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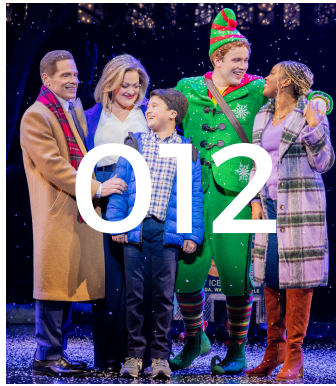
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### Big Apple Circus Presents *Hometown Playground*

An inside look at Big Apple Circus's latest show the NY Daily News calls "DAZZLING!"



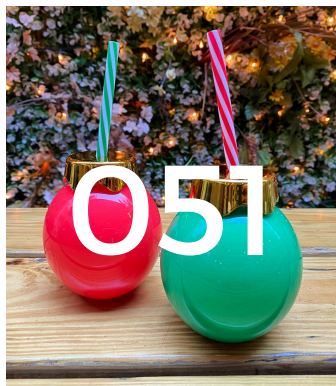
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With so many talented locals, there are plenty of recommendations for great ways to enjoy the city. We love chatting with Broadway's fantastic cast members about their NYC favorites.



### Your Guide to the Holiday Season

The holidays in NYC can be more than a little hectic. But never fear! We've rounded up Some of the best things to do, places to go, and where to shop during the holiday season.



### Festive Eats & Drinks in NYC

These four local spots go all for the holiday season—you won't want to miss the stunning decorations and the seasonal food and beverage specials that will keep you warm and cozy!

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# Concierge Corner



## **George Gaffney, Chef Concierge at The Beekman, A Thompson Hotel**

**Q:** Why do you refer your guests to The Welcome Guide®, and what makes it an important resource for you?

**A:** I love to get updates from The Welcome Guide®. As a concierge in a city like this one, I need to stay updated on the happenings that my guests care about. The Welcome Guide® makes it easy to get a snapshot of what's important to know.

**Q:** What should be on every visitor's "bucket list" when visiting?

**A:** At this time of year, Midtown is the place to be. [Rockefeller Center's](#) giant Christmas tree shouldn't be missed. I also love [Bryant Park Winter Village](#) for shopping and ice skating. You've got to see the [Christmas Spectacular](#) at [Radio City Music Hall](#) at least once.

**Q:** What is the best suggestion you can give a first-time visitor?

**A:** There's no excuse for skipping [Times Square](#). Locals often avoid it, but if it's your first time in New York, you have to see it. I've lived in New York City for over 30 years, and I still often marvel at the sheer magnitude of the place. The massive billboards, the theater marquees, and even the crowds. How can you say you've been to New York without that experience?

**Q:** Where's the best place to take kids of all ages?

**A:** Kids love the Holiday Train Show at the [New York Botanical Gardens](#). [Mercer Labs](#) in FIDI is also an easy choice for all ages. My kids are always begging to go, and I don't mind because I love it too. It's a multi-sensory art space with many rooms and interactive activities. I suggest it all the time.

**Q:** What is your expert tip?

**A:** Plan ahead. Many of your favorite restaurants start booking 30 days in advance, so same-day reservation attempts may not cut it. But don't despair. If you're not on their books, you may be able to walk in if you go at the very start of their dinner service or at the end of the night.

# BIG APPLE WINTER



## ENJOY THE CHILL

It might be winter, but there's still plenty to explore in the Big Apple. When it's dry, traveling by foot is still a great way to get around and see the sights.

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## EXPLORE A NEIGHBORHOOD

No matter the time of year, there are so many fantastic neighborhoods and blocks to check out in NYC. It's easy to spend an afternoon exploring just one.

[Check out a new place to explore HERE](#)



## DO SOME SHOPPING

It's okay if you weren't quite prepared for the cold. There are dozens of fantastic shopping options to help you gear up for the lower temperatures!

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## TAKE IN A SHOW

If spending time outdoors isn't your thing this season, stay indoors and take in a wonderful production on or off Broadway! There are so many options.

[See entertainment listings HERE](#)




## WINTER DATE NIGHTS

There's just something so hearty about a cozy winter meal. Fight off the chill with a delicious dinner (or breakfast, brunch, or lunch) that's sure to warm you through.

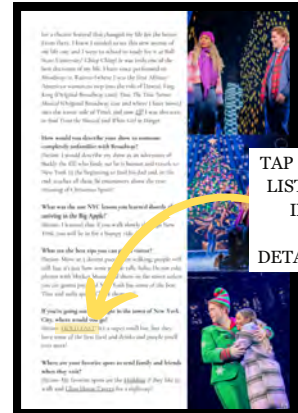
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# Big Apple Circus Returns!

Big Apple Circus rings in its 2024 season at the iconic Lincoln Center's Damrosch Park! With a legacy of showcasing talented performers from around the globe, Big Apple Circus promises dazzling acrobatics, innovative juggling acts, and captivating comedic performances that capture the imaginations of all.

While fans of Big Apple Circus can look forward to seeing some of their showstopping favorites, the circus constantly reinvents itself, bringing new life into the show every year. "Audiences can look forward to an all-new show with a cast of international circus stars," Yancey explained of the performers set to wow audiences. "Mihret Mekonnen will demonstrate strength and balance on the Slack Wire, The Flying Poemas soar above the big top on the trapeze, and the antics of the Aduhabda Cartoon Poodles will bring a smile to everyone's face. And that's just for starters; there are so many more amazing acts and surprises in *Hometown Playground*. This year's theme, *Hometown Playground*, is a celebration of New York City, its culture and the iconic neighborhoods and landmarks that make it like no other city in the world," Yancey said of the year's theme. "Our director, two-time Emmy Award-winner Shanda Sawyer, has created a nonstop show that packs all the magic of New York City into an exciting two-hour production. We can't wait for audiences to experience all it has to offer."







From the thrill of daring aerial stunts to the warmth of live animal performances, each show is a testament to the artistry and resilience that define the circus experience. Blending the effects of modern technology with age-old performance arts is no easy feat. “It’s a balancing act, no pun intended,” Yancey told us. “We’ve strived to create a production that appeals to families and children of all ages. Oftentimes, parents and grandparents want to see the more traditional circus acts that remind them of going to the circus as a child, while their kids are eager for something more contemporary. *Hometown Playground* caters to both through a variety of artistry, comedy, music and special effects.” A treasured element of New York’s cultural tapestry, the Big Apple Circus continues to enchant and inspire its audience season after season and reminds audiences what the holiday season is all about. “This season, the Big Apple Circus will continue its legacy of community engagement by donating tickets to local nonprofits and community-based organizations to offer the circus experience to hundreds of children and families at no cost,” Yancey told us. “We also provide daytime programming for local schools at an accessible price point.”

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# WEEKEND IN *New York*



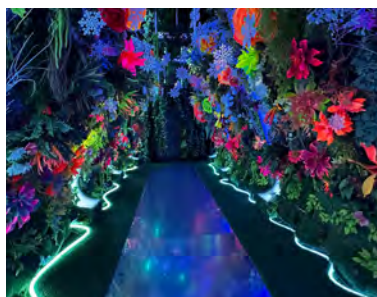
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December in New York City is one of the best times to visit but also one of the busiest. The magic of the holiday season is in full swing with a wide array of stunning window displays, towering trees, holiday goodies at every confectionary, and festive food and beverage specials at restaurants all over the city (with a few offering some of the most ornate decorations you'll find in the city). Here are a few spots we love all year long!

**Black Tap Craft Burgers & Beer** is an Instagrammable burger dream. The brand has locations all over the country (and the world) and serves up a variety of imaginative burgers with fun flavors. The restaurant had us in to check out some of the classic offerings like The Old-Fashioned burger, the craft salads (you can even get a burger salad if you're cutting back on carbs), and, of course, the world-famous CrazyShakes. We opted for the New Yorker, a sweet confection with strawberries, graham cracker crumbs, whipped cream, vanilla, and a delicious slice of cheesecake on top.

**Conwell Coffee Hall** is one of the city's buzziest coffee spots, and it's easy to see why. The stunning space can be found within the former space of Life & Trust, which was tucked away just off Wall Street. Named after one of Life & Trust's most known CEOs (J.G. Conwell), this caffeinated hotspot has caught New Yorkers' and visitors' eyes and taste buds. We were invited to taste the menu offerings like Avocado Toast, Roasted Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Croissants, Roasted Beets with goat cheese, and NYC's Best French Toast. Not a huge coffee fan? You'll find various teas and other beverages, including a coffee soda.

**Heritage Grand Bakery** and the attached **Heritage Grand Restaurant & Pizza Bar** provide a feast perfect for any palate. While the former offers all the delicious pastries and baked goods you could want, the latter serves upscale Mediterranean cuisine with a delightful range of flavors. During our media visit, we tasted a selection of goods, including heritage meatballs, seafood saffron risotto, and olive oil cake. The ambiance provides a perfect respite from the hustle and bustle of Bryant Park Winter Village, filled with huge crowds of shoppers and tourists across the street.



The **New York Botanical Garden's** Holiday Train Show is a timeless tradition for good reason. As one of the season's best events (at one of the city's best attractions), the Holiday Train Show is the perfect outing for families, friends, couples, and even solo travelers. We were invited to experience this year's show and caught up in the magic of the backgrounds, props, and fun trains zipping past at every turn. Scenes include famous NYC landmarks like Macy's Herald Square, the Wonder Wheel from Coney Island, Grand Central Terminal, and the Haupt Conservatory (where the Holiday Train Show is housed). The special event is perfect for children of all ages to marvel at the mystery of a bygone era of travel.

**INTER** is a truly unique immersive experience that allows interaction with nearly all the accessible space in the exhibit. We were invited to visit the space and loved the motion-activated screens, picturesque arches, and all the spaces designed to encourage movement, touch, and many other senses. INTER is intended to urge visitors to take a step back, take a moment to themselves, and be present during their visit. After playing with the elements inside the exhibit, visitors are encouraged to take home souvenir videos in a special INTER booth and make custom bracelets based on their elements and zodiac at the DIY Creation Station.

The **New York CityPASS** offers a great value for anyone exploring some of the city's most iconic attractions. We took one for a spin recently and loved the ease of entry and booking—most attractions require reservations, which can be made right in the app. Passes can then be added to your Apple or Google wallet for fast entry and minimal lines. As a CityPASS holder, you can explore New York City landmarks like the Empire State Building and American Museum of Natural History. Enjoy ferry access to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, or visit the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. Other options include Circle Line Cruise, the Intrepid, Guggenheim Museum, Museum of Modern Arts, and the Edge at Hudson Yards.

**Hyatt Herald Square** offers an ideal location for those looking to explore the vibrant surroundings of New York City. Situated just moments away from Penn Station and the iconic Macy's Herald Square, this hotel combines convenience with modern comfort. Guests can enjoy clean, efficient spaces equipped with contemporary amenities, making it an excellent choice for both business and leisure travelers. Whether you're here to shop, sightsee, or attend meetings, Hyatt Herald Square provides a welcoming retreat amidst the bustling city energy.

**The Beekman, a Thompson Hotel**, seamlessly blends history and luxury in the heart of New York City. The stunning hotel boasts a classic charm with its nine-story Victorian atrium and original architectural details. Each room is elegantly designed with plush furnishings and thoughtful amenities. The hotel also features world-class dining options from renowned chefs, offering an exquisite culinary experience on-site. The Beekman's convenient location puts guests within close proximity to iconic landmarks such as the Brooklyn Bridge, the World Trade Center, and South Street Seaport.

**The Empire Hotel** is a historic landmark ideally situated in Manhattan's vibrant Upper West Side, just steps away from Central Park, Lincoln Center, and Columbus Circle. This iconic hotel combines classic charm with modern sophistication, providing guests with a memorable stay in the heart of New York City. With its chic and stylish rooms, The Empire Hotel offers comfort and convenience, enhanced by luxurious amenities and unparalleled service. Guests can unwind at the hotel's rooftop pool and lounge, boasting stunning views of the city skyline, or indulge in culinary delights at rooftop.



Broadway Guide Insider:

Kayla Davion

# Elf: The Musical

**Nobody knows New York City like a local. Some of the city's notable locals are also the stars of Broadway. We talked with Kayla Davion, who stars as Jovie in *Elf: The Musical*, about her favorite places in New York City.**

**Tell us about your current Broadway role!**

*Davion-* I am currently playing the role of Jovie in *Elf: The Musical* on Broadway! Jovie is in need of Christmas spirit. She is a very blunt human who has always wanted to experience the version of New York that she's heard about since she moved from LA. For one reason or another, in her time there, she seems to have lost her glimpse of joy and true Christmas spirit. This is where she meets Buddy, who is just as honest as her and shows her how to believe in the magic of life again!

**How did you get your start in performing, and in what other shows have you performed?**

*Davion-* I was raised in the church; my dad was a pastor, so I grew up singing through that avenue. I have always loved performing when it came to singing, but I didn't really get into theatre until I was aware of an opportunity to do a Musical called Memphis

for a theatre festival that changed my life for the better. From there, I knew I needed to see this new avenue of my life out, and I went to school to study for it at Ball State University! Chirp Chirp! It was truly one of the best decisions of my life. I have since performed on Broadway in *Waitress* (where I was the first African American woman to step into the role of Dawn), *King Kong* (Original Broadway cast), *Tina: The Tina Turner Musical* (Original Broadway cast and where I later moved into the iconic role of Tina), and now *Elf!* I was also seen in *Soul Train the Musical* and *White Girl in Danger*.

**How would you describe your show to someone completely unfamiliar with Broadway?**

*Davion-* I would describe my show as an adventure of Buddy the Elf, who finds out he is human and travels to New York in the beginning to find his dad and, in the end, teaches all those he encounters about the true meaning of Christmas Spirit!

**What was the one NYC lesson you learned shortly after arriving in the Big Apple?**

*Davion-* I learned that if you walk slowly through New York, you will be in for a bumpy ride, lol

**What are the best tips you can give a visitor?**

*Davion-* Move at a decent pace when walking; people will yell, but it's just how some people talk, haha. Do not take photos with Mickey Mouse and them on the street unless you are gonna pay, and New York has some of the best Thai and sushi spots! Check them out!

**If you're going out for a night in the town of New York City, where would you go?**

*Davion-* HOLD FAST! It's a super small bar, but they have some of the best food and drinks and people you'll ever meet!

**Where are your favorite spots to send family and friends when they visit?**

*Davion-* My favorite spots are the Highline if they like to walk and Glass House Tavern for a nightcap!



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# NEW YORK NEIGHBORHOODS

## Your Guide to Navigating NYC

### Midtown West

Comprised of Times Square, the Theatre District and points west, Midtown West spans 59th St. to 42nd St. Highlights include [Rockefeller Center](#), [Radio City Music Hall](#), home of the world-famous Rockettes and the [Rainbow Room](#).

Located at Rockefeller Center is [NBC Studios](#), where visitors and locals can be part of the studio audiences for some of their favorite talk shows like “Late Night with Seth Meyers” and “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon.”

Three blocks north you'll find the world-famous [Museum of Modern Art](#). Constantly featuring various exhibits and events, MoMA never fails to deliver something interesting on any given day.

Heading farther west is Hell's Kitchen. Known initially as a crime-heavy neighborhood pre-gentrification, Hell's Kitchen began life as a haven for working-class Irish Americans. The bustling neighborhood is now most known for Restaurant Row, located on 46th St.

Later in the 20th century, Hell's Kitchen grew in popularity due to its proximity to Broadway theaters and the Actors Studio. The cost of living at the time was low, making the unpopular neighborhood a hot choice for aspiring actors and artists.

The extreme western edge by the Hudson River boasts the famous WWII aircraft carrier, now the [Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum](#), and the famous [Circle Line](#) sightseeing boats. Make sure to check online for tour reservations.

### Times Square/ Broadway

[Times Square](#) stretches from 40th St. to 53rd St. between 8th Ave. and Broadway, at the heart of the Theater District, which is home to 41 professional theaters.

Times Square got its title when The New York Times moved into the area in 1904. Nowadays, the area is known for many of New York's key tourist attractions. These include [Madame Tussauds](#), [Dave and Buster's](#) and [Spyscape](#).

If you make your way to the northern section of Times Square, you'll find yourself at the Red Stairs at 47th St. and Broadway—the perfect place for a selfie.

If you're looking for sweets, [Hershey's Chocolate World](#) and [M&M's World](#) are both just a block north of the Red Stairs.

If midnight is now upon you in Times Square, you're in the right place at the right time. Nightly, beginning three minutes to midnight, Times Square has its Midnight Moment. This display is the world's largest, longest-running digital art exhibition, synchronized on all the electronic billboards throughout Times Square.

Like the Midnight Moment, if you're in New York City around New Year's Eve, don't miss the Times Square ball drop at least once in your lifetime. With over a million annual visitors, it's like a massive party in the City That Never Sleeps and a testament to the statement that Times Square is the “crossroads of the world.”

### Midtown East

Spanning from 5th Ave. to the FDR Drive and from 59th St. to 42nd St., Midtown East is right near the buzz of Times Square.

Not to be outshined by Manhattan's famous city center, Midtown East boasts a variety of attractions that you won't find anywhere else in NYC. It's the perfect place to spend a day with family-friendly activities and attractions.

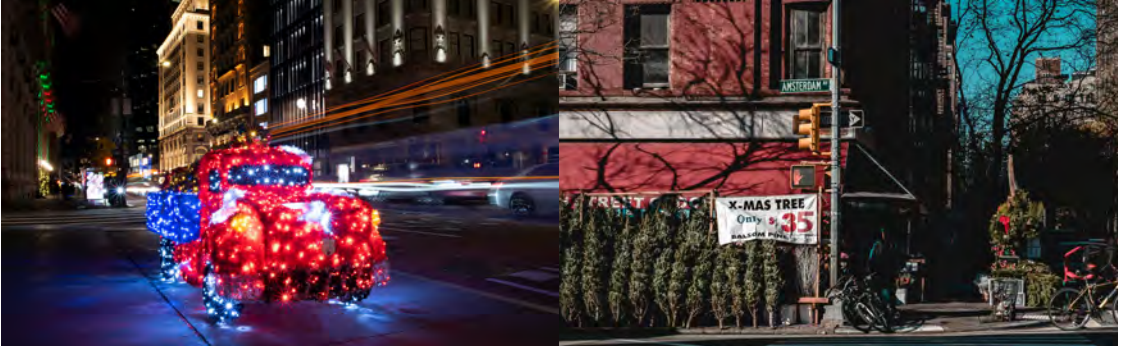
Located right at the heart of Midtown East is [Grand Central Terminal](#). Not just a transportation hub, Grand Central is also a center for dining, shopping and culture. The location has 60 shops, 35 places to eat and many pieces of magnificent architecture, including the whispering arches.

Steps away from Grand Central Terminal is [SUMMIT One Vanderbilt](#). See New York City through glass ledges and elevators and “Air” by Kenzo Digital.

On Fifth Ave., two avenues west of Grand Central, is [Bryant Park](#), a perfect spot to sit and rest while enjoying the daily events. In the winter, the main attractions at the park are the skating rink and the Holiday Shops; in other seasons, main attractions are the lawn, where movie nights and yoga sessions occur, and the game spots, hosting activities like Ping Pong.

Located at the east end of the park is [The New York Public Library](#), home to over 50 million items and almost 100 locations.





Going up Fifth Ave., you'll find [St. Patrick's Cathedral](#) on 50th St., a 339-foot-tall cathedral home to many religious works of art, musical instruments and architecture that never ceases to impress.

Continue north, and stroll through one of the most glamorous shopping districts, which hosts Saks Fifth Avenue, Bergdorf Goodman, Tiffany & Co. and other high-end stores. You can shop (or window shop) through some of the best shops in New York City (and the world). No matter what you're looking for, you'll find it in New York City.

Going to FDR Dr. on the other side of Midtown East is the globally recognized United Nations from 48th St. to 42nd St. With an art collection rivaling NYC's museums, this location is an international landmark. Check online for tours.

## Central Midtown

Central Midtown boasts a few major sites of its own, including the famous [Empire State Building](#). This building is a National Historic Landmark. Built in just 410 days, it is 102-stories high with marvelous views. If you wait until dark, see what color the Empire State Building is sporting. They change based on holidays or commemorative events.

For a more adult experience, the [Museum of Sex](#) is located a few blocks from the Empire State Building. Also in Central Midtown is the enormous [Macy's](#) flagship store. Sitting on one entire city block, it is one of the largest (and most famous) department stores in the world.

The Upper West Side starts at Columbus Circle, where Broadway meets 59th St., 8th Ave., Central Park South and Central Park West. This mesh of streets join to form Columbus Circle. The Time Warner complex here houses some exquisite shops and Jazz at Lincoln Center.

One of the largest cultural complexes in the world is also nearby on 63rd St. and Columbus Ave. [Lincoln Center](#) is a sleek

set of buildings that house some of the most remarkable arts and entertainment in the city, including the [Metropolitan Opera](#), the [New York City Ballet](#) and the [New York Philharmonic](#).

Farther uptown, visit the [American Museum of Natural History](#). The massive hanging whale, the largest dinosaur skeleton of the Titanosaur and the state-of-the-art [Rose Center for Earth and Space](#), locally known as The Planetarium, are both attractions you won't want to miss. Next door, find the [New York Historical Society Museum](#).

Along Amsterdam Ave., you'll be able to see for yourself why the Avenue is known for its abundance of genuinely outstanding restaurants.

Starting around 110th Street, you'll find yourself in Morningside Heights, home to the Jewish Theological Seminary, Columbia University and Barnard College campuses. See the breathtaking St. John the Divine, one of the area's must sees. [Grant's Tomb](#) is a few blocks away.

## Central Park

You can get a carriage ride at the 59th Street end of the park. These rides can last either 20 minutes or 45 minutes, and your friendly guide will provide facts about Central Park throughout the trip.

One of the many sites in the park includes the [Central Park Zoo](#). Located on 64th St. and 5th Ave., the zoo is home to leopards, red pandas, snow monkeys, sea lions and many more animals. It's a perfect place to spend a whole afternoon with family or friends.

Toward the middle of the park, in the area between 72nd St. and 84th St., you will come upon Strawberry Fields, a beautiful memorial dedicated Next to Strawberry Fields is The Dakota. Built in 1884, The Dakota is considered one of Manhattan's most luxurious residential buildings and was at one point home to Lennon from 1973 until his death in the building's archways in 1980.

## Upper East Side/Yorkville

Blocks of elegant mansions and townhouses characterize the Upper East Side, once known as the Silk Stocking District, because the city's wealthiest people lived there, especially along Park, Madison and Fifth Avenues. This neighborhood continues to be some of the most coveted real estate in all of New York City.

The area above 82nd St. and 5th Ave., up to 105th St., is known as Museum Mile. This beautiful stretch along [Central Park](#) is where you can find the [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), the [Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum](#), [El Museo del Barrio](#), the [Museum of the City of New York](#), the [Jewish Museum](#), the [Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum](#), the [Frick Collection](#) and the [Neue Galerie](#).

On 83rd St. is the last remaining original luncheonette in New York City, the [Lexington Candy Shop](#). This adorable sweet shop is a reminder of a bygone era where soda fountains and luncheonettes staples of virtually all New York City neighborhoods.

A few blocks over from Lexington Candy Shop is [Gracie Mansion](#), designated the official residence of the Mayor of New York. This house is intended to serve as a "People's house," a title that set a standard for the municipality and public access at the time of the building's conception.

## Washington Heights/Inwood

Take a trip to the top of Manhattan, to Washington Heights and Inwood. This New York City neighborhood, lying right along the majestic George Washington Bridge, was first settled by the Irish, later by European Jews escaping WWII and finally by the Latino community, making it a great place to find authentic Latin cuisine.

Start with a visit to [Fort Tryon Park](#), home to [The Cloisters](#), an art museum built from reconstructed medieval Chapels



and Abbeys originally brought over from Europe. It is now part of [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#). Fort Tryon Park is the highest point in New York City, with incredible Hudson River views. During the Revolutionary War, the park was an active fort and served as a strategic military lookout. Also, in the Heights, visitors will delight to see Manhattan's only lighthouse, the [Little Red Lighthouse](#).

Another famous spot is the High Bridge, the oldest bridge in New York City. Opened in 1848 as part of the Croton Aqueduct, the bridge has since been turned into a pedestrian walkway over the East River.

Above Washington Heights is Manhattan's northernmost neighborhood, Inwood. Stretching from Dyckman St. to the North end of Manhattan, its residential streets and river shoreline blend into the wilderness of Inwood Hill Park. Dramatic caves, valleys and ridges left as a result of shifting glaciers can be found.

## Harlem

North of Central Park lies Harlem, a vibrant neighborhood long synonymous with African-American culture. Today you can find charming brownstones and museums, such as the [National Jazz Museum](#). This museum was conceived in 1995 and is dedicated to the education and preservation of jazz history.

If you're looking for some great cuisine, stop by [Minton's](#), the birthplace of bebop, a type of jazz. Artists like Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald performed here. The food is southern comfort style, with classics such as shrimp and grits. Other incredible restaurants include the popular [Red Rooster](#), [Sylvia's Queen of Soul Food](#), [Dinosaur Bar-B-Que](#) and [Amy Ruth's](#), a restaurant that boasts 14 takes on chicken and waffles.

## Financial District/Lower Manhattan

When visitors think about the Financial District, the first thing that comes to mind is the [World Trade Center](#). This stunning and beautiful building commemorates the victims of 9/11. [The National September 11 Memorial and Museum](#) consists of a museum depicting the 9/11 events as well as a beautiful outdoor memorial featuring two enormous waterfalls and reflecting pools. Each pool is about an acre in size, and are set within the footprints of the original Twin Towers. The 9/11 Tribute Center is an additional stopping point to get an in-depth look at 9/11, its aftermath and the tragic event's impact on the entire nation.

For visitors and locals that want to get an incredible birdseye view of Manhattan, [One World Observatory](#) is the place to go. Other great views can be had from the river via [City Cruises](#) at the [Statue of Liberty](#) and [Ellis Island](#). Reached by boat from [Battery Park](#), the statue stands tall and proud as a symbol of liberty, while Ellis Island, once a gateway into the United States and at point the biggest immigration inspection one station, is now a museum. Find records of possible family members who passed through or just revel in the history.

Back on land are [Westfield](#) and [Brookfield Place](#). These complexes house shops, restaurants and more. One of the eatery highlights at Brookfield Place is [Le District](#)—a French-inspired marketplace where visitors and locals can purchase everything from ready-to-eat meals to ingredients for their own gourmet creations.

Across the street from Brookfield Place, you can find the beautiful Irish Hunger Memorial, which commemorates the Great Irish Famine and is a reminder "that hunger today is often the result of lack of access to land." Nearby on the west side, you'll find the [Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial to the Holocaust](#). This educational museum is fully dedicated to the Holocaust and other events of WWII. Right up the street from this memorial is the Charging Bull statue. This statue took over two years to

complete and weighs over three and a half tons.

Walk a few blocks north to view the [New York Stock Exchange](#), where brokers and traders are constantly buying and trading stocks. Across the street is [Federal Hall National Memorial](#). Built in 1842 as the United States Custom House, on the site of the old [Federal Hall](#). It later served as a sub-Treasury building and is now operated by the National Park Service. Imagine standing in the very spot where George Washington did! The Federal Reserve is two blocks up and the facility has special Gold tours of its vaults.

Heading eastward is Seaport District. This Manhattan location features some of the oldest architecture downtown, which includes renovated mercantile buildings, sailing ships, restaurants and shops. At the most southern tip of Manhattan is the [Staten Island Ferry](#). From here, you can take a ferry to Staten Island for free (it has excellent views of the Statue of Liberty!). Ferries depart every half hour.

## Tribeca

Tribeca, which stands below Canal Street, has become a coveted neighborhood art galleries and sophisticated restaurants. Known for its low crime rates and excellent schools, Tribeca is a very residential area, home to many renowned celebrities and a number of wealthy New Yorkers.

Tribeca is also home to some of the best architecture in New York City. You can find the "Jenga" building here (56 Leonard St.) or walk down Staple Street to see the skybridge. here (56 Leonard St.) or walk down Staple Street to see the skybridge.

## Chinatown

When in Chinatown, take a more scholastic approach to culture and visit the [Museum of Chinese in America](#). This museum gives an in-depth look into the lives of Chinese-Americans,



their role in American culture, and their journey to the United States. A place more centric to Chinatown worth visiting is Canal Street. Chinatown's Canal Street has the feel of an open-air bazaar. Here you can bargain for unique products among a large assortment of items.

Take a shopping break and make your way to [The Original Chinatown Ice Cream Factory](#). This "family-owned business adds a twist to one of America's favorite desserts by introducing new Chinese-influenced flavors to this cold treat."

Take a peek at [Columbus Park](#). This historically significant park is in the heart of Chinatown by Baxter St., and Bayard St. Some parts of the park are filled with numerous card players and masters of Mahjong, and other areas are often filled with various people practicing tai chi and kung fu.

## Soho/ Little Italy

Little Italy borders Chinatown, another extremely cultural part of the city. Initially, Little Italy was a large 30-block section of the Lower East Side. Now it has condensed to a couple of blocks centered around Mulberry Street. Although Little Italy isn't large; it is packed with things to see and a unique atmosphere in which to immerse yourself.

Architecture fans may enjoy the buildings in this area, most from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. One of the best things about Little Italy is the food culture. Dozens of amazing Italian restaurants are packed into this portion of Manhattan.

When it comes to SoHo, which stands for South of Houston Street, the most common thing to do is shop. Going down Broadway, you can find a multitude of bars with outdoor seating, boutiques and dozens of name brands making their home in this area with big names such as Adidas, Victoria's Secret, Uniqlo and H&M, to name a few. What many people don't know, though, is that on many of the side streets parallel to Broadway, you can find other stores and shops to browse in—another part of Manhattan worth exploring. There are over 40 galleries in SoHo.

The [Tenement Museum](#) is one of the most popular attractions in the area. This museum can only be seen via guided tours and in small groups, so make sure to book in advance. The tour takes visitors through apartment buildings that give a first-hand view of how local residents lived.

## Lower East Side

The Lower East Side has a rich history dating back to the large number of immigrants who settled in the area back in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Today it's a bustling neighborhood with an active foodie and nightlife scene, but you can still find traces of the community that shaped the area.

The [New Museum](#) provides visitors with more contemporary art through its rotating and changing collection. Today, the Lower East Side is the neighborhood to visit to try one of the many trendy new restaurants, bars, galleries and music venues.

If you're looking for an authentic New York experience, head to [Katz's Delicatessen](#), where you can find some of the best pastrami sandwiches in the world. Since its founding in 1888, this deli has found popularity among locals and tourists alike. Stop in at [Russ & Daughters](#) if you're looking for a genuinely delicious taste of New York.

## West Village

The West Village, between 14th St. and W. Houston St. and 6th Ave. to the Hudson River, is known to be one of the NYC centers with some of history's most and influential social movements for the LGBTQIA+ community. The community and allies here played a significant role in the gay-rights movement.

Examples of the neighborhood's dedication to inclusion, tolerance and the history of the area are the [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center](#) and the beautiful [NYC AIDS Memorial](#) located in St. Vincent's Triangle Park. The West Village is also home to [Stonewall Inn](#), now a bar and recreational tavern. Stonewall Inn was the location of the Stonewall Riots in 1969, considered the single most important event leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for gay and lesbian rights in the United States.

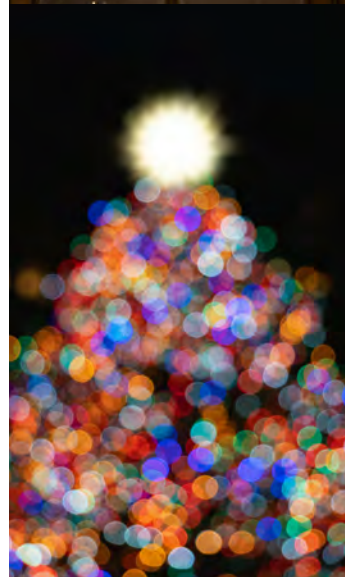
Another significant park is [Washington Square Park](#), which serves as a focal point for the West Village. It is frequently visited by tourists and photographers for its arch, which resembles Paris' Arc de Triomphe on a much smaller scale. On many warm days, you can find crowds enjoying the park for the performers, musicians, and the beautiful fountain.

Head past the park to the area where MacDougal St. meets Bleecker St., and you'll find yourself in a sea of fantastic music venues, comedy clubs and restaurants. Here you can find numerous venues where many famous artists such as Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan once performed.

You can also stop at [Caffe Reggiao](#)—the first U.S. cafe to serve a cappuccino back in 1927. Just down the block is the [Comedy Cellar](#), where big-time comedians are known to stop by to test out new material. You never know who you might run into.

## East Village

You can find the East Village east of the Bowery between Houston St. and 14th St., where Manhattan extends to the East River, and the avenues start going by letters instead of numbers.





Despite the passing of time, the East Village still retains all of the grit for which the area was once known.

The East Village is most known for its nightlife and restaurants. St. Marks is a wonderful hub in itself, with several bars and restaurants lining 8th St. between 3rd and 2nd Ave. This is also where you'll find [La MaMa Experimental Theater Club](#), one of New York City's respected experimental theater companies since the 1960s.

In the center of the East Village is [Tompkins Square Park](#). The park hosts performances all the time, like the outdoor drag festival Wigstock, the Howl Festival and the Jazz Festival.

## Meatpacking District

The small slice of Manhattan that runs from Gansevoort St. to West 14th St. and from Hudson St. to the Hudson River has quickly grown into one of Manhattan's most glamorous neighborhoods. Starting in the 1900s, the Meatpacking District was primarily composed of a wide variety of meatpacking plants, but has evolved into a bustling hive of late-night hot spots, hotels and nightclubs.

Take a stroll on the [High Line](#)—it was built as a railroad to deliver products to buildings along the route. One interesting fact about the area: the Meatpacking District was actually the original birthplace of the beloved Oreo Cookie.

For a fun coffee experience, make a visit to the [Starbucks Reserve Roastery](#). Visit the [Whitney Museum of American Art](#)—this culturally charged museum has excellent outdoor views. If you're looking for more views, go to the [Top of the Standard](#).

## Union Square/ Flatiron

Union Square has long been a center for political demonstrations, starting in 1861 with the Great Sumter Rally and later hosting labor union rallies, Occupy Wall Street protesters and serving as a gathering point for those mourning the 9/11 attacks.

Stretching from 14th to 17th St. and from Union Square West to Union Square East, the lush greenery makes it perfect for gatherings. On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, this park hosts the [Union Square Greenmarket](#). Browse for fresh produce, flowers, and more alongside top chefs shopping for ingredients.

[Madison Square Park](#) sits in the Flatiron District from 23rd to 26th St., between Madison Ave. and 5th Ave. Get an amazing view of the Flatiron Building—the iconic triangular building completed in 1902—from the park. Take a trip through [Eataly](#), an Italian marketplace with restaurants, cooking demonstrations, Italian food products and bakeries.



Another great park in the Flatiron district is Gramercy Park—a park developed in the 1830s to resemble a London Square. If you do go to see Gramercy Park, don't expect to go inside the park. Unfortunately, the most you can do is look at it from the outside since you need a very exclusive key to enter the park. There are around 400 keys, and only residents of the Gramercy Park area have them.

[Fotografiska New York](#) aims to inspire a more conscious world through the power of photography. Founded in Stockholm in 2010, Fotografiska opened its NYC outpost in the treasured, six-floor historic building in the Flatiron District.

## Chelsea

Chelsea can be found north of the West Village between 14th St. and 29th St. This part of Manhattan was once an industrial area but has since been developed into a highly coveted residential area. With over 200 gallery spaces (including the [Gagosian](#)), Chelsea is the perfect place to wander through some of the best art in New York City.

Right underneath the [High Line](#), which starts in the Meatpacking District, on 15th St., you can find [Chelsea Market](#), which is known as a food emporium of sorts. You can get just about anything from delicious fresh lobster to milk from a milk bar. Shoppers can find something for everyone at Chelsea Market.

A little farther up is [Chelsea Piers](#). Chelsea Piers is most known for its golfing range, but the sports complex has an entire menu of activities from which to select. These include ice skating, basketball and even rock climbing. There's an activity for everyone here.

Located on 17th St. between 7th and 6th Ave., you can find the [Rubin Museum of Art](#). This museum is dedicated to the preservation of the art and cultures of the Himalayas, India and neighboring regions. The museum is built in the shape of a tower, where each floor's design gives the feel of climbing a mountain; the bottom floor is the base of the mountain, and the top floor is at the peak, way above the clouds.

If you're looking for a truly exciting evening, and if there is a specific show or game that you're interested in seeing, then [Madison Square Garden](#) is the place to be. The venue is known as "The World's Most Famous Arena" for a good reason.

## Hudson Yards

Set atop rail yards, [Hudson Yards](#) is altering the Hudson River skyline with its rising skyscrapers. New York's newest neighborhood is home to more than 100 shops and delicious culinary experiences featuring restaurants from celebrity chefs like David Chang and José Andrés.



If you're in search of the perfect sweet treat or souvenir, you're sure to find it here. Hudson Yards is also home to public art and cultural institutions, including The Shed, 14 acres of public plazas, gardens, and [Equinox Hotel](#)®.

Hudson Yards is another ideal location to spend an afternoon or an entire day. Visit various shops and enjoy numerous dining outlets. Last but not least, make a visit to [Edge](#). With a one-of-a-kind design, Edge is suspended in mid-air. Have a look 100 stories down and lean out over the city for a view on angled glass.

## DUMBO

Just across the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, you'll find DUMBO (an acronym for Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass). The area received its name in the 1970s when it was mostly an industrial district, and artists began flocking to the area, attracted by spacious lofts and cheaper rents.

Today, DUMBO is known for its stunning views of the Manhattan skyline, with the [Brooklyn Bridge](#) looming in the foreground (especially at [Brooklyn Bridge Park](#)). The neighborhood is a foodie's paradise, with eateries such as [Grimaldi's Pizzeria](#), and has fantastic thrifting at [Brooklyn Flea](#), which features a curated collection of vendors selling vintage and handmade items. [Jane's Carousel](#), which is over 100 years old, has been beautifully restored for both tourists and locals alike.

## Downtown Brooklyn/ Brooklyn Heights

Downtown Brooklyn and Brooklyn Heights are two adjacent neighborhoods located in the heart of Brooklyn, New York. These neighborhoods have a rich history and vibrant culture that attract locals and tourists alike. Downtown Brooklyn is home to the [New York Transit Museum](#), where visitors can learn about the city's extensive transportation system, while the Brooklyn War Memorial at [Cadman Plaza Park](#) pays homage to the

brave soldiers who valiantly fought in World War II.

In contrast, Brooklyn Heights is known for its charming brownstone buildings and stunning views of the Manhattan skyline. One of the most popular attractions in Brooklyn Heights is [Fort Greene Park](#), offering lush greenery, a scenic promenade, and a playground.

## Williamsburg

Williamsburg is a vibrant and culturally rich neighborhood located in Brooklyn. It is home to some of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the [Peter Luger Steak House](#), which is famous for its deliciously juicy steaks. Visitors can also explore the neighborhood's unique history at the [City Reliquary Museum](#) and the [Williamsburg Art & Historical Center](#). For those looking for a truly breathtaking view, the [Williamsburg Bridge](#) is always bustling with pedestrians and bikers.

## Greenpoint

Greenpoint, a neighborhood in the northernmost part of Brooklyn, has been gaining popularity in recent years for its vibrant art scene and artistic community. Among the art galleries that have made a name for themselves in Greenpoint are the [Greenpoint Terminal Gallery](#) and the [Skyline Drive In NYC](#).

Greenpoint is also home to the [WNYC Transmitter Park](#), a serene waterfront park that offers stunning views of the Manhattan skyline, and the [Greenpoint Public Park](#), a green oasis nestled among the city's hustle and bustle. Whether one is a seasoned art lover or simply looking for a peaceful afternoon stroll, Greenpoint is a must-visit destination in Brooklyn.

## Corona/Flushing

Corona and Flushing are vibrant neighborhoods located in the borough of Queens. These neighborhoods are known for their rich cultural diversity and for

being home to some of the city's most iconic attractions. [Flushing Meadows Corona Park](#), a 1,255-acre park that hosted the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs, is a must-see destination. It combines natural beauty with important cultural institutions, such as the [New York Hall of Science](#) and the [Queens Museum](#), which houses an impressive collection of art and artifacts related to the city's history.

Sports and music enthusiasts will also appreciate the nearby [Forest Hills Stadium](#), which has hosted many legendary concerts and the US Open tennis tournament. Additionally, the [Queens Botanical Garden](#) and the [Queens Zoo](#) offer visitors a unique chance to explore the world of flora and fauna.

## Jamaica

Jamaica is one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in Queens, New York. Known for its rich cultural diversity, the community showcases an unmatched blend of African-American, Caribbean, and Latino cultures. The neighborhood is home to several landmarks, including the [King Manor Museum](#), which was the former residence of Rufus King, one of the signatories of the US Constitution. The [Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge](#), located in close proximity to the neighborhood, offers visitors an opportunity to enjoy its diverse birdlife, marshland, and saltwater marshes.

## The Rockaways

The Rockaways is a peninsula located in Queens, New York City, that stretches out into the Atlantic Ocean. Known for its breathtaking sandy beaches and popular surfing spots, the Rockaways has become a beloved destination for tourists and locals alike. It is home to the [Jacob Riis Park](#), [Rockaway Beach](#), and the [Rockaway Beach Boardwalk](#), which offers stunning views of the Manhattan skyline. The peninsula suffered severe damage from Hurricane Sandy in 2012, but has since undergone a tremendous effort to rebuild and revitalize.

# DO'S & DON'T'S *in NYC*

**Do:** *Research your hotel options and location before booking.*

When looking for a place to stay in NYC, it's essential to consider the location of your hotel carefully. Manhattan is the most central location and is close to many attractions, but it can also be the most expensive. However, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx offer more affordable options and unique local experiences. Be sure to research the area and amenities of a hotel before making your decision. With so much to do in NYC, you don't want to waste your time commuting long distances from your hotel.

**Don't:** *Wait until the last minute to book your accommodations.*

New York City is a top destination for tourists from around the world, and the demand for hotels can be high. To ensure you snag the best possible deal, reserve your hotel room as far in advance as possible. By booking early, you'll have more options and could save some money.

**Do:** *Catch a Broadway show or visit an Off-Broadway Theater.*

In the City That Never Sleeps, some form of entertainment can be found at all hours of the day. For a quintessential New York experience, catch a Broadway show. If you want to see productions with lower ticket prices, Off-Broadway theaters are another option. With so many shows, there's something to suit every taste and budget.

**Don't:** *Buy tickets from scalpers or shady online sources.*

New York City is notorious for ticket scalpers outside of popular shows, and they will try to sell tickets at inflated prices. Avoid buying from scalpers, as these tickets could be fake or invalid. Stick with reputable ticket vendors and remember, you can purchase tickets on our website!

**Do:** *Check out NYC's top attractions.*

New York City is home to some of the world's most iconic attractions, such as the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It's essential to plan ahead and prioritize which attractions you want to visit during your stay. This can save time, money, and ensure you don't miss out on any must-see spots.

**Don't:** *Rush through the attractions.*

While it's essential to see all the top attractions, don't rush through them. Take enough time to appreciate the unique features of each place, take photos, read signs and markers, and soak in the history and culture.



**Do:** *Dine at some of NYC's best restaurants.*

New York City's culinary scene is famous worldwide, with a wide variety of cuisines and dining options available. From Michelin-starred restaurants to street vendors, the options are endless. When choosing where to eat, check out restaurant reviews, menus, and recommendations from locals.



**Don't:** *Get caught by tourist traps or overpriced restaurants.*

While there are many great places to eat in NYC, there are also many restaurants that prey on tourists. These places can be overpriced with mediocre food or even scams. Avoid these tourist traps by reading reviews, checking menus and prices beforehand, asking locals for their recommendations, and avoiding restaurants with pushy street flyers.

**Do:** *Take advantage of public transportation in NYC.*

New York City is a bustling city, and navigating it can be daunting at times. Fortunately, the city has an extensive public transportation network. With options such as the subway, buses, and taxis readily available, it's easy to get around the city on a budget.

**Don't:** *Only rely on Uber or taxis.*

While taxis and Ubers can be convenient, they can also be more expensive than public transportation. Additionally, New York City traffic can be unpredictable, and you could end up wasting time and money sitting in traffic. Take advantage of the city's public transportation system, which is generally reliable and efficient.

# Upcoming Events

## DECEMBER 2024



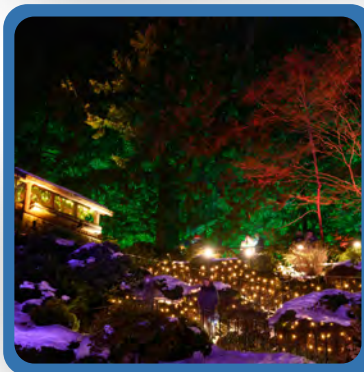
### Concerts

Vienna Boys' Choir | Dec 4, 6, 8, 19  
Brett Eldredge - GLOW: Welcome to the Family Tour | Dec 12-14  
Mariah Carey: Mariah Carey's Christmas Time | Dec 13, 15, 17  
A Prairie Home Companion Christmas | Dec 18  
Debbie Gibson's Winterlicious - An Evening of Holiday and Hits | Dec 19-20  
Andrea Bocelli In Concert | Dec 19  
Trans-Siberian Orchestra-The Lost Christmas Eve | Dec 20



### Sports

Brooklyn Nets | Dec 1, 4, 8, 21, 27  
The Garden Cup | Dec 4  
Long Island Nets | Dec 4, 6, 8, 11  
New Jersey Devils | Dec 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 21, 23, 27  
New York Islanders | Dec 5, 7, 10, 12, 23, 28  
New York Jets | Dec 1, 22  
New York Knicks | Dec 1, 3, 5, 7, 23, 25  
New York Rangers | Dec 2, 6, 8-9, 14, 22



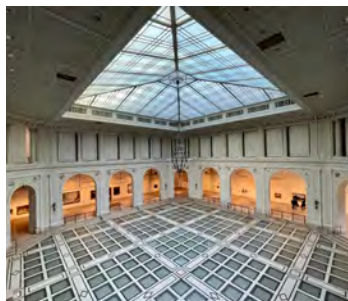
### Events

Not-a-Normal Holiday Market NYC | December 2024 | Dec 7  
Oddities Flea Market: New York City | Dec 7  
New York City Ugly Sweater Bar Crawl | Dec 7  
Christmas Time In The City-A Holiday Concert Spectacular | Dec 12  
SantaCon 2024 : NYC ♦OFFICIAL♦ New York City | Dec 14  
THE BLACK PARADE [EMO + POP PUNK NITE | Dec 14  
NUTCRACKER ~ A Magical Night | Dec 15  
2024 Ugly Sweater Bar Crawl Hoboken by Bar Crawl | Dec 21

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# MUSEUMS

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**The African Burial Ground National Monument-** Showcases the historical significance of a nearly forgotten burial ground of enslaved and free Africans in New York City.

**AKC Museum of the Dog-** An art museum in New York City dedicated to the history of dogs and their role in society.

**Alice Austen House-** A historic landmark museum that was once home to Alice Austen, a pioneering female photographer.

**American Academy of Arts & Letters-** An esteemed institution that recognizes and honors accomplished artists, writers, musicians, and architects.

**American Folk Art Museum-** A venue showcasing the works of self-taught artists and artisans from various regions and cultures.

 **American Museum of Natural History-** A world-class museum that features extensive collections of specimens, artifacts, and other materials related to the earth and its natural history.

**American Numismatic Society Museum-** A specialized museum focusing on studying and preserving coins and currency from around the world.

**Americas Society-** A cultural organization that promotes artistic, educational, and business initiatives between the United States and Latin America.

**Asia Society and Museum-** Showcases the arts, culture, and history of Asian countries through exhibitions, performances, and educational programs.

**Austrian Cultural Forum New York-** A cultural venue promoting the arts and culture of Austria through exhibitions, performances, and other events.

**Bard Graduate Center-** Highlights the history and culture of decorative arts, design, and material culture through exhibitions and academic programs.

**Bartow-Pell Mansion-** A restored 19th-century mansion offering visitors a glimpse into the lifestyle of the wealthy Pelham Bay neighborhood of the era.

**Bayside Historical Society-** Preserves the history and heritage of the Bayside community through exhibitions and educational programs.

**Bernard Museum of Judaica-** Houses a significant collection of Judaic objects that trace Jewish history, culture, and religion spanning several centuries.

**Billiou-Stillwell-Perine House-** A 17th-century Dutch farmhouse preserved to showcase the significance of Staten Island.

**Bowne House-** NYC's oldest wooden structure built in 1661 and offers insight into the city's colonial history and lifestyle.

**BRIC House-** Serves as a center for arts and culture, offering exhibitions, performances, and educational programs fostering creativity and community engagement.

**Bronx Children's Museum-** Aims to inspire children to explore and learn about the history, culture, and ecology of the Bronx through hands-on exhibits and programs.

**The Bronx Museum of the Arts-** Features contemporary artists from diverse cultural backgrounds and strives to promote social justice.

**Bronx River Art Center-** Provides a space for artists and community members to collaborate and create art while promoting environmental awareness in the Bronx.

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**Brooklyn Children's Museum-** A great place for kids to explore and learn about science, art, and culture through hands-on exhibits and interactive activities that are perfect for children of all ages.

**Brooklyn Museum-** Houses an extensive collection of art and artifacts from around the world, including ancient Egyptian artifacts and contemporary art.

**Brooklyn Navy Yard Center at BLDG 92-** Showcases the history and future of the Brooklyn Navy Yard through interactive exhibits and tours of the site.

**Castle Clinton National Monument-** A historic fort and immigration center that served as the gateway for millions of immigrants to the United States.

**Center for Architecture-** A hub for architects, designers, and urban planners to share their knowledge and ideas about sustainable and innovative design.

**Center for Brooklyn History-** Preserves and shares the history of Brooklyn through its collections of archives, manuscripts, and photographs.

**Center for Jewish History-** A research library and cultural center that houses a vast collection of Jewish documents, artifacts, and artworks from around the world.

**Children's Museum of Manhattan-** Offers fun and educational exhibits and programs for children of all ages, including a number of wonderful hands-on exhibits about science, art, and culture.

**China Institute-** Dedicated to promoting understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture and history through a wide variety of educational exhibitions, programs, and language courses.

**City Island Nautical Museum-** Celebrates the maritime history of City Island, a small island in the Bronx that was once a center for shipbuilding and sailing.

**City Reliquary-** A quirky and eclectic museum that showcases artifacts and ephemera from New York City's history, including vintage subway maps, old neon signs, and more.

**Clemente Soto Velez Cultural & Educational Center-** A multicultural art space where artists come together to create and share their work.

**The Cloisters (Fort Tryon Park)-** Branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, showcases the art and architecture of medieval Europe, including stunning tapestries and gardens.

**Columbia Rare Book & Manuscript Library-** Houses a collection of rare books, manuscripts, and artifacts that represent the history of literature, art, and culture from around the world.

**Coney Island Museum-** Highlights the rich history of Coney Island, a venerated amusement park and beach destination in Brooklyn.

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**Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum-** A leading institution for the study and exhibition of design, with a collection of over 210,000 objects spanning 30 centuries of design history.

**Czech Centre New York-** Promotes the arts and culture of the Czech Republic through exhibitions, performances, and educational programs.

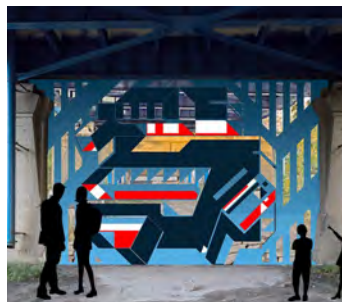
**Derfner Judaica Museum-** Showcases works of art and artifacts relating to Jewish history, culture, and religion.

**Dia:Chelsea-** A contemporary art space that presents immersive and thought-provoking installations by emerging and established artists.

**Drawing Center-** A contemporary art museum with a focus on works on paper, presenting both emerging and established artists in a dynamic, multidisciplinary space.

**Dyckman Farmhouse Museum-** A historic site that preserves and interprets the Dutch colonial era in upper Manhattan.

**Edgar Allan Poe Cottage-** Honors the renowned writer's legacy, exhibiting original manuscripts, personal items, and interactive displays that explore the life and works of this literary icon.





**El Museo del Barrio-** A cultural institution dedicated to preserving and celebrating the art, history, and heritage of Latinx communities, promoting cross-cultural understanding.

✦ **Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration-** Tells the story of millions of immigrants who arrived in America seeking a better life, featuring interactive displays, oral histories, and artifacts illuminating the immigrant experience.

**FDNY Fire Zone-** An immersive and interactive museum that educates visitors about fire safety, prevention, and emergency preparedness through exhibits, simulations, and demonstrations perfect for any aspiring future firefighters.

**Federal Hall National Memorial-** Commemorates the birthplace of American democracy, preserving the site where George Washington was inaugurated and where the Bill of Rights was introduced and showcasing exhibitions and programs exploring the nation's founding history.

**Fordham Museum of Greek, Etruscan and Roman Art-** Houses a collection of antiquities that spans over 5,000 years of Mediterranean history.

**Fraunces Tavern Museum-** A landmark building that played a significant role in the American Revolution, serving as a meeting place for the Sons of Liberty and hosting George Washington's farewell dinner; the museum features exhibits, artifacts, and tours that illustrate the tavern's rich history.

**The Frick Collection-** Currently in a temporary location, displays an impressive collection of European artwork, including paintings by renowned artists such as Rembrandt and Vermeer.

**Garibaldi-Meucci Museum-** Honors the legacies of two remarkable figures in Italian and American history—Giuseppe Garibaldi, the hero of Italian unification, and Antonio Meucci, the inventor of the telephone.

**General Grant National Memorial-** The final resting place of the 18th President of the United States and provides a glimpse into the life of this influential leader.

**Godwin-Ternbach Museum-** Highlights an extensive collection of historical pieces from ancient civilizations and offers a unique glimpse into world history.

**Governors Island National Monument-** A stunning example of both historical and natural beauty, featuring a restored military fort, sprawling parkland, and sweeping views of the harbor.

**Gracie Mansion-** Provides visitors with a chance to stand in the halls of power by touring the home of New York City's mayors, focusing on the architectural and social aspects of this iconic building.

**Grolier Club-** A treasure trove for bibliophiles featuring rare books, manuscripts, and other treasures from literature, art, and history.

**Hamilton Grange National Memorial-** Highlights the preserved home of Alexander Hamilton, America's first Secretary of the Treasury and a Founding Father.

**Harbor Defense Museum-** Features exhibits that highlight the role of New York City's waterfront in defending the country during different periods of American history.

**Historic Richmond Town-** A living history museum where visitors can experience what life was like in colonial America through its restored houses, gardens, and farms.

**Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture-** An arts organization that presents a diverse range of cultural events, including music, theater, dance, and visual arts.

**International Center of Photography-** Displays a collection of over 200,000 photographs from around the world, covering a range of subjects from fine art to photojournalism.

**International Print Center New York-** A non-profit organization that showcases contemporary prints from emerging and established artists.

✦ **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum-** Features the USS Intrepid, a historic aircraft carrier that served in World War II, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War, as well as various aircraft and spacecraft exhibits.

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**Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art-** Houses over 1,000 Himalayan artifacts including bronze sculptures, intricately painted thangkhas, and beautifully woven rugs.

**Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning-** An inclusive cultural hub that provides artistic programming and resources to support local artists and engage the community.

**Japan Society-** A nonprofit organization that celebrates Japanese art, culture, and business through exhibitions, performances, and educational programs.

**Jewish Children's Museum-** Offers a fun and interactive learning experience for children of all backgrounds, featuring exhibits on Jewish culture, history, and values.

**Jewish Theological Seminary Library Galleries-** Highlights rare and valuable Jewish artifacts, including illuminated manuscripts, medieval documents, and rare books.

**John J. Harvey-** A retired New York City fireboat that now serves as a living museum, offering tours and educational programs on the history of firefighting in the city.

**King Manor-** A historic house museum once the home of Rufus King, a signer of the Constitution and vocal opponent of slavery.

**Kingsland Homestead-** A preserved landmark that showcases colonial life in Queens, with exhibits on architecture, agriculture, and social history during the 18th and 19th centuries.

**Korea Society-** Features exhibits dedicated to Korean culture and showcasing the country's history and traditions.

**Lefferts Historic House-** Dutch farmhouse where visitors can take a trip back in time to experience life in colonial New York.

**Living Torah Museum-** Dedicated to sharing the wisdom and teachings of the Jewish faith.

**Louis Armstrong House-** Queens home where visitors can explore the life and legacy of jazz legend Louis Armstrong and enjoy live performances in the museum's garden.

**The Metropolitan Museum of Art-** Perhaps one of the most famous museums in New York City, The Met is home to impressive works of art from all around the globe.

**Mets Hall of Fame & Museum-** Museum located at Citi Field that honors some of the greatest players in Mets history; it's the perfect spot for baseball fans.

**Mmuseumm-** Tiny museum in Tribeca showcasing odd and unusual objects from around the world, including a collection of discarded chewing gum.

**Mount Vernon Hotel Museum-** Hotel and museum where visitors can step back in time to experience life in New York City in the early 19th century.

**Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts-** Museum in Brooklyn dedicated to highlighting contemporary art from across the African diaspora.

**The Museum at Eldredge Street-** Restored synagogue from the late 19th century that showcases the immigrant history and Jewish culture of the Lower East Side.

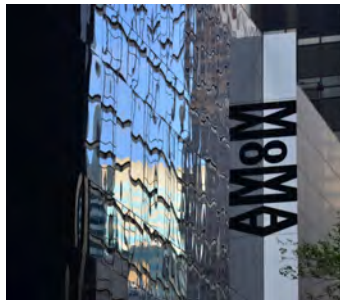
**Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology-** Museum located on campus that explores the history and evolution in the world of fashion design and textiles.

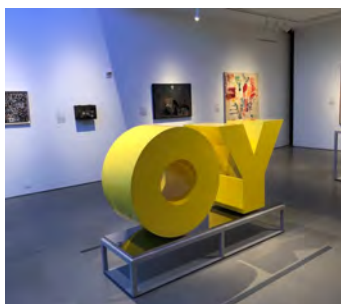
**Museum of American Finance-** Museum in the Financial District that features and educates visitors about the history of money, banking, and finance in America.

**Museum of Arts and Design-** Highlights both contemporary art and design from all parts of the world, delving into art and design topics that include fashion, architecture, and technology.

**Museum of Chinese in America-** Explores the history, culture, and experiences of Chinese people in America through interactive exhibits and educational programming.

**Museum of Jewish Heritage-** Tells the story of Jewish life and the Holocaust through personal artifacts, multimedia displays, and survivor testimonies to educate visitors.





**Museum of Modern Art-** A world-renowned institution that exhibits a wide range of modern and contemporary art, including painting, sculpture, photography, film, and design, featuring works by iconic artists such as Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, and Vincent van Gogh, as well as emerging artists from around the globe.

**Museum of Public Relations-** Examines the history and impact of public relations on society and media through interactive exhibits and educational programming.

**National Academy Museum and School-** Highlights American art and fosters artistic talent through its educational programs.

**National Lighthouse Museum-** Preserves the history and tradition of lighthouses and their keepers.

**The National Jazz Museum in Harlem-** Vibrant cultural center that celebrates and educates visitors about the rich history and ongoing legacy of jazz music.

**The National Museum of Mathematics-** Dedicated to the many wonders and applications of mathematics, featuring a wide array of exhibits exploring everything from geometry to data visualization.

**The National Museum of the American Indian-** Preserves and tells the history and stories of native peoples of the Western Hemisphere, featuring a vast collection of artifacts, artwork and multimedia installations.

**National September 11 Memorial & Museum-** Serves as a poignant tribute to the nearly 3,000 lives lost during the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, featuring two reflecting pools with cascading waterfalls, the names of victims inscribed in bronze parapets, rare artifacts and multimedia exhibits detailing the day's events.

**Neue Galerie New York-** Museum dedicated to German and Austrian art from the early 20th century, with a particular focus on the works of Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele.

**New Museum-** Contemporary art museum in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, specializing in showcasing emerging artists from around the world through regularly rotating exhibitions and a diverse range of public programs.

**The New York City Fire Museum-** A must-see for anyone interested in the history of firefighting and the heroic efforts of New York City's firefighters.

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**New York Hall of Science-** An interactive science museum with over 450 exhibits that offer hands-on experiences and educational opportunities for all ages.

**The New York Historical Society-** Contains a vast collection of artifacts, documents, and artwork, showcasing the abundantly rich history of New York City throughout the centuries from colonial times to present-day.

**New York Public Library for the Performing Arts-** Branch of the New York Public Library system located in Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Manhattan, widely acclaimed for its extensive collections of music, dance, theatre, and film resources.

**New York Public Library Main Branch-** Historic landmark and cultural institution housing over 50 million items, including rare books, manuscripts, and artifacts, with a grand Beaux-Arts architecture and iconic reading room attracting millions of visitors.

**The New York Transit Museum-** Explores the history and workings of New York City's vast and varied transit system, with exhibits ranging from subway cars to turnstiles and everything in between.

**New York Yankees Museum-** A 10,000 square-foot space inside Yankee Stadium that displays over 1,000 artifacts, including game-worn jerseys, World Series trophies, and interactive exhibits.

**Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art-** A cutting-edge art center providing a platform for established and emerging artists to showcase their work through curated exhibitions, artist talks, and educational programming.

**Nicholas Roerich Museum-** Houses over 1000 of Nicholas Roerich's artworks, alongside a collection of Himalayan artifacts and Russian folk art, and showcases Roerich's contributions to art and peace.

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**Noble Maritime Collection (Building D)**- Showcases the life and works of maritime artist John A. Noble, whose paintings convey the beauty and history of New York City's waterways.

**The Noguchi Museum**- Honors the artistic legacy of sculptor and designer Isamu Noguchi, showcasing his famous works, as well as his lesser-known but equally fascinating experiments in architecture, furniture, and lighting.

**Old Stone House**- Highlights the rich history of Brooklyn, from the Dutch settlement in the 17th century to the present day.

**The Paley Center for Media**- Dedicated to celebrating the impact of various avenues of media on society, with a wide range of exhibits and events.

**Park Avenue Armory**- A unique cultural institution that presents innovative and immersive performances, exhibitions, and events in a historic setting.

**Parsons The New School for Design Gallery**- Celebrates the work of emerging and established artists and designers, offering a dynamic and exciting platform for creative expression.

**Poster House**- The first museum in the United States dedicated to exploring the art, history, and cultural impact of posters.

**Queens County Farm Museum**- The largest tract of farmland in New York City and offers visitors a glimpse into the agricultural history and traditions of the region.

**Queens Museum (New York City Building)**-

Offers visitors a range of engaging exhibits and programs that highlight the cultural diversity and rich history of Queens.

**Rubin Museum of Art**- Explores the art and culture of the Himalayan region, presenting a diverse array of exhibits and events that showcase the beauty and complexity of this fascinating part of the world.

**Salmagundi Museum of American Art**- A historic institution that has been dedicated to promoting and preserving American art since 1871.

**Sandy Ground Historical Museum**- Showcases the rich history and culture of the African American community in Staten Island, offering visitors a glimpse into its struggles and triumphs.

**Scandinavia House- The Nordic Center**- A vibrant cultural center that celebrates the Nordic region.

**Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture**- Dedicated to the study and preservation of black culture and history, housing a vast collection of materials, including manuscripts, photographs, and films.

**Sculpture Center**- Focuses on the exhibition of sculptures and installation art from a wide variety of emerging and established artists.

**Seguine Mansion**- Historic mansion on Staten Island that is a picturesque historic landmark and a popular venue for beautiful weddings and events.

**The Skyscraper Museum**- Showcases the history and development of New York City's iconic skyscrapers, as well as the architects and engineers that made them possible.

**Socrates Sculpture Park**- Unique park that features large-scale sculptures and offers programs and workshops for artists and the community.

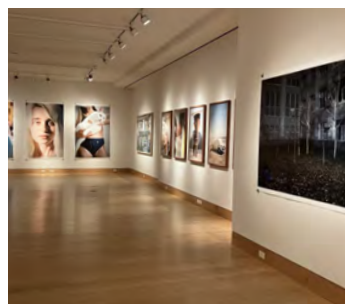
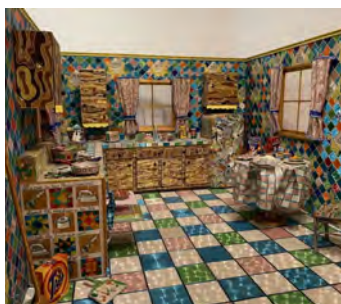
**Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum**- One of the most iconic museums in New York City designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, houses a significant collection of modern and contemporary art.

**South Street Seaport Museum**- Tells the story of New York's richly cultured seafaring history through various exhibitions, tours, and special events.

**Staten Island Children's Museum**- Offers hands-on exhibits and educational programs for children of all ages to explore and learn through play.

**Staten Island Museum (Building A)**- Features exhibits on local Staten Island history and science, as well as art and special exhibitions.





**Studio Museum in Harlem-** Dedicated to promoting the work of contemporary artists of African descent and features a collection of over 2,500 works of art.

**Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling-** Offers exhibits and programs that bring together art and literature to celebrate the cultural heritage of Harlem and empower youth.

**Swiss Institute Contemporary Art New York-** Hosts exhibitions and programs that Swiss and international contemporary art.

**Tenement Museum-** Tells the stories of immigrants who lived in a tenement building on the Lower East Side of Manhattan in the late 19th and early 20th centuries through tours and exhibits that recreate their living spaces.

**Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site-** Offers a fascinating look into the life and legacy of one of America's most beloved presidents and conservationists.

**Tibet House US-** Cultural center and museum that celebrates the rich history and traditions of Tibet while teaching visitors about the country along with pieces that highlight Tibetan art, music, and spirituality.

**Ukrainian Institute of America-** Features unique art and cultural items that educated visitors about Ukraine, from traditional folk art to contemporary pieces.

**Ukrainian Museum-** The largest museum in the country dedicated to the history and culture of Ukraine, featuring more than 7,000 objects in its collection, including folk art, textiles, and artifacts.

**Van Cortlandt House Museum-** The oldest surviving building in the borough. It provides an insight into the history of New York City during the colonial era.

**Voelker Orth Museum-** Restored Victorian-era mansion located in Queens and features exhibits and events focused on the history and culture of the area.

**Waterfront Museum-** Floating museum located on a historic barge that showcases the rich history and culture of New York City's waterfront communities.

**Weeksville Heritage Center-** Dedicated to preserving the history and culture of the free black community that once both live in and thrived in the Weeksville neighborhood of Brooklyn.

**Whitney Museum of American Art-** Highlights American art from both the 20th and 21st centuries, including works by iconic American artists including Edward Hopper and Georgia O'Keeffe.

**William T. Lauder Museum-** Houses a vast collection of art and artifacts worldwide, spanning centuries of history and culture.

**Williamsburg Art & Historical Center-** Showcases both contemporary art and the history and culture of the Williamsburg neighborhood in Brooklyn.

**Wyckoff House-** A historic farmhouse that provides a glimpse into the daily lives of Dutch settlers during the colonial era in Brooklyn.

**Yeshiva University Museum-** A cultural museum that showcases Jewish art, artifacts, and culture from around the world.



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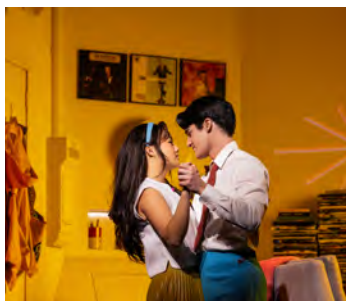
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# ENTERTAINMENT



## Broadway

**& Juliet (Musical)**- A musical production featuring a daring reimagining of William Shakespeare's classic tale of love and tragedy.

**Aladdin (Musical)**- Portrays a stunning and magical adaptation of the beloved Disney classic with captivating musical numbers and larger-than-life sets.

**All In: Comedy About Love (Previews 12/11)**- *All In: Comedy About Love* is a comedic performance that explores themes of romance and relationships through a series of entertaining tales adapted from Simon Rich's short stories.

**Back To The Future (Musical)**- The cult classic comes to the Broadway stage and features thrilling special effects and a range of classic songs from the iconic film.

**The Book of Mormon (Musical)**- Playfully explores religion, politics, and cultural differences, making for a hilarious experience.

**Cabaret at the Kit Kat Club (Musical)**- This new revival stars the multi-talented performer Adam Lambert and brings musical fans on a journey back to the beloved Kit Kat Club.

**CHICAGO (Musical)**- A sizzling and stylish classic musical that tells the infamous tale of two murderesses seeking fame and fortune.

**Cult of Love (Play)**- Explores complex family dynamics interwoven with themes of spirituality and communal belief. This play promises an intimate and thought-provoking experience, inviting audiences to delve into the intricacies of love and faith.

**Death Becomes Her (Musical)**- A musical adaptation of the iconic film, promising an intriguing mix of dark comedy and supernatural themes. Set to grace Broadway, the production explores the tumultuous quest for eternal youth and beauty.

**Elf: The Musical**- *Elf* brings the beloved holiday film to life with exuberant musical numbers and heartwarming storytelling, capturing the essence of Christmas spirit. The production follows Buddy, a human raised by Santa's elves, as he journeys to New York City to find his family and shares his infectious joy.

**Eureka Day (Play)**- A timely and insightful comedy that examines the challenges of community decision-making amidst a public health crisis. This Broadway production invites audiences to ponder the nuances of consensus and the complexities of different perspectives in a sharply humorous manner.

**The Great Gatsby (Musical)**- Captivates audiences with its opulent set designs and evocative performances, breathing new life into F. Scott Fitzgerald's iconic tale of decadence and disillusionment.

**Gypsy (Musical)**- *Gypsy* tells the riveting story of an ambitious stage mother determined to craft her daughters into stars during the height

of Vaudeville. This Broadway musical offers a captivating exploration of dreams, ambition, and the complexities that arise within a family chasing fame.

**Hadestown (Musical)**- A visually stunning and musically innovative take on the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, resonating with heartfelt themes of love, loss, hope and redemption.

**Hamilton (Musical)**- A ground-breaking musical celebrating the life and legacy of the founding father Alexander Hamilton, with a superb mix of musical genres.

**Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (Play)**- An enchanting play set nineteen years after the events of the final Harry Potter book, following the adventures of Harry's son Albus.

**Hell's Kitchen (Musical)**- Amidst the relentless hum of Hell's Kitchen, Ali's journey of self-discovery unfolds, embracing the city's rhythm as she learns to sing her own song with the guidance of a sage piano teacher.

**The Hills of California (Play) (Closes 12/22)**- Promises a compelling narrative set against the backdrop of California's diverse landscapes, drawing audiences into a vivid exploration of drama and emotion.

**Left on Tenth (Play)**- Promises a heartfelt and engaging narrative that explores themes of personal journeys and new beginnings.

**The Lion King (Musical)**- An award-winning, visually stunning musical based on the beloved animated Disney classic film with all your favorite songs.

**Maybe Happy Ending (Musical)**- Set in a future where AI advancements have given rise to lifelike robots, *Maybe Happy Ending* explores the unexpected connection between two androids who come to life in an abandoned apartment.

**MJ THE MUSICAL**- A high-energy tribute to the King of Pop, featuring a selection of his greatest hits like "Thriller," "Billie Jean," and "Smooth Criminal."

**MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL**- A dazzling and extravagant production featuring iconic songs, stunning choreography, and show-stopping performances.

**The Notebook (Musical) (Closes 12/15)**- A romantic musical adaptation of the best-selling Nicholas Sparks novel and feature film.

**Oh, Mary! (Play)**- After an immensely successful premiere at the Lucille Lortel Theatre, the acclaimed comedy *Oh, Mary!* is set to hit Broadway this summer.

**Our Town (Play)**- A classic play by Thornton Wilder that explores the everyday lives of the residents in the small fictional town of Grover's Corners. The production delves into universal themes such as love, community, and the passage of time, portraying the beauty and transience of ordinary experiences.

**The Outsiders (Musical)**- Paints an evocative portrait of youthful resilience, illuminating the struggles of Ponyboy, Johnny, and their close-knit band of brothers as they grapple with the harsh realities of a divided society.

**Romeo + Juliet (Play)**- A fresh take on Shakespeare's classic love story, set in a unique and immersive stage environment. This innovative rendition aims to captivate audiences with its modern interpretation while preserving the timeless themes of passion and tragedy.

**The Roommate (Play) (Closes 12/15)**- Presents a compelling story about unexpected friendships and personal transformation. Set in a small-town environment, this play delves into the quirky and sometimes chaotic blend of personalities brought together by life's circumstances.

**SIX-THE MUSICAL**- A highly entertaining musical that reimagines the lives of Henry VIII's six wives as a modern-day pop concert.

**South Pacific (One Night Only 12/09)**- Bartlett Sher will direct a special one-night reunion concert of Lincoln Center Theater's acclaimed 2008 production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *South Pacific* on Monday, December 9.

**Stereophonic (Play)**- An enthralling musical odyssey, seamlessly weaving the band's iconic hits into a poignant narrative that captures the essence of fame, ambition, and the enduring power of music.

**Suffs (Musical)**- Vividly brings to life the vibrant and determined suffragists whose unyielding quest for enfranchisement defied societal norms and altered the course of history.

**Sunset Boulevard (Musical)**- *Sunset Boulevard* returns to Broadway, exploring the complexities of fame and ambition through its narrative and music.

**Swept Away (Musical)**- Inspired by the music of the Avett Brothers. The show weaves a gripping tale of survival, human connection, and redemption amidst a harrowing shipwreck.

**Tammy Faye (Musical) (Closes 12/08)**- Set in the vibrant world of 1970s religious televangelism, Tammy Faye explores the life of iconic TV host Tammy Faye Bakker.

**Water For Elephants (Musical) (Closes 12/08)**- A musical adaptation of the best-selling novel and movie featuring stunning visuals, aerial acts, and original score.

**WICKED**- A beloved musical that tells the untold story of the Wicked Witch of the West and her unlikely friendship with Glinda the Good Witch.

**A Wonderful World (Musical)**- Delves into the life and legacy of the iconic jazz musician Louis Armstrong. Through captivating performances.

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## Off-Broadway

**300 Paintings-** Explores the 300 paintings of Sam Kissajukian in a show that blends the words of art and stage.

**Babe-** Centered on the inspiring life and career of Babe Didrikson Zaharias, a legendary female athlete renowned for her incredible achievements.

**the beautiful land i seek (la linda tierra que busco yo) (Previews 12/04)-** In 1950, two individuals travel from New York to Washington, DC, plotting an attack to advocate for Puerto Rican independence.

**The Big Gay Jamboree (Closes 12/15)-** After a wild night of partying, Stacey finds herself inexplicably caught in a vibrant Off-Broadway musical, where the glitz and glamour of the Golden Age come to life around her.

**The Blood Quilt-** An emotional reunion unfolds as four estranged sisters come together at their family's island home in Georgia. Tasked with crafting a quilt to memorialize their late mother, tensions rise during the reading of her will.

**Blue Man Group-** A theatrical experience featuring a trio of blue-painted performers who blend music, comedy, and tech on stage.

**Cellino v. Barnes (Closes 12/29)-** Another standout in this theatrical season is *Cellino v. Barnes*, a dark comedy that explores the tumultuous partnership between the infamous lawyers Ross Cellino and Steve Barnes.

**A Christmas Carol (Previews 11/26)-** Transforms the classic Dickens holiday tale into an immersive theatrical event at the Merchant's House Museum for a beloved annual NYC tradition.

**Communion (Closes 12/08)-** Explores the intimate struggles of faith and human connection through the lens of three women's lives. Set in a small, emotionally charged setting, this production invites audiences to reflect on personal beliefs and relational challenges.

**The Dead, 1904-** *The Dead, 1904* is set to draw theatergoers into an atmospheric adaptation of James Joyce's renowned short story. This off-Broadway production captures the emotional richness and haunting ambiance of Joyce's Dublin setting.

**Drag: The Musical-** In this vibrant musical, audiences witness the fierce rivalry between two iconic Drag Houses as they navigate a world filled with glamour, drama, and emotional reconciliations.

**Drunk Shakespeare-** A group of actors perform Shakespeare while drinking heavily in this raucously hilarious and interactive show.

**Duality (Previews 12/04)-** Duality follows Camilla Knightley as she organizes her grandmother's 75th birthday party. Initially joyous, the event compels her to confront a trauma from a decade prior.

**Dueling Pianos-** A high-energy musical experience where two pianists battle it out, playing hits across genres and eras.

**Dungeons & Dragons The Twenty-Sided Tavern-** Transforms an ordinary evening into an unparalleled adventure.

**Friends! The Musical Parody-** A tongue-in-cheek parody of the hit 90s sitcom.

**Gazillion Bubble Show-** A family-friendly spectacle featuring mesmerizing displays of bubbles in all shapes and sizes.

**Give Me Carmelita Tropicana! (Closes 12/22)-** Promises to bring vibrant storytelling and compelling artistic expression, capturing the essence of Tropicana's unique perspective and charisma.

**A Guide for the Homesick (Previews 12/06)-** In a hotel room in Amsterdam, *A Guide for the Homesick* explores the connection between two Americans, Teddy and Jeremy, brought together by loneliness and hidden pasts.

**Hold on to Me Darling (Closes 12/22)-** In *Hold on to Me Darling*, the journey of Strings McCrane underscores the often complicated relationship between fame and personal identity.

**Improv 4 Kids-** A show where a group of quick-witted comedians perform improvisational comedy for children.





**The Infinite Wrench-** A collection of 30 fast-paced plays in 60 minutes, performed by the New York Neo-Futurists.

**Katsura Sunshine's Rakugo-** A fun and unique one-man show featuring the traditional Japanese comic storytelling art form known as Rakugo.

**King Lear (Closes 12/15)-** This production of King Lear at The Shed in 2024 features the renowned actor Joseph Marcell in the titular role, bringing a fresh energy to the classic Shakespearean tragedy.

**Life and Trust-** Promises to explore the intricate layers of human relationships and personal integrity. Audiences are invited to experience a powerful narrative that delves into the essence of trust and its impact on individuals and communities.

**The Light and the Dark (Closes 12/15)-** Delves into the duality of human nature and the choices that shape our journeys. Its compelling narrative and evocative performances invite audiences to reflect on the interplay of illumination and shadow in life.

**Little Shop of Horrors-** A musical comedy about a flower shop worker who discovers a man-eating plant and the chaos that ensues.

**Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now! (Closes 12/08)-** An empowering off-Broadway musical that celebrates the journey of self-discovery and

personal growth. The production weaves together humor and heart as it explores themes of independence, identity, and transformation.

**Medea: A Musical Comedy-** Presents a fresh, comedic twist on the classic Greek myth, blending humor and music in a uniquely entertaining way.

**The Merchant of Venice-** A fresh perspective on Shakespeare's timeless play. With a focus on themes of justice, mercy, and cultural complexity, this adaptation promises to engage audiences with its contemporary relevance and powerful performances.

**Mindplay (Previews 12/15)-** *Mindplay*, crafted by acclaimed mentalist Vinny DePonto and writer Josh Koenigsberg, with direction by Andrew Neisler, offers a mesmerizing experience where audience members' thoughts and memories become the focal point.

**Murdered by the Mob-** A thrilling and immersive experience where audience members can solve a murder mystery while enjoying a delicious Italian dinner.

**The Office! A Musical Parody-** A fun and modern take on the beloved TV show, filled with catchy songs and laughs.

**Open Arts by Sing for Hope (Broadway At-Home)-** A virtual program that provides free performances and music education to underserved communities, bringing the joy of the arts to all.

**Pen Pals (Previews 12/05)-** Bernie and Mags, who reside in different countries and have never met in person, share a deep bond as best friends formed through over fifty years of being pen pals.

**Perfect Crime-** A classic whodunit murder mystery that has been entertaining audiences for over 30 years with its twists and turns.

**The Play That Goes Wrong-** A side-splitting farce that follows a theater company's disastrous attempts to put on a murder mystery play.

**Room 1214- Room 1214** explores the poignant theme of rewriting history through the journey of a history teacher returning to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to deliver a final lesson after the 2018 tragedy.

**Saw the Musical: The Unauthorized Parody-** Cleverly combines the intense atmosphere of the original film series with satirical humor to deliver a uniquely entertaining off-Broadway experience.

**Shit. Meet. Fan. (Closes 12/15)-** A group of close friends embarks on a daring game during a solar eclipse, where nothing is left private as they must disclose every message, call, and email.

**Singfeld! A Musical About Nothing-** *Singfeld! A Musical About Nothing* whimsically transforms the trivialities of daily life into musical extravaganzas.



**Sleep No More**- A haunting and immersive interactive theater experience based on Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, where audience members can explore a mysterious hotel and its inhabitants.

**Speakeasy Magick**- A dazzling and interactive magic show set in a Prohibition-era speakeasy, complete with stunning illusions and vintage cocktails.

**Strategic Love Play (Closes 12/07)**- Offers a witty exploration of modern relationships in the digital age. With sharp dialogue and a fresh perspective, the show provides audiences with an entertaining and thought-provoking look at the complexities of love and dating.

**Teeth**- This returning favorite follows the story of Dawn O'Keefe, an evangelical teenager grappling with a mysterious and overwhelming power that activates in response to violation.

**Tender Napalm**- *Tender Napalm* is a compelling theatrical production that explores the intense emotional and psychological landscapes of a couple's relationship through dynamic language.

**This is My Favorite Song**- This production offers a compelling exploration of personal and shared musical influences within our lives. Through a blend of story and song, it invites audiences to reflect on the powerful role music plays in shaping memories and real-life experiences.

**Titanique: Une Parodie Musicale**- A hilarious and irreverent spoof of the iconic movie *Titanic*, filled with campy humor, familiar scenes, and catchy songs.

**Truffles Mystery**- A unique and intimate dining experience where guests can solve a murder mystery while indulging in a decadent truffles-filled menu.

**We are Your Robots**- Melds technology with human emotion, exploring the intersection of artificial intelligence and human experience. This innovative play challenges audiences to question the essence of what it means to be human in a thoroughly technologically advanced world.

**Welcome to the Big Dipper**- An imaginative production that whisks audiences away on a galactic journey. Staged at the Theater at St. Jean's, this show promises a blend of whimsy and adventure that captivates viewers from start to finish.

## Performing Arts

**Carnegie Hall**- Renowned for its illustrious history and exceptional acoustics, Carnegie Hall stands as one of the most prestigious concert venues in the world.

**Distinguished Concerts International**- A premier production company that brings together talented musicians worldwide.

**Lincoln Center**- Located in the heart of New York City, stands as a pinnacle of artistic excellence and cultural diversity. Comprising 16 acres, the center hosts an array of world-class performances.

**Metropolitan Opera**- A world-renowned opera company based in New York City. Nestled in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, it has been a cultural cornerstone since its founding in 1883.

**New York City Ballet**- One of the foremost ballet companies in the world, renowned for its unparalleled artistry, innovative choreography, and commitment to excellence.

**New York Philharmonic**- The New York Philharmonic's upcoming schedule boasts a dynamic array of performances.

## Live Music

**The Bitter End**- Since its founding in 1961, the club has hosted an impressive array of legendary performers across genres, from Bob Dylan to Lady Gaga.

**Brooklyn Bowl**- A vibrant venue that showcases the rich cultural scene of Brooklyn and combines a lively bowling alley with a concert hall, offering a unique experience.

**Cafe Wha?**- A legendary music club you won't want to miss that has hosted numerous famous artists over the years, including Bob Dylan and Jimi Hendrix.

**Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola**- Offers an unparalleled jazz experience with stunning views of the skyline. The venue hosts jazz musicians from around the globe and promises an unforgettable visit.

**The Red Lion**- The Red Lion is a beloved tavern that combines the best of live music and a laid-back bar atmosphere.

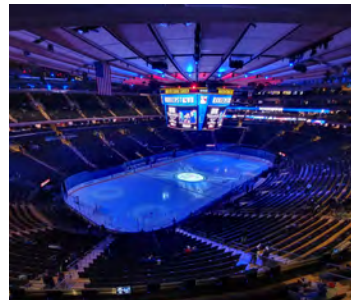
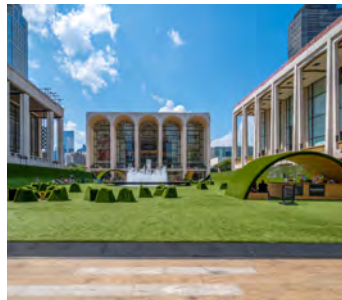


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**Village Vanguard-** The Village Vanguard is an iconic jazz club, famed for its intimate setting and rich history in the jazz scene. It has hosted some of the greatest performers and recording sessions since its opening in 1935.

## Large Venues/Sports

**Barclays Center-** A premier destination for entertainment and sports. This state-of-the-art arena is home to the Brooklyn Nets and New York Liberty, and hosts a diverse range of events, solidifying the venue's name in entertainment.

**Madison Square Garden-** Often called "The World's Most Famous Arena," is an iconic venue situated in Manhattan. It serves as the home ground for the New York Knicks and New York Rangers and has hosted countless legendary concerts, boxing matches, and other major events.

**Radio City Music Hall-** Known for its grand Art Deco architecture and the world-famous Rockettes. This historic venue is synonymous with the annual Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes.

**Rockwood Music Hall-** An intimate venue in the Lower East Side, is celebrated for spotlighting emerging artists and hosting eclectic live music performances.

**Yankee Stadium-** The revered home of the New York Yankees. This iconic baseball park not only hosts thrilling Major League Baseball games but also serves as a venue for concerts, college football games, and other large-scale events.

## Nightclubs

**Black Flamingo-** A vibrant and eclectic nightclub in Brooklyn with a focus on inclusivity and showcasing diverse musical talents in a thrilling atmosphere.

**The Blonde-** A chic and sophisticated lounge in Soho with a sleek bar, plush seating, and a trendy rooftop terrace.

**Club Cache-** A vibrant Latin nightclub in Queens with lively dance floors, DJs, and live music performances.

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**Marquee New York-** A high-energy nightclub with towering ceilings, massive LED screens, and a lineup of world-renowned DJs.

**Paradise Club-** A theatrical nightclub in Times Square featuring cabaret-style performances, state-of-the-art visuals, and an immersive atmosphere.

**Rumpus Room-** A lively nightclub in Chelsea with neon lights, funky decor, and a fun atmosphere for dancing and socializing.

**Tao Nightclub-** A multi-level nightclub in Midtown with lavish decor, VIP tables, and a menu of signature Asian-inspired cocktails.

## LGBTQ

**Cubbyhole-** A legendary lesbian bar in the West Village, known for its colorful decorations, lively jukebox, and inclusive vibe that makes all visitors feel welcome.

**The Exley-** Provides a relaxed yet sophisticated atmosphere, with expertly crafted drinks and a rotating selection of small plates.

**Ginger's Bar-** A cozy Brooklyn establishment with eclectic decor, friendly regulars, and a rotating selection of craft beers and cocktails.

**Playhouse-** Attracts a young and diverse crowd with its high-energy dance party atmosphere, top 40 hits, and drag performances.

**Henrietta Hudson-** Has been a popular destination for over 25 years, with a welcoming and diverse clientele, frequent live music and DJ sets, and numerous awards and recognitions.

**The Rosemont-** A sleek and spacious LGBTQ+ bar and performance venue in Williamsburg, known for its lively drag shows and diverse crowds.

**The Townhouse of New York-** luxurious venue that boasts of a storied history, stunning architecture, and meticulously crafted interiors that exude timeless elegance and sophistication.

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# ATTRACTIONS

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## Discounts

✦ **Go City® New York**- Plan your visit based on the number of attractions you'd like to see or the number of days you plan to be in New York City. Explorer Passes come with between two and ten attractions, while All-Inclusive Passes allow you to visit as many attractions as you want in a set amount of days (from one day up to ten days). See as much or as little as you would like during your stay in New York City.

✦ **New York CITYPASS**- This discount pass provides access to a choice of six major attractions at a saving of 42 percent off regular admissions. Passes are sold online or at participating attractions and are good for nine days from the first day of use. A pass with a choice of three attractions is available for visitors with limited time or shorter stays.

✦ **New York Sightseeing Flex Pass**- Allows visitors to choose from over 100 attractions to create their own itinerary with the flexibility to change plans at any time.

✦ **New York Tourist Pass**- Offers entry to top NYC attractions, a hop-on hop-off bus, and a choice of museums, making it a great value for those looking to see it all.

✦ **NYC Borough Pass**- Provides access to off-the-beaten-path neighborhoods like Queens and the Bronx, offering a more authentic New York experience.

## Land & Air Tours

**The Balloon Museum | Let's Fly New York**- A unique attraction that offers hot air balloon rides over the Hudson Valley, which allows visitors to experience the city from a completely new perspective. It's a great way to see the sights from above and enjoy the stunning views of the NYC skyline.

✦ **Big Bus New York**- Offers sightseeing tours on an open-top bus, with live tour guides and pre-recorded commentary in multiple languages.

✦ **The Ride NYC**- An immersive theatrical experience that takes place on a luxury bus, featuring live performers and interactive elements for a unique sightseeing adventure.

## Boat Tours

✦ **Bateaux New York**- Offers elegant dining cruises with stunning views of the Manhattan skyline and a three-course menu prepared by an executive chef.

✦ **Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises**- Offers a variety of guided tours around the harbor, including their famous Circle Line tour, which takes passengers around the entire island of Manhattan.

✦ **Classic Harbor Line**- A luxury yacht cruise that offers private charters, sunset sails, and jazz brunch cruises, providing an elegant and sophisticated experience on the water.

**The Clipper City Tall Ship**- A 158-foot sailing ship that takes passengers on guided tours of the harbor, providing an unforgettable experience on the water.

✦ **Freedom Liberty Cruise**- Provides a guided tour of NY Harbor, with views of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and Manhattan.

✦ **Go Sailing NYC**- A sailing charter company that offers private and public sails around the harbor, including a dinner sail and a sunset sail, for a one-of-a-kind experience in New York.

**Staten Island Ferry**- A free commuter ferry that operates 24/7 and takes passengers between Manhattan and Staten Island, providing breathtaking views of the harbor and the skyline.

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## Parks & Gardens

**Battery Park-** A 25-acre public park at the southern tip of Manhattan, offering stunning views of the harbor and Statue of Liberty.

**Brooklyn Botanic Garden-** A 52-acre urban garden that features over 18,000 species of plants and a variety of themed gardens, including a Japanese garden and a cherry blossom grove.

**Brooklyn Bridge Park-** Offers stunning views of the Manhattan skyline and features various recreational activities such as soccer, basketball, kayaking, and a public pool.

📍**Central Park-** Spanning over 843 acres, Central Park is an urban oasis in the heart of Manhattan that features a variety of attractions, including walking trails, lakes, gardens, and landmarks. Central Park is one of the most famous parks in the world.

**Conservatory Gardens-** This six-acre garden located on the east side of Central Park boasts three distinct styles, including Italian, French, and English gardens, and features over 4,000 plant species.

**Fort Tryon Park-** Home of the Cloisters museum and gardens, which houses an extensive collection of medieval art and architecture.

**Grand Ferry Park-** Provides a waterfront promenade with breathtaking views of the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges, as well as a playground, a basketball court, and a dog run.

📍**The High Line-** A 1.45-mile-long elevated linear park that was built on an abandoned railroad track, offering stunning views of the city and a unique perspective on urban green space.

📍**New York Botanical Garden-** A 250-acre living museum that features over 1 million plants from around the world, 50 gardens and collections on display, and renowned exhibitions that celebrate the intersection of nature, culture, and science.

**Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden-** Showcases 83-acre heritage site that includes stunning botanical gardens, museums, and architecture like Music Hall and Neptune Fountain. It's a peaceful respite from the hustle and bustle of the city.

**Riverside Park-** A scenic park located on the west side of Manhattan, offering miles of bike paths, jogging trails, playgrounds, and sports fields, and providing a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

**Union Square Park-** Famous for its Greenmarket, held every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday—the largest and most popular farmers' market in the city—as well as for hosting various cultural events, rallies, and protests throughout the year.

**Washington Square Park-** A historic park located in Greenwich Village and a popular spot for tourists and locals alike, featuring a fountain, sculptures, and live performances.

## Observation Decks

📍**The Edge at Hudson Yards-** The highest outdoor observation deck in the Western Hemisphere, located on the 100th floor of the Hudson Yards skyscraper and offers 360-degree views of the city.

📍**Empire State Building-** A true icon of the New York City skyline and one of the world's most recognizable buildings, the towering architectural marvel is a 102-story Art Deco building that opened in 1931 and has been a symbol of the city ever since.

📍**One World Observatory-** Located at the top of One World Trade Center, the observation deck offers stunning views of the city from 1,776 feet above the ground, as well as interactive exhibits and a restaurant with panoramic views.

📍**RiseNY-** Located in the Hudson Yards development, RiseNY is a new observation deck that offers 360-degree views of the city from 1,100 feet above ground, as well as interactive exhibits and a glass floor that allows visitors to see the street below.

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📍**SUMMIT One Vanderbilt-** Provides breathtaking views of the New York Harbor and skyline from its observation deck on the 38th floor through floor-to-ceiling windows.



🗝️ **Top of the Rock**- Provides an exhilarating view of the New York City skyline from its observation deck on the 70th floor of the Rockefeller Center.

🗝️ **The Vessel**- A unique art installation and landmark located in Hudson Yards—it's a towering steel sculpture, offering visitors immersive views of the city through its intricate design.

## Immersive Experiences

🗝️ **ARTECHOUSE NYC**- A digital art museum in New York City that blends art, science, and technology to create immersive and interactive art experiences.

**Color Factory New York**- An interactive art exhibit that invites visitors to immerse themselves in a world of color, with 16 rooms filled with vibrant installations and activities.

🗝️ **The House of Cannabis**- An immersive experience for those interested in the world of marijuana, from education to shopping for cannabis-infused products.

🗝️ **Madame Tussauds New York**- A popular wax museum located in Times Square, featuring lifelike wax figures of celebrities, historical figures, and pop culture icons.

🗝️ **The Museum of Sex**- An adult-only institution that explores the history, evolution, and cultural significance of human sexuality through a variety of exhibitions and interactive displays.

🗝️ **Museum of Ice Cream**- An interactive exhibit that takes visitors on a journey through different ice cream-themed rooms, offering sweet treats and fun activities along the way.

🗝️ **Sloomoo Institute**- A sensory playground located in SoHo that offers a variety of interactive and creative activities, such as slime making, and installations that explore different sensory experiences.

## Aquariums & Zoos

🗝️ **Bronx Zoo**- With over 265 acres, the zoo is the largest metropolitan zoo in the United States and is home to over 6,000 animals representing over 700 species from all over the world.

🗝️ **Central Park Zoo**- Located in the heart of Central Park, the zoo houses a wide variety of animals from around the world and features exhibits such as the Tropical Rainforest and the Tisch Children's Zoo.

🗝️ **New York Aquarium**- A world-class aquarium located on the famous Coney Island boardwalk, featuring over 350 species of aquatic animals and stunning exhibits.

🗝️ **SeaQuest Woodbridge**- A unique aquarium that allows visitors to get up close and personal with marine life.

## Theme Parks & Rides

🗝️ **American Dream Observation Wheel**- Provides a stunning panoramic view of the New York City skyline from an impressive height of 227 feet.

**Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park**- A Coney Island icon for over a century and boasts one of the few remaining classic wooden roller coasters in the world, as well as many other classic rides and attractions.

🗝️ **DreamWorks Water Park**- The largest indoor water park in North America, featuring 40 water attractions inspired by hit movies and TV shows, such as Shrek and Kung Fu Panda.

🗝️ **Legoland New York Resort**- A family-friendly playground with attractions such as a 4D cinema, a castle hotel, and over 15,000 LEGO models made from 30 million bricks.

🗝️ **Luna Park**- A classic amusement park with over 30 rides, including the legendary Cyclone roller coaster, and serves as a beloved attraction for both locals and tourists alike.

🗝️ **Nickelodeon Universe Theme Park**- Offers visitors over 35 rides and attractions, including the world's steepest roller coaster and a two-story ropes course.

## Landmarks & Miscellaneous

**The Apollo Theater**- Founded in 1914, the Apollo Theater became a cultural mecca for African Americans, launching the careers of legends such as Ella Fitzgerald, James Brown, and Aretha Franklin. It's a great place to enjoy an evening!

**Belvedere Castle**- Originally built in 1869 as a lookout tower, the structure now serves as a visitor center and provides stunning views of Central Park and the New York City skyline. You'll find Belvedere Castle tucked away within Central Park.

🗝️ **Brooklyn Bridge**- A true icon of New York City, the Brooklyn Bridge is an engineering marvel that spans 1,595 feet over the East River and connects Brooklyn and Manhattan. Visitors can walk and bike across and enjoy the views.

**The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine**- Known as the largest cathedral in the world, the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine is a masterpiece of Gothic Revival architecture that took over a century of construction to complete.

**Chelsea Piers**- A sports and entertainment complex located on the Hudson River that offers a variety of activities, including ice skating, bowling, golf, and rock climbing. It's an ideal spot for enjoying some sunshine in the concrete jungle.

**Columbia University-** Established in 1754, Columbia University is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the United States, offering students a rigorous educational experience.

**Governor's Island-** A 172-acre island located in the heart of New York Harbor, and it offers stunning views of the Statue of Liberty and the city skyline.

**Grand Central Station & Terminal-** A historic NYC landmark, with stunning architecture and a range of shops, restaurants, and events, making it a must-visit destination for tourists and locals. You can even take a tour of the space and learn all about the station or indulge in happy hour specials at the various bars.

**Liberty Science Center-** A science museum located in Jersey City, just across the Hudson River from Lower Manhattan, the Liberty Science Center offers interactive exhibits, a planetarium, and live shows and demonstrations.

**Manhattan Bridge-** Opened in 1909 and is considered one of the most iconic and aesthetically pleasing suspension bridges in New York City, attracting thousands of tourists each year.

**The Original Chinatown Ice Cream Factory-** A family-owned business that has been serving up delicious ice cream since 1978, the factory offers unique flavors such as black sesame and lychee, alongside classic flavors like chocolate and vanilla.

**St. Patrick's Cathedral-** A Neo-Gothic-style Roman Catholic cathedral located in Midtown Manhattan, it has beautiful stained-glass windows, impressive architecture.

🗼 **Statue of Liberty-** This iconic symbol of American freedom stands tall on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, it was gifted by France to the United States in 1886. The statue, made of copper and steel, stands at an impressive 305 feet and attracts over 4 million visitors annually to its pedestal observation deck.

🗽 **Times Square-** Often referred to as "The Crossroads of the World", Times Square is a major commercial and tourist hub located in Midtown Manhattan. The area is famous for its bright neon lights, Broadway theatres, and entertainment attractions. Over 330,000 people pass through Times Square each day. During major events such as New Year's Eve, millions gather in the area.



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Nickelodeon Universe is a thrill seeker's dream with dozens of rides including the longest spinning coaster, and tallest indoor spinning drop. There are plenty of rides for younger fans and everyone can meet their favorite Nick characters!

DreamWorks Water Park has more than 40 rides and slides including the world's tallest indoor drop slide and one of the world's longest hydromagnetic water coasters. You can even learn to surf in the world's largest indoor wave pool!

Big SNOW is North America's first indoor ski resort—complete with a lift to the 16-story slope. Blacklight Mini Golf features 18 holes of out-of-this world backlighting in an extraterrestrial space. TiLT Museum invites you to step into 14 optical illusion interactive works of art. Angry Birds mini golf is a total Angry Bird immersion—the only one of its kind in North America. The Gameroom Powered by Hasbro puts an arcade twist on your favorite Hasbro games. Sesame Street Learn & Play invites kids to join their favorite furry friends on the world's friendliest street for an immersive experience where learning and play come together.

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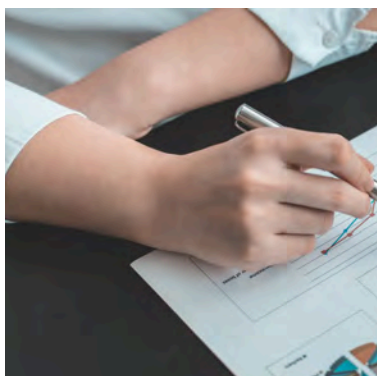
# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## DISPLAYS

Brookfield Place becomes a tropical wonderland this year with *Holiday Under the Palms*, offering festive cheer with holiday-themed cocktails, shopping, live shows, Santa photos, an ice rink, performances of *The Nutcracker*, and more. Highlights include Santa's Sandcastle, live music, a cocktail crawl, and a Hanukkah celebration.

Experience the Winter Whirl at The Shops at The Oculus, sponsored by *Sonic the Hedgehog 3*, through January 5. With festive vibes, holiday music, and stunning architecture, the rink offers fun for all. Book in advance and enjoy refreshments at The Polar Pub.

The Shops at Columbus Circle offer a captivating holiday experience with attractions for all. See the *Holiday Under The Stars* display, featuring 300k lights and new stars. Explore a giant gingerbread house and join interactive jazz by WeBop.



Hudson Yards will illuminate the holiday season with *Shine Bright*, featuring over two million lights and festive activities. Highlights include an illuminated Vessel, a 32-foot hot air balloon centerpiece, and a Westchester Children's Chorus performance. The Hanukkah Menorah Lighting and the Wells Fargo Customer Lounge add to the multitude of festive holiday celebrations.

## EXHIBITS

INTER captivates visitors with its enchanting winter display, trans-

forming the space into a magical wonderland with the *Winterverse*. The area is adorned with flocked Christmas trees that create a dramatic and festive ambiance. Marvel at the Northern Lights-inspired installations while enjoying the serene beauty of falling snow and other seasonal highlights.

ARTEHOUSE NYC presents *Tingle Bells*, an immersive ASMR-inspired holiday experience, available until January 5. This tranquil retreat combines cutting-edge digital art with nostalgic festive warmth. Visitors can enjoy holiday-themed cocktails like the Champagne Sparkle and Winter Caramel Sleigh, accessible via the app at NYC's first XR Bar.

The Museum of Ice Cream's *Pinkmas* celebration offers a joyful holiday adventure with immersive, festive decor and interactive activities. Guests enjoy ice cream treats like pink peppermint soft serve and coops with seasonal toppings.





## TREE LIGHTINGS IN NYC 2024

- [Rockefeller Center- 12/04](#)
- [New York Stock Exchange- 12/05](#)
- [The Seaport- 12/03](#)
- [Bryant Park Winter Village- 12/03](#)
- [Washington Square Park- 12/11](#)
- [Central Park- 12/05](#)

## SHOWS

*The Nutcracker* at Lincoln Center presents a beloved tradition that captivates audiences with enchanting choreography and timeless score. Performed by the New York City Ballet, George Balanchine's iconic rendition transports viewers to a magical world filled with dazzling sets, graceful dancers, and a journey through the Land of Sweets.

*The Christmas Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes* is a cherished NYC holiday tradition, with performances that blend choreography with festive cheer. This iconic show dazzles with stunning routines, breathtaking precision, and vibrant costumes, against a backdrop of holiday scenery.

*Elf: The Musical* brings the beloved film to Broadway. Starring Tony Award® nominee Grey Henson and Sean Astin as Santa, this modern holiday favorite tells the story of Buddy, a human raised by elves at the North Pole. When Buddy discovers his true origins, he embarks on an entertaining adventure to NYC to find his biological father and discover where he truly belongs.

The Merchant's House Museum offers an annual production of Charles Dickens' beloved classic, *A Christmas Carol*, with a unique adaptation set in its historic venue. Visitors are transported into the heart of Victorian society as they witness Ebenezer Scrooge's profound transformation, encountering iconic characters such as Tiny Tim and the three spirits.

## Pop-Ups

*Mariah Carey's Holiday Bar* brings the Queen of Christmas to New York City with a festive pop-up bar at Virgin Hotels New York. Filled to the brim with holiday-themed cocktails (all appropriately named for her holiday hits), fans can celebrate 30 years of the biggest Christmas hit of all time in a picture-perfect holiday wonderland.



*Blitzen's*, located inside the Omni Berkshire Place, offers a delightful holiday experience for visitors of all ages. This seasonal venue is designed to captivate families and individuals alike, inviting them to enjoy festive decorations and a warm atmosphere. *Blitzen's* provides a cozy and inclusive space for everyone to soak in the holiday spirit with a menu that caters to both young and adult tastes.

Santa's Winter Wonderland at *Watermark Bar* transforms a part of New York City into a magical holiday escape. This enchanting venue at Pier 15 features a stunning array of holiday decorations, including twinkling lights and festive displays, creating a picturesque backdrop. Visitors can indulge in various holiday treats, enjoy themed drinks, and immerse themselves in seasonal activities.

# NYC'S BEST HOLIDAY SHOPPING



## **MACY'S HOLIDAY SQUARE**

Macy's Holiday Square is a centerpiece of New York City's festive spirit, offering a spectacular array of gift stalls with everything from sweets and treats to jewelry and art to artisanal goods of all kinds. Located on the upper-level wrap-around of the department store, you can enjoy the beautiful decorations and do your shopping all at once.



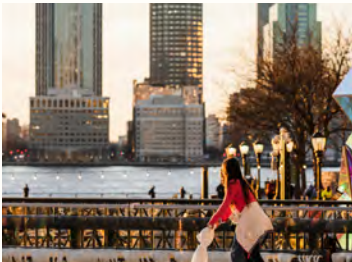
## **BRYANT PARK WINTER VILLAGE**

Bryant Park Winter Village is a charming holiday destination that combines the warmth of cozy shopping with the allure of winter festivities. The village offers an assortment of artisanal shops and food stalls where visitors can find handmade gifts and delectable treats, with a variety of food options by the skating rink.



## **HUDSON YARDS**

Hudson Yards presents a modern twist on holiday shopping with a series of shops offering luxury and variety. The stunning festive decorations, alongside events such as live performances and special promotions, create a vibrant holiday atmosphere. Indulge in fashion trends, dine at world-class restaurants, and enjoy immersive art.



## **BROOKFIELD PLACE**

Brookfield Place in Lower Manhattan is a shopping hotspot renowned for its luxury stores and culinary delights. The complex transforms into a holiday haven with its beautiful atrium festively lit by the Luminaries installation, where visitors can engage in interactive light shows. You can even go ice skating!



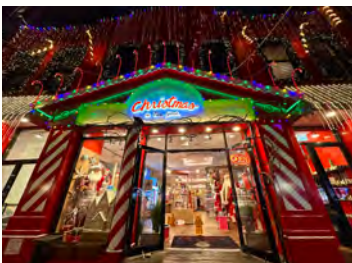
## **SHOPS AT COLUMBUS CIRCLE**

The Shops at Columbus Circle provide an exceptional holiday shopping experience with no shortage of festive charm. Visitors can browse a mix of high-end retailers and culinary treasures. The view of the iconic Holiday Under the Stars installation features a dazzling display of giant starry lights.



## **GRAND CENTRAL HOLIDAY FAIRE**

The Holiday Faire at Grand Central Terminal is a historic yet vibrant holiday market known for its eclectic mix of crafts, jewelry, and unique gifts. Held within the grandeur of this iconic transportation hub, the fair provides a delightful blend of artisanal vendors. This indoor marketplace offers a respite from the winter chill.



## **CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK (LITTLE ITALY)**

Nestled in the heart of Little Italy, the Christmas in New York store offers a year-round holiday experience that captures the spirit of the festive season. Known for its enchanting displays and a wide array of holiday-themed merchandise, the store is a wonderland for Christmas enthusiasts.



## **UNION SQUARE HOLIDAY MARKET**

The Union Square Holiday Market is a vibrant and bustling destination, conveniently located right as you exit the subway station, making it incredibly accessible for all visitors. What sets this market apart is its fun and unique artisanal stalls, offering an ideal setting for holiday shopping.



## **CHRISTMAS COTTAGE**

If you're looking to do some solid Christmas-themed shopping around Times Square, Christmas Cottage offers plenty of holiday-themed gifts and souvenirs. Check out the selection of ornaments, decor, and so much more—you'll even find a wide selection of goodies with a New York City spin.

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# A Holiday Afternoon on Madison Ave.

By Alexis Mucci & The Welcome Guide Team



## EAT

**Doughnut Plant** offers the perfect spot to fuel up, with an array of creatively crafted doughnuts to energize your holiday excursions. When the chill of winter sets in, **Ralph's Coffee** stands as an inviting refuge, providing hot beverages to warm your spirits as you navigate the bustling avenue. For a more upscale meal, **Papillon** is recognized as one of the most gorgeous spots with their stunning holiday decorations, enhancing the festive ambiance of the season. **Come Prima** also promises a cozy retreat with its authentic Italian fare.



## PLAY

Begin your journey with a visit to **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, renowned as one of the most beautiful churches in the city, where its stunning architecture and serene atmosphere create a sense of awe. For breathtaking views, head to **SUMMIT One Vanderbilt**, which spans three levels and offers a series of fantastic attractions. Marvel at the dazzling Christmas tree at **Lotte New York Palace**. Indulge your cultural senses at the **Morgan Library & Museum**, considered one of the city's most beautiful spots for culture.



## SHOP

At **Ralph Lauren**, shoppers are welcomed with luxurious fashion pieces perfect for gift giving, showcasing timeless elegance and style. **Diptyque** offers a sophisticated array of candles and perfumes, which make splendid holiday presents. **The Corner Bookstore**, a quaint hub for literary lovers, provides a cozy escape and a collection of books that cater to all tastes. **Hermès** captivates visitors with its selection of finely crafted scarves, handbags, and accessories, ensuring that every gift is as unique as the season itself.



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# DINING

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## Downtown

**Balthazar**- This French brasserie serves up French food classics along with contemporary and traditional fare from morning until late. It's also a New York City staple for a decadent brunch.

**Brooklyn Chop House Chic**- Restaurant/bar offering American steakhouse fare, Chinese dumplings, Peking duck, and more.

**Buddakan**- Fans of "Sex and the City" might recognize the dining room at Buddakan as the setting for Carrie Bradshaw's rehearsal dinner.

**Clinton Hall**- Enjoy great beer, hard seltzers, wine, and a bar menu with specials like signature Double Smashed Burger at this beer hall that's a fun time for all.

**Eataly NYC Downtown**- Offers a wide array of Italian dishes with a focus on fresh, seasonal ingredients sourced both locally and imported directly from Italy.

**Fraunces Tavern**- The historic locale, where Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his troops, features down-home comfort foods.

**Industry Kitchen**- Diners can enjoy a riverside view while indulging in wood-fired pizzas, seafood, and handcrafted cocktails amidst the artfully crafted industrial space.

**Jiangnan Chinese Cuisine**- Brings the taste of traditional Chinese cuisine to New York with dishes like soup dumplings and crispy Peking duck.

**Katz's Delicatessen**- This iconic spot has been serving pastrami, corned beef, knishes, pickles, and more since 1888 and has been featured in TV and films.

**Morton's The Steakhouse**- This classic upscale nationally-recognized steakhouse serving prime USDA beef, fresh seafood, and decadent sides.

**Sagaponack**- A farm to table restaurant in Downtown Manhattan designed to transport you to the Hamptons with an emphasis on seafood and locally sourced ingredients.

**Tribeca Grill**- The Robert De Niro/Drew Nieporent collaboration offers robust fare and an award-winning wine list.

**Veselka**- This famous Eastern European spot serves up delicious Ukrainian comfort foods, pierogis, breakfast specials, and brunch classics.

**Vestry**- Few restaurants earn a Michelin star in the first year, but Vestry can boast that accomplishment with Chef Shaun Hergatt at the helm.

**Via Carota**- The West Village gastroteca is old-world Tuscan in ambiance, food, and decor. Chefs Jody Williams and Rita Sodi were jointly named Best Chef in NYC at the 2019 James Beard Foundation Awards.

## Midtown

**Acadia**- A Michelin-starred restaurant in Tribeca showcasing New England cuisine with a modern twist.

**Astro**- A trendy, casual rooftop restaurant offering stunning views of Manhattan and a menu of contemporary American cuisine with a focus on vegetarian options.

**Burger & Lobster Bryant Park**- A lively eatery specializing in just two dishes - juicy burgers and buttery, steamed lobster - served in a hip and convivial atmosphere.

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**Cantina Rooftop-** A festive rooftop venue in midtown Manhattan featuring vibrant Mexican cuisine, an expansive bar, and sweeping views of the city skyline.

**Carmine's-** An NYC staple featuring family-style portions like penne alla vodka, chicken parm, or a 45-oz. Porterhouse Contadina.

**Carnegie Diner and Cafe-** Indulge in all-day breakfast, salads, burgers, and triple-decker sandwiches in addition to a variety of delicious desserts and drinks, including frozen margaritas. Indoor dining is also available.

**Chef Guo-** Upscale, authentic Chinese fine dining in an artfully designed space blended to complement the dining experience in a fully immersive way.

**Dante NYC-** Get a taste of delicious Italian cuisine in a historic NYC landmark—the original incarnation of Dante opened in 1915.

**Guantanamera-** A vibrant Cuban restaurant with live music, a lively atmosphere, and a varied menu of traditional Cuban dishes and specialty drinks.

**Hortus-** A Korean-inspired restaurant in NoMad featuring inventive dishes and a chic atmosphere.

**Joe Allen-** Pre and post-theater dining is a tradition at this warm go-to, known for its comfort food and posters of Broadway flops to lighten the mood.

**Keens Steakhouse-** This historic restaurant is home to fantastic chops and the world's largest collection of churchwarden pipes that date back to the early 20th century.

**La Grande Boucherie-** This charming spot serves up French cuisine in a stunning atrium-style space with a variety of classic dishes and twists on traditional favorites.

**The Mary Lane-** The Mary Lane offers culinary delights within bright spaces filled with light.

**Mermaid Oyster Bar-** A seafood lover's paradise filled with plentiful delicious raw and cooked options and choices for meat lovers.



**NERAI-** Experience refined and sophisticated Greek cuisine in the restaurant's new outdoor garden. Neraï also has one of the most beautiful indoor settings in town, courtesy of a massive Jasmine garden courtesy of Floratorium.

**Patsy's Italian Restaurant-** This long-running, family-operated restaurant dating back to 1944, a favorite of the late Frank Sinatra, specializes in Neapolitan cuisine, including penne alla vodka and gnocchi.

**Petrossian Boutique and Cafe-** This charming eatery just south of Central Park serves up caviar and smoked fish along with pastries and breakfast that is served all day.

**Philippe Chow-** Upscale Chinese cuisine and exotic cocktails can be found in this sophisticated restaurant with classic Chinese offerings.

**Playa Betty's-** Take a tropical getaway at this brightly colored restaurant with a beachy setting and fun cocktails.

**Redeye Grill-** Cavemous dining space featuring live music and delicious seafood makes this spot perfect for a Broadway night out.

**Sable's Smoked Fish-** This compact deli offers smoked fish, numerous meats by the pound, deli sandwiches, and various prepared foods.

**Sarabeth's-** The quintessential brunch spot is also open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, so you can enjoy the delightful menu all day long.

**Serafina-** Upscale Italian cuisine in a sophisticated, modern space with classic dishes and traditional flavors.

**Sugar Factory-** A dessert lover's dream, Sugar Factory serves colorful food, outrageous drinks, and desserts adorned with candy and other sweet confections and delightful gift items.

**Tao-** Famous for its giant Buddha and clublike atmosphere, Tao combines exotic ambiance with upscale Asian specialties, including dim sum, small plates, and sushi.

**Zuma-** A meal at Zuma is a true culinary treat. If you find the menu a little overwhelming, opt for the omakase experience.



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## Uptown

**Amy Ruth's-** Enjoy traditional soul food cuisine and classic dishes at this popular Harlem hotspot that locals and tourists both love.

**Archer & Goat-** Located in Harlem, diners can enjoy a fusion of Latin and Asian cuisines that blend seamlessly together.

**Barawine Harlem-** Dine on delicious French fare with an exquisite wine list and a fantastic bar menu to complement your drink.

**Cafe Luxembourg-** This glamorous Art Deco Upper West Side bistro serves all the classics: cassoulet, steak tartare, coq au vin, steak frites, moules frites, and more.

**Clay-** In the heart of Harlem, where a storied jazz club once stood, each meal at Clay is a celebration of bountiful harvests, beloved community, and our favorite pairing of food and friends.

**Fumo-** Guests can enjoy classic Italian dishes and handmade pasta made with fresh, seasonal ingredients.

**The Grand Feast-** Located in the heart of the Upper West Side, The Grand Feast serves up classic American dishes made with locally-sourced ingredients in a sleek, modern setting.

**Gray's Papaya-** Famous for its delicious hot dogs, Gray's Papaya has been featured on television and in numerous films for years.

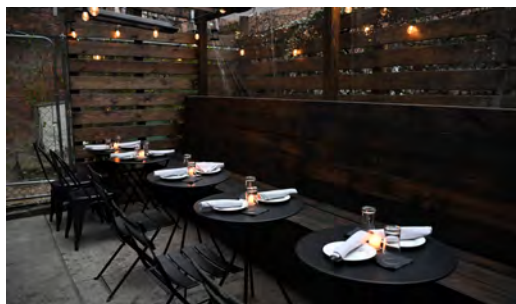
**The Honey Well-** Craft cocktails and bar bites are offered in a lowlit, subterranean setting with a cozy vibe.

**Jacob Restaurant-** Enjoy a buffet and a selection of soul food from various regions including the South and the Caribbean.

**La Goulue-** A classic French bistro on the Upper East Side with a lively atmosphere and beloved steak frites.

**Lex Restaurant-** Showcases modern American cuisine in a chic, contemporary space in Midtown Manhattan.

**Lexington Candy Shop-** This old-school luncheonette is best known for its traditional diner menu, including all-day breakfast.



**Lolo's Seafood Shack-** LoLo's Seafood Shack serves up seafood items like sauced shrimp to Caribbean eats like conch fritters.

**Malecon-** A beloved Dominican eatery with several locations throughout the city, known for their crispy rotisserie chicken and delicious sides.

**Marlow Restaurant-** Offers an eclectic menu of global comfort food, craft cocktails, and wines in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

**Max Brenner-** Gifts, sweet treats and eats. Enjoy chocolate-infused cocktails, various hot chocolate and more.

**Melba's-** Southern classics served in a retro setting that's relaxed and homey by day, bustling in the evening.

**The Milling Room-** Offers elegant, farm-to-table cuisine in a stunning former industrial space on the Upper West Side.

**Pinocchio Restaurant-** Has been a Greenwich Village staple for over 38 years, known for their homemade pastas, classic Italian dishes, and warm, welcoming atmosphere.

**PJ Bernstein-** A Jewish deli on the Upper East Side serving up traditional fare like matzo ball soup and pastrami sandwiches.

**ROKC-** Japanese Oyster Bar. Microbrews, craft Japanese option for several varieties of ramen, plus snacks, a raw bar and sophisticated cocktails.

**THEP Thai Restaurant-** Brings the vibrant flavors of Thailand to the bustling streets of Hell's Kitchen, with a menu of authentic dishes made with fresh, aromatic ingredients.

**Tropical Grill-** A vibrant and colorful eatery serving up authentic Caribbean cuisine, featuring lively music and friendly service.

**Vinateria-** Chic, contemporary spot pairing wine and cocktails with upscale Italian- & Spanish-influenced cooking.

**Xochimilco Family Restaurant-** A cozy and inviting Mexican eatery specializing in traditional dishes made with the freshest ingredients, along with delicious margaritas and a warm atmosphere.

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# Brooklyn, Queens & Long Island

**Amina-** A cozy Thai eatery located near Queens Botanical Gardens that serves up traditional Thai flavors.

**Celestine-** A waterfront restaurant in Brooklyn with Mediterranean fare, featuring beautiful views of Manhattan's skyline.

**Chavela's-** A cozy Mexican spot in Brooklyn with homemade tortillas, churros, and brunch options.

**Cheryl's Global Soul-** A welcoming Brooklyn restaurant that blends cuisines from around the world to create vibrant flavors and unique dishes.

**Clark's Restaurant-** A classic American seafood spot in Brooklyn featuring oysters, lobster rolls, and a charming outdoor patio.

**Claw Daddy's-** A southern-style seafood spot known for their crawfish, po' boys, and lobster mac and cheese.

**Dock Asian Eatery-** A waterfront restaurant in Brooklyn offering delicious Asian fusion cuisine and stunning views of the harbor.

**Fillmore's Tavern-** A lively bar and restaurant in the heart of Williamsburg, known for their delicious burgers and extensive beer list.

**Hamilton's-** This fun spot in Brooklyn serves up a fantastic selection of bar eats and international cuisine.

**Hart's-** A cozy, neighborhood restaurant in Brooklyn with a seasonal menu featuring dishes like buttery tagliatelle and crispy baby octopus.

**Junior's Restaurant & Bakery-** A Brooklyn institution known for their iconic cheesecake and classic diner-style fare; you'll find another location in Times Square along with nationwide shipping.

**LIMANI-** A Mediterranean seafood restaurant in Roslyn, serving fresh seafood flown in daily from the Aegean Sea.

**Mayfield-** A trendy American restaurant in Brooklyn featuring a farm-to-table menu and cozy, rustic decor.

**Noodle Pudding-** An intimate Italian spot in Brooklyn with homemade pasta, a cozy atmosphere, and outdoor seating.

**Nan Xiang Xiao Long Bao-** This Shanghaiese spot serves up delicious dumplings for an inexpensive meal.

**O Lavrador-** An authentic Portuguese restaurant offering a selection of classic dishes including seafood, grilled meats, and homemade desserts.

**Peter Luger Steakhouse-** This Brooklyn steakhouse is a New York institution and has been heralded as having some of the best steaks in the country.

**Reef Restaurant & Bar-** A waterfront Caribbean-inspired eatery in Long Island City, featuring a unique menu of seafood, jerk chicken, and tropical cocktails.

**Risbo-** A trendy Mediterranean restaurant in Brooklyn with seasonal small plates, craft cocktails, and a beautiful outdoor patio.

**Shota Omakase-** A high-end sushi spot in Brooklyn featuring an omakase tasting menu and chic, modern decor.

**South Slope Restaurant & Bar-** A laid-back American restaurant in Brooklyn with a diverse menu featuring everything from burgers to bibimbap.

**Table 87-** A casual pizza spot in Brooklyn with classic slices like margherita, pepperoni, and buffalo chicken.

**Tutt Heights-** A cozy Italian spot in Brooklyn featuring homemade pasta, brick oven pizza, and a romantic atmosphere.

**Walter's-** An iconic steakhouse renowned for their perfectly cooked meats and impeccable service.

**Xifu Food-** A trendy Chinese spot in Brooklyn's Sunset Park neighborhood with homemade dim sum, spicy noodles, and unique cocktails.



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**232 E 58TH ST, 212.688.4619, CHOLANY.COM**

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CHEF GUO EMBODIES THE ESSENCE OF INNOVATION AND TRADITION IN CULINARY ARTS, MERGING ANCIENT CHINESE COOKING TECHNIQUES WITH MODERN GASTRONOMY TO CREATE A DINING EXPERIENCE THAT IS BOTH CULTURALLY RICH AND DISTINCTLY CONTEMPORARY. DRAWING FROM A HERITAGE THAT DATES BACK OVER 300 YEARS, CHEF GUO'S MENU IS A TESTAMENT TO THE DEPTH OF CHINESE CUISINE, OFFERING DISHES THAT ARE METICULOUSLY PREPARED AND ARTFULLY PRESENTED.

**135 E 50TH ST, 212.866.9888, CHEFGUO.COM**



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28-03 JACKSON AVE, QUEENS, 929.545.2023,  
REDSORGHUMLIC.COM

## CASA BOND

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334 BOWERY, 917.639.3009, CASABONDNOHO.COM



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15 ST MARKS PL, 212.970.8788, NANXIANGXIAOLONGBAO.COM



## PLAYA BETTY'S

PLAYA BETTY'S IS A VIBRANT EATERY THAT BRINGS TO LIFE THE SPIRIT AND FLAVORS OF CALIFORNIA CULTURE, WITH A MENU THAT INCLUDES EVERYTHING FROM TANTALIZING TACOS AND BURRITOS TO FRESH SALADS AND DELECTABLE DESSERTS, ALL SERVED IN A LIVELY, BEACH-THEMED ATMOSPHERE THAT PROMISES A CULINARY ESCAPE TO THE WEST COAST WITHOUT LEAVING MANHATTAN.

320 AMSTERDAM AVE, 212.712.0777, PLAYABETTYS.COM



## YAO

YAO, NESTLED IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT, IS A CULINARY GEM WHERE CHEF-OWNER KENNY LEUNG AND CO-OWNER THOMAS TANG ELEVATE CANTONESE CUISINE TO NEW HEIGHTS, CELEBRATING BOTH TIME-HONORED DISHES AND INNOVATIVE CREATIONS AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF AN ELEGANTLY DESIGNED SPACE. THE RESTAURANT RECENTLY INTRODUCED A DELICIOUS ABALONE MENU.

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**218 W 35TH ST, 646.850.2850, VERSANYC.COM**

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**11 PARK PL, 929.614.5998, TSUBAMENY.COM**



### VENTANAS

VENTANAS IN FORT LEE OFFERS A UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE WITH ITS FUSION CUISINE AND BREATHTAKING VIEWS, EMBODYING THE ESSENCE OF MODERN SOPHISTICATION. IT'S THE PERFECT WAY TO ESCAPE THE CITY FOR AN EVENING.

**200 PARK AVE, FORT LEE, NJ, 201.583.4777, VENTANASATTHEMODERN.COM**

### SABAI THAI

SABAI THAI IS A CELEBRATED RESTAURANT IN NEW YORK CITY, OFFERING AN AUTHENTIC AND VIBRANT THAI DINING EXPERIENCE THAT CAPTIVATES BOTH THE PALATE AND THE SENSES FOR THE PERFECT EXOTIC CULINARY IMMERSION.

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### JACK & CHARLIE'S NO. 118

JACK & CHARLIE'S NO. 118 OFFERS AN EXQUISITE DINING EXPERIENCE THAT SEAMLESSLY BLENDS CLASSIC ELEGANCE WITH INNOVATIVE CUISINE, MAKING IT A CULINARY LANDMARK IN ITS LOCALE.

**118 GREENWICH AVE, 212.680.4265, JACKANDCHARLIES118.COM**

### ACADIA

ACADIA, A MEDITERRANEAN-INSPIRED RESTAURANT LOCATED IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY, OFFERS A UNIQUE BLEND OF EXOTIC AND FAMILIAR FLAVORS IN A COZY YET SOPHISTICATED SETTING.

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# NYC's Holiday Restaurants

**NEW YORK CITY SPARKLES WITH VIBRANT ENERGY AND A CHEERFUL HUSTLE AND BUSTLE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, QUICKLY TRANSFORMING INTO A WONDERLAND FILLED WITH FESTIVE LIGHTS AND ADORNED STOREFRONTS YOU WON'T FIND ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD. THE CITY'S NUMEROUS ATTRACTIONS ARE ITS EXCEPTIONAL DINING ESTABLISHMENTS, EXQUISITE CULINARY EXPERIENCES, DELIGHTFUL SEASONAL DECORATIONS, AND HOLIDAY SPECIALS. WHETHER SEEKING A COZY SPOT TO UNWIND AFTER A DAY OF EXPLORING OR A CHIC VENUE FOR GATHERING, NEW YORK CITY'S DIVERSE RESTAURANT SCENE PROVIDES ENDLESS OPTIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**



## Rolf's

Rolf's in New York City is renowned for its extravagant holiday decorations, transforming the restaurant into a winter wonderland that can be viewed at any time of the year. From the moment you step inside, you are enveloped in a dazzling display of thousands of sparkling lights, baubles, and ornaments that drape every surface, creating a cozy yet opulent atmosphere that proclaims the holiday season. Serving up classic German cuisine, Rolf's tends to be incredibly busy, especially during the holiday season. Book ahead via phone and plan to arrive early.



## Papillon Bistro & Bar

Papillon Bistro & Bar in New York City is a hidden gem that transforms into a sparkling haven of holiday spirit during the Christmas season. Known for its gorgeous decorations, Papillon goes all out with an enchanting array of seasonal embellishments that captivate visitors from the moment they arrive. The bistro is bedecked with twinkling lights and elaborately decorated Christmas trees, each corner showcasing a unique festive flair. Papillon is notoriously packed, so book ahead!



## Loreley Beer Garden

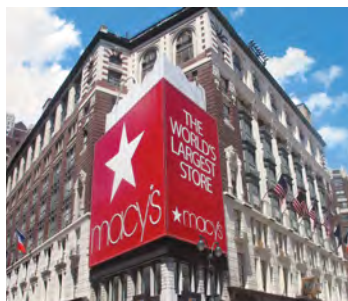
Loreley Beer Garden in New York City is a beloved destination for those wanting to enjoy a festive atmosphere with a touch of cozy beer garden vibes. The restaurant offers a whimsical escape adorned with countless holiday lights that illuminate the large outdoor garden space, creating a cozy and inviting environment. In addition to the enchanting decor, enjoy seasonal beverages (some of the cutest ones you'll find in the city) that pair perfectly with the restaurant's German beer garden menu. There's a little something for everyone on the menu!



## Lillie's Victorian Establishment

Lillie's Victorian Establishment in Times Square is another must-visit destination for those who appreciate stunning holiday decorations and a dash of elegance in their festive experiences. Stepping into Lillie's feels like being transported back in time, thanks to its exquisite Victorian-era décor. During the holiday season, the charm of this delightful establishment is taken to new heights with an array of beautiful decorations that effortlessly blend with its period-inspired interiors. Twinkling lights and tastefully adorned Christmas trees fill the space, creating a celestial glow that enhances the vintage ambiance. If you can't get a reservation, attempt to arrive as early as possible, and grab a seat at the bar!

# SHOPPING



## Shopping Centers

**Brookfield Place**- A high-end shopping and dining destination located in the heart of downtown Manhattan. It features designer stores such as Gucci and Burberry, as well as popular retailers like J.Crew and Lululemon.

**Empire Outlets**- The only outlet shopping center in NYC houses more than 100 designer outlet retailers, including H&M, Levi's, Brooks Brothers, Gap, and more. Easy access to and from Manhattan via the Staten Island Ferry.

**The Shops and Restaurants at Hudson Yards**- Boast over 100 luxury and mainstream retailers, spanning 1 million square feet. Visitors can also indulge in fine dining options, art installations, and The Vessel, a unique public landmark.

**The Shops at Columbus Circle**- Offers premium retail and dining experiences in the heart of New York City. Nestled within the Time Warner Center, it features brands like Michael Kors, Stuart Weitzman, and Williams-Sonoma.

**Westfield World Trade Center**- A sleek, modern shopping destination located in the heart of Lower Manhattan. With over 100 retailers and dining options, it offers an unbeatable shopping experience that is easily accessible by public transportation.

## Toys & Games

**American Girl Place**- In addition to the popular historical and contemporary doll collection, the store sells accessories and matching doll-and-girl clothing. Café, hair salon, and personal shopping.

**CAMP, A Family Experience Store**- A fun and immersive store with rotating themes, including indoor camping, and space travel.

**The Disney Store**- The Disney Store offers the latest in official Disney merchandise, including Disney toys, clothes, and Disney collectibles featuring everyone's favorite characters, including Mickey Mouse, Disney princesses, and more.

**FAO Schwarz**- Shop at the biggest toy store in New York City! The world-famous FAO Schwarz is an experience unlike any other. You are at the center of the story. An adventure larger-than-life that sparks the imagination in all of us awaits.

**Kidding Around**- Long-standing toy boutique stocked with games, puzzles, dress-up clothes & educational playthings for children of all ages to enjoy and learn the fun way.

**Learning Express Toys**- A franchise store with a wide range of high-quality toys, including STEM kits, dolls, board games, and puzzles

**The LEGO Store**- The iconic toy retailer showcases the brand's colorful building sets & bricks, plus figurines & toys. The LEGO® Stores are open with adjusted hours. Please be advised that the safety of our visitors and team members remains our first priority.

**NINTENDO NY**- 10,000 square foot store filled with interactive game demos, accessories, apparel & collectibles. Located in Manhattan's historic Rockefeller Center,

**Norman & Jules**- Indie shop for colorful handmade toys, decor, and baby accessories crafted with sustainable materials. They've collected the best toys from around the world. Its unique selection of toys supports imaginative, organic play while encouraging emotional and social growth.

**Playing Mantis**- A small and cozy store with a carefully curated selection of eco-friendly and socially conscious toys, games, and puzzles.

## Department Stores

**Bergdorf Goodman**- The emporium's separate men's and women's stores offer designer labels and name brands, accessories and cosmetics.

**Bloomingdale's**- Browse the most in-demand styles for women, men, kids and homes in this famous shopping destination.

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**Macy's Herald Square-** The iconic department store spans an entire city block.

**Nordstrom-** The seven-floor women's flagship store offers clothing, accessories, shoes, beauty and dining options.

**Saks Fifth Avenue-** The women's shoe salon occupies an entire floor of the luxury store for men and women.

## Self Care & Spas

**Aire Ancient Bath-** Indulge in a sensory experience at this ancient bathhouse, combining hot and cold baths with aromatherapy and massage for ultimate relaxation.

**Coliseum Dental-** Enjoy a pleasant dental experience at this modern and technologically-advanced clinic, with a range of dental services to suit every need.

**Great Jones Spa-** A luxurious spa offering a variety of services, from facials to massages and even a water lounge, all in the heart of New York City.

**Heyday-** Skincare made simple. Book a 30-minute facial at this minimalist-friendly spa and leave with glowing skin.

**Joanna Vargas-** Discover the secret behind celebrities' beauty at this luxurious spa, offering facials, LED light therapy, and body treatments.

**QC NY Spa-** Relax and rejuvenate with a range of spa services, including massages, facials, and body treatments, all designed to promote holistic wellness.

## Jewelry & Time Pieces

**Breitling Boutique-** At the Breitling Boutique in Manhattan, aviation enthusiasts and watch aficionados can explore the impressive collection of Swiss-made timepieces, including the iconic Navitimer and Avenger, and admire the aviation-inspired interior design.

**Cartier-** The prestigious and luxurious Cartier store in New York is a symbol of refined elegance, where visitors can marvel at timeless jewelry and watches, including the brand's world-famous Love Bracelet and Tank Watch.

**David Webb-** Webb's uniquely stunning gems have been worn by society doyennes and even Hollywood royalty.

**Fred Leighton-** A vintage and antique jewelry store that has been a renowned destination for collectors, celebrities, and fashion insiders since 1970.

**Harry Winston-** A luxury watch and jewelry boutique with an illustrious history of creating exquisite designs and iconic pieces, from the timeless "Halo" engagement ring to rare diamonds.

**OMI Jewelry-** A hidden gem for those seeking unique and exquisite pieces of fine jewelry, where skilled artisans craft stunning pieces.

**Pandora-** The famous international jewelry chain has unique NYC exclusive pieces to add to your collection.

**Rolex Boutique Tourneau-** The ultimate destination for fans of the iconic Swiss watchmaker, showcasing a vast array of stunning models, from the classic Datejust to the sporty Yacht-Master.

**Swatch Times Square-** A colorful and playful space, where customers can discover the latest collections of affordable yet stylish watches, such as the playful ISIDOR and the minimalist SKIN.

**Tiffany & Co.-** Iconic jeweler selling diamonds, pearls, gold, silver, sterling flatware, fine timepieces, crystal and much more—all wrapped in the Tiffany & Co. signature robin's egg blue boxes.

## Luxury Designers

**CHANEL New York-** World-renowned fashion house offering haute couture, ready-to-wear, handbags, accessories, luxurious cosmetics and timeless fragrances.

**Ermenegildo Zegna-** This flagship boutique on Fifth Avenue boasts a luxurious interior design that perfectly complements the brand's high-end men's clothing and accessories.

**Escada-** This upscale store on Madison Avenue features an elegant and sophisticated interior, complete with a crystal chandelier and plush seating, offering a luxurious shopping experience for women's fashion.

**Fendi-** Italian fashion company renowned for its luxury fur and leather goods, offering a range of fashion and accessory collections made with high-quality materials.





**Ferragamo-** Ferragamo's Fifth Avenue location showcases the brand's iconic Italian craftsmanship with an array of stylish shoes, handbags, and accessories, displayed in a beautifully designed sleek and space.

**Gucci-** Premium Italian fashion brand known for its eclectic and bold designs (and colorful stripes) that mix tradition with modern innovation and luxury, offering a selection of handbags, shoes, and jewelry.

**Louis Vuitton-** High-end brand specializing in leather goods, handbags, luggage, accessories, and ready-to-wear collections with a variety of subtle designs and proud logos.

**Versace-** The designer brand's flagship store in New York City is a stunning tribute to the late Gianni Versace, featuring opulent design elements like gold walls, Medusa heads and mosaic flooring, and a vast collection of clothing and accessories.

**Yves Saint Laurent-** St. Laurent's Madison Avenue location is a sleek and modern space that showcases signature Parisian aesthetic, with clothing, accessories, and fragrances.

## Shoes & Handbags

**Christian Louboutin Boutique-** Luxurious footwear and accessories with the iconic red sole, known for their unmatched sophistication and elegance.

**Coach-** The fashionable American leather goods brand is known internationally for its accessories, leather pieces and classic handbags.

**Il Bisonte-** Find high-quality, well-designed handbags, briefcases and other accessories at this Italian retailer's flagship store.

**Jimmy Choo-** Known for their iconic stiletto heels and glamorous designs, Jimmy Choo's New York store features a stunning collection of shoes, bags, and accessories that exude only the utmost sophistication and elegance.

**Kate Spade-** This playful and colorful store merges fashion with function, offering a selection of handbags, jewelry, and footwear.

**Love Adorned-** An open, airy space stocked with an eclectic mix of contemporary & vintage jewelry and unusual home goods.

**Manolo Blahnik-** The ultimate destination for fashion-conscious individuals seeking the perfect pair of high-end shoes.

**Mephisto-** This upscale shoe store offers handcrafted and durable footwear made from premium materials, including leather and cork, and their signature Soft-Air technology ensures maximum comfort.

**Nike NYC-** The athletic retailer's New York store is one of only three stores in the world with the House of Innovation.

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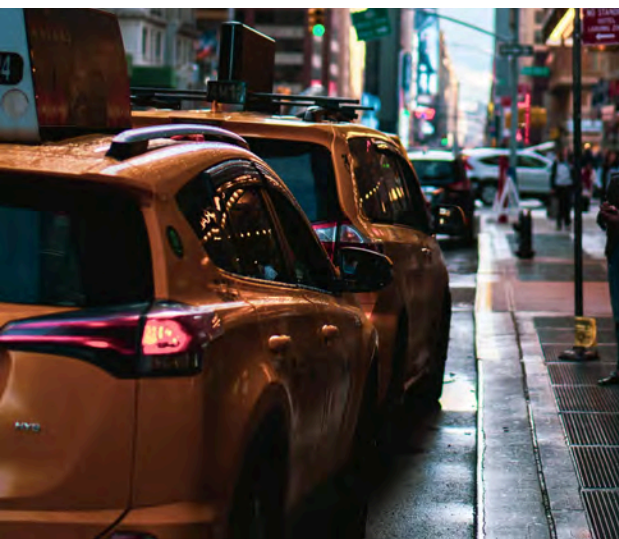
# GUIDE TO NYC TRANSPORT

There are plenty of ways to navigate the concrete jungle and numerous modes of transportation to get you from point A to point B. While the city is certainly walkable, we often need a little extra help getting around. New York City is known for its bustling streets, unique attractions, and diverse culture. For visitors and locals alike, getting around the city is a breeze with its wide array of transportation options. New Yorkers and travelers have access to a multitude of choices when it comes to moving throughout their busy urban landscape.

From taxi cabs and ride-shares to public buses, subways, ferries and even bike share systems, navigating the five boroughs has never been easier or more convenient. Whether you're traveling from uptown to downtown or from one side of the city to another, there's an option for everyone.



- Rideshare has become increasingly popular all around the country, and it's no different in NYC. Remember that surge pricing can be unpredictable and shorter rides can still be fairly costly. Be prepared and plot alternatives just in case.
- The New York City subway system is the largest of its kind in the United States, with over 24 lines and 472 stations. Over five million passengers ride it daily. The subway is perfect for quick stops and longer rides all the way across town.
- The iconic yellow cab is one of the oldest and most popular ways to get around NYC. All you need to do is hail one on the street corner or use an app like Curb to call one or schedule a pick-up for events or easy trips to the airport.
- The ferry system in New York is one of the oldest forms of transportation in the city. Today, these ferries span multiple waterways, including the Hudson River, East River, and Staten Island Ferry, allowing passengers to access various boroughs.
- For those looking for a bit more adventure while exploring the city's many sights and sounds, consider taking advantage of Citi Bike—New York's own bicycle sharing program, complete with thousands of bikes located all over Manhattan.
- Public buses in New York offer convenient and low-cost transportation for tourists and locals alike. With over 5,800 vehicles operating 24/7 across the five boroughs, these bus routes provide easy access to attractions and neighborhoods.



# GREAT GIFTS FOR TRAVELERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Finding the perfect gift for the globetrotter in your life can feel overwhelming. However, curating a selection of versatile and thoughtful gifts that cater to their adventurous spirit can transform the mundane into the exceptional. Whether your traveler is a seasoned jet-setter or an enthusiastic weekend wanderer, the right gifts can enhance their journeys, offering practicality and indulgence.



## STEPHANIE JOHNSON COSMETIC CASES

Look no further than Stephanie Johnson's makeup cases for the ultimate in travel beauty organization. Renowned for their sophisticated designs and practical functionality, these cases are perfect for keeping your cosmetics neatly organized while on the move. Each case features an intelligently constructed layout with multiple compartments, enabling easy access to all your beauty essentials (we took one for a spin on a weekend getaway and loved the functionality of the compartments and the removable clear TSA bag). Crafted with high-quality materials and in various chic patterns and colors, Stephanie Johnson's makeup cases offer elegance and durability.



## THE FOLDIE

The Foldie bag is a versatile travel companion that expertly merges security with convenience, functioning as a crossbody and a tote. Its foldable bag design makes it an ideal choice for travelers needing an extra bag, compact enough to fit effortlessly under an airline seat. Built with efficiency at its core, it offers the perfect balance of compact storage and ample room for essentials. Weighing just 1.1 lb (500 grams), it is the lightest solution available, enabling easy and comfortable carrying without additional bulk.

Whether catching a flight or exploring the city, Foldie's convenient and anti-theft features provide peace of mind and adaptability in any environment.



## CINCHA

This holiday season, choose a gift that seamlessly blends practicality and style with Cincha's travel accessories. Renowned for their innovative Travel Belts, Cincha empowers travelers to move hands-free, reducing the hassle of juggling multiple items. Their range includes belt bags and the belt buddy, available in various colors and designs to suit every traveler's preferences. As a women-owned and BIPOC-owned company, Cincha is dedicated to simplifying travel and supporting a meaningful cause by donating frequent flyer miles to Miles4Migrants, which helps reunite families. This thoughtful and functional gift will bring joy to anyone preparing for their next journey.

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## LANCÔME GIFT SETS

Pamper your skin with the luxury and care of Lancôme's 2024 Holiday Boxes. These sets, featuring selections from their prestigious Absolue and Rénergie collections, showcase an exclusive gold Celestial Rose pattern, designed in partnership with French artist Safia Ouare, embodying the magic of Paris. The Best of Absolue 2024 Gift Set includes the Soft Cream, Rich Cream, Revitalizing Eye Cream, and Serum. The Rénergie H.C.F. Triple Serum Set contains the H.C.F. Triple Serum, Peptide Cream, and Night Cream. For a festive treat, explore Lancôme's 2024 Holiday Advent Calendar featuring 24 items, including 6 full-size and 18 travel-sized products. The new Celestial Rose Palette offers beautiful shades for the holidays, while the L'Absolu Rouge Limited Edition Lipsticks and L'Absolu Diamond Glitter Gloss Sheer bring a touch of enchantment to your look.



## FUNCTIONAL CHOCOLATE

Indulge in a gift that blends elegance and well-being with the Health Realities Care Pack. This remarkable collection includes four unique functional chocolate bars—crafted to assist with diverse health objectives like promoting restful sleep, boosting energy, easing stress, and relieving pain. Perfect for those who embrace a holistic lifestyle, these chocolates cater to individual wellness needs by providing targeted support. Made from decadent, ethically sourced dark chocolate enriched with beneficial botanicals, they embody the perfect marriage of luxury and health.



## NEUBIOME GIFT SETS

Neubiome presents luxurious holiday skincare sets for a rejuvenating experience. The Barrier Boost Moisture Rescue Set includes four essentials to nourish and protect your skin: Biome Balancing Creamy Cleanser, The Biotic Glow™ Ferment Essence, Biotic Radiance-Boosting Hydrator, and Skin Soothing Face Oil, all designed to enhance your skin's hydration and radiance. The Ultimate Microbiome Anti-Aging Set targets signs of aging with six products, promoting smoother and more radiant skin. This set features the Biome Balancing Creamy Cleanser, The Biotic Glow™ Ferment Essence, Glyco-Biotic Ultra Synbiotic Facial, Empris-Peony™ Biotic Resurfacing Night Serum, Biotic Radiance-Boosting Hydrator, and Plum Botanical Serum.

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# HOTELS

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## Downtown

**The Beekman, A Thompson Hotel-** This landmark building boasts stunning architecture, luxurious suites, and world-class dining experiences, making it the perfect choice for those seeking a touch of glamour.

**Cloud One Hotel New York-Downtown-** The hotel boasts a prime location and offers guests an unparalleled experience with opulent rooms, state-of-the-art facilities, and panoramic views.

**Club Quarters Hotel World Trade Center New York-** A budget-friendly option that offers stylish and comfortable rooms at affordable rates.

**Conrad New York Downtown-** A five-star hotel that boasts world-class amenities, elegant suites, and breathtaking views of the Hudson River and the Statue of Liberty, this hotel offers ultimate luxury.

**Courtyard by Marriott New York World Trade Center Area-** This hotel offers clean and comfortable rooms with all the basic amenities that you need for a comfortable and convenient stay.

**The Dominick-** An awe-inspiring hotel that offers stunning views of the New York skyline, each room has state-of-the-art technology, including a smart TV and an iPod docking station, making it an ideal choice for business travelers.

**DoubleTree by Hilton New York Downtown-** Offers spacious rooms, top-notch amenities, and excellent service with the classic touches for which DoubleTree Hotels are known.

**Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown-** This five-star hotel is the epitome of luxury, with expansive suites, a world-class spa, and Michelin-starred dining options.

**The Frederick Hotel-** A historic landmark that dates back to 1838, the rooms feature unique architectural details, including high ceilings and exposed brick walls.

**Gild Hall, A Thompson Hotel - part of Hyatt-** This boutique hotel boasts a rustic-chic decor and a cozy ambiance, with a popular Italian restaurant and a speakeasy-style bar on-site.

**The Greenwich Hotel-** The Greenwich Hotel exudes elegance and charm, with its antique furnishings, rich fabrics, and a serene Japanese-inspired spa.

**Hampton Inn Manhattan/Downtown-Financial District-** One of the top choices for travelers who want to be close to the action, the hotel is located near many popular attractions, including the New York Stock Exchange and the 9/11 Memorial.

**Hilton Garden Inn NYC Financial Center/Manhattan Downtown-** A great option for visitors who plan to spend time in the Financial District, the hotel offers stylish rooms, a fitness center, and an on-site restaurant.

**Hilton Garden Inn New York/Tribeca-** Offers modern amenities in a prime location; it boasts a sleek design and comfortable rooms with high-quality bedding and complimentary Wi-Fi.

**Holiday Inn Express New York City- Wall Street, an IHG Hotel-** A budget-friendly option for travelers who want to stay in the Financial District, the hotel offers free breakfast, a fitness center, and easy access to many of the area's top attractions.

**Holiday Inn New York City- Wall Street, an IHG Hotel-** A budget-friendly option that doesn't compromise on quality, the hotel features comfortable rooms, an on-site fitness center, and an excellent location.

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**Hotel Fouquet's New York-** Inspired by the legendary Parisian hotel, Hotel Fouquet's offers a sophisticated and luxurious stay experience, with a Michelin-starred restaurant and a decadent spa.

**Hotel Hugo-** A stylish and contemporary boutique hotel located in SoHo and boasts 122 well-appointed guest rooms and suites, each elegantly designed with a nod to the hotel's Italian heritage.

**Hotel Indigo NYC Financial District, an IHG Hotel-** Elegantly decorated with art pieces and murals inspired by the history and culture of the Financial District, Hotel Indigo offers a unique and upscale stay experience.

**Hyatt Centric Wall Street New York-** A luxury hotel that boasts an collection of amenities, including a rooftop lounge, a fitness center, and upscale dining options.

**Millennium Downtown New York-** With its central location and proximity to major financial institutions and corporate offices, the Millennium is ideal for those traveling to the city for work.

**Mint House at 70 Pine-** An upscale hotel that offers spacious suites with full kitchens and stunning views of the city, guests can enjoy amenities such as an on-site fitness center, a rooftop terrace, and a lounge.

**Moxy NYC Downtown-** With its vibrant decor, social spaces, and proximity to popular nightlife venues, the Moxy is perfect for those looking for a fun experience in the heart of Downtown.

**New York Marriott Downtown-** Located just a stone's throw away from the iconic World Trade Center, this hotel boasts spacious and luxurious rooms, state-of-the-art business facilities, and a first-class dining experience.

**Nine Orchard-** This charming bed and breakfast in the heart of the Lower East Side offers cozy and personalized rooms, free homemade breakfast, and easy access to trendy bars and restaurants.

**Placemakr Wall Street-** A stylish hotel that blends modern design with elements of the area's history, the hotel offers guests a fitness center, a rooftop lounge, and a restaurant that serves Mediterranean-inspired cuisine.

**Radisson Hotel New York Wall Street-** A great value option in the Financial District, Radisson Hotel offers spacious and comfortable rooms with modern amenities and a convenient location near the subway and major tourist attractions.

**Residence Inn by Marriott New York Downtown Manhattan/ World Trade Center Area-** Perfect for extended stays, Residence Inn offers spacious suites with separate living areas, full kitchens, and a complimentary breakfast buffet.

**The Roxy Hotel New York-** A hotel with a retro vibe; the rooms have an industrial feel, with exposed pipes and concrete accents.

**SIXTY SoHo-** Located in the fashionable SoHo neighborhood, SIXTY SoHo offers sleek and modern rooms, a lively rooftop bar with panoramic views, and an iconic Italian restaurant.

**Smyth Tribeca-** This trendy hotel combines vintage and contemporary styles with a focus on local art and culture, featuring a hip bar, a chic restaurant, and a beautifully cozy library lounge.

**Sonder Battery Park-** This luxury apartment-style hotel features modern decor, floor-to-ceiling windows, and stunning views of the Hudson River and Statue of Liberty.

**The Walker Hotel Greenwich Village-** A luxurious boutique hotel with elegant Art Deco interiors and a prime location in one of New York City's most charming neighborhoods.

**The Wall Street Hotel-** With an ideal location just steps away from the New York Stock Exchange, The Wall Street Hotel features sleek rooms, a 24-hour fitness center, and a rooftop lounge.

**The Wall Street Inn-** A boutique hotel that offers a charming and cozy atmosphere, the hotel features a library, a garden courtyard, elegant rooms with plush bedding, and free Wi-Fi.

**Washington by LuxUrban-** This luxury boutique hotel offers a personalized service that is tailored to meet the unique needs of each guest, from custom-designed guest rooms to high-end amenities.

**World Center Hotel-** Located in the heart of downtown, World Center Hotel offers breathtaking views.

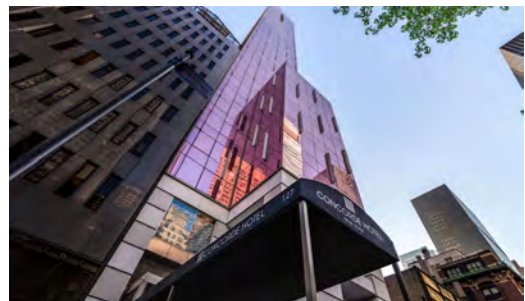
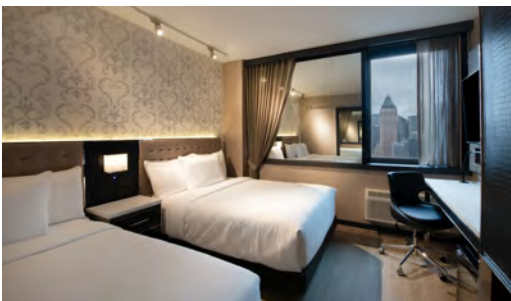


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## Midtown

**The Aliz Hotel Times Square-** Boasts a prime location in the Theater District, stunning skyline views, and contemporary rooms.

**The Bryant Park Hotel-** A luxurious boutique hotel located right next to the beautiful Bryant Park, boasting stunning views and exceptional amenities.

**The Cachet Boutique NYC-** A cozy and intimate hotel featuring a rooftop bar and chic decor, perfect for those seeking a stylish stay in the city.

**The Carlton Hotel-** A historic landmark hotel dating back to 1904, offering elegant accommodations and top-notch service.

**Chelsea Pines Inn-** Offers a unique and welcoming atmosphere, with each room individually decorated to reflect a different theme related to New York City.

**Chelsea Savoy Hotel-** Offers comfortable and affordable accommodations in the heart of Chelsea, the rooms feature simple decor and modern amenities like flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi.

**citizenM New York Times Square Hotel-** Offers affordable yet stylish accommodations that are right in the heart of Times Square; it boasts innovative design features, a 24-hour canteen, and a rooftop bar.

**Concorde Hotel-** Offers luxurious accommodations, personalized service, and amenities such as an on-site fitness center and rooftop terrace with stunning city views.

**Equinox Hotel New York-** Designed with wellness in mind, featuring a 60,000-square-foot fitness center with a wide range of classes and wellness programs, the rooms are spacious and modern, with floor-to-ceiling windows that offer breathtaking views of the city.

**The Fitzpatrick Grand Central-** An Irish-owned hotel with a warm and welcoming atmosphere, conveniently situated in the heart of Midtown.

**The Grand Hyatt New York-** A stunning hotel featuring exceptional dining options and a prime location adjacent to Grand Central Terminal.

**Hotel 48lex-** A luxury boutique hotel located in the heart of Manhattan, boasting spacious rooms, high-end amenities, and personalized services to cater to each guest's needs.

**The Hotel Chelsea-** Known as one of the most iconic landmarks in the city, the Hotel Chelsea is a historic boutique hotel that dates back to 1884; the rooms are individually decorated with original artwork and vintage furnishings.

**Hotel Riu Plaza New York Times Square-** Offers modern, spacious rooms that are perfect for families or larger groups, guests can enjoy access to a restaurant, rooftop bar, and state-of-the-art fitness center.

**The InterContinental New York Barclay-** A sophisticated and upscale hotel with a focus on sustainability, offering beautifully appointed rooms and unparalleled service.

**The InterContinental New York Times Square-** Is designed with a focus on sophistication and luxury, it offers magnificent views of the city, elegant dining options, and premium facilities including a 24-hour fitness center.

**The Kimpton Hotel Eventi-** A prime location in the heart of Chelsea just steps away from popular attractions like Madison Square Garden and the Empire State Building, the rooms are spacious and stylish, featuring high-end amenities like Italian Frette linens and marble bathrooms.

**The Kimpton Muse Hotel-** A stylish and contemporary hotel located in the heart of the Theater District, offering luxurious amenities and personalized service.

**The Kitano Hotel New York-** A tranquil and serene hotel known for its Japanese-inspired design and exceptional attention to detail.

**The Lexington New York City-** A historic hotel that seamlessly blends classic elegance with modern convenience, offering a host of amenities and prime location near Grand Central.

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**The Lotte New York Palace-** A luxurious and iconic hotel featuring elegant decor, world-class dining, and breathtaking views of the city.

**The Lowell-** A sophisticated and elegant hotel boasting a prime location near top attractions and world-class dining, offering exceptional service and amenities.

**The Manhattan at Times Square Hotel-** A comfortable and affordable hotel situated just steps away from Times Square and other top attractions.

**Margaritaville Resort Times Square-** Transports visitors to a tropical paradise in the middle of the bustling city; guests can enjoy the island-inspired decor and rooftop pool, and a frozen concoction bar.

**The Maritime Hotel-** Housed in a former maritime building, The Maritime Hotel boasts nautical-inspired decor and a prime location in the heart of Chelsea; the rooms are spacious and stylish, with high ceilings and large windows that offer stunning city views.

**The Michelangelo Hotel-** An opulent and refined hotel inspired by Italian Renaissance architecture and art, offering spacious rooms and exceptional service.

**The Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza-** A sophisticated and chic hotel located in an iconic skyscraper, offering breathtaking views of the city and top-notch amenities.

**The Moore-** An ideal location in the heart of Chelsea just steps away from popular attractions like the High Line and Chelsea Market, the rooms are spacious and modern, featuring high-end amenities like rainfall showers and 400-thread count bedding.

**Motto by Hilton New York City Times Square-** Designed with the millennial traveler in mind, it offers affordable, compact rooms that are equipped with modern technology, and visitors will have easy access to the excitement of Times Square.

**Moxy NYC Times Square-** Perfect for those looking for a lively and energetic atmosphere, Moxy NYC offers a fun environment for socializing, complete with an arcade, a rooftop bar, and a space for live performances.

**New York Marriott Marquis-** Located right in the heart of Times Square, offering breathtaking views of the city. Visitors can enjoy vibrant dining options, Broadway shows, and access to some of the most famous attractions in the area.

**The New Yorker, A Wyndham Hotel-** An iconic Art Deco hotel with a rich history, offering comfortable accommodations and countless amenities.

**The Park Hyatt New York-** A luxurious and modern hotel located in a prime location near Central Park, boasting stunning views and impeccable service.

**The Pod 51 Hotel-** A budget-friendly hotel with a unique design and social atmosphere, perfect for travelers seeking a fun experience.

**The Refinery Hotel-** A chic and stylish hotel located in the heart of the Fashion District, offering top-notch amenities and service.

**The Renaissance New York Midtown Hotel-** A sleek and modern hotel boasting stunning views of the city, located in the heart of Midtown near top attractions.

**The Roger Smith Hotel-** A charming and quaint hotel featuring uniquely decorated rooms and a focus on art and culture, located in a prime location near Grand Central.

**The Roosevelt Hotel-** A historic and iconic hotel located in the heart of Midtown, boasting a luxurious and elegant atmosphere with top-notch service.

**The Royalton Park Avenue-** A sleek and modern hotel featuring a rooftop bar and stunning views of the city, located in the trendy NoMad neighborhood.

**Selina Chelsea, New York City-** Offers a unique hostel-meets-hotel atmosphere, with both private and shared accommodations available; the rooms feature bright and colorful decor with a focus on local art and culture.

**The Shelburne Hotel & Suites by Affinia-** A chic and stylish hotel featuring spacious rooms and a prime location near top attractions, offering exceptional service and amenities.

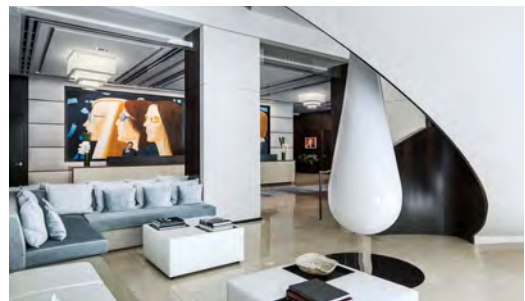
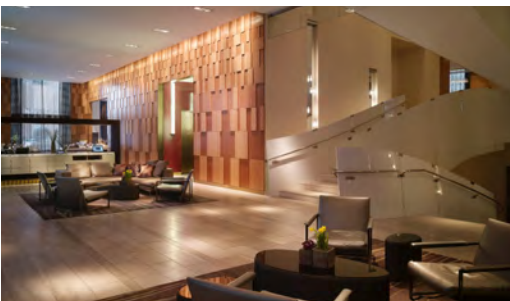
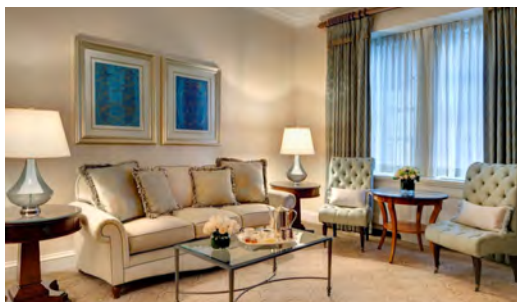


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**The St. Regis New York-** An iconic and luxurious hotel boasting stunning decor and service, located in a prime location near Fifth Avenue and Central Park.

**The Standard, High Line-** Situated on the High Line, a 1.45-mile-long elevated park built on a former railway that runs through the heart of Chelsea, the rooms are spacious and modern and feature floor-to-ceiling windows with stunning views of the city.

**The Times Square EDITION-** A sophisticated and unique hotel that offers a range of premium features and amenities, it features spectacular city views, a rooftop bar, a gourmet restaurant, and an exclusive nightclub.

**The W New York - Times Square-** An iconic luxury hotel that offers high-end amenities, an elegant design, and exceptional services, it is ideal for those who appreciate sophistication and exclusivity.

**The W New York - Union Square-** A trendy and hip hotel located in the heart of Union Square, boasting a unique design and exceptional amenities.

## Uptown

**The Carlyle, A Rosewood Hotel** A luxurious and iconic hotel on the Upper East Side, known for hosting celebrities and high-profile guests.

**Courtyard by Marriott New York Manhattan/Upper East Side-** A modern and affordable hotel in a prime location on the Upper East Side, perfect for those looking for a budget-friendly option.

**Hotel Beacon-** A charming Art Deco-style hotel with spacious rooms and suites, located near Central Park and Lincoln Center.

**Hotel Des Artistes-** A historic landmark building and former artists' cooperative, offering unique and eclectic accommodations in the heart of the Upper West Side.

**JW Marriott Essex House New York-** An elegant and classic hotel with stunning views of Central Park and the city skyline, offering a range of high-end amenities and services.



**The Gardens Sonesta ES Suites New York-** A quiet and comfortable extended-stay hotel with fully-equipped suites, located in a peaceful residential neighborhood on the Upper East Side.

**The Lowell Hotel-** A sophisticated and intimate boutique hotel with a timeless feel, situated on a quiet street on the Upper East Side.

**Loews Regency New York-** A sleek and modern hotel with a prime Park Avenue location, offering a range of amenities such as a spa, fitness center, and upscale dining options.

**Mandarin Oriental, New York-** A luxurious and iconic hotel with breathtaking views of Central Park and the Manhattan skyline, surpassing expectations with its world-class service and amenities.

**The Mark Hotel-** A chic and trendy hotel with an enviable location on the Upper East Side, offering stylish accommodations, high-end dining, and an array of amenities.

**The Pierre, a Taj Hotel-** A grand and historic hotel with an iconic location on Fifth Avenue, offering opulent accommodations, fine dining, and personal butler service.

**The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park-** A luxurious hotel with an unbeatable location overlooking Central Park, offering exceptional service and amenities such as a Forbes Five-Star spa and fine dining restaurant.

**The Sherry-Netherland-** A landmark Beaux Arts-style hotel with timeless elegance and a prime location on Fifth Avenue, offering spacious and luxurious accommodations.

**The Surrey-** A sophisticated and elegant hotel with a prime location on the Upper East Side, known for its Art Deco-style design and impeccable service.

**The Wallace-** A cozy boutique hotel with a unique and eclectic vibe, located in Hell's Kitchen and close to the Theater District.

**voco the Franklin New York, an IHG Hotel-** A charming and historic hotel located in a former printing house, known for its unique character and eclectic design.

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## Brooklyn & Queens

**1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge-** This eco-friendly hotel boasts stunning waterfront views and chic, minimalist rooms.

**Aloft New York Brooklyn-** Located in Downtown Brooklyn, this contemporary hotel features a rooftop lounge with sweeping skyline views.

**Arlo Williamsburg-** A trendy hotel with minimalist decor, communal spaces, and a rooftop bar that offers stunning views of the Manhattan skyline.

**The Box House Hotel-** Set in a converted factory building, this hotel offers spacious apartment-style rooms with industrial-chic decor.

**The Brooklyn Hotel-** Just steps from the Barclays Center, this modern hotel offers stylish rooms with hip decor and city views.

**Coda Williamsburg-** A boutique hotel that provides a unique and modern experience with its stylishly designed rooms, rooftop pool, and panoramic views of the Brooklyn and Manhattan skylines.

**The Condor Hotel-** Set in a restored industrial building in Williamsburg, this boutique hotel features chic, contemporary rooms.

**Franklin Guesthouse-** A chic and sophisticated hotel featuring loft-style accommodations, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a rooftop deck that provides the perfect spot to enjoy a cocktail as you soak in the city's skyline.

**The Henry Norman Hotel-** This trendy hotel in Greenpoint features loft-style rooms with eclectic decor and exposed brick walls.

**Hotel Indigo Williamsburg - Brooklyn, an IHG Hotel-** Offers contemporary rooms and suites with chic decor, modern amenities, and stunning city views, as well as a rooftop bar, an on-site restaurant, and an indoor pool.

**The Hotel Le Bleu-** Set in a converted industrial building in Park Slope, this modern hotel offers panoramic views of the city skyline.



**The Hotel Indigo Brooklyn, an IHG Hotel-** This chic hotel in features contemporary rooms with local artwork.

**The Hoxton Williamsburg-** This buzzy hotel in the heart of Williamsburg features stylishly appointed rooms with Brooklyn-inspired decor.

**The Liberty Inn & Suites-** A budget-friendly hotel that offers comfortable accommodations and modern amenities, including free Wi-Fi and complimentary breakfast.

**The Louvre Hotel NYC-** A boutique hotel with a chic and sophisticated vibe, boasting upscale rooms with plush bedding, flat-screen TVs, and in-room Nespresso machines.

**Moxy Brooklyn Williamsburg-** A hip and energetic hotel providing an eclectic mix of stylish art, music, and design throughout its guest rooms, communal spaces, and rooftop bar, with various activities and entertainment options that cater to the trendy crowd.

**New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge-** This sleek hotel offers easy access to the Brooklyn Bridge and downtown Manhattan.

**Nu Hotel-** This stylish hotel in Downtown Brooklyn features eco-friendly rooms with unique artwork and bold decor.

**The Parc Hotel-** A sleek and stylish property that features luxurious rooms, a fitness center, and an on-site restaurant serving Mediterranean-inspired cuisine.

**The Pod Brooklyn-** This budget-friendly hotel in Williamsburg offers compact, urban-chic rooms perfect for solo travelers.

**The Red Lion Inn and Suites Brooklyn-** Located minutes from JFK Airport, this value hotel features spacious rooms and a complimentary breakfast.

**The Tillary Hotel-** This hip hotel in Downtown Brooklyn features contemporary rooms with city views and access to Brooklyn Bridge.

**Wythe Hotel-** Housed in a former factory building, this Brooklyn landmark features industrial-chic rooms and a rooftop bar with panoramic views.



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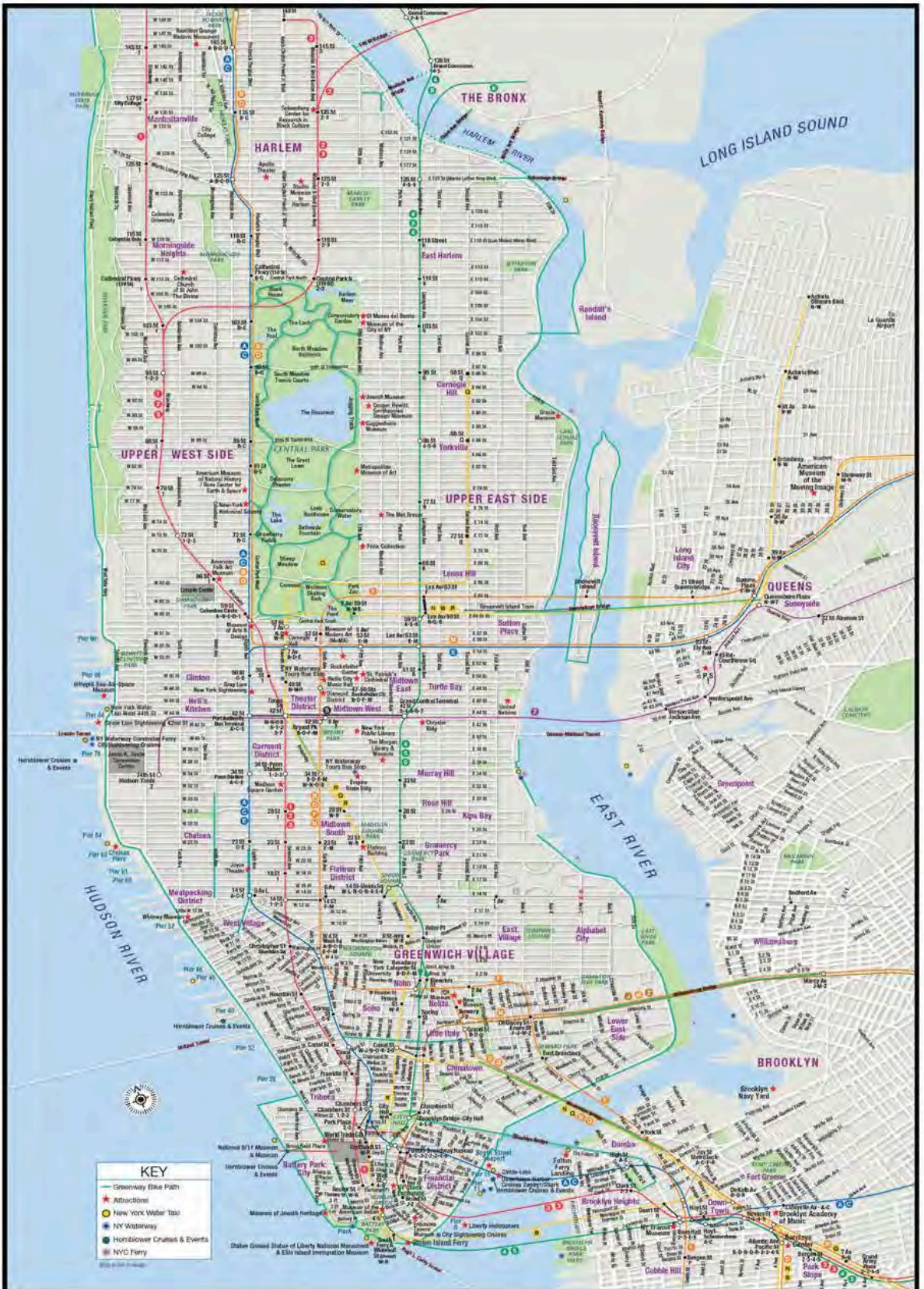
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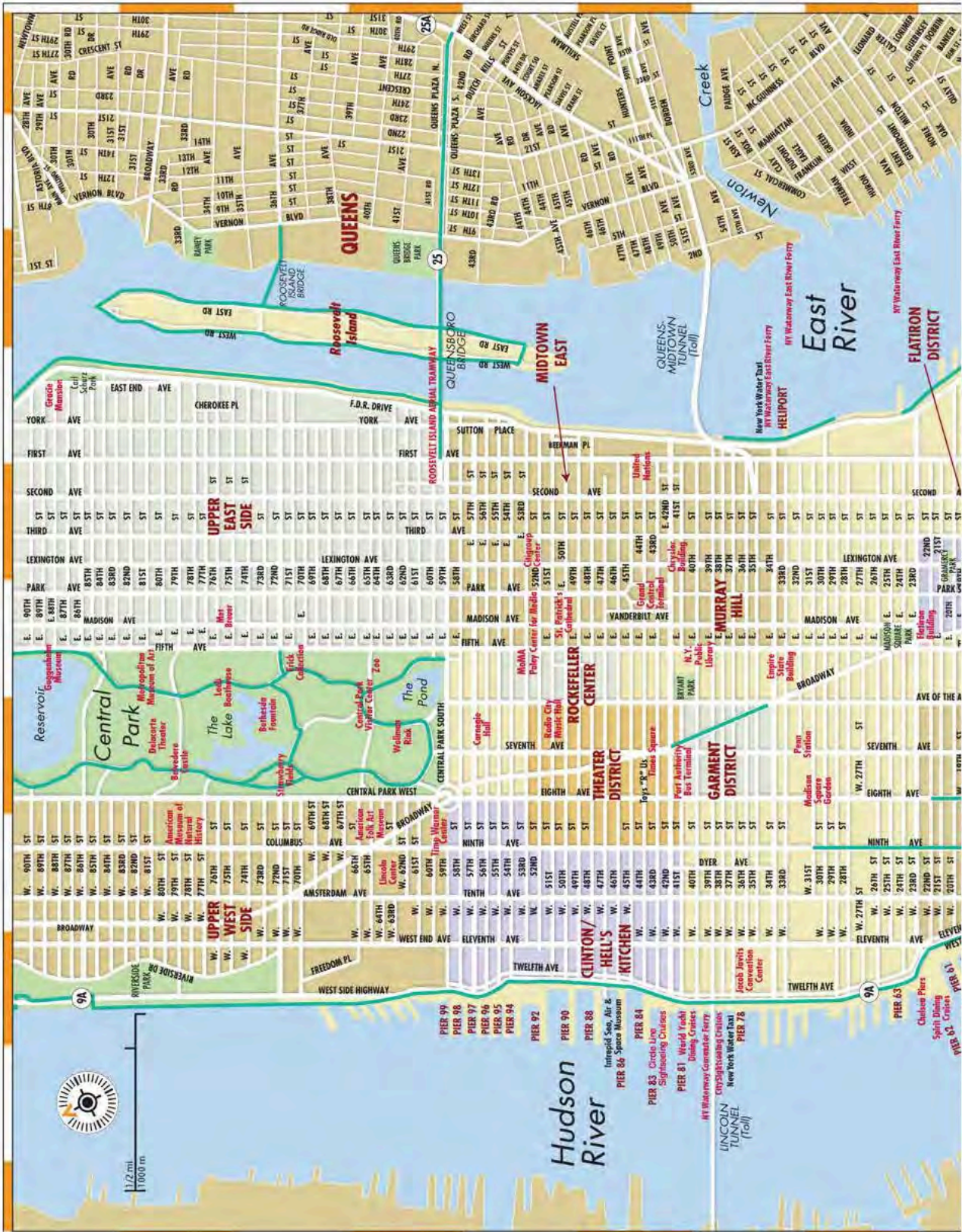




# New York City Map



# Manhattan Street Map





**Attraction**

**Greenway Bike Path**

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**UPPER MANHATTAN / HARLEM**

**Harlem River**

**Upper Bay**

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**FINANCIAL DISTRICT**

**SOUTH STREET SEAPORT**

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