

YOUR ADVENTURE IN New York City

GLOW STOPPER
More than
50 million
bright-eyed
visitors dash to
NYC each year.

Renowned art museums, spunky neighborhoods, and acclaimed eateries will surely put you in a New York state of mind. Whether you're after the high energy of Manhattan or prefer to explore Long Island's charm, you're in for one thrilling spin.

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BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE HERE

When it's time to unwind, what do you reach for first?

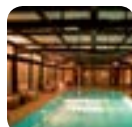


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If your idea of kicking back involves...



THEN YOUR MOST IDEAL HOTEL IS...



The Greenwich Hotel

Surrounded by glowing lanterns, this Tribeca hot spot's indoor heated pool provides a tranquil getaway in the middle of the bustling city.



Library Hotel

More than 6,000 books are yours for the reading at this Midtown East escape, whose floors are organized according to the Dewey decimal system. Can't get enough? You're just steps from The New York Public Library.



The Standard, High Line

Rising over the High Line—a 1-mile aerial park in Manhattan's West Side—this boutique spread offers guests free bikes for wheeled exploring.



WALK THE LINE
More than 4 million outdoor enthusiasts tread this urban oasis each year.

EAGER TO TAKE A SPIN? THEN WHY DON'T YOU...

GETTING THERE

Choose from three airports: Long Island MacArthur (ISP), LaGuardia (LGA), or Newark Liberty International (EWR).
macarthuraairport.com,
panynj.gov

Which side of NYC piques your interest?

Get Some Air

St. Patrick's Day or not, there's always a reason to go green when you're in the Big Apple. We're talking about the High Line, a 30-foot-high public park built on a historic freight rail line above Manhattan's West Side. Dating back to the 1930s, this 1-mile stretch opened as an aerial greenway in 2009 and now runs through three personality-packed neighborhoods: the Meatpacking District, West Chelsea, and Hell's Kitchen. Stroll—or cycle—your way to the 23rd Street Lawn, an ideal locale for people-watching, while marveling at the variety of plant life, including winter aconite and sunburst witch hazel, along the way. As you meander, you'll notice the plethora of artwork installed throughout, such as sculptures created from cardboard boxes, part of the *Busted* exhibit on display through April. It looks like we just found our pot of gold. thehighline.org Your adventure continues...

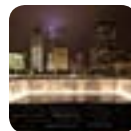


If the first thing you want to explore is...



GETTING AROUND No trip to NYC is complete without a ride on the subway. Log on to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's website to track your departure and arrival stations and to check for service advisories. mta.info

THEN YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS...



9/11 Memorial
This sacred site pays homage to the victims of the 1993 and 2001 terrorist attacks; reflecting pools provide peaceful settings for quiet contemplation.



Chelsea Art Gallery District
Peruse the world's largest concentration of art galleries, then check out other big-name venues around town like the Museum of Modern Art and Guggenheim.

YOUR TICKET TO STARDOM AWAITS WHEN YOU...

Show and Tell

Lights, camera, action—and you. Dozens of TV shows are filmed in this star-studded city, and you can sneak an insider's peek as a member of the studio audience. Currently, the biggest buzz surrounds Jimmy Fallon, who took over *The Tonight Show* last month. Though free tickets are usually snagged more than a month in advance, die-hard fans can risk same-day standby the morning of the taping when tickets are handed out under the iconic

NBC Studios marquee. But this funnyman is just one of the city's many big names. Stephen Colbert, Jon Stewart, and Rachael Ray are among the many who have also set up shop here. No tickets? Just trek to the corner of West 49th Street and Rockefeller Plaza, where fans gather to watch *The Today Show*—armed with catchy signs and camera-ready grins. latenightwithjimmyfallon.com, comedycentral.com, rachaelrayshow.com, today.com



HUMORE
In February, Fallon became the sixth host in *The Tonight Show's* history.

Your adventure continues...



Which stirs your curiosity more?

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If you'd like to learn more about...



GETTING OUT

Nine of the city's top French restaurants add dishes like blue-cheese ice cream to their menu during the Winter Stinky Cheese Festival, March 7–16. tourdefranceny.com

Which dish tickles your taste buds?

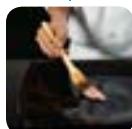


THEN SETTLE IN FOR A MEAL AT...



Carbone

Dishes like the spicy rigatoni vodka and lobster *fra diavolo* await at this fancy Italian-American restaurant in Greenwich Village.



Sushi

Nakazawa Dig into sushi the traditional way—sans chopsticks—at this touted eatery in the West Village. Here guests are all treated to *omakase*, which means the menu is left up to the resident master chef.



Grimaldi's

It's worth the wait for a pizza from this local institution, whose coal-fired brick oven gives pies that crispy, smoky crust that earned this adored establishment its fame.



HOME STRETCH

The 24-room Vanderbilt Mansion was often referred to as the "Eagle's Nest."

SEE WHERE THE RICH AND FAMOUS HUNG THEIR HATS AS YOU...

Live Large

Flash back to the extravagance of the Roaring Twenties with a visit to Long Island's Gold Coast mansions, which served as inspiration for F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Situated on the island's north shore, a string of former estates, such as Old Westbury Gardens, still stands tall. Here you're free to roam through the former dwelling of financier John S. Phipps, complete with the family's original furniture. For an outta-this-world experience, saunter over to the Vanderbilt Mansion, a Spanish Revival spread that added a domed planetarium in 1971, or stop and smell the orchids and ferns at Planting Fields Arboretum, on the site of the former Tudor Revival sprawl where heiress Mai Rogers Coe once lounged about. Now that's an ending we can live with. goldcoastmansionsoflongisland.com

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What's the perfect end to your evening?



THEN CHECK OUT...



Rockwood Music Hall

Known for its awesome acoustics, this rousing hang-out in Lower Manhattan features live music every night of the week.



Mulberry Project

At this Little Italy hideout, patrons are invited to choose their favorite fruits and a preferred spirit before a seasoned bartender whips up a surprise concoction.



Oheka Castle

Still craving the high life? Then schedule a tour—or book a room—at this Gold Coast chateau, which made its 1941 film debut in *Citizen Kane*.

CONTINUE TO TASTE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE CITY AS YOU...

Chew on This

Let's say you have a craving for green apple sorbetti. And Australian meat pies. And bite-size donuts. Oh, and let's make sure they can all be found in one location. That's where Chelsea Market comes in. Located in the Meatpacking District, this block-long, indoor food hall is home to more than 35 shops providing fare suitable for even the most discerning of eaters—not to mention the Food Network headquarters, located upstairs.

As you amble along the cobblestoned food court, you'll notice your appetite is suddenly stirred as you spot shops enticing you with edibles like savory, creamy yogurt topped with olive oil and cucumbers, semolina bread with raisins and fennel, gooey grilled-cheese sandwiches, and bourbon-coffee-bacon caramel corn. This is one instance where biting off more than you can chew is highly encouraged. chelseamarket.com

SWEET SPOT
The Chelsea Market complex formerly housed Nabisco.



And when you're done...

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