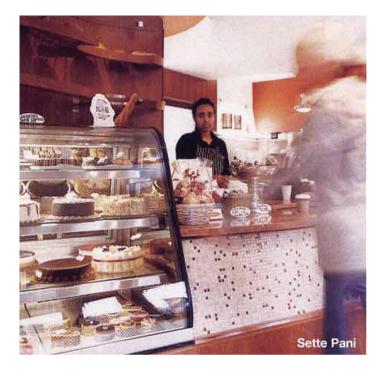
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SHOPPING HARLEM

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Harlem has got it all: small shops offering unusual items, vibrant nightlife, new galleries, historic sites, great restaurants. On 125th Street, the fabled main thoroughfare, national retailers like Disney, Old Navy and The Body Shop coexist with African hair braiders and old-timers selling everything from hardware to lingerie for full-bodied divas.

INDULGENCES Sette Pani Bakery 196 Lenox Avenue (917)492-4806 A European-style pastry shop that also serves light meals.



