

\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\*

## THIS WEEKEND IN NYC: TAKE A “NYC-CATION” IN ALL FIVE BOROUGHS AUGUST 14–16

NYC & Company, the official destination marketing organization and convention and visitors bureau for the five boroughs of New York City, is encouraging locals and regional visitors to take a “**NYC-cation**” this weekend, August 14–16 and beyond by strolling through parks in the Bronx and Brooklyn, visiting wildlife at zoos and taking in large unique displays of public art.

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Visitors to the five boroughs are encouraged to wear masks, practice social distancing and frequently wash and sanitize hands, as indicated in NYC & Company’s [Stay Well NYC Pledge](#).

Below is a brief selection of what’s open this weekend, including suggestions for hotel stays and places to check out on the water:

### The Bronx:

- This weekend, take a trip out to [Pelham Bay Park](#), New York City’s largest park at more than 2,700 acres—three times the size of Central Park. It has an 18-hole golf course and a mini-golf course, tennis courts and [Orchard Beach](#), the Bronx’s only public beach.
- While at the park, you can visit one of the borough’s few riding stables, the [Bronx Equestrian Center](#), which offers English and Western riding lessons by the half hour or hour. Visitors may also book single and group trail rides, as well as pony rides for children, set up boarding for their horses, rent horses and carriages for special occasions, and even arrange a children’s birthday party at the center, with horse and pony rides on-site.

### Brooklyn:

- Head out to Brooklyn this weekend and visit the cobblestone streets and dramatic architecture of Dumbo, an acronym for Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass. Spend some time at [Brooklyn Bridge Park](#) with breathtaking views of Lower Manhattan or stroll through Dumbo’s cobblestone streets, lined with galleries, boutiques and cafés.
- While in Dumbo, make sure to visit some iconic food locations like [Grimaldi’s](#) for authentic thin-crust, coal-fired pizza or the [Time Out Market](#), which just reopened and features a fifth-floor rooftop with sweeping views of the East River and Manhattan skyline.
  - *Stay Overnight.* With so much to see, do and eat in Dumbo, you may want to make it a two-day trip by staying at the [1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge](#), a Brooklyn Bridge waterfront retreat, with expansive views of the East River and Manhattan skyline.

### Manhattan:

- If traveling to Manhattan this weekend, take a trip to Lower Manhattan and visit [Brookfield Place](#), the height of luxury shopping, dining and cultural arts in the area. While there, make sure to visit [Ashley Longshore's: A New Beginning](#) artwork on display as part of NYC & Company's **All In NYC: Public Art Edition**.
- While in the area, grab lunch or dinner at one of downtown's culinary landmarks such as the [Tribeca Grill](#), which recently reopened for outdoor dining or take in a tour from [Experience First NYC Tours](#), which offers tours all over the City including the **9/11 Memorial** grounds and **Wall Street**.
  - Stay Overnight: With so much to see and do in Lower Manhattan, make it a two- or even three-day trip and stay at the [Courtyard by Marriott Downtown](#) or the [DoubleTree by Hilton New York Downtown](#). Additionally, [The Beekman Hotel](#), where old-world glamour meets modern luxury, reopens to the public tomorrow, just in time for the weekend ahead.

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**Queens:**

- Queens is home to one of the City's most iconic parks and the site of two 20th-century World's Fairs—[Flushing Meadows Corona Park](#). The park has something for everyone to enjoy, including its green recreational spaces and the [Queens Zoo](#).
- The park is also now home to the [Queens Drive-In](#), a unique experience in the heart of the borough. Held on the grounds behind the New York Hall of Science, the drive-in features excellent views of the sunset over the park and the hall's famous rockets. Queens Drive-In will be showing a variety of movies, ranging from premieres to classics and from big productions to independent films. A portion of every ticket sale will be donated to Elmcors, a local nonprofit organization that provides support for the communities in Queens hardest hit by the pandemic.

**Staten Island:**

- For fun in the sun, take a short, free ride on the [Staten Island Ferry](#) from Manhattan and head to the [Staten Island Zoo](#). While it might not be the largest zoo around (its nickname is the "biggest little zoo"), it is highly educational and offers special exhibits including the Fox Exhibit, Otter Exhibit and the Honey Bee Apiary. A ticket reservation is required in advance and can be made through the zoo's website.
- The zoo is located adjacent to [Clove Lakes Park](#), which features nearly 200 acres, three lakes, lots of woodlands and running paths, and is home to Staten Island's largest living organism, a tulip tree that's more than 100 feet tall and over 300 years old. While at Clove Lakes Park, grab a bite to eat at [The Stone House at Clove Lakes](#), with a picturesque setting on the lake.

**On The Water:**

- Looking for something to do on the water this weekend? Head to the [Baylander Steel Beach](#) on board the USS *Baylander*, a Vietnam War-era ship famous for once being the world's smallest aircraft carrier and

now docked at West Harlem Piers near 125th Street. Visitors here can nosh on bar food staples like burgers and buffalo wings, and seafood.

- Or, for a history lesson on the water, head out to [Roosevelt Island](#) via the [Tram](#) and check out [Four Freedoms Park](#), a memorial to President Franklin D. Roosevelt that celebrates FDR's Four Freedoms speech (technically the 1941 State of the Union address), in which he proposed four fundamental freedoms that people "everywhere in the world" ought to enjoy:
  - Freedom of speech
  - Freedom of worship
  - Freedom from want
  - Freedom from fear

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The "NYC-cations" initiative supports **All In NYC: Staycation Guides**, which is part of NYC & Company's [All In NYC local revitalization effort](#).

For further details, visit [nycgo.com/staycationguides](http://nycgo.com/staycationguides) and follow @nycgo and #AllInNYC on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

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For those unable to visit the five boroughs at this time, we have an array of virtual activities available at [nycgo.com/virtualnyc](http://nycgo.com/virtualnyc).

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