

TRAVEL + LEISURE

Looking west from a fifth-floor room at the Standard, in New York's Meatpacking District.

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New York: High Style for Less

Their rooms may be small, but these fresh Big Apple boutique hotels have flair to spare—and the friendly rates will surprise you. Photographed by Morgan & Owens





DOWNTOWN

THE STANDARD André Balazs understands that stellar views in New York City have less to do with the height of a building than with its context. The perennial hotelier to the hip—and in this case, hip and budget-conscious—has opened his fourth Standard hotel, on a Meatpacking District site surrounded by low-lying warehouses. The result: practically every room has stunning skyline or Hudson River vistas. Vast swaths of glass work to that end. At full operation later this year, the hotel will have two restaurants and five bars (don't miss the sunset views from the one on the 18th floor), and the building straddles the High Line, the freight railway that's being turned into a much-hyped city park. **T+L TIP** In some rooms, it's possible to sit in the tub and see the Statue of Liberty. Draw the curtains if you don't want to be an accidental exhibitionist. *848 Washington St.; 212 / 645-4646; standardhotels.com; doubles from \$295.*



Standard Issue
Clockwise from top: The Standard rises above its gritty surroundings; a bed with a view at the Standard; the hotel's ultramodern lobby; the front desk.