



Welcome To New York

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Downtown

New York has one of the great harbors of the world. It's story started in Downtown. In 1609 Henry Hudson sailed the "Half Moon", a Dutch ship into the harbor. The Dutch West India Company established a settlement in lower Manhattan, and named it New Amsterdam. In 1664 the English took over and renamed the colony New York.

Some of the most notable historical sites are in reach of the hotel.

Bowling Green, a triangular park established by the Dutch was the site of the purchase of Manhattan Island. It is the location of the Custom House which currently holds the National Museum of the American Indian.

Battery Park is a 25 acre park at the tip of Manhattan, and is the site of many memorials. It was named for the artillery battery used in the American Revolutionary war.

South Street Seaport and Museum, on Front street, was established by the Dutch West India Company. The area features some of the oldest architecture in the city.

Pearl Street was created from Oyster Shells which were in abundance in the area of the seaport.

The Brooklyn Bridge is the world's first steel wire suspension bridge. Started in 1869 and completed fourteen years later in 1883, it connects the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Wall Street marks the original boundary of the Dutch settlement.

Fraunces Tavern Museum and Restaurant is located at 54 Pearl Street. In 1792 it was Headquarters for George Washington, and was the venue for peace negotiations with the British.

Bank of New York is the first U.S. Bank. It was founded by Alexander Hamilton in 1784. In 1796 it was moved to Wall and Williams Street.

The New York Stock Exchange is located at 10 Broad St. The origin of the NYSE can be traced to 1792 when the Buttonwood Agreement was signed by 24 stock brokers under a buttonwood tree on Wall street. Its current location opened in 1903 at a cost of 4 million dollars.

The Federal Court House, renamed Federal Hall was the site of Washington's inauguration in 1789 and was the first Capital of the United States. It is located at 29 Wall Street.

Trinity Church was rebuilt in 1790 after it was destroyed by fire in 1776. It was designed by Upjohn with a 280 ft. bell tower. Alexander Hamilton is buried in its cemetery. It is located at 75 Broadway at Wall Street.

St Paul's Chapel first opened in 1776 as an outreach chapel of Trinity Church. Until the second Trinity Church was rebuilt, many including George Washington, made St Paul's their home. After September 11, 2001, St Paul's became the site of an extraordinary round the clock relief ministry to rescue and recovery workers. Though the World Trade Center buildings collapsed just across the street, there was no damage to St Paul's, earning it the nickname "the little chapel that stood". It is located at 209 Broadway.

New York City Hall, built in 1811 is the oldest city hall in the country that still houses its original governmental functions. It is located at the center of City Hall Park between Broadway and Chambers Street.

World Trade Center

National September 11th Memorial and Museum is located at 180 Greenwich Street. The 9/11 reflecting pools occupy the footprints of the Twin Towers. The museum houses structural supports and the memoriam gallery.

One World Trade Center is now the tallest building in New York. The One World Observatory spans two floors, 100 to 102.

Oculus: The new World Trade Center Transportation Hub is a train station, plaza, and shopping mall. It was designed by architect Santiago Calatrava.

Downtown Shopping

There is a rich array of shopping opportunities downtown. Here are a few that stand out.

Century 21 department store, at 22 Cortland Street, near Broadway. Offers designer brands for men, women, and children. Apparel and housewares are discounted up to 65%.

Brookfield Place at World Financial Center, 230 Vesey Street. This mall has a mix of high end and mid-range shops including Saks Fifth Avenue, J Crew, Lululemon, and many more. There are also many food options.

Oculus Center at World Trade Center. Half a million square feet of retail space holds boutiques and specialty stores of the leading global brands.

Browne & Co. Stationers, 211 Water Street attached to the South Street Seaport museum is the place for gifts and Souvenirs.

10 Corso Como NYC – 1 Fulton Street (Seaport). Opened September 6, 2018, as a union of culture and commerce. It's a blend of fashion, food art, music, design and lifestyle. Created as a new retail vocabulary with a diverse consumer experience.

Eataly – 101 Liberty Street 3rd Floor, is a large format Italian marketplace comprising of a variety of restaurants, food and beverage counters, bakery, retail items and a cooking school. Great experience!

Downtown Dining Suggestions

Fraunces Tavern, 54 Pearl Street, 212-968-1776

Operating since 1762 serves Brunch and Dinner on weekends

The Capital Grille, 120 Broadway, 212-246-0154

Upscale Steak House

Delmonico's Steak House, 56 Beaver Street, 212-509-1144

First fine dining restaurant in the country, established in 1837 Expensive

Blue Smoke, 255 Vesey Street, 212-889-2005

Southern classic Barbecue

Shake Shack, 215 Murray Street,

Brookfield Place, 230 Vesey Street

Indoor and outdoor dining with a view of the Hudson river. Restaurants include "Le District" and the Hudson eats food court.

South Street Seaport

There are numerous restaurants; Fresh Salt, Paris Café, and Industry Kitchen are recommended.

Downtown Vicinity North

New York's Chinatown is the largest Chinatown in the United States. Chinatown is a bustling crowded neighborhood teeming with restaurants. The busy sidewalks are packed with souvenir stores, tea rooms and markets. It is north of City Hall and extends to Canal Street.

SOHO, (south of Houston street). SOHO is a trendy area known for designer boutiques, fancy chain stores, and high end art galleries. It is known for its elegant cast-iron-facades and cobblestone streets. During the day street vendors sell everything from jewelry to original art. It lies between Canal Street and Houston Street and is divided by Broadway.

Hudson River Park is at 350 West Street, at the end of W. Houston Street. It is a 550 acre park that includes a 5 mile long path for cycling, running, and walking.

Greenwich Village and Washington Square Park are located north of Houston Street. Greenwich Village has many sights and things to do. Check out the Stonewall Inn where the Gay rights movement started, the Edna St. Vincent Millay House, a sliver of a building that is only 10 feet wide. The Cherry Lane Theater, the city's oldest continuously running off-Broadway theater. Washington Square Park and Washington Square Arch.

The High Line is on the west side at 14th Street. It is an 1.45 mile-long elevated linear public park, greenway and rail trail. It was created on a former New York Central Railroad spur. It can be entered at Gansevoort Ave and 14th Street and extends thru Chelsea.

The Whitney Museum of American Art designed by Renzo Piano, is on Gansevoort Avenue at the foot of the High Line.

Chelsea is a trendy west side neighborhood that extends to the upper 20's. It boasts of over 200 art galleries. Most of the galleries as well as the Chelsea Market are set in restored factories. The highest concentration of galleries lies between 10th and 11th avenues.

Midtown

Midtown is home to many of New York's architectural masterpieces.

The Empire State Building is a 102 story Art Deco skyscraper in Midtown. It was completed in 1931. Its observation decks on the 86th floor and 102nd floor offer spectacular views. The Empire State Building is located at 5th Avenue at 34th Street.

The New York Public Library is the flagship building in the New York Public Library system and a prominent historic landmark in Midtown Manhattan. It currently contains 646,680 square feet and four stories open to the public. The main entrance steps, and those majestic lions, are on Fifth Avenue opposite 41st Street.

Grand Central Terminal is located at 42nd Street and Park Avenue. There are countless reasons to visit Grand Central, the Information Booth Clock, the Whispering Gallery, the Main Concourse Celestial Ceiling, the Tiffany glass clock and over 90 shops and restaurants.

Rockefeller Center is a large complex consisting of 19 commercial buildings covering 22 acres between 48th and 51st Streets, facing 5th Avenue in the center of midtown Manhattan. It was completed in 1939. It is noted for the large quantities of art present on almost all of its Art Deco buildings as well as Radio City Music Hall, and its ice-skating rink. It is also famous for its annual lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree.

St. Patrick's Cathedral is a decorated Neo-Gothic style Roman Catholic Cathedral and a prominent New York landmark. It is located on the east side of 5th Avenue between 50th and 51st Street.

MOMA – The Museum of Modern Art is often considered to be the most important museum of its kind in the world. Its collection includes works from a wide range of celebrated modern artists, including Andy Warhol, Van Gogh, and Picasso. It is located at 11 W 53rd Street.

Times Square and the Theater District

Times Square is a major commercial intersection, tourist destination, entertainment center and neighborhood in midtown Manhattan. Costumed characters beckon to energetic crowds under the pulsing lights of towering digital billboards. Locals and tourists gather on the giant red staircase above the TKTS booth, which sells tickets to Broadway shows running at the areas historic theaters. At the intersection of Broadway and 7th Avenue it stretches from West 42nd Street to West 47th Street. It is the heart of the theater district.

Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum

It is an American military and maritime history museum on the Aircraft Carrier USS Intrepid. The museum showcases the Aircraft Carrier, the cruise missile submarine USS Growler, a Concord SST, a Lockheed A12 supersonic reconnaissance plane and the Space Shuttle Enterprise. It is located at Pier 86 at 46th Street.

Midtown Shopping

Macy's - 151 W 34th Street. The country's largest department store.

Brooks Brothers – Madison Ave. at 44th Street

Saks Fifth Ave – 611 Fifth Ave. opposite Rockefeller Center.

American Girl Place – 75 Rockefeller Plaza. Upscale shop for specialty dolls and accessories.

Tiffany – Fifth Ave. and 57th Street

Bergdorf Goodman – Fifth Ave. between 57th and 58th Streets

Bloomingdales – 59th Street and Lexington Ave.

Madison Avenue in the 60's is the place to find designer shops in midtown.

Uptown

Central Park

Central Park runs from 59th Street to 110th Street separating the east and west sides of New York. It is an 843 acre rectangle of majestic space created in the 1860's by Frederick Low Olmsted. It sees over 35 million visitors annually and is the most visited urban park in the United States. Central Park is also the most filmed park in the world with over 231 movies having used the park for on-location shoots. Some of the places of interest include: the Bethesda Fountain and Terrace, the Wollman Rink, the Victorian Gardens, the Zoo, Strawberry Fields and the Tavern on the Green.

West Side Attractions

Time Warner Center at Columbus Circle and west 59th Street is a shopping venue and home to The Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts is Manhattan's most important cultural center. Its 16 acre campus on Columbus Ave runs from 62nd Street to 66th Street. The complex of buildings includes The Metropolitan Opera House, Avery Fisher Hall, The Koch Theater and the Julliard School.

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is the world's largest Anglican cathedral. Construction began in 1892. The cathedral is located at 110th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

Museums

The American Museum of Natural History is at 79th Street and Central Park West. It contains over 30 million artifacts in over 2 million square feet. The Rose Center for Earth and Space and the Hayden Planetarium are located here.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is situated at 1000 Fifth Avenue, stretching from East 82nd Street to East 85th Street. It houses one of the largest art collections in the world. Its permanent collection contains over 2 million works divided among seventeen curatorial departments.

The Guggenheim Museum is at 1071 Fifth Avenue at East 89th Street. It is the permanent home of a continuously expanding collection of Impressionist, Post-impressionist, early Modern and Contemporary art. Its building was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and is considered one of the most significant architectural icons of the 20th century.

Transportation

The Downtown Connection provides a free shuttle service between South Street Seaport and Battery Park City making 38 stops along the way. You can hop on and off as you please. Look for the RED shuttle-sized busses with the “Downtown Connection” labeling on the side. A map of the route can be found at downtownny.com. Highly Recommended!

The easiest way to travel around NYC is by subway. A metro card which costs 2.75 per ride, allows 1 free transfer within 2 hours of first swiping your card. You can transfer from subway to bus, bus to subway, subway to subway. Subway Maps can be found at web.mta.info or can be picked up at any ticket booth.

The Staten Island Ferry, located at Whitehall Street at the tip of Manhattan, offers a free ride with a spectacular view of the Statue of Liberty.

Sightseeing

Big Bus New York Hop-ON-Hop-Off Tour. Get around bustling and congested NYC easily with more than 30 bus stops. Explore New York City at your own pace and create your own itinerary.

Circle Line Downtown is a sightseeing harbor cruise that operates out of the South Street Seaport Pavilion Pier. Offering views of Manhattan from the waterways.