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9/11 Memorial

<http://www.911memorial.org/>

Address: Liberty Plaza in lower Manhattan
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/r2kv8>

Located at the site of the former World Trade Center complex, the 9/11 Memorial pays tribute to the 2,983 people who were killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. Set within the footprints of the original twin towers, the two waterfalls and reflecting pools are surrounded by bronze parapets bearing the names of all those who lost their lives. Over 400 swamp white oaks are planted throughout Liberty Plaza, creating a space of quietude and contemplation.

In response to an international design competition held in 2003, 5201 designs from 63 nations were submitted. Architect Michael Arad's "Reflecting Absence" in collaboration with landscape architect Peter Walker was chosen for the memorial.

Because of the ongoing construction of other World Center projects, it is necessary to reserve passes to visit the site. Reservations may be made on the museum's website.



American Folk Art Museum

<http://www.folkartmuseum.org/>

Address: 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Circle at 66th Street
New York, NY 10023

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/dx6wu>

The distinction "American" in the museum's name refers more to where the museum is located rather than the focus of its content. The museum collection includes both American folk art and the works of international self-taught artists. To help visitors attain a better understanding of American folk art, the museum's collection includes contributions of the many diverse groups who contributed to American culture.

The collection at the *American Folk Art Museum* includes early portraits, landscapes and seascapes, sculptures, trade figures, signs and weather vanes. In addition, furniture, pottery, needlework, rugs, quilts, and coverlets reflect both the history and the artisans' skills of the period. Works of contemporary artists reveal the evolution of styles and trends over the years.

Visitors are invited to tour the museum on their own or arrange for a guided group tour.



American Museum of Natural History

<http://www.amnh.org/>

Address: Central Park West at 79th Street
New York, NY, 10024-5192

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/yfxdr>

Take a tour of the human brain, get to know dinosaurs up close and personal, experience the Butterfly Conservatory, or marvel at the gems and minerals on display. A visit to the museum is an adventure to be sure. The permanent exhibits feature dinosaurs, gems and minerals, biodiversity, human origins, ocean life and African mammals. Don't forget to inquire as to the special exhibitions that change periodically.

The kid-friendly *American Museum of Natural History (AMNH)* will entertain you with live shows, lectures and its magnificent *IMAX Theater*. Whether you take a guided tour or explore the museum on your own, an educational adventure filled with wonderment, insight and excitement awaits you.



Apollo Theater

<http://www.apollotheater.org/programs/tours>

Address: 253 West 125th Street
New York, NY 10027

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/evzx9>

Perhaps no other single venue in New York City is more responsible for introducing the artistry and culture of African-American and Latino musicians and performers than the *Apollo Theater*.

A tour of the *Apollo* offers insights into individual artists and a greater understanding of the cultural diversity the site has engendered. Visitors are sure to come away with an appreciation of the contribution this venue has made to the performing arts. Combine the tour with one of their evening Amateur Night performances to get the total *Apollo Theater* experience.



Battery Park

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/batterypark>

<http://www.bpcparks.org/bpcp/home/index.php>

Address: Battery Place, State Street and Whitehall Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/a9rn4>

Located on the southern tip of Manhattan, historic *Battery Park*, with its lovely flower gardens and waterfront, is a wonderful area to visit. Originally, it was the world's first official immigration center, welcoming millions of people from Europe and other continents who had come to this land to start a new life.

Today, *Battery Park* hosts summertime concerts and serves as the dock for ferries going to historic *Ellis Island* and the *Statue of Liberty*. Rich in history and a favorite of New Yorkers since the late 18th century, Battery Park is an interesting and beautiful place to visit.



Big Onion Walking Tours

<http://bigonion.com/>

Address:

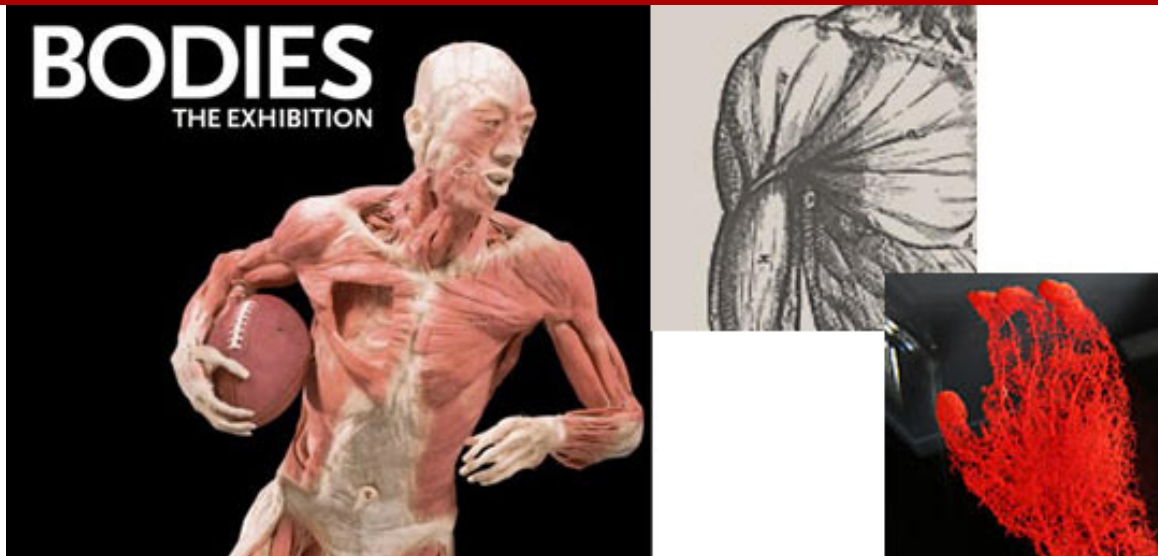
New York City, NY

Google Map

Although everyone knows New York City is the Big Apple, there was a time when it was known as the Big Onion. *Big Onion Walking Tours* is about celebrating the history and heritage of the multifaceted neighborhoods of New York. The name "Big Onion" is quite apropos—an onion has many layers and the mission of *Big Onion Walking Tours* is to illuminate the numerous historic layers of New York's neighborhoods that have evolved over generations.

Thought provoking, comprehensive and fun, *Big Onion Walking Tours* has received many awards, including "Best Walking Tour in New York City" by *New York Magazine* and "Best of the Best" by *Our Town*. Take some time to walk the Big Onion walk.

Please note: Departure points for the walking tours vary depending upon the walking tour. This information can be found with the tour descriptions on the web site.



BODIES, The Exhibition

<http://www.bodiestheexhibition.com/newyork/>

Address: South Street Seaport Museum, 11 Fulton Street
New York, NY 10038

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/7m4m4>

Bodies, The Exhibition is about that wonderful, amazingly resilient machine—the human body. This intriguing exhibition, which uses specially preserved real human bodies and specific organs, tissues and systems, is educational and enlightening. You'll learn how the human body works by touring the various systems of the body, including skeletal, muscular, nervous and respiratory.

You'll receive practical information, get insights into healthy lifestyles, understand the history of anatomy and learn about the special Polymer Preservation Process used by *Bodies, The Exhibition* to ensure exhibits can withstand the test of time. Expertly designed and developed, *Bodies, The Exhibition* is an eminently informative experience.



Bronx Zoo

<http://www.bronxzoo.com/>

Address: 2300 Southern Blvd.
Bronx, NY 10460

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/m9qcy>

The *Bronx Zoo* is where wondrously exotic creatures and exciting exhibitions await. Pandas, polar bears, lemurs, elephants, rhinoceros and many more amazing animals call the state-of-the-art *Bronx Zoo* their home. You'll find that birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects are plentiful.

There are numerous indoor and outdoor exhibits and rides. Take a trip to Tiger Mountain and learn all about these cool cats or enter the mesmerizing World of Reptiles where you can try to spot that master of disguise, the Malaysian leaf frog. The *Bronx Zoo* offers visitors a rich and rewarding experience with dwellers from around the wide, wild world.



Brooklyn Bridge Park

<http://www.brooklynbridgepark.org/>

Address: Pier 1, Pier 6, Main Street and Fulton Ferry Landing
Brooklyn, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/g4jp8>

When completed, *Brooklyn Bridge Park* will stretch 1.3 miles along the East River. Parts of the waterfront park already are open to the public, offering visitors a myriad of experiences. For those in need of a time out from a busy touring schedule, the Pier 1 section offers expansive lawns for picnicking, a playground, a waterfront promenade, and lush landscaping. Pier 6 adds seven more acres to the park and offers a playground and three regulation-size sand volleyball courts. From Pier 6 there is free weekend ferry service during the summer to Governor's Island.

Recently renovated, the Empire-Fulton Ferry area of *Brooklyn Bridge Park* is home to the historic and beautifully restored Jane's Carousel that will operate year-round. Just north of the Brooklyn Bridge is the Tobacco Warehouse. Built as a tobacco customs inspection center in the 1870s, it is a reminder of shipping activity that once dominated the waterfront.



Brooklyn Bridge Walking Tours

<http://www.nycwalk.com/brooklynbridge.html>

http://www.newyorktalksandwalks.com/Brooklyn_Bridge_Brochure.pdf

Address: #1 Centre St. (northeast corner of Chambers St. & Centre St.)
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/t4f2j>

You may have crossed it or someone may have tried to sell it to you, but have you ever taken a tour of the Brooklyn Bride? This fascinating piece of architecture, which inspired the renowned Ken Burns' documentary film, is accessible through *Brooklyn Bridge Walking Tours*. Two different tours are available both guided by licensed tour guide Alfred Pommer, who has 20 years experience researching and talking about the sites of the City.

The *Brooklyn Bridge–Fulton Ferry Historic District Walking Tour* lasts about two hours, while the *Brooklyn Bridge–Ground Zero Walking Tour* takes approximately three hours. Both delve into the past and present of this inspiring structure and New York's rich history.



Brooklyn Museum

<http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/>

Address: 200 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, New York 11238-6052

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/yqhkt>

Housing extensive collections and numerous long term and limited time exhibits, the *Brooklyn Museum* offers visitors a cornucopia of expertly designed and carefully chosen displays. You'll discover art and artifacts from Africa, Europe, Ancient Egypt, Asia and the World of Islam, as well as from many other places and periods. Re-imagine your environment, connect with the culture of America's Great Plains or see behind the camera of American artist and cultural icon creator Norman Rockwell.

The exhibits are diverse, creatively and expertly executed and deeply interesting. The *Brooklyn Museum* will satisfy you as you explore classic or pop culture, art and history.



Brooklyn Navy Yard

<http://www.bldg92.com>

Address: 63 Flushing Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11205

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/hft95>

Building 92 houses the exhibition *The Brooklyn Navy Yard: Past, Present, and Future*. The 300-square acre Brooklyn Navy Yard is the third-oldest dry dock in the US and still is being actively used. Founded in 1801, the Yard was once America's premier ship building facility. Today, while it is in the ship repair business, it also hosts a wide range of businesses. Over the years, the Yard has reinvented itself to meet the changes brought about by technology, innovation, and manufacturing. Learn how issues of labor, politics, and urban and environmental planning influenced the Yard's role in our nation's history.

Brooklyn Navy Yard Tours by Bus/Walking or Bicycle: On this tour you'll investigate a dry dock that predates the Civil War, a 24-acre former Navy Hospital and the first multistory LEED-certified industrial building in the US. Run by guides who are passionate about their subject matter, the *Brooklyn Navy Yard Tours* are exceptional.



Bryant Park

<http://www.bryantpark.org/>

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/bryantpark/photos>

Address: Between 40th and 42nd Streets & Fifth and Sixth Avenues
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/5px9j>

Located behind the New York Public Library, *Bryant Park* is a welcoming oasis of natural beauty and human design. The park, which includes an array of seasonal gardens, public monuments and various amenities, is a wonderful spot to picnic, socialize or simply relax.

Designed in the French classical style, the park offers visitors a truly special ride on *le Carrousel*. This exquisite amusement ride includes replicas of more than a dozen traditional carousel animals that travel around and around to French cabaret tunes. At *Bryant Park* there are shops, games to play such as Ping-Pong and chess and much more. This is a beloved refuge in the middle of Manhattan.

The park offers opportunities to relax, dine al fresco with a bag lunch, and enjoy beautiful city views at evening. It is a stunning location with buildings towering above the trees, lots of chairs and tables, live public events, etc. Very conveniently located, it is a short walk to the 42nd Street and Times Square theatres.



Camp Broadway

<http://www.campbroadway.com/>

Address: Pearl Studios, 500 8th Avenue, between 35th and 36th Streets
New York, NY 10018

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/cvtqe>

If your child loves the theatre, then *Camp Broadway* is for them. At *Camp Broadway*, kids from the ages of 6 through 18 can learn about and participate in the art and craft of making theatre. For beginners, ages 6 to 9, there's the *Camp Broadway: Shining Stars* program, while those between the ages of 10 and 17 can go to *Camp Broadway*, which is a full-day camp where participants develop and put on a show. Those with more experience and between the ages of 15 and 18 may participate in *Camp Broadway: The Next Step*. There's also the *Camp Broadway: Dance Track* for those between the ages of 10 and 17 who want to focus on dance.

The training can be intensive with professionals running the sessions. Fun, creative and educational define the *Camp Broadway* experience.



Carnegie Hall Tours

http://www.carnegiehall.org/article/the_basics/art_tours.html

Address: 881 7th Avenue at West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/yx8sb>

A time-honored joke asks: How do you get to Carnegie Hall? The answer...practice, practice, practice. Indeed, the luminaries who have graced Carnegie's stage have ascribed to such advice.

However, if you want to get to *Carnegie Hall* without engaging in any practice at all, then *Carnegie Hall Tours* may be your ticket to get on and behind one of the world's most famous stages. Rich in history, beautiful in design and first-rate in artistry, *Carnegie Hall* has offered patrons premiere performances for over 110 years. Get a backstage view of what continues to be one of the most prestigious performance venues in the world.



Castle Clinton National Monument

<http://www.nps.gov/cacl/index.htm>

<http://www.nyharborparks.org/visit/cacl.html>

Address: Battery Park, 17 Battery Place
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/auqmj>

Located in Battery Park, the *Castle Clinton National Monument* was constructed as a fort to guard New York Harbor just before the War of 1812. Over the course of 200 years, *Castle Clinton* has gone through several transformations. Once new defenses were built further out in the harbor, the fort was turned over to the City of New York. In 1824, *Castle Clinton* became an entertainment complex, in 1855, an immigration reception station, and, in 1896, an aquarium. The National Park Service assumed control of the old fort in 1946, restoring it to its original design as a fortification.

Free tours from Park Rangers are available throughout the day. Groups of 10 or more should call to reserve a tour.



Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

<http://www.stjohndivine.org/>

Address: 1047 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, New York 10025

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/yze7h>

The *Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine* is the seat of the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The cathedral was designed in 1888 and construction began in 1892. It is still unfinished. Magnificent architecture and beautiful stained glass windows define this Gothic Revival cathedral, the nave of which exceeds the length of two football fields. The 162-foot dome could house the Statue of Liberty. The Cathedral's Great Rose Window, made of more than 10,000 pieces of glass, is the largest stained-glass window in the United States.

There are various public tours, including a Vertical Tour that takes visitors up 124 feet for spectacular views of the cathedral and New York City. In many different ways, the *Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine* is awe-inspiring.



Central Park NYC

<http://www.centralparknyc.org/>

Address:

New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/x8pzy>

Central Park, covering an area of 843 acres, was created in 1857. The renowned Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux designed the park after winning a landscape design contest held by the Central Park Commission. This jewel of natural beauty offers diverse landscaping and vegetation that include the Great Meadow, the Shakespearean Garden and the Conservatory Garden. Architectural features such as the Bethesda Fountain, the Belvedere Castle, the Kerbs Boathouse, and stone arches and bridges grace the expanse.

Sponsored by the Central Park Conservancy, at least 10 different volunteer-led walking tours are offered throughout the year. Take one of the many tours and learn about the park's ingenious design, complex ecology and far-reaching history.



Central Park Zoo

<http://www.centralparkzoo.com/>

Address: East 64th Street
New York, NY 10065

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/6bz49>

The *Central Park Zoo* is a great diversion for those looking to get away from the glare and blare of Manhattan. Nestled in *Central Park*, the zoo features the *Tisch Children's Zoo*, which is perfect for the little adventurer who wants to get close to some furry friends. The *Central Garden and Sea Lion Pool* is a great place to enjoy some restful moments or to commune with the lively, featured acrobatic mammals. *The Polar Circle* includes an indoor bird colony of penguins and puffins and an outdoor pool environment that serves as home for the zoo's polar bears. There's a lot happening at the *Central Park Zoo*!



Children's Museum of Manhattan

<http://www.cmom.org/>

Address: The Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street
New York, NY 10024

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/ft7ze>

Kids will love the hands-on exhibits at the *Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM)*. The fun and informative exhibits focus on early childhood learning, healthy life styles, world culture and creativity. Live performances, guided tours and classes for kids and adults are all available.

Exhibits constantly are changing and often will include some popular learning-based television show or favorite children's literature. At the *CMOM*, learning means being involved and having fun!



Circle Line Downtown

<http://www.circlelinedowntown.com/>

Address: South Street Seaport, Pier 16
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/yfscr>

Circle Line Downtown offers thrilling, romantic and peaceful cruises of New York Harbor. Looking for something to get your pulse going, then get on the *Shark Speedboat Thrill Ride*. Or take the *ZEPHYR Liberty Seaport Cruise*, a one-of-a-kind yacht that exudes elegance and power. You'll see some of the Big Apple's most renowned sites, including the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Chrysler Building and Brooklyn Bridge.

Be sure to check with *Circle Line Downtown* periodically for the special cruises available throughout the year. A Fall Foliage Cruise, the Statue of Liberty 125th Anniversary, Breakfast with Santa, Seaport Music Cruise—these are just some of the special events that are available.



Circle Line Sightseeing

<http://www.circleline42.com/new-york-cruises.aspx>

Address: Pier 83, West 42nd Street
New York, NY 10036

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/rkuq5>

Sightseeing cruises, *Beast Rides* and special adventures are all offered by *Circle Line Sightseeing*. Spend three hours circumnavigating the Island of Manhattan, relishing the sites and sounds of the waterway and the city. Or take a 75-minute cruise to the *Statue of Liberty*, *Ellis Island* and the *World Financial Center*.

If you'd rather a thrill ride, during the summer you can climb aboard the *Circle Line Sightseeing Beast Ride*. You'll whip through the waters that encircle the island.

A variety of special cruises are offered throughout the year, such as the annual Oktoberfest, New Year's Eve Fireworks, and the Phantom's Halloween Masquerade Cruise. Be sure to check *Circle Line Sightseeing* often—there's a lot to do and see on *Circle Line Sightseeing*.



City Food Tours of NY

<http://www.cityfoodtours.com/newyork/new-york-food-tours-general-info.html>

Address:

Google Map

Want to explore the gustatory delights that abound in New York City? If you're booked on *City Food Tours of NY*, you'll be in the right place at the right time. This unique tour service, which requires reservations, offers six different daily tours, among them their *Beer, Cheese and Chocolate Tour* and the *Lower East Side Tour*. *The Flavors of New York Food Tour* will allow you to indulge while you learn about the cultures and history of the city.

Whether you're a New Yorker or a visitor, each of the six tours is sure to teach you something new about the food and the diversity that define New York.



City Hall Park

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/cityhallpark/highlights/19602>

Address: Broadway, Park Row, & Chambers Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/hajvk>

City Hall Park has a rich and varied history. From 1653 when the area served as a pasture for livestock, it has been used in turn as a prison, a parade ground, a public execution site, an almshouse, an art museum, and a post office. During the 1870s, concerts were held in the park. After the assassination of President Lincoln, his funeral procession for New York residents originated in this spot. Today, the site is the seat of the City government.

In 1991, construction at a nearby office building uncovered an African burial ground in the northern parts of the park, an area that since has been declared both a city and a national landmark. Today, the park has more than a dozen monuments, among them statues of Nathan Hale and Horace Greeley. The 1999 renovation added a central walkway, gardens, grass and trees. A circular tablet added at the southern end of the park educates visitors about the history of the site.



CitySights NY

<http://www.citysightsny.com/>

Address: CitySights NY Visitor Center, 234 West 42nd Street (Lobby of Madame Tussauds)
New York, NY 10018

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/mhfqe>

With a fleet of first-class double-decker buses, *CitySights NY* provides hop-on/hop-off tour services in two-, three- and four-day packages. With *CitySights NY*, you can get all around the town. Their entire fleet is comprised of new American-made buses that are unique—all seats are on the second level, giving each passenger a thrilling view of the city's sights. During cold weather periods, a removable canopy constructed from a clear, see-through material is installed, allowing both warmth and complete visibility.

You can get to just about anywhere you want to using *CitySights NY*. If you're looking to visit numerous areas of the city and see various attractions, this may be your perfect ticket.



Cloisters Museum & Gardens

<http://www.metmuseum.org/cloisters/>

Address: 99 Margaret Corbin Drive, Fort Tryon Park
New York, New York 10040

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/c2t5h>

Inspired by the art and architecture of medieval Europe, the *Cloisters Museum & Gardens* is a branch of *The Metropolitan Museum of Art*. The building and cloistered gardens are comprised of architectural elements painstakingly researched from Europe's 12th through the 15th centuries. With approximately 3,000 works of art from Europe's 9th through 16th centuries, this museum is filled with an amazing and diverse collection of work.

Group tours, special educational programs, informative lectures, musical presentations and special exhibits are all a part of the experience.



Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum

<http://www.cooperhewitt.org/>

Address: Museum Mile, 2 East 91st Street
New York, NY 10128

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/tp4tw>

The *Cooper-Hewitt* is undergoing a re-design that will result in a 60% increase in space; it is scheduled to reopen to the public in the fall of 2013. In the interim, exhibitions, programs and events will be staged at various off-site locations. Please check the *Visit* link on the website for up-to-date information.

The *Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum* is part of the *Smithsonian Institution* and is the only US museum to focus exclusively on exhibits of contemporary and historical design. The museum's collection of over 250,000 objects is far ranging, including product design, decorative arts, drawings, prints, graphic design, textiles, and wall coverings. Each year, the Cooper-Hewitt sponsors the National Design Awards, celebrating innovation and excellence in American design.

Housed in the beautiful Andrew Carnegie Mansion, the Cooper-Hewitt offers free daily tours and various educational and outreach programs.



Ellis Island Immigration Museum

<http://www.nps.gov/elis/index.htm> http://www.statueofliberty.org/Ellis_Museum.html

http://www.ellisland.org/genealogy/ellis_island_visiting.asp

Address: Ellis Island
New York/New Jersey

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/3uxas>

From 1892 through 1954, 12 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island. Three floors comprise this comprehensive museum that is dedicated to the freedom and liberty that immigrants sought when entering its doors for processing. Visitors may decide to tour the museum on their own, take a tour offered by a knowledgeable park ranger, or rent the Audio Tour available in nine different languages. Very much a part of the Ellis Island experience is the free film *Island of Hope, Island of Tears*, which focuses on the immigrant experience. If time allows, you can search for your ancestor in the Ellis Island database of immigration manifests.

Inspirational, informative and immense in scope, the *Ellis Island Immigration Museum* is an important resource for every American.



Empire State Building

<http://www.esbnyc.com/>

Address: 350 Fifth Ave (between 33rd and 34th Streets)
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/s64bk>

Part of the majestic Manhattan skyline for 80 years, the 102-story *Empire State Building* stands over 1,200 feet and is the tallest building in Manhattan. Visitors may enjoy spectacular views from both the 86th floor and 102nd floor observatories. Be sure to include the exhibit on the 80th floor that celebrates the engineering and construction feats of the Empire State Building's architects, builders, and laborers.

Express tickets are available, for a higher price, if you don't want to stand in line for the elevator. If you haven't been to the *Empire State Building*, the views from its upper floors are an essential part of the prototypical NYC experience.



Federal Hall

<http://www.nps.gov/feha/index.htm>

<http://www.nyharborparks.org/visit/feha.html>

Address: 26 Wall Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/d7ewk>

Federal Hall has a special place in American history for it was the site that housed the first US Congress, Supreme Court and Executive Branch. Equally impressive is the fact that it was here that George Washington took the oath of office to become the first President of the United States.

Located on Wall Street, the building that presently exists was a Customs House and later part of the US-sub Treasury. Now run by the National Park Service, *Federal Hall* is a museum and a memorial to our first President and the beginnings of our country.



Flushing Meadows Corona Park

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/fmcp>

Address: Grand Central Parkway, Van Wyck Expressway
Queens, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/vxc8f>

For those who want to get away from it all and at the same time have a lot to do, *Flushing Meadows Corona Park* is the solution. The site of two 20th century World's Fairs, it is the largest park in Queens. The park includes a zoo, an art museum, a botanical garden, a science museum, and a baseball stadium. The park offers six playgrounds and a huge recreation complex featuring an Olympic sized pool and a NHL sized hockey rink. (Some facilities require a Recreational Center Membership.)

Need a break from a busy touring schedule? *Flushing Meadows Corona Park* is a wonderful place to relax with a leisurely stroll along the Flushing Bay Promenade.



Frick Collection

<http://www.frick.org/>

Address: 1 East 70th Street
New York, NY 10021

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/3cjing>

The *Frick Collection* is housed in the New York mansion built by industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick (1849–1919). Upon his death, the art collection, the mansion, and all its furnishings were bequeathed to the public. Since then, both the collection and the building have been expanded.

Touring the *Frick*, one sees major works of sculpture, a superb collection of small bronzes, great paintings by the most renowned European artists and premium 18th century French porcelains and furniture. Also on display are Oriental rugs, Limoges enamels, silver, and textiles.

Lectures, seminars and concerts are all part of the offerings at the *Frick*. Be sure to inquire about the Acoustiguide audio tours that contain recorded information about the masterpieces on view. (No children under 10 years of age admitted.)



George Washington's New York Walking Tour

<http://www.nyharborparks.org/visit/tour-washingtons-new-york.html>

Address: Lower Manhattan

Google Map

This self-guided walking tour of New York follows George Washington's footsteps in what had been our nation's center of government. Follow the development of our country from its colonial days through the revolution to the beginnings of our new nation. The tour starts at Battery Park in Castle Clinton and ends at Wall Street at Federal Hall, the site of Washington's inauguration and our first capitol.

This extremely interesting 90-minute tour is sponsored by the Alliance for Downtown New York and funded by the History Channel.



Google Maps, NYC

<http://maps.google.com/>

Address:

Google Map

Google Maps, which is a free mapping and directions service from Google, can help get you anywhere and everywhere. No matter where you want to go in New York City, you're bound to find it using Google Maps. Plus, this free service allows you to access reviews of specific businesses within the area you are traveling. If you're stepping out in the Big Apple, be sure you're accompanied by Google Maps.



Governors Island

<http://govisland.com/html/home/home.shtml>

Address: Governors Island, Upper New York Bay, half mile south of southern tip of Manhattan
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/wm7pe>

Although small in size, the location of this island has assigned it a prominent place in the area's history. In turn, it was occupied by Native American tribes, the Dutch, the British, and the Americans. The name *Governors Island* evolved from the British declaration that the island would be for the "benefit of His Majesty's Governors." However, it wasn't until 1784 that the island officially was so named. The island was to serve as the site of military functions until 1966 when the Coast Guard assumed control until 1996.

Today, *Governors Island* is a national historic landmark district open to the public for several months during the summer and early fall. Located about one half mile from the southern tip of Manhattan, access to the island from Manhattan and Brooklyn is by both free and paid ferry rides. Activities on the island include free National Park Service walking tours, bicycle riding, picnicking, concerts, festivals, fairs, art installations, runs, walkathons, and other similar events.



Grand Central Terminal

<http://www.grandcentralterminal.com/info/walkingtour.cfm>

Address: 87 E. 42nd St. and Park Avenue
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/xv4t4>

Grand Central Terminal (often mistakenly referred to as Grand Central Station) is both a major transportation hub and a destination for those interested in the architecture of this massive and beautiful Beaux-arts building. Opened in 1913, the terminal has undergone periodic renovation to accommodate technological advances. Most recently, a major renovation restored the building to its former glory.

A self-guided walking tour will introduce visitors to the famous four-sided clock and information booth, the Whispering Gallery, the gold-plated chandeliers, the Kissing Room, the Grand Staircase, and the vaulted 125-foot ceiling that features an astronomical mural by French painter Paul Helieu.



Ground Zero Museum Workshop

<http://www.groundzeromuseum.com/home.html>

Address: 420 West 14th Street, Floor 2 (between 9th Ave. & Washington Street)
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/8nmm2>

On 9/11/2001, the face of New York and sense of security changed forever in our nation. The *Ground Zero Museum Workshop* is dedicated to raising awareness about the dangers and effects of terrorism and to documenting the 9/11 tragedy. The exhibition of Gary Marlon Suson's photographic collection chronicles the recovery efforts after the attack. The photos, which are changed on a regular basis, are inspirational, emotional and historic.

Each year, the not-for-profit museum donates the proceeds to charities. This stirring collection has the endorsement of the Uniformed Firefighters Association. Advanced ticket purchase is required.



Guggenheim Museum

<http://www.guggenheim.org/>

Address: 1071 Fifth Avenue (at 89th Street)
New York, NY 10128-0173

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/5czw6>

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the current *Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum* opened in 1959. The building's distinctive design was Wright's last major work and, at first, was not received by universal acclaim. Today, however, the museum is considered among the most important pieces of architectural design of the twentieth century and is registered as a National Historic Landmark.

The *Guggenheim* houses a vast permanent collection of modern and contemporary art and counts among its collection the works of Klee, Mondrian, Chagall, Modigliani and Picasso. The museum offers impressive programming that includes special exhibits, performances, lectures, and classes. Daily tours are available.



Harlem Heritage Tours

<http://www.harlemheritage.com/>

Address: 104 Malcolm X Boulevard
New York, NY 10026

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/qy53q>

Harlem's history is intimately connected to important issues and artistic movements in New York and the nation. *Harlem Heritage Tours* offers a full range of experiences, including *Multimedia Tours*, *Hip Hop Tours* and *Gospel Tours*. There are many walking tours with specific themes such as the *Sunday Pre Dinner Harlem Renaissance Walking Tour*.

What makes these tours unique is that every tour guide was born in, raised and still lives in Harlem. This immediate connection to the people, happenings and communities makes the tour guides at *Harlem Heritage Tours* especially insightful and informed. These are the specialists when it comes to the Harlem experience.



Hudson River Maritime Museum

<http://www.hrmm.org/>

Address: Half Moon Floating Museum, 50 Roundout Landing
Kingston, NY 12401

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/ydyay>

The *Hudson River Maritime Museum* offers a range of experiences, including an exceptional tour of the Hudson River. The company has reconstructed Henry Hudson's exploratory vessel, the *Half Moon*, making it into a floating museum that visitors may sail on today. The replica *Half Moon* is a true sailing vessel and a floating history exhibit that has been authentically furnished and supplied. Go back to the early 17th century when Dutch explorer Henry Hudson and his men first sailed up the river that would bear his name.

Throughout the year, a number of historic ships pay call at the Hudson River Maritime Museum docks. Be sure to check the museum website for the list of events. This is a unique, true history experience.



Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Complex

<http://www.intrepidmuseum.org/>

Address: Pier 86, W. 46th Street & 12th Ave.
New York, NY 10036

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/5rn9p>

The *Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Complex* offers visitors exciting experiences in science, technology and history. With the aircraft carrier *Intrepid* as its primary base, the museum utilizes all levels of this great, restored vessel. Commissioned in 1943, the *Intrepid* helped defeat Japan in World War II and was later involved in picking up astronauts after they splashed down. Today you can walk its decks, view its extensive display of aircraft and get a feeling for what life was like on this floating city. In addition to the *Intrepid*, the museum features the *Growler*, a “top-secret” Navy submarine, and the *Concorde*, the fastest passenger jet in the world. This is a full sea, air and space experience.

NASA’s space shuttle prototype Enterprise expected to arrive in the summer of 2012...

On December 11, 2011, a ceremony onboard the *Intrepid* marked the shuttle’s transfer of ownership to the aircraft museum. While the *Enterprise* was not launched into space, it was used for 16 approach and landing tests in the 1970’s, eight of which were manned by teams of NASA astronauts.

In April of 2012, the *Enterprise* is to be flown atop NASA’s shuttle carrier aircraft to New York’s JFK International Airport. During the summer, the shuttle will be transported by barge to the *Intrepid* museum complex. At first, the *Enterprise* is to be displayed on the deck of the aircraft carrier. Eventually, however, it will become part of new museum facility to be built across the street from the pier.



Liberty Helicopter Sightseeing Tours

<http://www.libertyhelicopter.com/>

Address: Pier 6 & the East River
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/ge79z>

If you'd like to get a bird's eye view of the city and its environs, then *Liberty Helicopter, Sightseeing Tours* are a perfect way to do just that. With a fleet of 10 topflight helicopters and an impeccable safety record, the tour service provides customers with various options. Take the *New York, New York Tour* to get acquainted with each of the five boroughs that comprise this diverse city, or soar in *The Big Apple Tour* to garner spectacular views of the some of the city's iconic landmarks. There's even a special *Romance/VIP Tour*. Fly up, up and away to see New York in a way you never have before.



Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts

<http://new.lincolncenter.org/live/>

Address: Lincoln Center Plaza
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/5ybgv>

The *Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts* is a true arts complex, offering performances in a range of disciplines including music, dance and theatre. The Center, which is also a rich resource for theatre historians, offers daily tours that include special group rates.

Go behind the scenes and into the spaces that have been occupied by some of the greatest performers and artists on the earth. Each daily tour offers something different as you might end up sitting in on a rehearsal, seeing a star or stand on a stage where Baryshnikov danced or Pavarotti sang.

Lincoln Center also provides two specialized tours. The *Art and Architecture* tour introduces patrons to the amazingly rich art collection housed at the Center and the *Jazz at Lincoln Center* tour is devoted to investigating this definitive American art form.



Madame Tussauds New York

<http://www.madametussauds.com/NewYork/>

Address: 234 West 42nd Street (between 7th and 8th Avenues) Times Square
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/jmnad>

If you want to feel as if you're surrounded by greatness, then a visit to *Madame Tussauds New York* should be on your to-do list. The world-famous wax museum presents historical figures, political and world leaders, pop stars, cultural icons, record-breaking athletes and Hollywood and TV stars in life-size replicas. There are daily sightings of Elvis Presley, Lady Ga Ga, Ronald Reagan, Princess Diana and hundreds more. You can even find out what the real Madam Tussauds looked like. *Madame Tussauds New York* is a fascinating experience for young, old and everybody in-between.



Madison Square Garden All-Access Tour

<http://www.thegarden.com/tour/all-access-tour.html>

Address: 32nd St. and 7th Ave.
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/dwmms>

With an amazingly dynamic history, *Madison Square Garden* serves as one of the world's largest and most prestigious venues for entertainment and sporting events. And now you can go behind the scenes via their *All-Access Tour*. You'll visit team locker rooms, learn how a basket floor is transformed into a sheet of sheer ice and tour the grand theatre. With a history that spans 130 years, *Madison Square Garden* offers tour participants a connection to some of the greatest performers and athletes who have ever lived.

The All Access Tour is closed temporarily while Madison Square Garden completes the final stages of its extensive renovation. Check the website periodically for information about when the tour will resume.



Manhattan by Sail

<http://www.manhattanbysail.com/>

Address: North Cove Marina, World Financial Center, Battery Park City
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/4jzyw>

The folks at *Manhattan by Sail* know that there is nothing else in the world like sailing. *Manhattan by Sail* offers its customers a unique experience when they board one of their schooners. Take the *Shearwater*, an 80-foot, 48-passenger that is New York's only designated floating landmark, and you'll feel as if you're transported back to the era of the Great Gatsby. Or sail on the *Clipper City*, a 144-foot steel replica of the 19th century schooners that helped make America run effectively and efficiently. You'll sail the harbor, enjoying wonderful views of the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and the majestic Manhattan skyline. Special charters and catering options are available. Tours start in April and run through the fall.



Merchant's House Museum

<http://merchantshouse.org/>

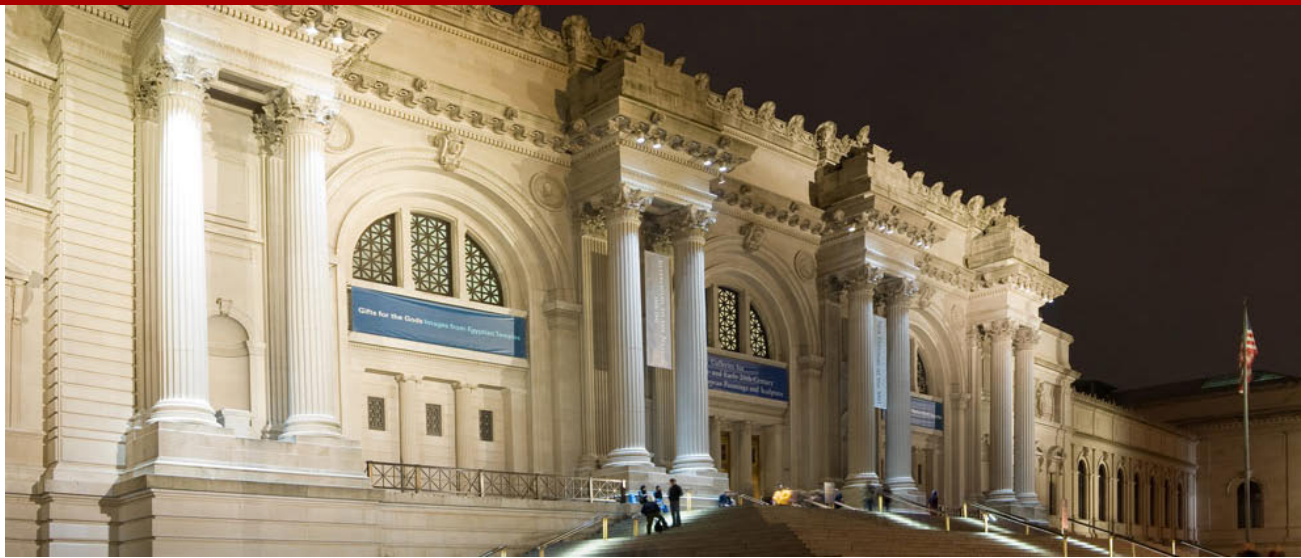
Address: 29 East 4th Street
New York, NY 10003

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/ssbbd>

The *Seabury Tredwell House* was built in 1832 and occupied by the Tredwells, a merchant family from 1835 to 1933. Today, it is designated as a National Historic Landmark and is the only home in New York City to have survived intact, both inside and out, from the 19th century.

The Greek Revival period rooms of the *Merchant's House* show the lifestyle of this wealthy merchant family and their Irish servants. The collection includes over 3,000 items that were the possessions of the Tredwells, among them furniture, household items, decorative arts, and clothing. The 19th-century garden also is open to visitors.

In September 2011, a house-wide structural renovation project was initiated. Work is being completed in stages, so the house will remain open during this time. Some rooms may be closed for short periods of time while restoration is completed. Check the website for additional information.



Metropolitan Museum of Art

<http://www.metmuseum.org/>

Address: 1000 Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street
New York, New York 10028-0198

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/aeuug>

The *Metropolitan Museum of Art* offers exhibits of artwork from across the centuries. Works from the Post Modern era, Ancient Roman period, Impressionist movement and many other historical epochs and cultures are at the museum. Special educational programs, performances and exhibits are available. On any given day, the *Metropolitan Museum of Art* offers close to 30 exhibits, 14 guided tours, various family programs and gallery talks, age-specific presentations and films. Special accommodations can be made for groups that contact the museum ahead of time. The *Metropolitan Museum of Art* is a definitive resource for art from across time periods and around the world.



Metropolitan Opera

<http://www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/>

Address: Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Lincoln Center Plaza
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/yp93p>

The Metropolitan Opera has a history that reaches back almost 130 years. This impressive cultural resource attracts some of the finest singers, directors and designers from around the globe. The *Met*, which offers world-class productions of new and classic operas, calls Lincoln Center its home. Although included in the *Lincoln Center Tours*, the *Metropolitan Opera* also provides daily tours during its performance season. Tours conducted by the *Met* differ from those offered by *Lincoln Center*—only the *Met* takes you backstage, offering visitors insights into how the company works and how productions function. A visit to the *Met* is a cultural highlight for anyone and everyone.



Morris-Jumel Mansion

<http://www.morrisjumel.org/>

Address: 65 Jumel Terrace (between St. Nicholas Ave and Edgecombe Avenue)
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/fj4mm>

Yes, it's true! George Washington did sleep here. The Morris-Jumel Mansion bears the distinction of having served, in turn, as the temporary headquarters to General George Washington and the British Lieutenant General Sir Henry Clinton during Revolutionary War.

Over the years, the house was to serve as a private residence, a military headquarters, an inn, and, briefly, the home of the former Vice President Aaron Burr. Visitors to the mansion will view rooms furnished in the colonial, Federalist and Empire styles, depicting different time periods in the history of the house.

A visit to the Morris-Jumel Mansion can include self-guided or docent-guided tours of the Mansion and/or the four block historic neighborhood. Group tours of 10 or more people can be arranged.



Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden

<http://www.mvhm.org/>

Address: 461 East 61st Street
New York, NY 10065

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/asfr8>

Go back to a time when 61st Street was the country and the *Mount Vernon Hotel* was a sanctuary for those who wanted to get away from it all. Built in 1799, it first served as a carriage house and was then transformed into a hotel in 1826. Now the structure stands in the middle of the hubbub of Manhattan as one of the seventh oldest structures in the city. Restored and refurbished, the *Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden* offers eight totally furnished rooms reflecting 19th century taste and style and a wonderful garden. There are three different group tours offered and various special programs. Go back to another place and time.



Museum at Eldridge Street

<http://www.eldridgestreet.org/>

Address: 12 Eldridge Street between Canal and Division Streets
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/pz4cz>

When it opened its doors in September of 1887, the Eldridge Street Synagogue became the first synagogue to be built by East European immigrants in America, many of whom initially settled on the Lower East Side. The religious sanctuary was a testament to the fact that Jewish immigrants now could worship openly and freely. Today, this National Historic Landmark offers visitors a view of the 70-foot high vaulted ceiling, hand-painted ceiling decorations, beautiful hand-stenciled walls, magnificent stained glass rose windows, and elaborate brass fixtures.

The museum tells the story of Jewish immigrant life at the turn of the last century, offering the guided tour: *From Ellis to Eldridge: Immigrant History*. For those interested in the building and the 20-year plus restoration of the synagogue, there is the daily tour: *Beyond the Facade: Architecture & Preservation*. Walking tours of the Lower East Side neighborhood delve into the history and the evolution of the area.



Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)

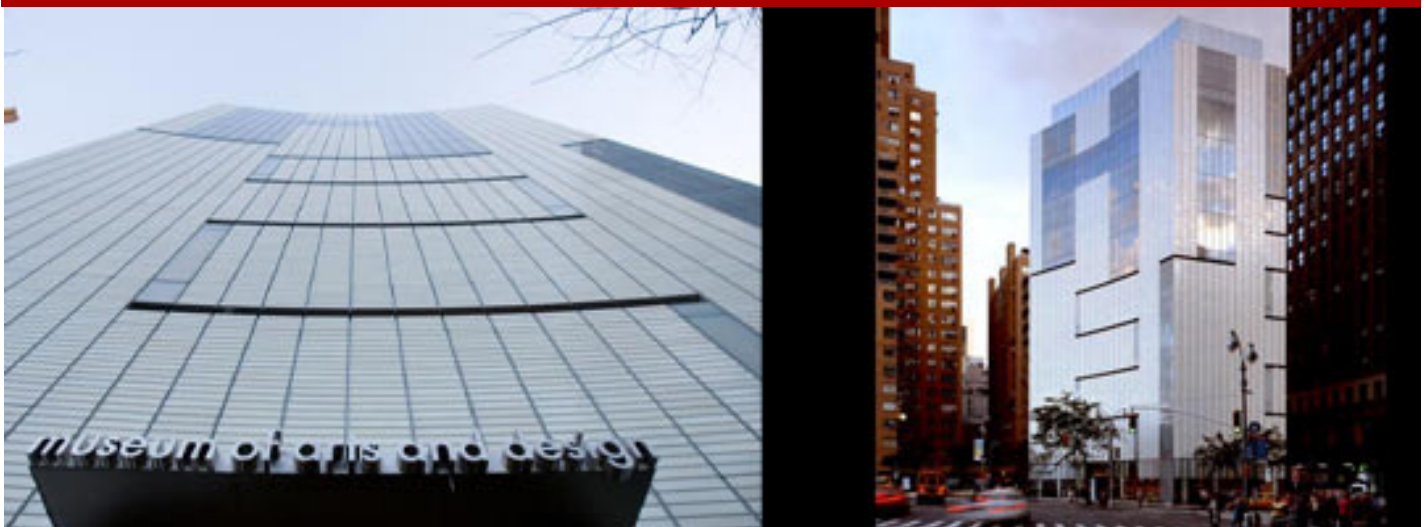
<http://fitnyc.edu/332.asp>

Address: Seventh Avenue at 27th Street
New York, NY

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The *Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)* is called “the most fashionable museum in New York City.” The Museum’s mission “is to collect, conserve, document, exhibit, and interpret fashion.” It does so through carefully designed exhibits, creative programs, interesting publications and an extensive permanent collection of accessories, costume, textile and photographic archives. Today, there are over 50,000 garments in the museum’s collection, which range from the 18th through to the 21st centuries.

Special group tours, which must be booked in advance, are available for the various collections and exhibits. Get in step with the trends of the past and understand fashion as it relates to your life today.



Museum of Arts & Design

<http://www.madmuseum.org/>

Address: 2 Columbus Circle
New York, NY 10019

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/v6jsc>

The mission of the *Museum of Arts & Design* is to explore the relationship between contemporary art, design, and craft. Objects in its collection are created with a variety of materials including wood, enamel, synthetics, glass, fiber, metal, clay, stones and gems, and mixed media. Touring the galleries, visitors are treated to stunning pieces of art: weaving, jewelry, ceramics, furniture, wearable art, quilts, vessels, goblets, beadwork, and the like.

In 2008, MAD moved to its new location at Columbus Circle thereby tripling its exhibition space. An Open Studios program affords visitors a view of artists at work. Cinemas, talks, special performances and programs are held in the new 144-seat theater. Summer programs and workshops for school groups are available.

MAD offers free museum tours and accommodations for group visits.

MOMA

Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

<http://www.moma.org/>

Address: 11 West 53rd St.
New York, NY 10019

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/5w2q6>

If you're interested in groundbreaking, innovative work, then New York's *Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)* is a must-see. Extensive exhibits and an impressive film series are offered throughout the year. *MoMA* includes works by modern masters such as Warhol, de Kooning, Haring, Calder, Kadinsky, Pollack, Matisse and Picasso.

Exhibits include works of art and architecture, paintings, sculpture, prints, modern furniture design, illustrated books, film, and electronic media. *MoMA* offers group tours but reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Free audio programs, gallery talks, family guide activities, courses, lectures and special events complement the extensive and impressive museum collection. The *Museum of Modern Art* will give you a whole new perspective on culture and the arts in our era.



Museum of the City of New York

<http://www.mcnyc.org/>

Address: 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/zvh7m>

If it pertains to New York art, culture or life, then there's a good chance you'll find it here at the *Museum of the City of New York*. There are over 50,000 photographic images and numerous exhibits related to important venues, premium artists and performers, great moments, and the lives of everyday citizens and neighbors. This museum offers a portrait of the city that is simultaneously intimate and panoramic. Lectures, performances and films are all part of the museum experience.

Groups are welcome and can include curator-led, docent-led or self-guided tours; arrangements must be made two weeks in advance. The *Museum of the City of New York* is a total New York experience for everyone.



Museum of the International Center of Photography

<http://www.icp.org/museum>

Address: 1133 Avenue of the Americas at 43rd Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/2sabm>

Located in midtown Manhattan, the *Museum of the International Center of Photography* chronicles the photographic medium through its exhibitions of historic and contemporary work. The collection of over 100,000 photographs contains daguerrotypes, gelatin silver, and digital chromogenic prints. The museum houses an outstanding collection of American and European documentary photography from the 1930s through the 1960s.

Tours conducted by ICP staff and self-guided gallery tours are available.



Museum of the Moving Image

<http://www.movingimage.us/>

Address: 36-01 35 Avenue
Astoria Queens, NY 11106

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/hwct5>

Family friendly, educational and just plain fascinating, the *Museum of the Moving Image* offers exhibitions, films and special collections. Both film and television are highlighted in this interactive facility devoted to the millions of moving images that have captured our imaginations, invigorated our emotions and inspired our lives.

Located in Astoria Queens, the museum provides various public educational programs.



National Museum of the American Indian

<http://www.nmai.si.edu/>

Address: George Gustav Heye Center, Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, 1 Bowling Green
New York, NY 10004

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/mkjr8>

Part of the Smithsonian Museum complex, the *National Museum of the American Indian* is dedicated to exploring the varied cultures and traditions of Native Americans. Permanent and special exhibits, performances that include music and dance, symposia and films are all part of the museum's offerings. Photo exhibits, authentic Native American clothing and artifacts, and important art works by Native Americans are all part of the *National Museum of the American Indian* experience. Celebrate individuals, nations, arts and crafts and much more. Those who would like a special group tour are strongly encouraged to contact the museum in advance.



NBC Studio Tours

<http://www.nbcstudiotour.com/>

Address: 30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/2vmrf>

Television is a part of our everyday lives and NBC continues to be a major player in the market with the long running *Today Show*, the unpredictable *Saturday Night Live* and the groundbreaking *Dr. Oz Show*. *NBC Studio Tours* started in 1933. Today's tours take visitors through the NBC Sharp Globe Theater, Broadcast Operations and the Make-up Room. Participants can produce their own news and weather program in NBC's High Definition Mini-Control Studio. Live studio experiences are available. Educational, insightful and fun, *NBC Studio Tours* offer a fantastic group experience.



New Museum

<http://www.newmuseum.org/>

Address: 235 Bowery (at Prince Street between Stanton & Rivington Streets)
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/5d9hb>

Founded in 1977, the mission of the *New Museum* is to serve as a destination for new art and new ideas from around the world. The focus is on emerging international artists, and, as such, the museum has shown early works of a number of prominent contemporary artists, among them Jeff Koons, Keith Haring, David Hammons, and Bill Jensen.

In 2007, the New Museum announced an exciting international partnership with museums in Korea, Mexico, Egypt and The Netherlands. A dedicated space in *New Museum's* facility showcases what is happening in contemporary art around the world.

Also in 2007, the *New Museum* opened its first freestanding, dedicated building that provided more open and light-filled exhibition space. Free docent-led tours acquaint visitors with the artwork on display and the architecture of the building. Group tours, either led by museum staff or self-guided, must be scheduled a minimum of three weeks in advance.



New York Botanical Garden

<http://www.nybg.org/>

Address: 2900 Southern Blvd.
Bronx, NY 10458

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/2nvkg>

The *New York Botanical Garden* has stunning exhibitions and special events to offer visitors throughout the year. In the warmer months, visitors can tour gardens filled with roses, perennials and ornamental conifers. In late fall, a visit to the enchanting annual Holiday Train Show is a must. In March and April, the Orchid Show offers dazzling displays of over 300 different types of orchids. Learn about herbs, sustainability, plant science and history. Visit the home gardening center or stroll through a rock garden. Beauty, grace and ingenuity define the serene and welcoming natural environment.

Tour groups are welcome and may enjoy self-guided, guided and/or customized tours.



New York City Ballet

<http://www.nycballet.com/visitors/visitors.html>

Address: David H. Koch Theater, 20 Lincoln Center
New York, NY 10023

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/qm88x>

The world-class *New York City Ballet* is awe inspiring, breathtaking and powerful. The highest amount of technical proficiency is demanded of each dancer and the productions feature choreography by some of the most dynamic talents on the planet. First-time visitors to the ballet may want to engage in a docent-run *First Position Talk*, which is held prior to the start of specified performances. Patrons will receive introductory comments concerning the ballet they are about to see and may also ask questions. Dancer Chats, Studio Talks and seminars are also available. The New York City Ballet will sweep you off your feet.



New York Hall of Science

<http://www.nysci.org/>

Address: 47-01 111th Street
Queens, New York

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The *New York Hall of Science* is a hands-on science and technology center that not only allows but encourages visitors to interact with over 450 exhibits. Housed in a building that once was a pavilion for the 1964 World's Fair, the mission of the *New York Hall of Science* is to rouse one's curiosity and unravel the secrets of science to children, parents, and teachers.

The science center offers special traveling exhibitions as well as a large range of permanent exhibits including: *Connections: The Nature of Networks*; *Hidden Kingdoms: The World of Microbes*; *Mathematica: A World of Numbers...and Beyond*; *Rocket Park*; and *Realm of the Atom*.

Whether you enjoy the museum as a family or a school-age group, the New York Hall of Science is sure to please.



New York Harbor Parks

<http://www.nyharborparks.org/>

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New York Harbor Parks has a wide range of opportunities to offer. Throughout the year, visitors can take any and all of the self-guided walking tours: *The New Amsterdam Trail* explores the city's Dutch roots; *This Hallowed Ground* teaches about slavery in Old New York; the *New York Freedom Trail* or *George Washington's New York* delve into the Revolutionary War years. During the warmer months, one can opt for ranger-led walking tours of the following: *The New Amsterdam Trail*, *This Hallowed Ground*, the *New York Freedom Trail*. Self-guided tours can be downloaded from the website.

Seasonal water tours have a different perspective to offer. *Gateway to America Official Tours*, in partnership with the National Park Service, presents a comprehensive history of the harbor. *America: Who We Are* addresses the evolving immigrant experience. *America's Frontline* focuses on harbor defenses, while *Naturally, New York* teaches about harbor wildlife and ecology.

Special programs and events are held throughout the year. Be sure to check the website for the latest listings, dates and times.



New York Historical Society Museum & Library

<http://www.nyhistory.org/>

Address: 170 Central Park West at 77th Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/f9zej>

At the *New York Historical Society Museum and Library*, visitors can learn about American culture through the nearly 40,000 works of art and artifacts that span four centuries. The permanent collection encompasses decorative arts, drawings, historical artifacts, paintings, and sculpture. The Underground Railroad Collection, landscape paintings from the Hudson River School, the folk art of Elie Nademan, and American Board and Table Games are just a few of the museum's special collections.

The museum offers family programs, audio and video presentations, lectures, performances, and gallery and walking tours. Visit the newly renovated facility and discover why this is museum for learners of all ages.



New York Water Taxi

<http://www.nywatertaxi.com/>

<http://watch.thirteen.org/video/1639351107/>

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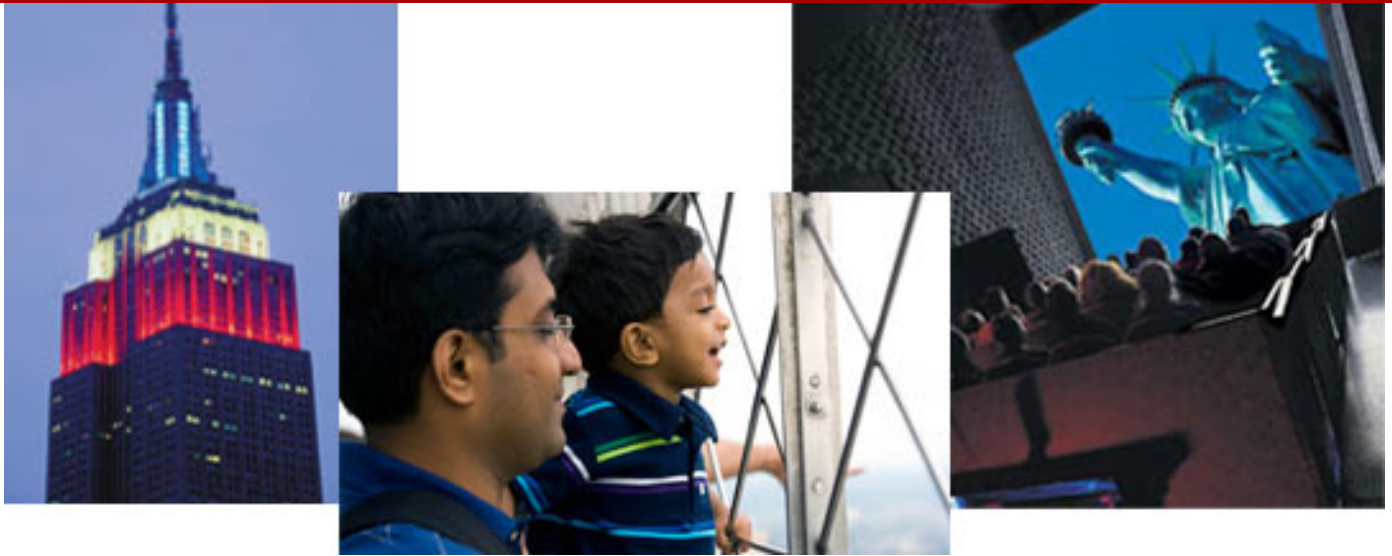
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Seeing New York from the deck of one of New York Water Taxis offers visitors a unique experience that one will not forget. Dazzling vistas of the iconic New York City and New Jersey skylines and intimate views of celebrated infrastructure and monuments unfold as the taxis ply the waters of the Hudson, the East River, and the bay.

New York Water Taxi offers sightseeing tours, private charter events, and water borne transportation for the tourist and resident alike. Take a guided tour or go at your own pace. A Hop-On/Hop-Off tour allows you to hop on and off as many times as you like at any one of four convenient piers. Have a blast exploring! Just a few of the many sites to visit are the Financial District/Wall Street, South Street Seaport, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Times Square/Broadway, the Museum of the American Indian, and the *Intrepid* Sea, Air, and Space Museum.

Your Hop-On/Hop-Off Harbor Cruise can be coordinated with a visit to the 9/11 Memorial. In addition, the cruise offers stunning views of the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Governors Island and the Brooklyn Bridge.

Whether tourist or resident, New York Taxi offers new vistas and new insights to complete your total New York experience.



NY Skyride

<http://www.skyride.com/>

Address: The Empire State Building, 350 Fifth Ave. (enter on 33rd St. side)
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/y9p37>

NY Skyride takes visitors on an exciting virtual fly over of New York City. Lasting 30 minutes, participants are able to see and experience the real New York. Narrated by Kevin Bacon, participants are on a specially designed platform that moves in synchronization with an 18-foot high-definition screen. You'll visit almost three-dozen landmarks, all in climate-controlled comfort. Over 8 million people have experienced the thrill of this breathtaking virtual tour. Get a real value and combine the *NY Skyride* with a fast-track visit to the *Empire State Building*. This is a great ride for kids and adults. Groups should make reservations.



NYC Tourist

<http://www.nyctourist.com/>

Address:

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Easy to navigate, NY Tourist makes planning your next outing or vacation a breeze. Get the lowdown on hotels, concerts and tours. A long list of “attractions” is always on-hand. No matter what you may or may not like and no matter how restrictive your budget may be this site can help you find the right hotel room, activity and dining experience. Take the guesswork out of your trip, conserve your dollars and go a little wild. After all, you are a NY tourist using NY Tourist.



NYC, The Official Guide

<http://www.nycgo.com>

Address:

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NYC, The Official Tour Guide can help you plan your entire city visit, from hotel to rental car, from dining to tickets to a sports event and much more. The guide highlights attractions, offers detailed maps and traveling instructions and provides solid descriptions of venues and events. You'll find out what to do, discover the most popular attractions and see if there are any special deals. *NYC, The Official Tour Guide* is free!



Radio City Music Hall Stage Door Tours

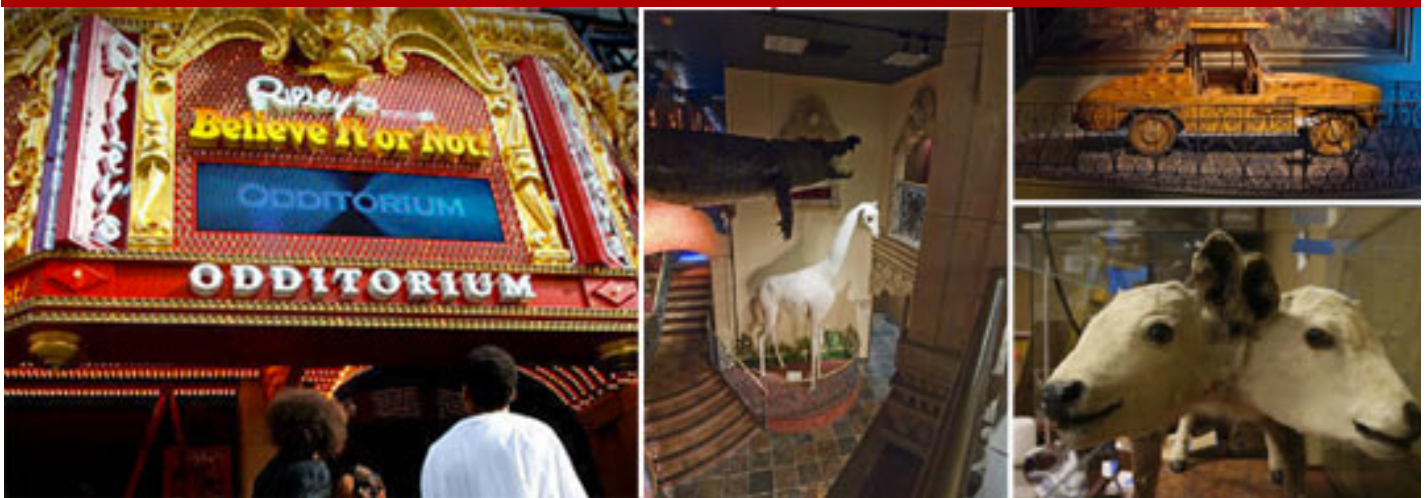
<http://www.radiocity.com/tours/stage-door-tour.html>

Address: 6th Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets
New York, NY

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Radio City Music Hall is one of New York's iconic performance venues. Known as "the showplace of a nation," Radio City has thrilled millions with its special performances and grand events. Famous for its precision dance corps The Rockettes, the venue plays host to the annual Christmas show, the Tony Awards, and concerts and shows by some of the world's biggest names in entertainment.

Groups are welcome to take the *Radio City Stage Door Tour*. You'll be able to explore the theatre, lounge and corridors. You'll also go back stage and meet a Rockette. If you're looking for a guided tour you'll long remember, then this is it.



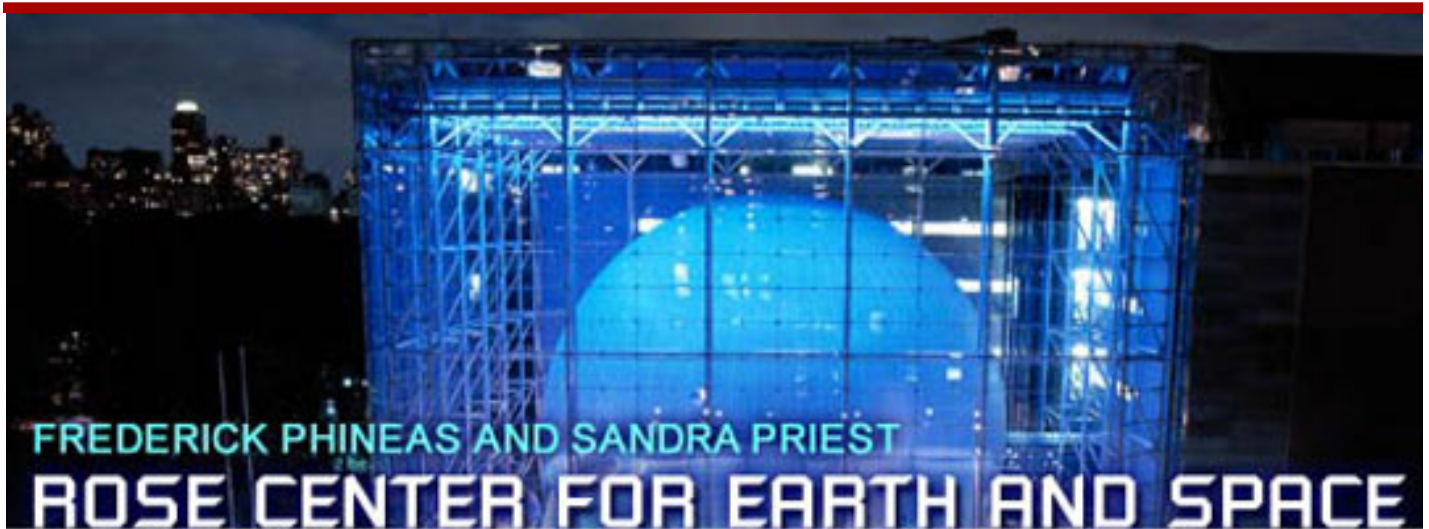
Ripley's Believe It or Not, New York

<http://www.ripleysnewyork.com/>

Address: 234 West 42nd Street (between 7th and 8th Avenues)
New York, NY

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Ripley's Believe It or Not, New York is filled with the weird, wonderful and mysterious. It is known for highlighting odds facts, strange happenstances and freaks of nature. In the first half of the 20th century, Robert Ripley, who was a cartoonist, adventurer and collector, sought out the strange and unusual in foreign and exotic lands. He turned his passion for discovering oddities into a highly lucrative career. *Ripley's Believe It or Not, New York* includes the *Odditorium*, where you'll see, amongst other things, a six-legged cow, a lock of Elvis' hair, 24 shrunken heads, a section of the Berlin wall, and a life-size albino giraffe. There are 20 galleries on two floors featuring videos and photos, archives and interactive exhibits. The venue also offers some of the strangest performances you'll ever see in its *Sideshow Wonders*. If you love the odd, you'll love *Ripley's Believe It or Not, New York*.



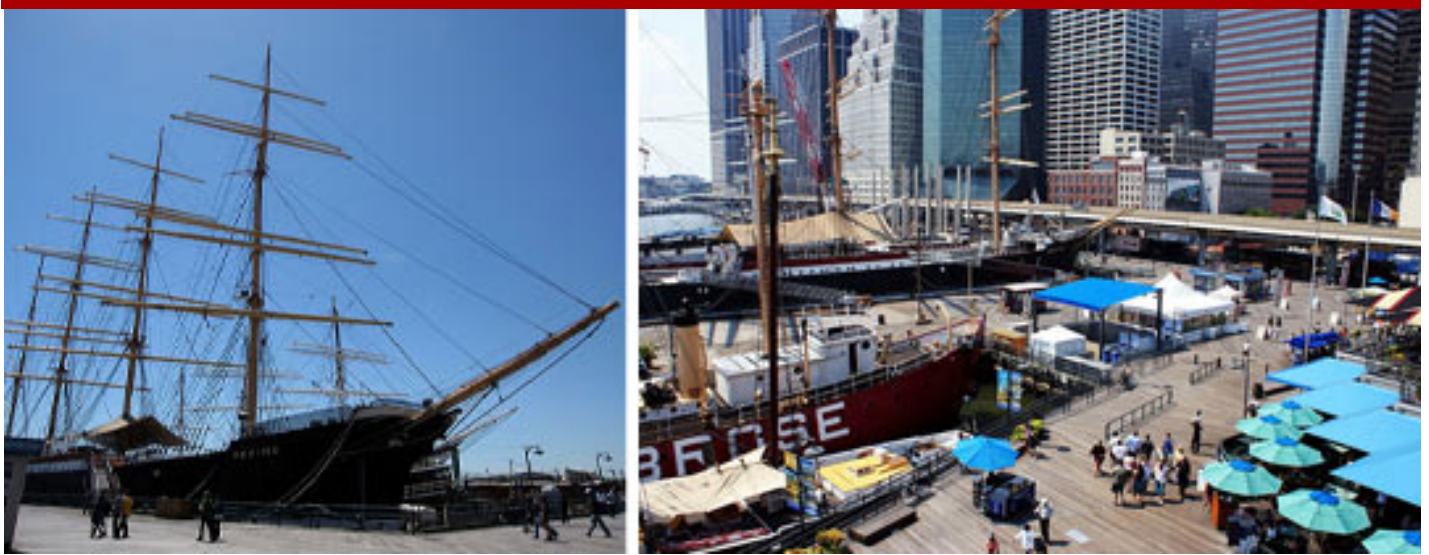
Rose Center for Earth & Science

<http://www.amnh.org/rose/>

Address: American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street
New York, NY 10024-519

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/5ryfw>

The terms “state-of-the-art” and “high tech” do not do justice to the *Rose Center for Earth & Space*. Part of the American Museum of Natural History, the *Rose Center* includes the Hayden Planetarium, which is the most technologically advanced Space Theater in existence. Take a field trip to the moon, see the universe being created or search for other forms of intelligent life. Visit exhibits in the Hall of Planet Earth, Hall of the Universe, and Cosmic Pathway. Public and group tours are both available. Fascinating, illuminating and vibrant, the *Rose Center for Earth & Space* will transport you to places of which you have only dreamed.



South Street Seaport

<http://www.southstreetseaport.com/>

Address: Fulton and South Streets, Pier 17
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/dzhzs>

Located along the Lower Manhattan waterfront, the South Street Seaport is a dynamic, thriving community that's composed of diverse shops, restaurants and attractions. Outdoor concerts, various recreation activities along the beach and waterways, a farmer's market and street performers are all a part of the South Street Seaport experience. Enjoy a day of shopping, dining and entertainment, ride a bike or take a boat ride. This is a quaint community that welcomes visitors.



St Paul's Chapel

<http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/congregation/spc/>

Address: 209 Broadway near Fulton Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/ksfp4>

On September 11, 2001 the World Trade Center buildings collapsed killing 2,983 people. Just across the street, St. Paul's Chapel was to escape destruction. Although covered with debris and dust, there was no physical damage to the building. From that day through May of 2002, St. Paul's provided meals, beds, counseling, and prayer to the firefighters, police officers, construction workers, and others who dealt with the aftermath of the terrorist attack.

Since that time, over one million people each year have visited to learn of St. Paul's physical and spiritual role in the rescue effort. The drawings, cards and other items left as memorials or in tribute and encouragement to the rescue workers still can be seen.

St. Paul's Chapel is part of Trinity Church, which is located south of the chapel on Broadway at Wall Street. Today, St. Paul's bears the distinction of being the oldest building in continuous use in New York City.



Staten Island Ferry

<http://www.siferry.com/>

Address: Whitehall Terminal (departs Manhattan)
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/4p596>

The Staten Island Ferry provides free transportation between Staten Island and Manhattan. During the workweek, the ferry transports 60,000 passengers per day and 20 million per year.

The free five-mile trip on the Staten Island Ferry last 25 minutes, but it affords passengers some spectacular views of Manhattan as well as the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Because of this, many visitors to New York take a round trip on the ferry. There are over about 55 trips daily from Manhattan to Staten Island and 55 more back to Manhattan.

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
 With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
 Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
 A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
 Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
 Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
 Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
 The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
 "Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
 With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
 Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
 The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
 Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
 I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"



Statue of Liberty

<http://www.nps.gov/stli/index.htm>

http://www.statueofliberty.org/Statue_History.html

Address: Liberty Island
 New Jersey/New York

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/w7sqh>

The *Statue of Liberty*, designed by the French artist Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi, was a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States. Finished in 1884 and dedicated in 1886, Lady Liberty was designated as a National Monument in 1924.

Those traveling on the waterways that surround the city can see the *Statue of Liberty* from various vantage points. Visitors who prefer to visit Liberty Island can take the ferry from either New Jersey or New York.

Starting October 29, 2011, the interior spaces of the statue will be closed for a yearlong renovation. **The island remains open** to visitors during that time. Since renovations are on the interior only, visitors will continue to be treated to spectacular views of Lady Liberty, the pedestal and the old fort on which it sits, and the surrounding harbor. The number of visitors each day is limited, so it is recommended tickets be purchased ahead of time.



Tenement Museum

<http://www.tenement.org/>

Address: 97 Orchard St.
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/9c4n7>

It is an unusual idea making a tenement into a museum. But that's what the aptly-named Tenement Museum is. The museum, which may only be seen by guided tour, offers various programs regarding the roles of immigrants in the US. There are seven different tours with four lasting one hour and two others 90 minutes. The seventh tour is an in-depth experience lasting two hours and focusing on immigrants weathering difficult times. The museum features authentic furnishings and accessories as it recreates the living situation that faced most of the people who came to America's shores in the late 19th through the early 20th century.



The Jewish Museum

<http://www.thejewishmuseum.org/>

Address: 1109 5th Avenue at 92nd St.
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/u884g>

Artists, entertainers, historical and religious documents and artifacts are all celebrated at The Jewish Museum. Lectures, concerts and other special events are a part of the experience and the Kid Zone offers events and displays for families with young children.

With over 2,300 objects in the museum's collections and over 4,000 years of history contained within its walls, The Jewish Museum offers a thorough perspective of the Jewish culture and its connections to America and the rest of the world. There are daily tours and always something different on-hand at this exciting and informative cultural resource.



The Morgan Library & Museum

<http://www.themorgan.org/home.asp>

Address: 225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/a9yvz>

Once the private library of financier and avid collector Pierpont Morgan (1837–1913), the library and its holdings were gifted to the public in 1924 by Morgan's son J.P. Morgan, Jr. The original collection included illuminated, literary, and historic manuscripts, early printed books, and old master drawings and prints. Over the years, the scope of the library's collection has grown to include important music manuscripts, early children's books, Americana, and materials from the twentieth century.

In addition to its extensive collections and special exhibitions, the Morgan offers musical performances, lectures, readings, and video presentations.

Daily exhibition and historical tours are available. For groups of twenty or more, the staff offers personalized tour planning assistance.



The New York City Police Museum

<http://www.nycpolicemuseum.org/>

Address: 100 Old Slip
New York, NY 10005

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/64r6d>

No matter what your age, you will be inspired by *The New York City Police Museum*. Kids from three to 10 will love the *Junior Officers Discovery Zone* where they can drive and maintain a police car, play on the 1st Precinct climbing structure and participate in a crime investigation. Permanent exhibits include *The Hall of Heroes* and *9.11 Remembered*. Both are moving and beautiful tributes to police officers. In addition, the museum offers various special programs and exhibits.

The *New York City Police Museum* is an important stop for any citizen. Informative, moving and interesting, this museum will provide hours of interest for everyone.

Groups wishing to book a tour may do so ahead of time.



The New York Transit Museum

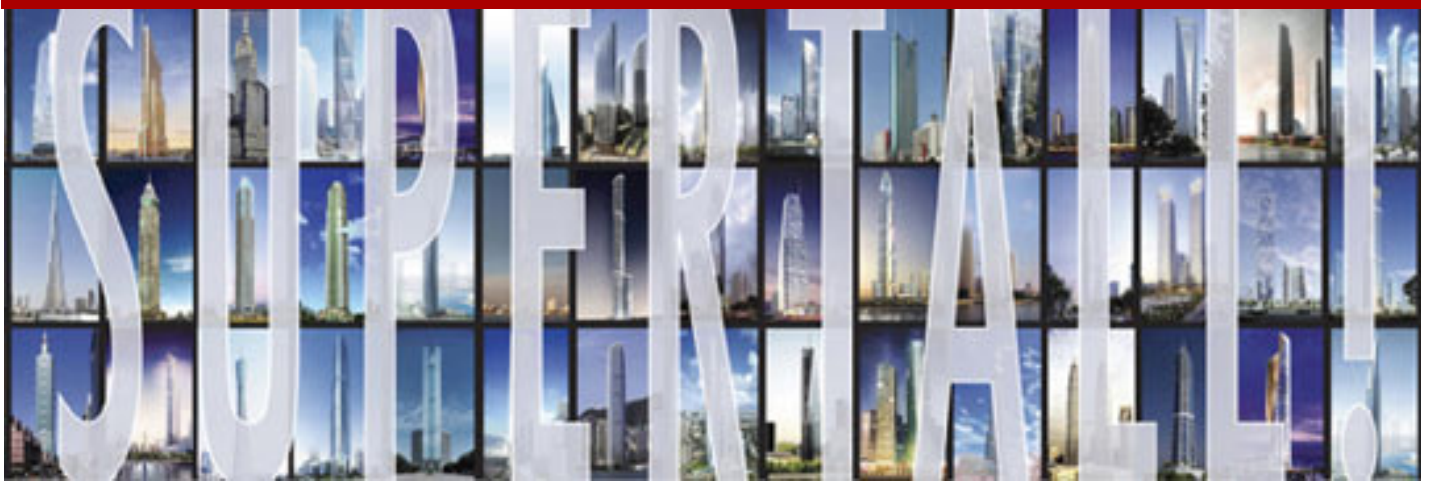
<http://mta.info/mta/museum/index.html>

Address: corner of Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn Heights, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/8gej3>

Imagine a New York without its extensive public transportation system? Impossible. At *The New York Transit Museum*, enjoy exhibits such as *Steel Stone & Backbone: Building New York's Subways 1900-1925* and *On the Streets: New York's Trolleys and Buses*. Learn about construction methods and the people who built New York's first subway line. Explore the last 175 years of transportation history in the city in an exhibit includes a detailed simulated traffic intersection, a child size trolley and a 12-seat bus. The New York Transit Museum is interactive, educational and a lot of fun. Climb aboard for a great experience.

Guided 90-minute group tours require a reservation. There are also various podcast tours that may be downloaded.



The Skyscraper Museum

<http://www.skyscraper.org/home.htm>

Address: 39 Battery Place
New York, NY 10280

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/rjs73>

If there was ever going to be a city that had a museum dedicated to skyscrapers, it's certainly the tall-building capital of the world—New York City. The *Skyscraper Museum* celebrates the amazing architectural history and heritage that defines Manhattan and the individuals who have been influential in the development of these major vertical structures.

There are numerous permanent displays, including an examination of the Twin Towers, an overview of rebuilding Ground Zero, various detailed mini-models of Manhattan and a photographic rendering of Lower Manhattan. There also are numerous new exhibits being developed and displayed. The *Skyscraper Museum* is one tall undertaking.



The Van Cortlandt House Museum

The Van Cortlandt House Museum

<http://www.vancortlandthouse.org/>

Address: Broadway at West 246th Street
Bronx, NY 10471

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/t782m>

Frederick Van Cortlandt built the *Van Cortlandt House* for his family in 1748 and subsequently developed the property into a successful wheat plantation with a milling operation. Strategic in its location, during the Revolutionary War, the house was occupied in turn by the Colonial and the British armies. In 1886, the descendants of the Van Cortlandt family sold the property to the City of New York for what was to become Van Cortlandt Park.

Today, the house is the oldest building in the Bronx. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1967 and became a National Historic Landmark in 1976. The building, which has been a public museum since 1897, is impeccably maintained and features two parlors, two bedchambers, a nursery and much more. Elegant, tasteful and historic, this is a real gem. Groups are welcome, and depending up numbers may either participate in a self-guided or guided tour.



Times Square, NYC

<http://www.timessquarenyc.org/>

Address: area between 6th & 8th Avenues and West 42nd to West 47th Streets
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/5twzg>

When you think of the New York City, you think of *Times Square*—the crossroads of the world. They say if you stand in *Times Square* for one hour you're bound to see someone you know, no matter where you're from. Whether or not that's true, it's a good indication of just how busy this major intersection is. If you're looking for discount theatre tickets, special holiday events or the Times Square Visitor Center, you find them all right there. The hustle and bustle that defines the Big Apple is right there. Be sure to stop by the Visitor Center to see the Waterford Crystal New Year's Eve Ball on display.

Exciting times are ahead for the square. In 2012 construction will start on the \$27 million redesign of the pedestrian plazas between 42nd and 47th Streets with the objective of making the area more user-friendly to New Yorkers and visitors alike. It is anticipated that the renovation will be finished in 2014.



Top of the Rock Observation Deck

<http://www.topoftherocknyc.com/>

Address: 30 Rockefeller Plaza on West 49th St. (between 5th and 6th Avenues)
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/rn9p5>

The *Top of the Rock* offers visitors a spectacular 360-degree view of the city. The indoor decks on the 67th and 69th floors and outdoor observation deck on the 70th floor provide unobstructed views of the entire region, from the amazing city skyline to the lush green carpet of Central Park. Group rates are available for those who plan ahead. You'll feel as if you're at the top of the world when you're at the *Top of the Rock*.



Union Square Park

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/unionsquarepark>

<http://www.unionsquarenyc.org/>

Address: Broadway to 4th Avenue, East 14th Street to East 17th Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/vfke7>

Originally a town square, Union Square Park serves as the setting for numerous community events and various festivals. It has a long and interesting history starting from when it opened in 1839 to its redesign in 1872 by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux to accommodate mass congregations of New Yorkers. In 1882, it hosted the country's first Labor Day parade and in 1970 it was the staging area for the initial Earth Day. Today, it is the site of the popular Greenmarket. The park includes statues of various historic personages including George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Mohandas Gandhi, and Marquis de Lafayette. Union Square Park offers visitors plenty of room and a pleasant environment.



United Nations

http://visit.un.org/wcm/content/site/visitors/lang/en/tours_ticket/

Address: 1st Ave & E. 44th Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/6njsb>

The *United Nations* has served as a beacon of hope and peace for over 60 years. Every year over 1 million people come to the *United Nations'* visitor center. The UN offers various exhibits and displays and visitors have many opportunities to tour the facility and learn more about the organization. Both audio tours and guided tours are available. Groups are welcome to tour the UN. This is perhaps the most culturally diverse location and organization in the world.



Wall Street Walks

<http://www.wallstreetwalks.com/>

Address: 55 Wall Street (lower Manhattan)
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/uev76>

Wall Street, considered by many as the financial district of the world, has a long, complex and interesting history. *Wall Street Walks* brings it all alive with numerous tours. Public tours include Stock Market History, Crashes and Financial Panics, Lower Manhattan and American History and Inside the Federal Reserve. There's also the Scoundrels Tour where you'll learn about various nefarious individuals who bilked the public out of millions and the Women of Wall Street Tour where some of the toughest female powerbrokers will be revealed. Wall Street is a Mecca for riches and simultaneously a historical mother lode. Wall Street Walks also provides Private and Group tours by special arrangement.



Whitney Museum of American Art

<http://whitney.org/>

Address: 945 Madison Avenue at 75th Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/zucbr>

The *Whitney Museum* is a leading collector, curator and exhibitor of 20th and 21st century art by American artists. The collection contains over 18,000 pieces and the works of more than 2,600 artists and includes paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs, films, videos, and new media. With an eclectic vision and a singular dedication to preserving diverse artistic sensibilities, the *Whitney Museum* continues to be one of the most important venues for American art.

There are various types of tours available, including daily, group, stroller and family. The museum also offers a live performance series and special programs and resources for teens and children.



Wicked, Behind the Emerald Curtain

<http://www.emeraldcurtain.com/>

Address: The Gershwin Theatre, 222 West 51st Street
New York, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/fzryp>

Imagine taking a guided tour of one of Broadway's biggest hits and having the cast members as your guides? That's what happens when you sign up for *Wicked, Behind the Emerald Curtain*. You'll be taken through the creative process and experience the highlights that define the artistry and skill behind this seamless shows. Educational, enlightening and definitely entertaining, *Wicked, Behind the Emerald Curtain* gives you the best seat in the house—backstage. This event, which is held Saturdays at 10 a.m., unto itself is a great show.



World Yacht

<http://worldyacht.com/>

Address: World Yacht Marina, Pier 81, West 41st Street at the Hudson River (12th Ave.)
New York, NY 10036

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/hq9hc>

Opulence, classic beauty and the high life are all a part of the World Yacht experience. Offering brunch and dinner cruises on immaculate yachts, your time with *World Yacht* will transform you, taking you away from everything except that one person or the people you love. Fine cuisine that combines local ingredients with a global perspective, upbeat entertainment and a waterway setting that is spectacular and beautiful make this a premium experience. Refined, fun and smart—*World Yacht* will renew your run-of-the-mill daily life in one night.



Yankee Stadium Tours

http://mlb.mlb.com/nyy/ballpark/stadium_tours.jsp

Address: Gate 6, Yankee Stadium, E 161st Street & River Avenue
Bronx, NY

Google Map <http://g.co/maps/jcxvx>

Yankee Stadium, the House that Ruth built, is as rich in sports history as any ballpark can be. The site of more MLB World Championships than any other venue, the stadium defines winning and greatness. Yankee Stadium Tours provide fans and aficionados various tour packages. Everything starts with the Classic Tour that includes Monument Park, New York Yankees Museum, the Clubhouse and access to the Bleacher Café in center field. Add-on lunch options are also available. Looking for something a little different, then consider the Twilight Tour and NYY Steak or The Party City Birthday Bash Tour. Both of these are designed for groups with the former requiring a minimum of 20 and the latter serving 12–30. Groups may also make reservations for the Classic Tour. If you're a baseball fan and a Yankee fan, too, you've got to take the tour.