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With a globally recognizable skyline and 8.4 million people who call it home, New York City is bursting with diversity and excitement - from the iconic attractions you've seen on TV and in the movies to hidden gems waiting to be uncovered. Each of the five boroughs - The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island - has a distinctive flavor, while individual neighborhoods maintain identities all their own.

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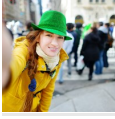
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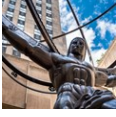
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## THE CITY



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New York City may be small in size, but it's huge in numbers, energy and attitude. It's the most densely populated city in North America with 8 million citizens on just 830 square kilometers of land. It has always been a city of immigrants, and, even today, about one-third of its citizens are foreign-born. Roughly 138 languages are spoken here, and vibrant new ethnic enclaves pop up all over the city, offering visitors a vast array of interesting cultural and culinary experiences.

While the city pulses with the blood of its newest residents, old New York is still alive and well. Opera still bursts from the venerable stage of the Lincoln Center. Wall Street, the hive of capitalism, still bustles with the excitement and tension of the stock market. And the stately apartments of New York's wealthy still frame majestic Central Park.

New York has become one of America's safest cities, and the best way to see it is to walk. Numbered streets in Manhattan make navigation easy and run from east to west, while avenues intersect from north to south (uptown and downtown). New Yorkers are friendly and talkative, and nearly every night of the week the city's bars and clubs are crowded with revelers. There are several universities in New York,

which contribute to keeping the city fresh and young.

### Iconic Movie Locations



Chances are, you've seen dozens of movies or television shows featuring or filmed in New York City. The 1984 ghost-comedy favorite "Ghostbusters" was filmed at various locations around Manhattan. Get photos at Columbus Circle, the famous traffic circle where the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man arrives.

Whether you consider yourself a Carrie or a Charlotte, a Samantha or a Miranda, put on your Manolos and take the "Sex and the City" Hotspots Bus Tour to see more than 40 trendy Manhattan locales - including the famous Magnolia Bakery in the West Village - frequented by the female cast.

Order a pastrami sandwich at Katz's Deli, a locale made all the more legendary in "that scene" from "When Harry Met Sally" (1989). The Audrey Hepburn classic "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961) features multiple New York landmarks, and so does the legendary "The Godfather" (1972), Academy Award-winning "Birdman" (2014), the Christmas cult comedy "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992), Natalie Portman's dark thriller "Black Swan" (2010), and many more.

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### 5 Days of Family Fun across New York



Day 1 - Manhattan Start at the world-famous Rockefeller Center, where you can tour NBC Studios, meet a Rockette at Radio City Music Hall, and browse the shops (including a LEGO Store and a Nintendo Store). Pick up some souvenirs at M&M's World, the Disney Store, or the American Girl Place in Times Square.

#### Day 2 - Brooklyn

People of all ages can enjoy a walk across the upper level of the iconic Brooklyn Bridge. Finish with a visit to Coney Island, the quintessential boardwalk experience, for amusement park rides, games, and food.

#### Day 3 - Staten Island

Kids and adults will love the Staten Island Ferry ride, which operates for free 24/7. Active families can spend time exploring the nature trails at Staten Island's Greenbelt Conservancy or the beautiful gardens at Snug Harbor. Let your younger children's imagination run wild at the Staten Island Children's Museum.

#### Day 4 - Queens

A family day in Queens should include a visit to the New York Hall of Science, a hands-on, interactive museum. Spend time outside at the Queens County Farm Museum. Families who love sports can catch a Mets game at Citi Field or take a behind-the-scenes tour of the ballpark.

#### Day 5 - Bronx

The must-see attraction here is the Bronx Zoo, the largest urban zoo in the country. Stroll through the colorful flora at Wave Hill's public gardens and enjoy views of the Hudson River.

See the 27-time World Champion Yankees play at Yankee Stadium.

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### Theater



New York City is known for its exceptional theater, eclectic performing arts scene, and big Broadway productions. Seeing a famous Broadway show, such as "The Lion King," "Wicked" and "Hamilton," is one of the most iconic experiences in New York City. Beyond the theater district, the Harbor Lights Theater Company in Staten Island brings outstanding professional theater to the dynamic North Shore neighborhood. Past productions include "Rent," "Driving Miss Daisy," "Oliver!" and "The King and I." New York theatre is much like the city itself: innovative, experimental, and culturally diverse.

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### LGBT Sites



Manhattan is a hub for LGBT history. There's no admission fee to the Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art in SoHo. Grab a drink at the Stonewall Inn's bar, where the 1969 police raid took place, and sit on a bench at Christopher Park to reflect on George Segal's Gay Liberation statues. While you are in Manhattan, you'll want to check out the Lips Drag Queen Show Palace, Restaurant & Bar, considered one of the best drag performances in the city.

Head across to Brooklyn for more LGBT sites.

Stop by the Lesbian Herstory Archives, the world's largest collection of materials by and about lesbians. Hit the happy hour at Ginger's Bar, a popular lesbian pub in Brooklyn known for tasty drinks, pool, karaoke and drag queen bingo.

In Queens, the Q Center provides essential services, community assistance, and advocacy programs for youth and adults. The Albatross Bar in Astoria features Sutton Lee Seymour, one of the most beloved drag queens around, along with karaoke and Brokeback Bingo, in a friendly, neighborhood bar ambiance.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS



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New York City hardly needs an introduction, but the city's five boroughs might. Brooklyn, The Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island may all represent one city, but they each have their own personalities and must-see attractions. Get to know the colorful attributes that make each New York City borough unique.

## The Bronx



The Bronx is a part of the city that is always reinventing itself. Today, this borough is known for its urban green spaces, such as the Bronx Zoo, Van Cortlandt Park and the New York Botanical Garden; fantastic international food, including an authentic Little Italy; and the famous Yankee Stadium, which you can tour even if there isn't a Yankees baseball game happening when you visit.

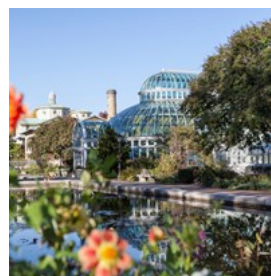
Fans of mystery writer Edgar Allan Poe can visit his cottage in the Bronx, where he spent the later years of his life and penned such classics as "The Cask of Amontillado" and "Annabel Lee." With a history dating to 1654, the opulent Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is on the National Register of Historic Places and a designated New York City Landmark. Take a tour of the mansion and carriage house.

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## Brooklyn



Brooklyn is a meeting point of old and new. The borough has evolved into a cultural hub, particularly in the Williamsburg neighborhood - think artisanal shops, vintage clothing and trendy nightlife. Still, Brooklyn claims timeless icons such as the Brooklyn Bridge (have your camera handy for a selfie), nostalgic Coney Island (try a Coney dog at Nathan's Famous) and the Brooklyn Museum, one of the country's oldest and largest museums

housing nearly 1.5 million works.

Next door, stroll through the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Throughout the year, but particularly during cherry blossom season in the spring, this garden impresses visitors with colorful blooms and peaceful paths to evoke your inner wanderer. For a different type of culture, check out the 150-year-old Brooklyn Academy of Music and its calendar full of avant-garde plays, dances, music, literary events and lectures.

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## Manhattan



Manhattan is (literally) an island unto itself and is recognized for its world-famous landmarks.

On your list of must-dos: people-watching and

exploring the urban outdoors attractions in Central Park, seeing a Broadway show and, of course, getting caught up in the wave of excitement that is Times Square.

Manhattan is known for its impressive art institutions. Admire the striking Frank Lloyd Wright design of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, which features definitive works of Impressionists, Surrealists, Minimalists and more.

Another favorite is The New Museum, which spotlights contemporary art in a unique, seven-story space in Manhattan's trendy Lower East Side. Don't leave New York without visiting the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration, site of the former immigration station complex where millions of immigrants entered the USA from 1918 to 1924. It's also the site of the iconic

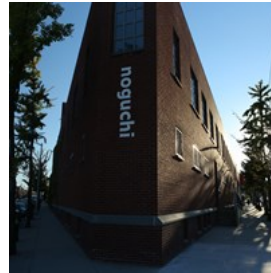
Statue of Liberty.

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## Queens



Named the top destination for U.S. travel by Lonely Planet in 2015, Queens is notable for its artsy offerings, distinctive neighborhoods and

extraordinary cultural diversity. Explore the Greek tavernas, restaurants and bakeries in Astoria, or the thriving Chinatown in Flushing. Check out the changing art galleries at MoMA PS1, specializing in avant-garde work from ultra-modern artists. Both of New York City's primary airports, John F. Kennedy and La Guardia, are also located in Queens.

For an indoor-outdoor cultural experience, Noguchi Museum has the best of both worlds.

Housing the works of celebrated Japanese-American sculptor Isamu Noguchi, the museum offers guided tours and a tranquil sculpture garden perfect for relaxation. Visit the King Manor Museum in Jamaica, Queens, for a journey back in time. The estate was home to Rufus King, an abolitionist and one of the drafters and signers of the U.S. Constitution.

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## Staten Island



The Staten Island Ferry runs for free, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, to this beachy borough. The ferry stops in the historic St. George

neighborhood: home to 19th century architecture, the 1920s St. George Theatre, the National Lighthouse Museum and the Staten Island Museum. Green spaces are plentiful in this borough. Explore the trails and parks of Staten Island's Greenbelt, which is three times larger than Central Park. In the summertime, enjoy kayaking and sunbathing at Staten Island's family-friendly beaches.

Staten Island has a number of unique historic sites. The Alice Austen House holds a collection of photos and the original 19th-century wooden camera of Alice Austen, one of the first women to become a professional photographer. Visit for a detailed look at the life and accomplishments of this pioneer.

Check out the natural history exhibits, regional art and local history at the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor. See thousands of artifacts and more than 30 structures dating to the 17th century at the Historic Richmond Town museum complex, a cultural treasure of Staten Island.

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## DO & SEE



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You've seen them a million times in the movies, but there's nothing like taking in these quintessential New York City landmarks in person. First stop, a tour of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, capped with a free ride on the Staten Island Ferry for stellar views of both.

Immerse yourself in the bustle and bright lights of Times Square followed by the incomparable spectacle of a Broadway show - both experiences that you can't find anywhere else but in NYC.

Explore the Rockefeller Center, and take a trip to the top of the Empire State Building. Experience the Grand Central Terminal, a unique architectural gem and the city's major transportation hub.

As panoramic scenes go, NYC can't be beaten. Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge for views of New York Harbor or scale 30 Rockefeller Plaza's Art Deco skyscraper to Top of The Rock, an observatory offering 360-degree views of the city.

## Central Park



This iconic 843-acre park was planned to give New Yorkers a respite from the hustle and bustle of the big city, and the designers did such a good job that when relaxing on one of the huge lawns, or picnicking by a lake, or strolling along its miles of biking and walking paths, it's often hard to believe you're right in the middle of Manhattan. The park also contains world-class museums and hosts countless activities and concerts, especially in the summer months.

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## New York in 1 Day



Make the most of your time in New York City and see the Big Apple's top spots on this New York in One Day Sightseeing Tour. Travel by both the Staten Island Ferry and bus as you swing by the 9/11 Memorial, Central Park, Rockefeller Center and more.

Then hop aboard a luxury boat for a sightseeing cruise past the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, complete with sweeping views of NYC's skyline and the Brooklyn Bridge.

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## Empire State Building



It is a wonder to behold this instantly recognizable building from street level, leaning your head so far back it hurts and feeling utterly insignificant in the shadow of the gargantuan skyscraper; the truly marvelous views are enjoyed from the observatories on the 86th and 102nd floors.

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Address: 350 Fifth Ave, New York

Phone: +1 212 736 3100

Internet: [www.esbnyc.com](http://www.esbnyc.com)

## Times Square



New Yorkers tend to religiously avoid Times Square, and proudly proclaim how much they hate it, but standing among the flashing signs, the larger-than-life billboards and the throngs of bustling tourists is an inimitable experience. Indeed, most people there are visitors to the city snapping pictures of all the excitement, but that's part of the fun of trying to take in the hectic and overwhelming intersection.

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Address: Times Square, New York

Phone: +1 212 768 1560

Internet: [www.timessquarenyc.org](http://www.timessquarenyc.org)

Email: [info@timessquarenyc.org](mailto:info@timessquarenyc.org)

### Rockefeller Center



The summer months see crowds enjoying outdoor events as well as eating and shopping options, but this huge Art Deco complex really comes

alive in winter, when the iconic ice-skating rink and enormous Christmas tree take center stage. Visitors also come to see, and sometimes take part in, the filming of any number of NBC television programs. A highlight here is the (somewhat expensive) trip to the Top of the Rock, from where the views of the city and Central Park are unmatched.

Photo: Kamira/Shutterstock.com

Address: 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York

Phone: +1 212 332 6868

Internet: [www.rockefellercenter.com](http://www.rockefellercenter.com)

More Info: 50 St, btw 6th Ave/7th Ave

### Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island



Immigrants arriving in the United States in the late 19th century via Ellis Island were treated to this immense statue, a representation of freedom and American ideals, as their first glimpse of the country. Though no longer shining in its original copper hue, visitors flock here for a closer look at one of New York's most enduring symbols.

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### Metropolitan Museum of Art



Visitors usually spend one full day at the Met, and that's a shame, because to truly appreciate everything this gigantic museum offers would

take at least a week. The museum's permanent collection of some 2 million works includes masterpieces from history's greatest artists, as well as countless wonders from ancient civilizations, the Egyptian Temple of Dendur being, perhaps, the most notable example.

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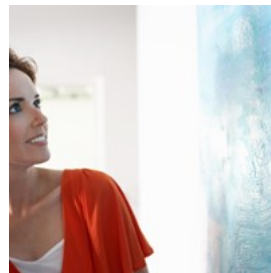
Address: 1000 5th Ave, at 82nd St, New York

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-5:30pm, Fri-Sat 10am-9pm

Phone: +1 212 535 7710

Internet: [www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org)

### Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)



Featuring one of the world's most comprehensive collections of modern art, including masterpieces by the likes of Picasso, Van

Gogh, Warhol, Pollock, and many, many more, the MoMA is one of the most visited places in New York. Housed in this beautiful and modern building, floor after floor of painting, photography, design, sculpture, and more, it captivates visitors for hours on end.

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Address: 11 West 53 St, New York

Opening hours: Sat-Thu 10:30am-5:30pm, Fri 10:30am-8pm

Phone: + 1 212 708 9400

Internet: [www.moma.org](http://www.moma.org)

### World Trade Center and 9/11 Memorial



After years of debate, controversy and delay, the site of the former World Trade Center buildings has finally been converted into a beautiful memorial site and museum. The new One World Trade Center has also been erected, and at a significant 1,776 feet tall (1776 being the year American independence) is now the tallest building in the Western hemisphere.

Photo: Jin Lee/NYC & Company, Inc.

Address: 180 Greenwich St, New York

Public Transport: Metro: Fulton St, Park Pl

Internet: [www.911memorial.org](http://www.911memorial.org)

### Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum



The floating museum housed inside a nearly 300-meter-long USS Intrepid aircraft is a remarkable monument all in itself, but the exhibits contained inside are no less exhilarating. See the authentic space shuttle Enterprise, the legendary spy jet A-12 Blackbird, as well as the world's fastest commercial airplane. Right next to the Intrepid is the USS Growler strategic missile submarine - the only one of its kind open to public, with interactive games and simulators on board.

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Address: Pier 86, W 46th St & 12th Ave, New York

Internet: [www.intrepidmuseum.org](http://www.intrepidmuseum.org)

### Broadway Shows



The selection of world-class musicals and performances available in New York's most famous theater strip is unparalleled in the world.

If you're willing to stand in line for up to an hour, you can get theater and musical tickets for 25-50% off the box office price for shows the same day. Just visit the TKTS office on Times Square.

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Address: 729 7th Ave, New York

Phone: +1 212 541 8457

Internet: [www.broadway.com](http://www.broadway.com)

Email: [info@broadway.com](mailto:info@broadway.com)

More Info: 6th Floor

### Bronx Zoo



With over 650 different species, this 250-acre zoo, the largest metropolitan zoo in the United States, gives visitors the chance to admire and experience a huge variety of wildlife. Popular exhibits and sections include the Wild Asia Monorail safari, Congo Gorilla Forest, and of course, everything to do with big cats.

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Address: 2300 South Blvd, Bronx, New York

Phone: +1 718 220 5100

Internet: [www.bronxzoo.com](http://www.bronxzoo.com)

Email: [guestrelations@wcs.org](mailto:guestrelations@wcs.org)

### 9/11 Tribute Center



The 9/11 Tribute Center tells the devastating story of the tragic events that occurred in New York on September 11, 2001.

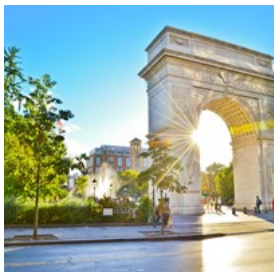
Many of the volunteer guides who work at the Center were directly involved in the events - some lost family members, while others helped deal with the mortifying aftermath of the attacks. Hearing their first-hand narratives is an emotionally overwhelming experience that is made possible by the project of the September 11th Families Association.

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Address: 92 Greenwich St, New York

Internet: [www.tributewtc.org](http://www.tributewtc.org)

### Washington Square Park



Students from nearby New York University ensure that Washington Square Park is always alive with activity; this Greenwich Village park is

also a favorite spot for street performers, chess players and musicians, making the people-watching here some of the city's most entertaining.

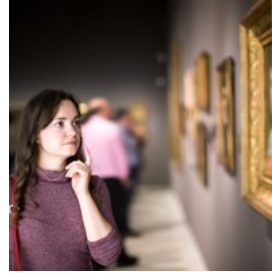
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Address: 5 Ave, Waverly Pl, W 4 St & and Macdougall St, New York

Internet:

[www.nycgovparks.org/parks/washington-square-park](http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/washington-square-park)

### Whitney Museum of American Art



Known informally as the "Whitney", this outstanding institution is devoted to the art of the United States. A full range of

twentieth-century and contemporary American art is presented here, and with 21,000 works by 3,000 artists (such as Andy Warhol), you can easily spend a few hours inside. Paintings, sculptures, drawings, videos, photography and new media are all here to be enjoyed.

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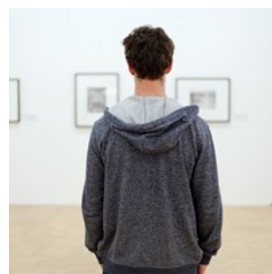
Address: 99 Gansevoort St, New York

Public Transport: By subway: the closest lines are the A, C, E, and L at 14th Street.

Phone: +1 212 570 3600

Internet: [www.whitney.org](http://www.whitney.org)

### The Shed



The Shed's objective is to help emerging artists by commissioning work belonging to many different disciplines. It is located at the Bloomberg

Building and comes equipped with a movable outer shell that grants access to a public outdoor space, the Plaza, when it is retracted; a theater hosting movie screenings and opera performances and two column-free galleries for exhibitions.

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Address: 545 West 30th Street, New York

Opening hours: Tue-Wed 11am-6pm, Thu-Sat, 11am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +1 646 455 3494

Internet: [www.theshed.org](http://www.theshed.org)

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### Governors Island



A 172 acre island near the city, Governors Island is constantly evolving. In 2016, the Hills became accessible (an elevated area from which the Statue of Liberty and the New York Harbor can be seen). Other attractions include New York's longest slide and a permanent installation by artist Rachel Whiteread. If you want to take a tour of the island, you can do so at the Soissons Landing Welcome Center, Wednesday through Sunday.

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Address: 10 South Street, New York

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat-Sun 10am-7pm

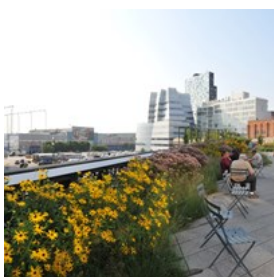
Phone: +1 212 440 2200

Internet: [www.govisland.com](http://www.govisland.com)

Email: [info@govisland.org](mailto:info@govisland.org)

More Info: Open to the public every day from May 1 to October 30.

### The High Line



This elevated park, built on a railway trestle that had been abandoned for 30 years, is a sliver of green that looks out onto the stark landscape of Manhattan's west side. The renovation mimics the way nature had begun to overtake the park before it was saved from demolition by two friends who lived in the neighborhood. Food vendors and small cafes have settled along the park, making the area one of the city's most pleasant for a stroll and a snack.

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Address: 835 Washington St, at Little West 12th St, New York

Phone: +1 212 206 9922

Internet: [www.thehighline.org](http://www.thehighline.org)

### Madison Square Garden



The Garden is the city's premiere sports and entertainment complex, home to the New York Rangers, Knicks and Liberty teams, as well as the stage for massively popular musicians and artists when they come to New York. The more intimate WaMu Theater also hosts concerts, shows and stand-up comedians. For a behind-the-scenes view, take the Madison Square Garden All Access Tour.

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Address: 2 Penn Plaza, New York

Public Transport: Subway: Seventh Avenue, Eighth Avenue, 34th Street and Avenue of Americas

Phone: +1 212 465 6000

Internet: [www.thegarden.com](http://www.thegarden.com)

### Bryant Park



This small but ideally located (in the heart of Midtown, between Grand Central Station and Times Square) green space is a favorite among locals for its pleasant, laid-back atmosphere and for the countless activities hosted there year-round. Concerts, film festivals and theater performances are all on the menu. The beautiful New York Public Library, located right in the park, is also worth a visit.

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Address: Bryant Park, New York

Public Transport: Subway: 42nd Street/Bryant Park, 5th Avenue

Phone: +1 212 768 4242

Internet: [www.bryantpark.org](http://www.bryantpark.org)

Email: [events@urbanmgt.com](mailto:events@urbanmgt.com)

### Carnegie Hall



This world-famous concert venue is a New York City landmark and must-see music attraction. Carnegie Hall presents classical, jazz, folk, world and popular music with breakthrough and veteran performers. Since its opening in 1891, this concert hall has become the emblem of musical achievement around the world and has showcased the world's finest artists—from Tchaikovsky to Mahler, Horowitz and Callas to Bernstein, and even Judy Garland and the Beatles.

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Address: 881 Seventh Ave, New York

Opening hours: Box office: Mon-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm

Phone: +1 212 247 7800

Internet: [www.carnegiehall.org](http://www.carnegiehall.org)

### Prospect Park



The landscape architects in charge of this enormous green oasis in the heart of Brooklyn declared that they were prouder of Prospect Park than any of their other works, including Manhattan's Central Park. It is the center of life in Brooklyn, and on any day of the week you can see local residents jogging, picnicking, or flying kites, and on Saturdays the green market draws huge crowds.

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Address: 450 Flatbush Ave, Brooklyn, New York

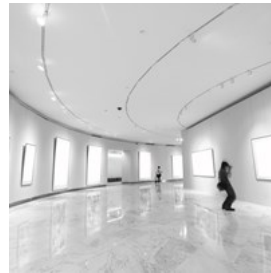
Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +1 718 965 8951

Internet: [www.prospectpark.org](http://www.prospectpark.org)

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### Guggenheim Museum



As famous for its building as for the works of art held within, the Guggenheim Museum boasts mesmerizing collections of Kandinsky, Chagall, Picasso, Renoir, Manet, and Van Gogh. The central spiral leads up towards the imposing glass dome past exhibits that can be viewed from different angles and distances on your way up, making the art-viewing experience here quite unique.

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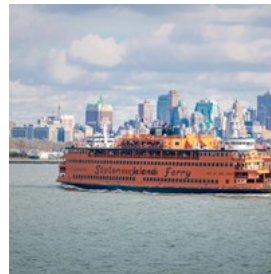
Address: 1071 5th Ave, 88th and 89th St, New York

Phone: +1 212 423 3500

Internet: [www.guggenheim.org](http://www.guggenheim.org)

Email: [visitorinfo@guggenheim.org](mailto:visitorinfo@guggenheim.org)

### Staten Island Ferry



For some of the best views of lower Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty, visitors needn't spend a penny. The free ferry ride from Manhattan to Staten Island takes about 25 minutes, and tens of thousands of people take it every day. Most visitors who are just interested in the views simply get off on Staten Island and get right back on to head back to the city.

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Address: Whitehall Terminal, Battery Park, New York

Phone: +1 212 639 9675

Internet: [www.siferry.com](http://www.siferry.com)

### Museum of Jewish Heritage



This museum and memorial to the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust was constructed in the shape of the Star of David, and

its three floors hold exhibits on early 20th century Jewish life, Nazism and anti-Semitism, and post-war Jewish life, respectively. The grounds also contain a theater, memorial garden, library, and cafe. It is a solemn visit, but an important one.

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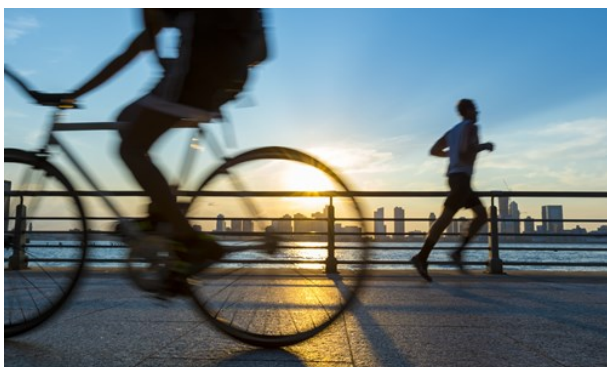
Address: 36 Battery Pl, Battery Park City, New York

Phone: +1 646 437 4202

Internet: [www.mjhnyc.org](http://www.mjhnyc.org)

Email: [info@mjhnyc.org](mailto:info@mjhnyc.org)

## NATURE & OUTDOORS



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New York City is known as a bustling, diverse metropolis, but it's also a great city for enjoying nature. Spend a day on the water, have a picnic under the trees, and marvel at the seasonal blooming flowers – with a New York twist, of course – or indulge in one of the many other outdoor activities the city has to offer.

### Botanical Gardens



Find an array of beautiful botanical gardens across New York City. Take in the small, lovely Queens Botanical Garden in Flushing, where visitors

can follow a walkway that winds through unique floral gardens. On Staten Island, at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, visit the popular Chinese Scholar's Garden, where the landscaping is inspired by Taoist, Confucian and Buddhist poetry. In the Bronx, the New York Botanical Garden is a can't-miss stop for its stunning and expansive flora – the narrated tram tour is a great way to see it all. Try to schedule a spring visit to the historic Brooklyn Botanic Garden, which is absolutely glorious during Sakura Matsuri, the annual cherry blossom festival.

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### City Parks



A picnic in one of New York City's parks is practically a rite of passage for all New Yorkers. When the weather is nice, head to

the Great Lawn in Central Park. Dotted with sunbathers, picnickers and families, this iconic green space is Manhattan's own version of the great outdoors, complete with a backdrop of gleaming skyscrapers. Farther downtown on a scenic stretch of elevated railway, the High Line in Manhattan is a popular pedestrian park with casual cafes and fantastic views of the city. Over in Brooklyn, plan for an afternoon barbecue at Prospect Park, visiting the zoo and the Audubon

Center while you're there.

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### Bridge Crossing

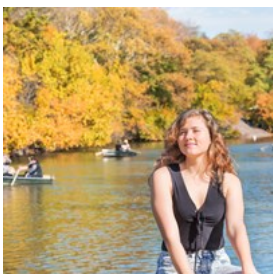


Walk the city's unique collection of bridges for a different perspective. Make sure you have plenty of storage on your camera for a stroll across the famous Brooklyn Bridge - this is a great spot for picture-taking. Cars and trucks rumble underneath while pedestrians can take gorgeous photos of the cityscape and the East River below. Crossing from Manhattan into Brooklyn, you can easily spend several hours exploring Brooklyn Bridge Park's playgrounds, outdoor sports, kayaking, bicycling and a small beach. On a smaller scale, walk across Gapstow Bridge and Bow Bridge in Central Park. Snap some photos, and get inspired by lush views of the park with the city skyline in the background.

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### Boating



New York is a coastal city with water in all directions. Rent a rowboat at the Loeb Boathouse to cruise the lake in Central Park from April through October. In Queens, Flushing Meadows Corona Park is where the U.S. Tennis Open is held. It's the site of two World's Fairs and a hub of outdoor activity. Rent a paddleboat and enjoy the scenery. Beachgoers can head to

Midland or South Beach on Staten Island for canoeing, kayaking, sunbathing, swimming and fishing.

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### Biking

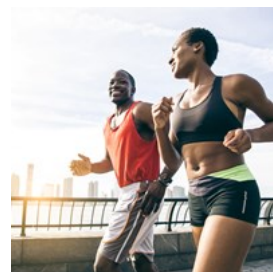


Bike-friendly New York City offers many resources for those who want to journey the boroughs on wheels. The Citi Bike program is a convenient and flexible way to get around. Buy a short-term or multi-day pass to explore Central Park, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Prospect Park, the Hudson River Greenway or car-free Governors Island. While traveling on your bike, you can take in the views of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk on Staten Island. Pedal the paved trail at the Bronx River Path, or bike to the Rockaways in Queens for a beachside ride and views of the city across the water.

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More Info: Source: [www.visittheusa.com/experience/new-york-city-4-activities-urban-adventurers](http://www.visittheusa.com/experience/new-york-city-4-activities-urban-adventurers)

### Running



New York City is also a playground for runners. To start, scenic Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, New York City's third-largest park, is awesome for jogging on the wooded trails or track. The trails are especially pretty when the leaves change color in the fall season. Running aficionados can join other runners on the

soft-surface Reservoir Loop in Central Park, a 2.5-kilometer trail with great skyline views.

Discover a hidden treasure in Roosevelt Island situated between Manhattan and Queens. Take the aerial tram over the East River to access this off-the-beaten-path locale. As you jog the paved trails, keep an eye out for several fascinating landmarks, including the Gothic-revival North Point Lighthouse at the northern tip of the island.

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### Ice Skating



When the weather gets chilly, the outdoor rink at Rockefeller Center in Manhattan is likely New York City's best-known skating spot. The rink is open October through April and is a must-do activity if you're visiting during the colder months. Also in Manhattan, both Lasker Rink and Wollman Rink in Central Park offer rentals and lessons in the winter season. The LeFrak Center at Lakeside Prospect Park in Brooklyn has two skating rinks that also host ice hockey, broom ball and other winter ice activities.

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### Kayaking



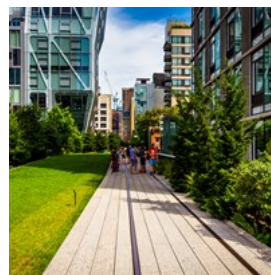
New York City is surrounded by water, offering plenty of places for paddlers to explore. From Staten Island's South Beach, Kayak

Staten Island offers free, 15-minute kayaking sessions for beginners. Once you get the hang of it, you can rent your own and set out from multiple launch points on the island's eastern shore. Another great paddling location is the Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse, where you can reserve a free kayak for 20 minutes on the weekends from June through August. Be sure to have a camera ready to capture outstanding views of the city and the Brooklyn Bridge. Long Island City Community Boathouse in Queens also provides free, 20-minute slots for walk-up kayaking and canoeing on Halletts Cove.

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### High Line



A park built on a former railroad stretching over 1.45 miles (2.33 km) from Gansevoort Street to 34th Street St. Hudson Yards. The stretch is a beautiful area colonized by trees and plants and equipped with spots for a break or a get together with friends.

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Phone: +1 212 500 603 5

Internet: [www.thehighline.org/](http://www.thehighline.org/)

## DINING



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Dining in New York City can be an inspiring experience for travelers and long-time residents alike. Restaurants and cafés line the streets, and the culinary options are unlimited. Bookmark this list of classics to help you navigate the culinary standouts, including famous delicatessens, notable New York eateries, and trendy hot spots from Manhattan to Brooklyn.

### Arturo's Coal Oven Pizza



Want a New York City pizza experience to remember? Order a coal-oven baked pie at Arturo's and enjoy the kitschy vibe of the

restaurant, along with a fantastic bar and live jazz. This Greenwich Village staple has been around for over 60 years.

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Address: 106 West Houston Street, New York

Phone: +1 212 677 3820

Internet: [www.arturoscafe.com](http://www.arturoscafe.com)

### Emma's Torch



At this restaurant, you will be served food prepared by refugee chefs. Emma's Torch provides three-month-long paid apprenticeships that help their students find a place in society, all while giving their guests dishes like black-eyed pea hummus and tamarind barbecue wings.

Photo: *Aris Setya/Shutterstock.com*

Address: 345 Smith Street, Brooklyn, New York

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 718 243 1222

Internet: [www.emmastorch.org](http://www.emmastorch.org)

Email: [info@emmastorch.org](mailto:info@emmastorch.org)

### Atomix



Atomix offers a Korean 10-course meal, starring dishes like parsley rice, grilled mackerel, and peas with caviar, at two different seating times:

one at 6pm, the other at 9pm. Every dish is accompanied by bits of trivia detailing the sources of inspiration for it, along with up to two bottles of wine, to be enjoyed at their horseshoe-shaped table in the dining room.

Photo: *Anchalee Wiangkao/Shutterstock.com*

Address: 104 East 30th Street, New York

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5.30pm-12am

Phone: +1 646 476 7217

Internet: [www.atomixnyc.com](http://www.atomixnyc.com)

Email: [info@atomixnyc.com](mailto:info@atomixnyc.com)

### Sardi's



Stop by this old-school Theater District staple before or after a show. Open since 1921, Sardi's menu features American, Italian and seafood fare, and there are dozens of caricature drawings of Broadway stars on the walls.

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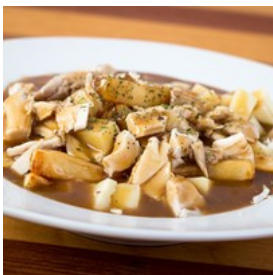
Address: 234 W 44th St #3, New York

Phone: +1 212 221 8440

Internet: [www.sardis.com](http://www.sardis.com)

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### M. Wells



Québécois-inspired delicacies are what M. Wells is all about. The Canadian chef Hugue Dufour offers his take on a farm-to-table style steakhouse. The menu is refreshed every few weeks. Some weekends they have fun activities for kids and host a little marketplace for vintage stuff.

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Address: 43-15 Crescent St, Long Island City, NY

Phone: +1 718 786 1800

Internet: [www.magasinwells.com](http://www.magasinwells.com)

### Red Rooster



Taste Southern-inspired dishes, such as gumbo and catfish, at this Marcus Samuelsson restaurant. Enjoy live music at the speakeasy-esque Ginny's Supper Club on the lower level of the Harlem location.

Photo: dapperland/Shutterstock.com

Address: 310 Lenox Ave, New York

Public Transport: Metro: 125th Street, Lenox Avenue

Opening hours: Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30am-3:30pm; Dinner:

Mon-Thu 4:30pm-10:30pm, Fri 4:30pm-11:30pm, Sat

4:30pm-11:30pm, Sun 4:30pm-10pm; Brunch: Sat-Sun

10am-3pm

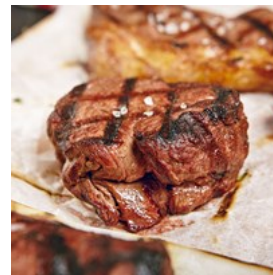
Phone: +1 212 792 9001

Internet: [www.redroosterharlem.com](http://www.redroosterharlem.com)

Email: [info@redroosterharlem.com](mailto:info@redroosterharlem.com)

More Info: Source: [www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn](http://www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn)

### Peter Luger Steak House



The beef is dry-aged on site at this Michelin-starred steak house. The original location in Williamsburg has been serving since 1887. It's also regularly hailed as one of the best steak houses in New York City, so make sure to make a reservation.

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Address: 178 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY

Phone: +1 718 387 7400

Internet: [www.peterluger.com](http://www.peterluger.com)

More Info: Source: [www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn](http://www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn)

### Keens Steakhouse



Keens is a genuine neighborhood icon. At the end of the 19th century, Keens Chophouse was a lively meeting point of the talented and famous, actors running in and out at performance intermissions at the Garrick Theater across the street for steaks and world-famous mutton chops.

Photo: Kuznetsov Dmitriy/Shutterstock.com

Address: 72 West 36th St, New York

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11:45am-10:30pm, Sat 5pm-10:30pm, Sun 5pm-9:30pm  
Phone: +1 212 947 3636  
Internet: [www.keenssteakhouse.com](http://www.keenssteakhouse.com)  
Email: [banquets@keens.com](mailto:banquets@keens.com)

### P.J. Clarke's



When in New York, do not miss P.J. Clarke's. It was here that it all began in 1884 when Mr. Patrick Joseph Clarke started his business, which later

grew to become a legend. This classic bar remains virtually unchanged after all these years and still keeps to the staples of friendly service, great atmosphere, and local vibe, and, of course, serves some of the best burgers in the city.

Photo: [Dani Vincek/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: 915 3rd Avenue, New York, NY  
Opening hours: Sun-Thurs: 11:30am - 2:00am, Fri-Sat 11.30-3am  
Phone: +1 212 317 1616  
Internet: [www.pjclarkes.com](http://www.pjclarkes.com)

### Sylvia's



Harlem's heartiest soul food accompanied by a gospel choir on Sundays. Sylvia Wood founded this restaurant in 1962 after buying the original

luncheonette with financial aid from her mother, who had to mortgage her house to provide it. Harlem locals as well as well-known celebrities dine here. Some of her star customers have been Bill Clinton, Caroline Kennedy, Magic Johnson and Nelson Mandela.

Photo: [Bobex-73/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: 328 Lenox Ave, New York  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-10:30pm, Sun 11am-8pm  
Phone: +1 212 996 0660

Internet: [www.sylviasrestaurant.com](http://www.sylviasrestaurant.com)  
Email: [info@sylviasrestaurant.com](mailto:info@sylviasrestaurant.com)

### Prune



The name Prune comes from the owner's childhood nickname, not the fruit. They serve delicious food with that special home-cooked

taste, and the ample Bloody Mary bar offers no less than ten variations of the popular drink, including one with lime, tequila, and smoked chipotle.

Photo: [Oleksandra Naumenko/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: 54 East 1st Street, New York  
Opening hours: Dinner: daily 5:30pm-11pm; Brunch: Sat-Sun 10am-3:30pm  
Phone: +1 212 677 6221  
Internet: [www.prunerestaurant.com](http://www.prunerestaurant.com)  
More Info: Between 1st and 2nd Avenue

### The Grey Dog — Chelsea



This is a charming and popular cafe and restaurant that has several locations around the city. It is a family-run restaurant, started by two

brothers who have formed a loyal crowd around their healthy and tasty dining options and the cool, cozy, laid-back decor.

Photo: [Anna Mente/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: 242 W 16th St, New York  
Phone: +1 212 966 1060  
Internet: [www.thegreydog.com](http://www.thegreydog.com)  
Email: [thegreydog@yahoo.com](mailto:thegreydog@yahoo.com)

### Indochine



This stylish restaurant is a favorite among New Yorkers and travelers. It has been around since 1984 and serves delicious and exotic

French-Vietnamese cuisine. They also offer a pre-theatre menu every day of the week.

Photo: Marina Nabatova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 430 Lafayette St, New York

Public Transport: Metro: Astor Place, Broadway-Lafayette Street, 8th Street

Opening hours: Thu-Sat 5:30pm-12am, Sun-Wed 5:30pm-11pm

Phone: +1 212 505 5111

Internet: [www.indochinenyc.com](http://www.indochinenyc.com)

### Grand Central Oyster Bar



Feel the motion of travel while enjoying fantastic seafood. At Grand Central Oyster Bar, businessmen rub shoulders with tourists and lone

travelers. You can choose to sit in the dining area or at one of the bars. If you choose the bar you will most likely find someone to chat with while having your oysters.

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Address: 89 East 42nd St, New York

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-9:30pm

Phone: +1 212 490 6650

Internet: [www.oysterbarny.com](http://www.oysterbarny.com)

Email: [info@oysterbarny.com](mailto:info@oysterbarny.com)

More Info: Inside Grand Central Terminal

### Junoon



This Michelin-rated venue is led by the culinary team of renowned chef Vikas Khanna, and presents a menu that reflects the eclectic

flavors of India. Their guiding principle is to present a varied and intriguing seasonal menu brought straight from the farm to the table, executed to perfection.

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Address: 27 W 24th St, New York, NY

Public Transport: Metro: 23rd Street, 28th Street

Opening hours: Lunch: daily 12pm-3pm; Dinner: Sun-Thu 5:30pm-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +1 212 490 2100

Internet: [newyork.junoonrestaurants.com](http://newyork.junoonrestaurants.com)

Email: [info@junoon.com](mailto:info@junoon.com)

### Lure Fishbar



For a truly unique dining experience for the seafood lover, visit Lure Fishbar. Their food is fresh from the sea and served in a variety of

equally delectable ways. If you enjoy sushi, visit their raw bar for over 20 different options.

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Address: 142 Mercer St, New York

Opening hours: Tue-Sat close at 11 PM, Mon-Sunday close at 10 PM

Phone: +1 212 431 7676

Internet: [www.lurefishbar.com](http://www.lurefishbar.com)

### STK Steakhouse Downtown



You will find STK both in midtown, close to the theater district, and downtown, in the Meatpacking district. The STK Downtown is the flagship restaurant and does not only offer a top-class dining experience in a sleek and elegant dining room but also a rooftop terrace, with the same high-quality cuisine in a more relaxed setting.

Photo: KatarinaVe/Shutterstock.com

Address: 26 Little West 12th St, New York

Phone: +1 646 624 2444

Internet: [www.stkhouse.com](http://www.stkhouse.com)

Email: [info@togrp.com](mailto:info@togrp.com)

### Chinatown



There are more than 200 restaurants in New York's Chinatown. Here you can revel in all kinds of Chinese specialties. Pick one with a recent Time

Out or Zagat rating sticker in the window for quality food.

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Address: Chinatown, New York

Internet: [www.chinatown-online.com](http://www.chinatown-online.com)

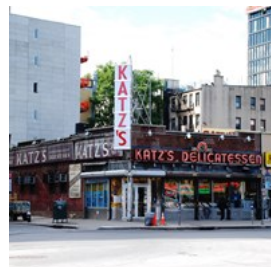
### CAFÉS



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New York may be better known as a diner city than a café city, but it would be wrong to underestimate the café scene in the Big Apple. New York City and delis go together like pastrami and rye, and the city holds plenty of tried-and-true legendary restaurants, which range from hot dog stands to finer establishments.

### Katz's Deli



A Lower East Side institution immortalized in several films, Katz's has been serving piping hot pastrami sandwiches and kosher pickles since

1888, which makes it New York City's oldest deli. Order the pastrami Reuben at this local institution, where the meat is hand-carved and indescribably tender. Bring your appetite — this legendary sandwich is huge!

Photo: Alexander Reitter/Shutterstock

Address: 205 East Houston Street, New York

Public Transport: Metro: Second Avenue Station, Delancey/Essex St Station

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-11pm, Fri 8am-midnight, Sat open 24 hours, Sun midnight-11pm

Phone: +1 212 254 2246

Internet: [www.katzsdelicatessen.com](http://www.katzsdelicatessen.com)

### Kopitiam



This small cafe focusing on serving Malaysian and Singaporean food is one of the most talked-about recent openings in Lower East Side - it even made

lists of America's best. Among delights you can savour here are 'nasi lemak', a dish made with coconut rice and fried anchovies, or 'ikan bakar', spicy grilled stingray. You can finish your meal with mochi or their cinnamon cake 'kuhi lapis', together with one of the house's signature milk-based drinks.

Photo: HeinzTeh/Shutterstock.com

Address: 151 East Broadway, New York

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 9am-10pm

Phone: +1 646 609 3785

Internet: [www.kopitiamnyc.com](http://www.kopitiamnyc.com)

Email: [moonlynn@kopitiamnyc.com](mailto:moonlynn@kopitiamnyc.com)

### Caffe Reggio



Founded in 1927, by Domenico Parisi, the first to introduce Italian cappuccino to America, Caffe Reggio is the oldest and most historic café in

New York. You can still see the original machine after you enter from the bright green facade. Pastries like sfogliatelle and cannoli can be coupled with your cup of coffee, while you enjoy the paintings that decorate the walls, one of them made by an artist of the school of Caravaggio.

Photo: Louis Hansel/Unsplash

Address: 119 Macdougal Street, New York

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 9am-3am, Fri & Sat 9am-4am

Phone: +1 212 475 9557

### Second Avenue Deli



You can order the popular hot corned beef sandwich, but they say the matzo ball soup at this Kosher deli will cure any and all ailments -

there is a reason this soup is nicknamed "Jewish Penicillin."

Photo: mjsomerville/Shutterstock.com

Address: 162 E 33rd St, New York

Opening hours: Daily 7am-11pm

Phone: +1 212 689 9000

Internet: [www.2ndavedeli.com](http://www.2ndavedeli.com)

### Nathan's Famous



Beloved by legends like Al Capone and Franklin Roosevelt, Nathan's has been serving its beef hot dogs since 1916. Try them at the original

Coney Island beachfront location.

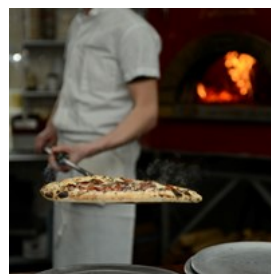
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Address: 1205 Riegelmann Boardwalk, Brooklyn, NY

Phone: +1 718 975 1905

Internet: [www.nathansfamous.com](http://www.nathansfamous.com)

### Roberta's



At this hip hangout in Bushwick, experience the wonder that is Roberta's Bee Sting pizza - mozzarella, tomato, thin-sliced soppressata,

and honey on a wood-fired crust.

Photo: Julianne Schaer/NYC & Company, Inc.

Address: 261 Moore St, Brooklyn, NY

Phone: +1 718 417 1118

Internet: [www.robertaspizza.com](http://www.robertaspizza.com)

### Sadelle's



Sadelle's specializes in bagels, boiled on site and served on a stacked tower. Try the smoked Scottish salmon and grab a slice of chocolate babka – a sweet yeast cake – to-go.

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Address: 463 W Broadway, New York

Phone: +1 212 776 4926

Internet: [www.sadelles.com](http://www.sadelles.com)

More Info: Source: [www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn](http://www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn)

### Mile End Delicatessen



Forget the calories and order the Ruth Wilensky, a seared beef salami sandwich, or an authentic Canadian poutine – a quick dish made with

French fries, cheese curds and gravy.

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Address: 97 Hoyt St, Brooklyn, NY

Phone: +1 718 852 7510

Internet: [www.mileenddeli.com](http://www.mileenddeli.com)

More Info: Source: [www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn](http://www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn)

### Junior's Restaurant & Bakery



This establishment is American diner food at its finest. Many cheesecake fanatics claim Junior's hand-mixed, kosher recipe is the best – it's

worth ordering a slice (or two) to determine for yourself.

Photo: Masha Nemova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 386 Flatbush Ave Ext, Brooklyn, NY

Phone: +1 718 852 5257

Internet: [www.juniorscheesecake.com](http://www.juniorscheesecake.com)

More Info: Source: [www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn](http://www.visittheusa.com.au/experience/new-york-citys-classic-eateries-manhattan-and-brooklyn)

### Veniero's Pasticceria & Caffè



Veniero's was voted to have the "Best Desserts in New York City" in 2010. It has been an Italian pastry heaven since 1894. With its

Italian marble floors and stained glass ceilings, you can enjoy your espresso or cappuccino, homemade biscotti or cannoli and pretend you're in Rome.

Photo: Alessio Orru/Shutterstock.com

Address: 342 E 11th St, New York

Public Transport: Metro: Astor Place, First Avenue

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 8am-12am, Fri-Sat 8am-1am

Phone: +1 212 674 7070

Internet: [www.venierospastry.com](http://www.venierospastry.com)

### Little Owl



Little Owl is like the name suggests: compact, yet romantic and cozy, and serves excellent meals at a reasonable price. A fun detail: it is

located in the famous building featured on the popular TV show "Friends."

Photo: Suto Norbert Zsolt/Shutterstock.com

Address: 90 Bedford St, New York

Public Transport: Metro: Christopher Street

Opening hours: Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:45am-2:30pm; Dinner: Mon-Sun 5pm-11pm; Brunch: Sat-Sun 9am-2:30pm

Phone: +1 212 741 4695

Internet: [www.thelittleowlnyc.com](http://www.thelittleowlnyc.com)

Email: [joeycampanaro@thelittleowlnyc.com](mailto:joeycampanaro@thelittleowlnyc.com)

### Shake Shack



If you are yearning for a great meal of typical American fast food, this is the place to go. Shake Shack started as a hot dog cart in Madison

Square Park in 2001, and, after three years of long lines, they opened their first permanent stand. Today, you can find Shake Shack not only at several spots in New York but also in other cities across the US and internationally. Even if they now have more than one stand, be prepared to stand in line – these burgers and hot dogs are still some of the most popular in the city.

Photo: Maniax Films/Shutterstock.com

Address: Madison Square Park, New York

Phone: +1 212 889 6600

Internet: [www.shakeshack.com](http://www.shakeshack.com)

Email: [share@shakeshack.com](mailto:share@shakeshack.com)

### Abraço Espresso



Abraço Espresso is renowned for its olive oil cake as well as their bakery offerings, that feature the freshest ingredients from the local

farmers' markets. Breakfast begins at 8am, and small plates and prix-fixe items are served around noon. They have as diverse a pastry menu as they do a coffee one, so come and take your pick.

Photo: Axel Alvarez/Shutterstock.com

Address: 81 East 7th St New York, New York

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 9am-6pm

Internet: [www.abraconyc.com](http://www.abraconyc.com)

Email: [info@abraconyc.com](mailto:info@abraconyc.com)

### Little Italy



Though much of the area formerly known as Little Italy has been consumed by rapidly expanding Chinatown, the decorative Mulberry

Street and Mott Street still offer a variety of authentic Italian fare. Stop to rest your feet in one of the several Italian cafes, while you enjoy a smooth espresso and decadent cannoli.

Photo: Hector Palma Tellez/Shutterstock.com

Address: Little Italy, New York

Internet: [www.littleitalynyc.com](http://www.littleitalynyc.com)

### Murray's Bagels



You haven't been to New York if you haven't had a bagel. Be sure to try one with cream cheese and smoked salmon. Murray's Bagels has a very nice

location in southern Manhattan.

Photo: abogdanska/Shutterstock.com

Address: 500 6th Avenue, New York, NY

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 6am-6pm, Sat-Sun: 6am-7pm

Phone: +1 212 462 2830

Internet: [www.murraysbagels.com](http://www.murraysbagels.com)

Email: [Info@Murraysbagels.com](mailto:Info@Murraysbagels.com)

More Info: Between 12th and 13th streets

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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It's a cliché to say that New York is the “city that never sleeps,” but it's true. No matter what you're looking for – karaoke, live music, dancing – you can find it at all hours. See the New York Yankees' historic home ballpark. Head to Madison Square Garden to catch an ice hockey match, basketball game, or concert.

### The Long Island Bar



Originally established in 1951 as a humble haunt for dockworkers, the Long Island Bar is a Brooklyn landmark steeped in history and nostalgia. After being closed for seven years, this iconic spot underwent a remarkable revival by legendary bartender Toby Cecchini (creator of the Cosmopolitan) and partner Joel Tompkins, who have preserved its Art Deco charm and vintage floral wallpaper. Come here to sip on expertly crafted cocktails, each as smooth as they are flavorful while indulging in local favorites like the updated Reuben sandwich or the Long Island burger with a bacon wheel.

Photo: Maksym Fesenko/Shutterstock  
Address: 10 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York  
Opening hours: Tue–Fri 5pm–midnight, Sat & Sun 2pm–midnight, Mon closed  
Phone: +1 718 625 8908

### Avant Gardner

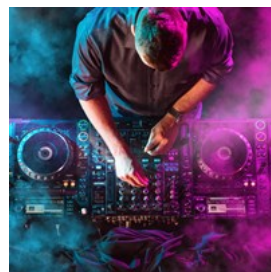


Step into the pulsating heart of New York City's nightlife at Avant Gardner, a sprawling indoor-outdoor events complex nestled in East Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Formerly a warehouse turned rave haven, Avant Gardner hosts some of the most renowned DJs and electronic dance music artists, offering an unparalleled atmosphere for unforgettable experiences. From the open-air Brooklyn Mirage during the summer months to the year-round allure of the Great Hall and Kings Hall, this music venue leaves nothing to be desired.

At Avant Gardner, every detail is meticulously crafted to create an unforgettable sensory adventure. So, prepare to be dazzled by the seamless integration of immersive visuals that elevate every beat, promising an electrifying journey through sound and light.

Photo: Antoine J./Unsplash  
Address: 140 Stewart Avenue, Brooklyn, New York  
Public Transport: Closest subway station: Jefferson St. (L)  
Phone: +1 347 987 3146  
Internet: [www.avant-gardner.com](http://www.avant-gardner.com)

### Elsewhere



Elsewhere is a colossal live music venue in Brooklyn that has been a cornerstone of New York City's nightlife for years. Split into three main rooms (and during the summer, The Rooftop), Elsewhere offers an eclectic array of music and atmospheres to suit every taste. From intimate sets by underground DJs to electrifying performances by A-listers. With multiple rooms

to explore, guests can curate their experience, immersing themselves in the vibe that resonates most. Remember to secure your ticket in advance through their website and Instagram page.

Photo: Vladimir Hodac/Shutterstock

Address: 599 Johnson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

Internet: [www.elsewhere.club](http://www.elsewhere.club)

### Brooklyn Brewery



This Williamsburg brewery has filled a gap in the Brooklyn beer scene. The taproom always has eight to ten options, including Local 1, a Belgian-inspired lager, and several seasonal brews. Free short tours are offered on weekends.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 79 N 11th St, Berry St and Wythe Ave, Brooklyn, New York

Phone: +1 718 486 7422

Internet: [www.brooklynbrewery.com](http://www.brooklynbrewery.com)

### SOB's



SOB's, aka "Sounds of Brazil," is a live music venue in SoHo that aims to introduce guests to (and supply old-timers with ever-increasing servings of) music other than tired pop hits, which ranges from hip-hop to Brazilian, Caribbean, Haitian, and Latin music, as well as tunes from all across the world.

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Address: 204 Varick St, New York

Phone: +1 212 243 4940

Internet: [www.sobs.com](http://www.sobs.com)

### Bowery Ballroom



productions.

This historic venue still hosts live shows nearly a century after its inauguration, and has appeared in a couple of well-know cultural

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Address: 6 Delancey St, New York

Phone: +1 212 260 4700

Internet: [www.boweryballroom.com](http://www.boweryballroom.com)

Email: [info@boweryballroom.com](mailto:info@boweryballroom.com)

### The DL



The DL is a three-story restaurant, bar, and rooftop lounge located in Manhattan's Lower East Side. The rooftop lounge is the Lower East Side's newest hotspot for both afternoon and evening.

Photo: KieferPix/Shutterstock.com

Address: 95 Delancey St, New York

Phone: +1 212 228 09 09

Internet: [www.thedl-nyc.com](http://www.thedl-nyc.com)

Email: [info@thedl-nyc.com](mailto:info@thedl-nyc.com)

### Hotel Chantelle



regularly hosted.

Escape the hectic city streets at the swanky rooftop lounge of Hotel Chantelle, or the basement space where dance parties are

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: 92 Ludlow St, New York

Phone: +1 212 254 91 00

Internet: [www.hotelchantelle.com](http://www.hotelchantelle.com)

Email: [reservations@hotelchantelle.com](mailto:reservations@hotelchantelle.com)

## SHOPPING



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Shopaholics and fashionistas, whisk out your credit cards. New York may very possibly be the best shopping city in the world. Every major chain and label has an outpost here, and there are so many small designer boutiques and markets of all kinds that you are guaranteed to bring home much more than you had budgeted for. Shopping in New York is quite simply retail heaven.

### Midtown



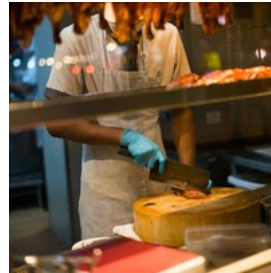
If you're able to tear yourself away from Macy's, there are retail shops of all kinds as far as the eye can see in this neighborhood. Walk

uptown and cross over to 5th Ave to see the shops grow increasingly delectable and exclusive towards Saks Fifth Ave.

*Photo: Ivanko80/Shutterstock.com*

Address: Midtown, New York

### Chinatown/Canal Street



Bustle through the street stalls to find bargain versions of top designer handbags, shoes, watches, and perfumes. Always haggle for a better price. Wander deeper into Chinatown to find more unusual goods.

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Address: Chinatown/Canal St, New York

### Soho/Prince Street

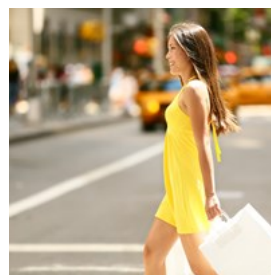


Soho is the most stylish of neighborhoods for expensive designer goods and unbeatable window-shopping. Once the home of New York's bohemian artist community, today a loft in SoHo sells for millions.

*Photo: Yevgenia Gorbulsky/Shutterstock.com*

Address: Soho/Prince St, New York

### Lower East Side/St. Marks Ave



Every designer boutique you encounter here is hipper than the next. Vintage clothing is displayed and sold with equal measures of style. And it's not a bad place to stop for a trendy haircut or a cup of coffee either.

*Photo: Maridav/Shutterstock.com*

Address: Lower East Side/St. Marks Ave, New York

### Hell's Kitchen Flea Market



Browse for antiques, dresses and shoes from the past century at the weekend street flea market in Hell's Kitchen, rain or shine. Not old

junk, but priceless relics. There are also several flea markets in the area of Sixth Ave and 26th Street.

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Address: W 39th St & Ninth Ave, New York

Opening hours: Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

Internet: [www.annexmarkets.com](http://www.annexmarkets.com)

Email: [info@hellskitchenfleamarket.com](mailto:info@hellskitchenfleamarket.com)

### Macy's



Macy's is the world's largest department store, with seven floors of merchandise covering an entire city block. Even if your friends aren't

interested in shopping you can always tempt them with the historical sight; the original wooden escalators, from 1902, that are still in use today.

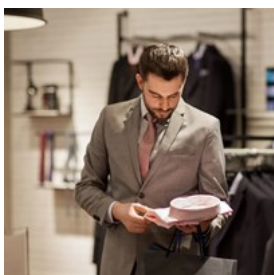
Photo: Andresr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 151 W 34th St at Broadway, New York

Phone: +1 212 695 4400

Internet: [www.macys.com](http://www.macys.com)

### Saks Fifth Avenue



At Saks Fifth Avenue you can revel in ten floors of world-famous luxury goods. Here you will find brands such as DKNY, Dolce & Gabbana,

Burberry London, Lacoste, and Vera Wang, just to name a few. On the eighth floor, you can take

a break from all the shopping and sit down in a cafe.

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Address: 611 Fifth Ave at 50th St, New York

Phone: +1 212 753 4000

Internet: [www.saksfifthavenue.com](http://www.saksfifthavenue.com)

### Bloomingdale's



Designers have shared floor space with mid-priced labels since 1886 in this Art Deco landmark building, housing one of the

world's most famous department stores. You will most likely find something here to bring back home in "the little brown bag."

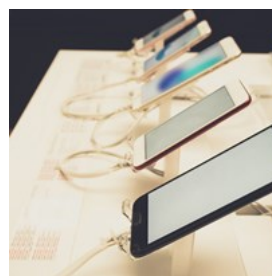
Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1000 Third Ave at 59th St, New York

Phone: +1 212 705 2000

Internet: [www.bloomingdales.com](http://www.bloomingdales.com)

### B&H Photo Video and Pro Audio



B&H Photo Video and Pro Audio has been around since 1973 and serves New Yorkers and visitors with the latest technology. This

world-class store is run by Hasidic Jews; opening hours therefore might vary from other shops.

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Address: 420 9th Ave, New York

Phone: +1 212 444 6615

Internet: [www.bhphotovideo.com](http://www.bhphotovideo.com)

More Info: Btw 33rd and 34th Streets

### Journeys



When visiting New York, a necessary thing is comfortable shoes. At Journeys, you'll find all the trendy sneakers and shoes from brands like Vans, Adidas, Converse and New Balance and you find their shops on three locations on Manhattan.

Photo: Dmitry Kalinovsky/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 28 E 14th St, New York  
Phone: +1 212 645 1213  
Internet: [www.journeys.com](http://www.journeys.com)  
Email: [journeysfacebook@genesco.com](mailto:journeysfacebook@genesco.com)

### Century 21 Department Store



Century 21 Department Store has some of the best discounts on clothing you can find anywhere. New shipments are brought in daily. While visiting New York, be sure to stop by and see how much you can save on a new touring outfit.

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Address: 22 Cortlandt St, New York  
Phone: +1 212 227 9092  
Internet: [www.c21stores.com](http://www.c21stores.com)

### Bergdorf Goodman



Bergdorf Goodman is one of New York City's quintessential shops. Loaded with designer clothing as well as unique offerings from not yet well-known artists and designers, it is a must-visit. Be sure to stock up on the season's latest trends.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com

Address: 754 5th Ave, New York

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 11am-7pm

Phone: +1 212 753 7300

Internet: [www.bergdorfgoodman.com](http://www.bergdorfgoodman.com)

### Tiffany & Co.



If for no other reason than as homage to Audrey Hepburn and Truman Capote's famous novel "Breakfast at Tiffany's," visit Tiffany & Co.'s flagship New York City store. Inside, it will immediately become clear why people love Tiffany's. From diamonds to sapphires to simple charms and necklaces, Tiffany's jewelry and accessories will certainly enchant you.

Photo: Christopher Postlewaite/NYC & Company, Inc.  
Address: 727 Fifth Ave, New York  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12pm-6pm  
Phone: +1 212 755 8000  
Internet: [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com)

### The Strand



For bibliophiles who still love to hold a paper-back in their hands, the Strand is one of the last great bookstores in Union Square. The Strand boasts over 18 miles of books all available for your perusal. Upstairs are fashion and art books; downstairs are books straight from the hands of some of the world's most well-known book critics.

Photo: Oleg Krugliak/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 828 Broadway, New York  
Public Transport: Metro: Union Square  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-10:30pm, Sun 11am-10:30pm  
Phone: +1 212 473 1452

Internet: [www.strandbooks.com](http://www.strandbooks.com)

### 8th Street and St. Mark's Place



For chic and affordable clothes, visit 8th Street and St. Mark's Place. The entire area is full of unique shops that feature a variety of items. Pick up

some vintage jewelry and a new outfit for your stay in New York City.

Photo: Andrew F. Kazmierski/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8th St and St. Mark's Place, New York

### Erie Basin



Focusing on antique and vintage jewelry, Erie Basin has unique pieces that you have never seen before. Some of their inventory features

stunning emerald pieces dating back to the 1920s, Victorian era rings, and quaint diamond rings. Stop in and see what treasures you might find.

Photo: Irina\_QQQ/Shutterstock.com

Address: 388 Van Brunt St, Brooklyn, New York

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 12pm-6pm

Phone: +1 718 554 6147

Internet: [www.eriebasin.com](http://www.eriebasin.com)

Email: [info@eriebasin.com](mailto:info@eriebasin.com)

## EVENTS



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Celebrations and festivities are a year-round – and day-to-night – affair in New York City, making it easy to have your visit coincide with the merrymaking. Check out this selection of popular festivals, featuring sports, music, art, and international shows and exhibitions.

### Three Kings Parade (January)



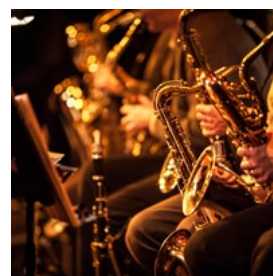
A chill in the air won't keep New Yorkers inside.

In January, visitors can attend the Three Kings Parade, hosted by El Museo del Barrio in

Manhattan and honoring the Three Wise Men in the Nativity story. The streets may be white with snow, but the parade brings a colorful procession of Latin dancing, music, and puppets.

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### Winter Jazz Fest (January)



Also in January, the six-day Winter Jazz Fest in Greenwich Village is known for its top-notch lineup and two nights of “marathon” music, with

live shows that last into the wee hours of the morning at small venues around the city.

Photo: pxl.store/Shutterstock.com  
Internet: [www.winterjazzfest.com](http://www.winterjazzfest.com)

### **Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show (February)**

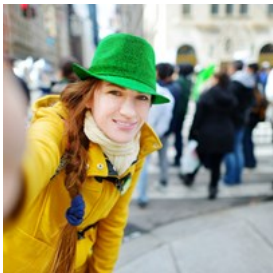


Dog lovers can plan a visit in February to catch the legendary Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in Manhattan. In addition to the judged

events, attendees can look forward to art exhibits, dog-themed writing seminars, and national club gatherings where they can snap photos of stunning and unique breeds.

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### **St. Patrick's Day Parade (March)**

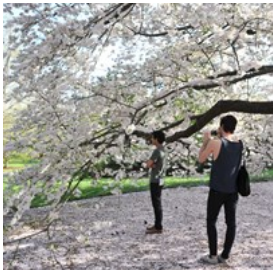


It doesn't matter whether or not you're Irish, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manhattan in March is for all party-goers. The parade travels up famed

Fifth Avenue, passing famous landmarks like St. Patrick's Cathedral and Central Park.

Photo: MNStudio/Shutterstock.com  
Internet: [www.nycstpatriksparade.org](http://www.nycstpatriksparade.org)  
More Info: March 17th

### **Sakura Matsuri (April)**



New York City shines in the spring when the snow melts and the trees start to blossom. In April, Sakura Matsuri, the cherry blossom festival at

the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, signals the start of the season as the cherry trees burst into a pretty pink splendor.

Photo: Julianne Schaer/NYC & Company, Inc.

### **Major League Baseball (April)**



Local sports fans go crazy for Major League Baseball's opening day in April. Catch the New York Yankees playing at Yankee Stadium in the

Bronx or the New York Mets at Citi Field in Queens.

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### **Shakespeare in the Park (May-August)**



New York City summers bring the heat and more fun. The much-loved Shakespeare in the Park summer series from May through August

consistently draws crowds to Delacorte Theater in Central Park. Although productions are free, tickets can be hard to come by, so plan accordingly.

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### **BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn! (June-August)**



The BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival, which runs June through August, features free music, theater performances, and

multimedia shows from both acclaimed and emerging artists at the Prospect Park Bandshell.

Photo: joe\_buglewicz/NYC & Company, Inc.  
Internet: <https://bricartsmedia.org/celebrate-brooklyn>

### Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival (August)



In August, bring the whole family to the exciting boat races at the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival. The event takes place in Flushing

Meadows Park in Queens where families can expect delicious food, family activities, music, and dancing.

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Internet: [www.hkdbf-nv.org](http://www.hkdbf-nv.org)

### New York Film Festival (September-October)

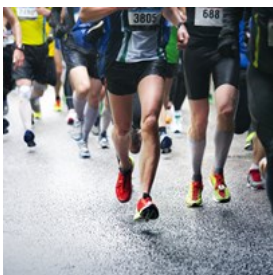


Fall in the City is one of the most colorful seasons, as the leaves change from green to gold and red. In September and October, the New York Film

Festival, which is considered the most prestigious of its kind in the country, takes place at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in Manhattan. Attendees are among the first to see feature films, experimental works, documentaries, shorts, and other special screenings.

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Internet: [www.filmlinc.org](http://www.filmlinc.org)  
More Info: Learn more at:  
[www.visittheusa.se/destination/new-york-city](http://www.visittheusa.se/destination/new-york-city)

### New York City Marathon (November)



The biggest marathon in the world, the TCS New York City Marathon, takes place in November. Participants run through all five boroughs, starting at Staten Island and culminating at Central Park

in Manhattan.

Photo: Mikael Damkier/Shutterstock.com  
Internet: [www.nyrr.org/tcsnycmarathon](http://www.nyrr.org/tcsnycmarathon)

### Food Festivals



The annual Taste of Times Square in June offers up small dishes from dozens of restaurants around the city, with flavors of just

about every cuisine imaginable. Held every September in the Belmont Little Italy section of the Bronx, the Ferragosto food festival celebrates all things Italian.

A taste of the Southern USA comes to Manhattan in January with the Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival. In February, Manhattan's Chinatown rings in the Lunar New Year with colorful street celebrations, a parade, and samples of some of the best Chinese food around. April brings the Bacon and Beer Classic to Queens, an event featuring craft beer and unique pork-centric dishes along with contests, music, and games.

During the winter and summer seasons, participating eateries from all over the city create special prix fixe menus for NYC Restaurant Week. For a discounted rate, you can try an appetizer, main dish, and dessert at hundreds of the city's most popular upscale restaurants.

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## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit New York City is from late spring to early fall. During this period, the city awakens to a symphony of events, from

outdoor concerts and festivals to cultural exhibitions and Broadway shows, ensuring there is never a dull moment. On top of that, the weather is pleasantly mild, which makes it perfect for exploring iconic landmarks like the Statue of Liberty and Central Park. While accommodation prices may peak during summer, the bustling atmosphere and plethora of activities more than make up for it.

However, if you are seeking a quieter experience with more affordable lodging, consider visiting The Big Apple in the shoulder seasons of spring or fall when crowds thin, and accommodation prices dip slightly. Ultimately, the best time to visit New York City depends on your preferences, but whenever you choose to go, the city promises an unforgettable adventure.

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## Passport / Visa



Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens of these countries must obtain an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before traveling. All other travelers must obtain a visa before visiting the United States. International travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the country.

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## John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)



New York is served by three major airports and JFK is the most well-known one of them all. You can take public transportation or taxis to

Manhattan from all airports. There is a flat-rate taxi fare from JFK to Manhattan, but there are also subway and public transport options.

To reach the stops for public transport, you need to use the AirTrain in most cases.

The metro from JFK to Midtown Manhattan takes approximately 60-75 minutes.

There are also different bus services. The local transport company MTA operates several lines going to nearby neighborhoods. The fare is the

same as for the metro.

The NYC Airporter is a direct bus line from JFK to Grand Central Station and Penn Station. The journey takes approx. 60 minutes depending on traffic. You can buy tickets online or at the NYC Airporter counter inside the airport.

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Address: John F. Kennedy International Airport

Phone: +1 718 244 4444

Internet: [www.jfkairport.com](http://www.jfkairport.com)

### LaGuardia Airport (LGA)



This is the airport located closest to Manhattan, which means you can choose from multiple means of transportation to get to the city. There are public buses as well as the shuttle, NYC Airporter, that go directly between the airport and Port Authority Bus Terminal, Grand Central Station, and Penn Station. Taxis and vans are also available at the taxi rank outside the terminal building.

Photo: Bao Menglong/Unsplash

Address: LaGuardia Airport

Phone: +1 212 435 7000

Internet: [www.laguardiaairport.com](http://www.laguardiaairport.com)

### Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)



Newark Liberty International Airport is located in New Jersey and from here you can choose to take a taxi, train, or bus to go to the city. If a taxi is your choice of transport, you will find cars waiting outside the arrival hall. It takes approximately 35 minutes to New York City.

There is an AirTrain, transporting passengers from the arrivals hall to the trains (NJ TRANSIT or Amtrak train). It takes approximately 45 minutes from the airport to Penn Station.

The Newark Airport Express bus takes about 50 minutes and it stops at Grand Central Station, Bryant Park, and the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

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Address: Newark Liberty International Airport

Phone: +1 973 961 6000

Internet: [www.newarkairport.com](http://www.newarkairport.com)

### Subway



If you are going somewhere too far to walk while in New York City, the subway is your best bet. Most subway lines travel up and down Manhattan, while buses travel across. With subway trains operating 24/7, convenience is assured at any hour.

Ticket machines accept various payment methods—consider purchasing a one-week unlimited Metrocard if you know you will be traveling quite frequently. For real-time updates and service alerts, be sure to download the MTA Subway Time app.

While navigating the subway system in NYC may seem daunting at first, clear signage, announcements, and available maps make it manageable.

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## Bus



Most buses in Manhattan follow the north-south or east-west grid of the city, primarily on the larger avenues. Bus stops are marked by a light-blue sign on a green post (and include a list of bus numbers and routes), and the fare can be paid either in exact change or with the MetroCard, with which you can transfer for free between metro and bus services. If transferring without a card, the driver can give passengers a free transfer coupon. Buses run frequently and, for the most part, all night, but traffic can make a long ride out of a short distance.

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Internet: [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info)

## Taxi



Taxis are readily available throughout the city. You can hail a yellow cab on almost any street corner. Keep in mind that there are nighttime and rush hour surcharges, and remember to leave a tip. Also, Manhattan has very long streets and avenues so it's important to know both the address and the cross street of your destination. A taxi is vacant if the yellow light on top of the car is completely lit.

Ride-sharing services like Uber, Lyft, Curb, and Myle offer convenient alternatives, especially late at night or in areas with limited public transportation options.

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## Post



You can buy stamps at many newsagents or at the post office. Official United States Postal Services (USPS) mailboxes are usually blue steel containers on city sidewalks. Many post offices or private mail companies like UPS or FedEx are open from 8am to 5pm. You will find the main post office, known as the James A. Farley Post Office, close to Penn Station.

Photo: Ron Adar/Shutterstock  
Address: 421 8th Avenue, New York  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-10pm, Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 11am-7pm  
Phone: +1 800 275 8777  
Internet: [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

## Pharmacy



Some of the main pharmacy chains in New York City include CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens, Rite Aid, and Duane Reade (a subsidiary of Walgreens). Their opening hours can vary depending on the location and the chain. However, many pharmacies in New York City typically have the following general opening hours:

Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm

Some pharmacies may have extended hours, especially those located in busy areas or near hospitals.

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Address: CVS - 1440 Broadway FLOORS 1 & 2, New York  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun

11am–5pm

Phone: +1 212 221 3844

More Info: Near Bryant Park

Hours: 9am–6pm daily.

## Telephone



Country code: +1 Area  
code: 212

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## Electricity



US electrical power is  
110V/60 cycles AC with  
two flat parallel prongs.

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## Population

City proper: 8,491,080

Metropolitan area: 23,632,722

## Currency

US Dollar \$1 = 100 cents

## Opening hours

The subway runs 24 hours. Retail stores are open all week from 10am to 6pm or later. Most bars and clubs close at around 2am–4am.

## Newspapers

The New York Times

Daily News

New York Post

## Emergency numbers

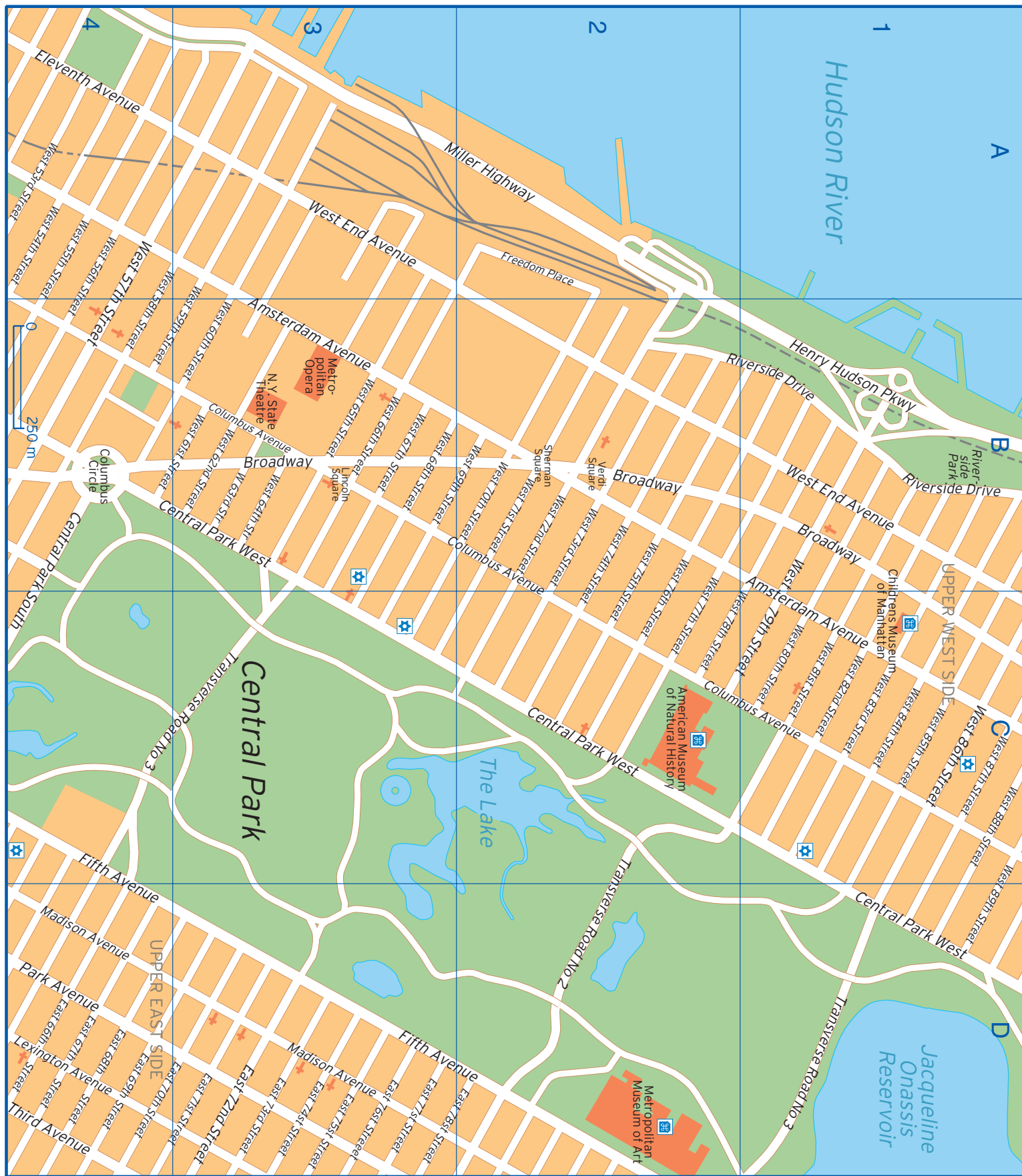
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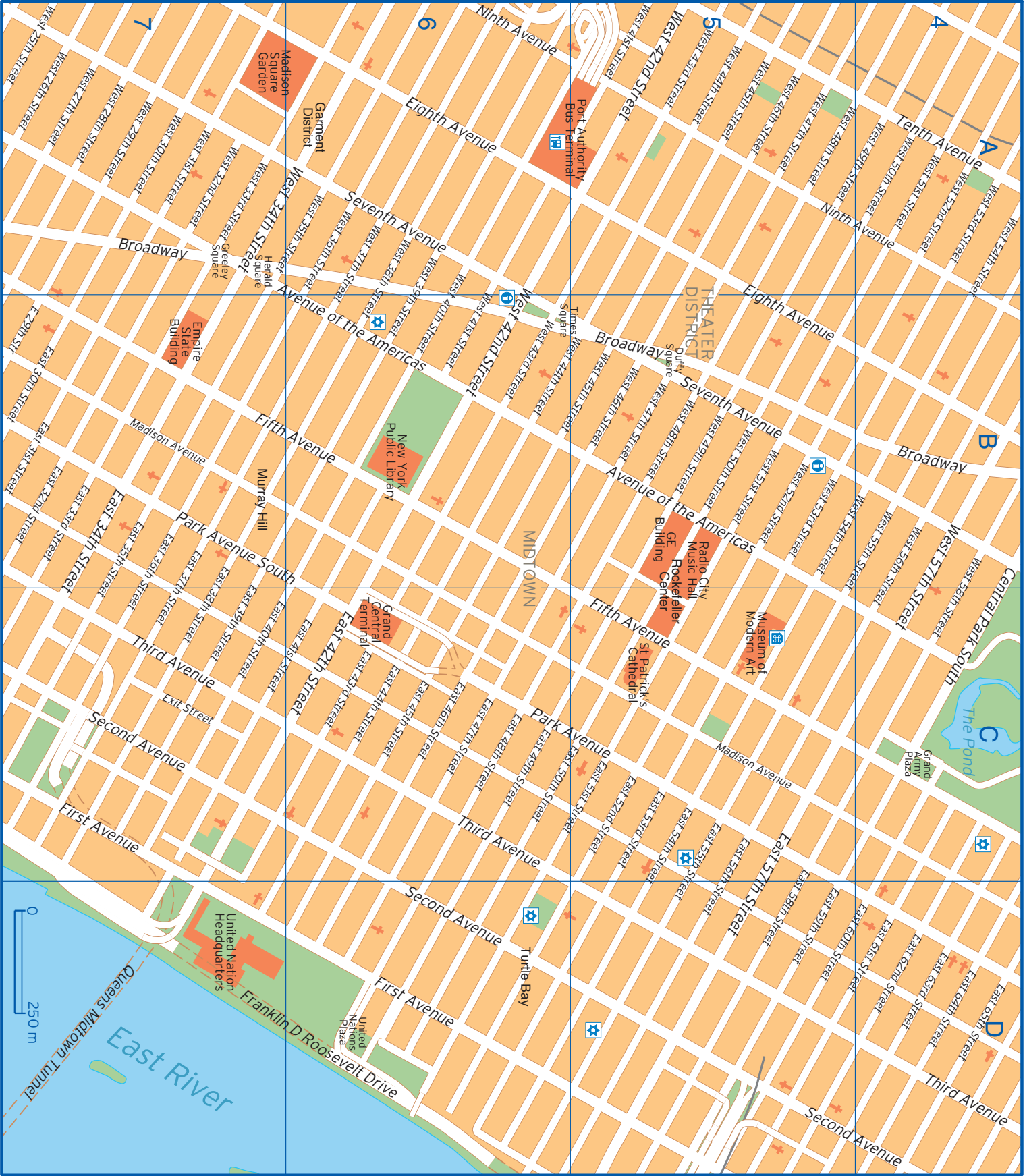
## Tourist information

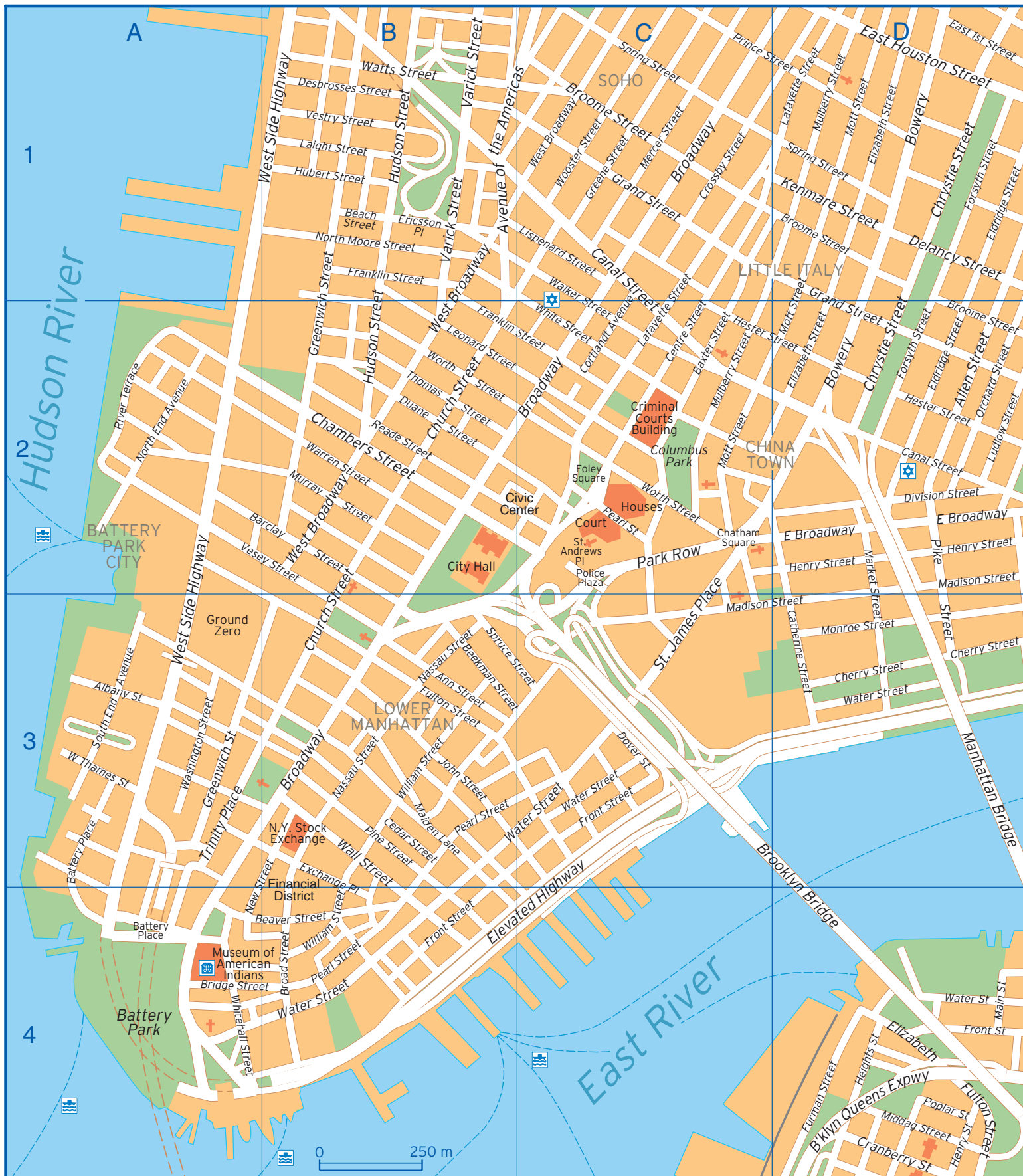
Official NYC Information Center at Macy's Herald Square  
151 W. 34th St. (bet. Seventh Ave. and Broadway), New York  
+1 212 484 1222

Hours: Mon.–Fri., 9am–7pm; Sat., 10am–7pm; Sun.,  
11am–7pm. Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Official NYC information center – Times Square  
Seventh Avenue at 44th St., New York  
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Albany Street	A3	East 36th Street	B7 C7	Elizabeth Fulton Street	D4
Allen Street	D2	East 37th Street	B7 C7	Elizabeth Street	D1 D2
Amsterdam Avenue	B1 B3 C1	East 38th Street	B7 C7	Ericsson Place	B1
Ann Street	B3	East 39th Street	B7 C7	Exchange Place	B3 B4
Avenue of the Americas	B1 C1	East 40th Street	C7	Exit Street	C7
Avenue of the Americas	A7 B5 B6	East 41st Street	C6 C7	Fifth Avenue	B6 B7 C4 C5 D2 D3 D4
Barclay Street	A2 B2	East 42th Street	C6	First Avenue	C7 D6
Battery Place	A3 A4	East 43rd Street	C6	Foley Square	C2
Baxter Street	C2	East 44th Street	C6	Forsyth Street	D1 D2
Beach Street	B1	East 45th Street	C6	Franklin D Roosevelt Drive	D6 D7
Beaver Street	A4 B4	East 46th Street	C6	Franklin Street	B1 B2 C2
Beekman Street	B3	East 47th Street	C6	Freedom Place	A2
Bowery	D1 D2	East 48th Street	C6	Front Street	B4 C3 D4
Bridge Street	A4 B4	East 49th Street	C6	Fulton Street	B3
Broad Street	B4	East 50th Street	C5 C6	Furman Street	D4
Broadway	B3 C1 C2	East 51st Street	C5 C6	Grand Army Plaza	C4
Broadway	A7 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5	East 52nd Street	C5	Grand Street	C1 D1 D2
Brooklyn Bridge	C3 D4	East 53rd Street	C5	Greeley Square	A7
Broome Street	C1 D1 D2	East 54th Street	C5	Greene Street	C1
B'klyn Queens Expwy	D4	East 55th Street	C5 D5	Greenwich Street	A3 B1 B2
Canal Street	C1 C2 D2	East 56th Street	C5 D5	Heights Street	D4
Catherine Street	D3	East 57th Street	C5 D5	Henry Hudson Pkwy	B1
Cedar Street	B3	East 58th Street	C5 D5	Henry Street	D2 D4
Central Park South	B4 C4	East 59th Street	D5	Herald Square	A7
Central Park West	B3 B4 C2 D1	East 60th Street	D4 D5	Hester Street	C2 D2
Centre Street	C2	East 61st Street	D4 D5	Hubert Street	B1
Chambers Street	B2	East 62nd Street	D4	Hudson Street	B1 B2
Chatham Square	C2	East 63rd Street	D4	John Street	B3
Cherry Street	D3	East 64th Street	D4	Kenmare Street	D1
Chrystie Street	D1 D2	East 65th Street	D4	Lafayette Street	C1 C2 D1
Church Street	B2 B3	East 66th Street	D4	Laight Street	B1
Columbus Avenue	B3 C1 C2	East 67th Street	D4	Leonard Street	B2
Cortlandt Avenue	C1 C2	East 68th Street	D4	Lexington Avenue	D4
Cranberry Street	D4	East 69th Street	D4	Lincoln Square	B3
Crossby Street	C1	East 70th Street	D3 D4	Lispenard Street	C1
Delancy Street	D1	East 71st Street	D3 D4	Ludlow Street	D2
Desbrosses Street	B1	East 72nd Street	D3	Madison Avenue	B7 C5 D3 D4
Division Street	D2	East 73rd Street	D3	Madison Street	C3 D2 D3
Dover Street	C3	East 74st Street	D3	Maiden Lane	B3
Duane Street	B2	East 75st Street	D3	Main Street	D4
Duffy Square	B5	East 76st Streeet	D3	Manhattan Bridge	D3
East 1st Street	D1	East 77st Street	D3	Market Street	D2 D3
East 29th Street	B7	East 78st Street	D2 D3	Mercer Street	C1
East 30th Street	B7	East Broadway	D2	Middag Street	D4
East 31st Street	B7	East Houston Street	D1	Miller Highway	A2 A3
East 32nd Street	B7	Eighth Avenue	A5 A6 B5	Monroe Street	D3
East 33rd Street	B7	Eldridge Street	D1 D2	Mott Street	C2 D1 D2

East 34th Street	B7 C7	Elevated Highway	B4 C3	Mulberry Street	C2 D1
East 35th Street	B7 C7	Eleventh Avenue	A4	Murray Street	B2

Nassau Street	B3	Walker Street	C1 C2	West 59th Street	A3 B4
New Street	A4 B3	Wall Street	B3 B4	West 60th Street	B3
Ninth Avenue	A4 A5 A6	Warren Street	B2	West 61st Street	B3 B4
North End Avenue	A2	Washington Street	A3	West 62nd Street	B3
North Moore Street	B1	Water Street	B3 B4 C3 D3 D4	West 63rd Street	B3
Orchard Street	D2	Watts Street	B1	West 64th Street	B3
Park Avenue	B7 C5 C6	West 25th Street	A7	West 65th Street	B3
Park Avenue	D4	West 26th Street	A7	West 66th Street	B3
Park Row	C2	West 27th Street	A7	West 67th Street	B3
Pearl Street	B3 B4 C2	West 28th Street	A7	West 68th Street	B3
Pike Street	D2 D3	West 29th Street	A7	West 69th Street	B2 B3
Pine Street	B3	West 30th Street	A7	West 70th Street	B2
Police Plaza	C2	West 31st Street	A7	West 71st Street	B2
Poplar Street	D4	West 32nd Street	A7	West 72nd Street	B2
Prince Street	C1 D1	West 33rd Street	A7	West 73rd Street	B2
Queens Midtown Tunnel	D7	West 34th Street	A6 A7	West 74th Street	B2 C2
Reade Street	B2	West 35th Street	A6 A7	West 75th Street	B2 C2
River Terraace	A2	West 36th Street	A6	West 76th Street	B2 C2
Riverside Drive	B1 B2	West 37th Street	A6 B6	West 77th Street	B2 C2
Second Avenue	C7 D4 D5 D6	West 38th Street	A6 B6	West 78th Street	B1 C2
Seventh Avenue	A6 B5	West 39th Street	A6 B6	West 79th Street	B1 C1 C2
Sherman Square	B2	West 40th Street	A6 B6	West 80th Street	C1
South End Avenue	A3	West 41st Street	A5 A6 B6	West 81st Street	C1
Spring Street	C1 D1	West 42nd Street	A5 A6 B6	West 82nd Street	C1
Spruce Street	B3 C3	West 43rd Street	A5 B6	West 83rd Street	C1
St Andrews Place	C2	West 44th Street	A5 B5 B6	West 84th Street	C1
St James Place	C2 C3	West 45th Street	A5 B5 B6	West 85th Street	C1
Tenth Avenue	A4	West 46th Street	A5 B5	West 86th Street	C1
Third Avenue	C6 C7 D4	West 47th Street	A5 B5	West 87th Street	C1
Thomas Street	B2	West 48th Street	A5 B5	West 88th Street	C1
Times Square	B6	West 49th Street	A4 A5 B5	West 89th Street	C1 D1
Transverse Road No 2	C2 D2	West 50th Street	A4 B5	West Broadway	B1 B2 C1
Transverse Road No 3	C3 C4 D1	West 51st Street	A4 B5	West End Avenue	A3 B1
Trinity Place	A3	West 52nd Street	A4 B5	West Side Highway	A2 A3 B1
United Nations Plaza	D6	West 53rd Street	A4 B5	White Street	C2
Varick Street	B1	West 54th Street	A4 B4 B5	Whitehall Street	A4
Verdi Square	B2	West 55th Street	A4 B4 B5	William Street	B3 B4
Vesey Street	A2 B2	West 56th Street	A4 B4 C4	Wooster Street	C1
Vestry Street	B1	West 57th Street	B4 C4	Worth Street	B2 C2
W Thames Street	A3	West 58th Street	A4 B4 C4		