



Suggested New York Walking Tour

NEW YORK

Starting Point:

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Travel Tip:

MUNDO traditionally purchases 7-day Metrocards for everyone to use for subway/bus travel during our visit to NYC. If you return to NYC in the future and want to get your own MetroCard be sure to purchase them in any subway station that sells them.

The Grand Tour Part I: Lower Manhattan and Midtown Manhattan Preview

Travel Directions

- To get to the nearest Subway Station walk one block west (straight ahead from the hostel) to Broadway. The station is at the intersection of 103rd St. and Broadway.
- Take the #1 Subway to South Ferry (**make sure you are at the front of the train** because the South Ferry Station is not very big and cannot squeeze in the last cars of the train.)



Tour Guide Notes:

Welcome to the "Big Apple!" our journey begins with a trip to two of the most famous landmarks in this dynamic Metropolis the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

- **Welcome to Battery Park-** you are at the very tip of Manhattan and we begin our tour at the World Trade Center Memorial inside Battery Park, more on this later but remember this spot because this is where we will meet after Liberty & Ellis Island! We will continue to Castle Clinton where we will get our Ferry tickets to Liberty and Ellis Island. The circular Castle Clinton is not named after our former president but was built in 1811 to defend against British attacks.
- **A Note about security:** Security to get to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty is strict. Bags will be searched, the group will likely pass through a metal detector, and shoes may need to be removed.
- **Riding the Ferry:** The Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island ferries run about every 30 to 45 minutes beginning at 9:15am. Make sure you take this into consideration when planning to get back to Battery Park to meet the group. The ferry will go to Liberty Island then to Ellis Island and back to Battery Park. The

ferry has 3 levels to it and you want to be on top to take pictures. Try to be on the right side when we depart and on the left side coming back- this will give you the best views of Lady Liberty!

On Liberty Island

- The **Statue of Liberty** was donated by the French in 1886 as a “sign of goodwill.” Master sculptor Fredric Auguste Bartholdi had originally envisioned this to be a new Wonder of the World to mark Egypt’s Suez Canal. After that idea fell through he saw it as the perfect gift to celebrate America’s Centennial! Hopefully when we are there the base will be open where you can see the original torch that was replaced in the 1980s restoration project.
- The poem: “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-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door” was written by Emma Lazarus to help raise funds for the 1903 construction of the pedestal in 1903. Once you are done looking and taking pictures continue on the ferry to Ellis Island!
- From 1890-1920 **Ellis Island** was the main entry for approximately 15 million people from all around the world. This mass immigration changed the cultural diversity of NYC forever and led to the creation of numerous ethnic chronicled in the excellent novel “Ragtime” by E.L. Doctorow). The Staten Island Ferry also comes into port at South Ferry. Staten Island is an all-residential borough of NYC. **Pop quiz**, can you name the other NYC boroughs?

Battery Park and Beyond

- After exploring Lady Liberty and Ellis Island head out of Battery Park past the WTC sphere which stood originally between the two WTC towers and was heavily damaged when both buildings collapsed head to the North end of the park to **Broadway** (street). Hey, now you can say “you were on Broadway”, heh, heh! Anyway, we will be traveling up **Broadway** for today’s tour, so read on for all the details.



Exchange Plaza and Wall Street:

- As we walk up the street you will see a very familiar (and happy) sight for the world’s investors, the famous “bull” Statue. A “bull market is one that is on the upswing (that means investors are making money), a “bear” market means stocks and bonds are down in value (and folks starts worrying about their retirement funds!)
 - This is also why there is no bear statue around this area! **Wall Street** is further up on our tour. A lot of the action happens to the area to the right of where we are walking now. As you can see this area looks like a “man-made canyon,” which it has been nicknamed because of the tall buildings in the area.
 - We will turn right at Exchange Alley and then Left on Broad Street. We will then take a left again at Wall Street and back to Broadway.
- Be sure to notice some of New York’s older cathedrals as we continue northward. We will pass Trinity Church & St. Paul’s Chapel- St. Paul’s is “the little chapel that stood” during the WTC attack and Trinity church was featured in the film “National Treasure” & John Hamilton is actually buried there!



9/11 Memorial

- To visit the museum, go West from Broadway on Liberty Street to Greenwich St.

- Or, if you are not visiting the museum, Turn left at Liberty Street and then Right at Church Street. This will let us see the East side of the World Trade Center site. We will take a right at Fulton Street and then back to Broadway.

St. Paul's Chapel

- Located at Broadway and Fulton, this site is famous in part because the pew where President George Washington once prayed is still located here.

City Hall and the Brooklyn Bridge

- Further up Broadway we find NYC city hall (**located at the intersection of Broadway and Park Row**). I was actually surprised by how "unassuming" the building is. (The Columbus City Hall is actually more impressive if you ask me, but that's just my opinion).
- To the right of City Hall are two very important structures. One is a really cool record store that has great prices, it's on the top floor of the stores on Park Row. The other site is farther off but really hard to miss, it is the **Brooklyn Bridge**. Brooklyn is another of the five boroughs of NYC, but you knew that right?



Federal Plaza

- Continuing on, a Federal building is located to your right the corner of Duane and Broadway.

On to Canal Street

- We are heading for an Ethnic Crossroads, literally. At Canal Street, turn right. As you journey down Canal Street to the left (North) you can explore "Little Italy" and to the right (South) you are in the heart of China Town. You are also at the center of the largest outdoor market sprawl I have ever seen.
- **Food Advice:** In **Chinatown** my favorite place to eat is **Jim Fong Restaurant** (20 Elizabeth St, New York, NY 10013). In **Little Italy** my favorite place is Mama Mia the food is good in Little Italy be sure to explore the area to the left on Canal Street for some of the best pizza, lasagna, and pasta (geesh, I'm getting hungry!) in the world! **Lombardi's @ 32 Spring St. (ph. 941-7994) between Mott and Mulberry Street is NYC's oldest licensed pizzeria. Check it out and see why it's been around so long. Cash only, though!**

SoHo

- After lunch, let's get back on Broadway. As we continue up Broadway we enter So Ho (which is "New York-ian" for trendy and expensive!) Even the Old Navy is cutting edge here! SoHo is named because it is South of Houston street (pronounced "House-ton" **Not** like the city in Texas), get it? Notice the architectural changes of this area.
- SoHo is known as an upscale hangout for the art elite, or at least those who can afford to pretend to be. The characters we will encounter in the musical RENT, moved to Alphabet City (the Lower East Side) because of the skyrocketing rents in areas like SoHo and "the Village" which we will be visiting shortly.

Greenwich Village (The village) and NYU

- As we enter this area of NYC you will shortly see the buildings of NYU. Unlike OSU, the only really distinguishing features of the New York University (NYU) campus facilities are the flags that hang on the side of them that identify them as such.
- Washington Park- (Photo-op!) Let's make a left on Washington Street and walk a few quick blocks to the Washington Park Arch. This is also the heart of the NYU campus! After our detour we will head back to Broadway for nearly the end of our first day of touring.



Midtown Preview

- **Rockefeller Center-** We are going to cheat a little and catch the subway to Rockefeller Center. We will take the N or R (yellow) train to 34th street and then get on the B, D, F, or V (orange) train to Rockefeller Center.
- **Going to the Hostel-** From Rockefeller Center take the B train North to 103 Street. When you exit you should see Central Park across the street. This is only one small part of a park that extends for miles! Since we are off to a show in a little bit you will not be able to explore Central Park today. Exit the subway and Head West (Central park needs to be behind you)- the Hostel is on 103 and Amsterdam.

The Grand Tour Part II: Midtown Manhattan Experience

Let's Get it Started-

- **Madison square Garden-**We are going to the 103rd and Broadway subway station again and heading to Penn Station to check out Madison Square Garden on West 33rd Street and 8th Avenue. This is home to the New York Knickerbockers (or Knicks, as they are most often referred to these days).
- **Macy's-** We'll head East on 34th street to 7th Avenue to see a true "Miracle on 34th street," in that your tour guide won't spend a ton of money at one of NYC's most famous department stores!
- **Empire State Building-** Further Down 34th Street is one of NYC's most famous skyscraper's, The Empire State Impressive isn't it!



- **Now Back to Sixth Avenue first**, for a peek at the **New York Public Library** as seen in the movie Ghostbusters. We then cross over to the Fifth Avenue and head East on 41st Street where we run into **Grand Central Station** one of the largest rail stations in the world.
- **We return back to Fifth Avenue and continue North, to Rockefeller Center.** We'll make a left on 48th street (be sure to note **Sax Fifth Avenue** on the right first however). John D. Rockefeller was once one of the richest men in America, and is the namesake of this square. We will see **Trump Tower** in a few minutes which is the namesake of one of our current gazillionaires! **Radio City Music Hall** is in this area on 51st Street and Sixth Avenue.
- **Return to Fifth Avenue** and continue North and you will discover Shopper's paradise. Trump Tower (go in to see the waterfall if nothing else!) and much more lie on this street between 51st street and **Central Park**.

- **To get home- The Scenic Route-** Cross over **Central Park** to 103rd Street West (stay in groups in Central Park!) Continue on 103rd street or 104th street until it dead ends into Amsterdam (a couple of blocks). Look for the hostel!

Other Great Things to See and Do in NYC

Time Square (From the Hostel)

- This is so easy! Go west from the Hostel to the Subway on 103 and Broadway. Take the 1 train south to 42nd street (Times Square) When you exit the station remember where it is because it is easy to get lost in this area!!
- You may want to hang out in Times Square for a while and check out all the cool sights (billboards, etc.) Warning: a) this is a high pickpocket area, and b) the food is INCREDIBLY expensive in this area (it costs the most in the city and the service often leaves much to be desired).



Times Square Area Favorites

- Madame Tussauds Wax Museum (234 W 42nd St, New York, NY 10036)
- AMC Movies (recliners and food service) (234 W. 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036)
- Rockefeller Center (45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10111)
- LEGO Shop (West 50th Street, 620 5th Ave, New York, NY 10020)
- NBC Store (and Tour) – (30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112)
- Top of the Rock (Skyscraper Tour) – (30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112)

TKTS (Also available as an app.)

- Looking to see a Broadway show for less in NYC?
- Look for TKTS in Time Square, it offers reduced cost tickets. Also check with theaters to see if they offer student discounts (you will need your OSU ID to get these.)
- Located "under the red steps" In Father Duffy Square on Broadway and 47th Street.
- Hours:
For evening performances:
Monday - Saturday: 3pm - 8pm
Sundays: 3pm until one-half hour before the latest curtain time being sold.
- For matinee performances: Wednesdays and Saturdays: 10am - 2pm (Please note: no evening tickets are sold from 10am to 2 pm at Times Square) Sundays: 11am - 3pm
- Public Transportation:
By subway:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, A, C, E, N, Q, R, to Times Square.

St. Patrick's Cathedral

- Even if you're not Catholic, this place has to be seen to be believed. It's so big, the service is provided on television monitors for people in the back to see. Not only that, there are also

constant tourists pouring in during morning worship, which may be a little distracting if you want a more personal spiritual experience. (To get there take the #1, #9 subway to 50th Street, and then walk East until you reach 5th Avenue). That huge church structure is it! **Mass Times: Saturday: 5:30 PM Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation) Sunday Morning Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15 (Cardinal's Mass)**

Tom's Restaurant and Columbia University

- I mention this place every time I go to NYC as the cheapest and best place to eat on a budget in the Big Apple and yet folks still go to Times Square and spend way too much money for poor service. Now that I am off my soapbox, let me just say that this is famous "Seinfeld Restaurant" from the show. It is located at **2880 Broadway at 112th Avenue**.
- Great Breakfast, lunches and the dinners (ah, forget about it!) Keep going up Broadway and you will see the Ivy League campus of **Columbia University** to the right between current campus is that it was originally the site of a NYC insane asylum...no comment.



Sylvia's-

- 328 Lenox Avenue (at 126th Avenue) This place is legendary for being the place for Soul Food. There is a Gospel Brunch on Sundays. The ribs feature a "sweet spicy sauce" that is so good they are actually talking about in Europe these days!

The High Line

- The High Line is a 1.45-mile-long elevated linear park, greenway and rail trail created on a former New York Central Railroad spur on the west side of Manhattan in New York City. The High Line's design is a collaboration between James Corner Field Operations, Diller Scofidio + Renfro, and Piet Oudolf. (From Wikipedia)
 - Access on 14th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 26th, 28th and 30th Streets and 11th or 12th Avenues

The United Nations

On First Avenue Between 42nd and 48th Street. Take a tour of the world without leaving NYC. The powerful exhibits in this global multicultural council should not be missed. To get there take Subway trains 4,5,6, or 7 to Grand Central Station. Walk on 42nd St. to 1st Ave.