

# EATING CHEAP IN 2012

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► The Meatball Shop's Naked Balls meal is four meatballs served with your choice of sauce for \$7.

## The Meatball Shop

We're not sure if the mark of a good meatball shop is its beef or its vegetarian ball, but The Meatball Shop excels at both. The premise is simple: your choice of meatball and sauce, served on a roll, over greens or "naked." For dessert, it's house-made ice cream sandwiched between two homemade cookies. Shops have popped up in the West Village and Lower East Side, and the new Williamsburg location includes a cozy bar.

Sliders \$3, naked \$7, on a hero or over salad \$9, ice cream sandwiches \$5

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## If you go

### Here's the deal

► The Meatball Shop  
TheMeatballShop.com

West Village  
64 Greenwich Ave.  
212-982-7815

Lower East Side  
84 Stanton St.  
212-982-8895

Williamsburg  
170 Bedford Ave.  
718-551-0520