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## Lox and the City: Midday Meals That'll Wake Your Tastebuds

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*Late night in the big city? Don't rush to an early-morning meal. Take your sweet time and meander over to a brunch place, where breakfast foods dolled up in their Sunday best can cure any hangover.*

### ***Nolita House***

What makes us even happier than finding a new Lower East Side brunch spot with no wait is one that serves up a heavenly breakfast pizza topped with wafer-thin potato rounds and whipped eggs (\$9; the chef graciously held the sausage). An incredibly friendly staff (how *do* they stay so smiley?!) also delivers endless cups of coffee, complimentary bloody Marys and a weightless omelet with white asparagus and devilish rosemary-dusted french fries (\$9).

It's a nice-jeans-and-scruffy-hair, Sunday-papers-for-the-asking-at-the-bar, Coldplay-on-the-dial kinda place. One suggestion: If you're staying until you crack the crossword, grab a window seat or the rounded alcove to the right of the door.

*47 E. Houston St. between Mott and Mulberry streets, 212-625-1712, <http://www.nolithouse.com/> . Brunch entrees \$9 to \$11.*