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FROM CITI FIELD TO YANKEE STADIUM AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN, WHAT TO SEE AND DO DURING THE SUBWAY SERIES

—The Mets visit Yankee Stadium June 10 and 11 while the Yankees take on the Mets at Citi Field on July 2 and 3—

With baseball season in full swing and summer quickly approaching, Yankee Stadium and Citi Field are captivating the full energy of locals and visitors, and next month that buzz culminates when the cross-town rival Mets and Yankees play in the 2019 Subway Series.

Although both teams' home games have created unforgettable moments in their own rights this season and are radiating excitement in Flushing, Queens, and the South Bronx, respectively, they are far from the only attractions to see in these boroughs. When fans ride the 7 train to Citi Field in June, then the 4/5/6 lines to Yankee Stadium in July to watch the NYC icons go head-to-head, they will pass through some of the most vibrant neighborhoods in the City, offering something for every fan to enjoy.

Below is a roundup of what to do and see in the neighborhoods along the path of the historic Subway Series:

On the 7 line to Citi Field

Before reaching the final stop at Mets/Willets Point after departing from Manhattan, the 7 line passes through:

• Long Island City, Queens (Vernon Blvd/Jackson Ave through Queensboro Plaza stops) One stop away from Manhattan you'll find dozens of places to stay, an abundance of cultural attractions and thriving local dining and nightlife in spaces transformed from the neighborhood's industrial past. <u>The Z</u>, <u>Boro</u> and <u>Paper Factory</u> hotels are just a few of the exciting hotel options that have opened in recent years, while one of the hottest craft beer scenes in the United States has developed as well, with spots including <u>Big aLICe Brewing Co.</u>, <u>Fifth Hammer Brewing Co.</u>, <u>LIC Beer</u> <u>Project</u> and many more opening taprooms. Additionally, <u>MoMA PS1</u>, <u>Noguchi Museum</u> and the <u>Museum of the Moving Image</u> are all must-see museums that call the area home.

• Sunnyside, Queens (33rd St/Rawson St through 69th St stops)

Just east of Long Island City lies a neighborhood with verdant courtyards and tree-canopied residential streets with a vibrant mix of culture and cuisine. Originally settled by Irish immigrants, the Romanian, Greek, Turkish, Korean and South American cultures have also found a home in Sunnyside, and representative artisanal businesses have been opened for all to explore. The <u>Butchersblock</u> is an authentic Irish market perfect to stock up on tailgating goods, while <u>De Mole</u>, <u>Cemitas El Tigre</u> and <u>I Love Paraguay</u> are top restaurants to capture the local flavor.

• Jackson Heights, Queens (74th St/Broadway through Junction Blvd stops)

Largely a designated historic district, Jackson Heights offers a rich diversity and culture to explore. With pockets like Little India and Himalayan Heights and a representative eatery from almost every South and Central American country, there are few cuisines unaccounted for here. The neighborhood is also the borough capital for LGBTQ+ culture, home to the <u>Queens Pride</u> and multicultural festivals as well as several notable Pride institutions, including <u>Queens Pride House</u>, <u>Friends Tavern</u> and <u>Club</u> <u>Evolution</u>.

• Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens (103rd St/Corona Plaza through Flushing/Main St stops)

Right next to the ballpark is one of the most iconic (and fourth largest) parks in NYC. In addition to plenty of green recreational spaces and incredible views of the Unisphere and World's Fair site, it is home to the <u>Queens Museum</u>, <u>Queens Night Market</u> every Saturday, <u>New York Hall of Science</u>, <u>Queens Zoo</u> and the <u>USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center</u>, home of the US Open. Meanwhile, the surrounding Corona and Flushing communities are some of the City's best places for Latin American (Mexico and Cuba) and Asian (China, Japan, Korea) bites. For post-game dessert, <u>The Lemon Ice King of Corona</u> and <u>Tai Pan Bakery</u> have earned cult followings.

On the 4,5,6 lines to Yankee Stadium

Before arriving at the "House that Babe Ruth Built" after getting on at Grand Central Terminal the 4,5 or 6 lines stop in:

• East Harlem, Manhattan (6 line to 110th St through 125th St stops)

Where the Harlem River Meets the East River, directly across from Randall's Island, is Manhattan's Puerto Rican culture hub, East Harlem, or "El Barrio," home to cultural institutions and local businesses that have defined northeast Manhattan for generations. El Museo del Barrio, the Museum of the City of New York and the National Jazz Museum in Harlem are dedicated to preserving and celebrating that local identity and heritage, while places like the original Patsy's Pizzeria, La Marqueta and Lexington Social offer a taste of the area's cuisine. At the neighborhood's western border is Central Park, where visitors can find year-round activities on the water at the Discovery Center at Harlem Meer and the Conservatory Garden, the only formal garden in the 843-acre park.

• Mott Haven and Port Morris, the Bronx (4 or 5 line to 138 St/Grand Concourse stop) At the first stop in the Bronx are two neighborhoods with dynamic street culture and profound history that set the tone for the borough. In Mott Haven and Port Morris, the street performers and compelling urban art make the community an attraction in its own right. Meanwhile, locally owned businesses such as <u>Bronx Brewery</u> and <u>Mottley Kitchen</u> provide a taste of modern Bronx food and drink. At the southeast end of the neighborhood is the <u>Randall's Island</u> Connector, where you can walk to the nearly 300-acre playground floating in the East River.

• **The South Bronx's Grand Concourse** (4 line to 149 St/Grand Concourse through 170 St stops) The birthplace of hip-hop is brimming with things to see and do as riders' approach <u>Yankee Stadium</u>. <u>Hush Hip Hop Tours</u> shows visitors the origins of the music culture that has spread worldwide while the <u>Bronx Museum of the Arts</u> and <u>Bronx Documentary Center</u>, both free to enter, deeply reflect the culture of the borough.

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