-style furniture, including a desk and

chair and a velveteen love seat, was functional and quite comfortable. The room had a flat-screen television, free Internet access and an [iPod](#) touch that greeted us with a lounge-inspired playlist when you check in. The decent-size window offered a view of residential rooftops and plenty of sky. In addition to snacks and drinks, things for sale in the room included items like an “intimacy kit,” with condoms and a lubricant. The room’s biggest drawback was that I could hear the women next door.

### **THE BATHROOM**

The bathroom was a roomy oasis filled with features that would not have worked in a smaller space: a floor of large black tiles, a long rectangular above-counter sink, a shower and deep tub. Even with that enormous sink, the speckled granite countertop provided plenty of space for toiletries, the hotel’s Cutler bath products and a number of items available at cost. (Duck massager for \$20, anyone?) The only thing missing: a fan.

### **ROOM SERVICE**

We ordered room service the night before by filling out the order on the card that came with turndown service and leaving it outside our door. It arrived at 9:50 a.m., 10 minutes earlier than the start of the time frame that I requested. I tried the egg-white frittata with asparagus, sun-dried tomato and spinach with toast, and my husband ordered scrambled eggs, potatoes and bacon. The food was passable but not stellar.

### **AMENITIES**

This hotel offers enough amenities — the Exhale [spa](#); the Cutler Salon; the Lacoste store; an Italian restaurant, Asellina, helmed by Marco Porceddu — that its guests may be tempted never to leave the premises. If you do head out, chauffeured Porsches provide free transportation within part of Manhattan on a first-come-first-served basis. The pièce de résistance, though, is the rooftop bar and pool. Hotel guests can skip the velvet rope at ground level and head straight to the ipe-wood-lined space by the pool, where one can order a drink and take in the view of the Empire State Building.

### **BOTTOM LINE**

This is a hotel made for grown-ups, those who know how to stay out late and have the wisdom to recover from it all in the morning with a frittata, a massage and a dip in the pool by the light of day.

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