



NEW DEVELOPMENTS

This summer, New York City's new cultural sites will give everyone a reason to visit. In June, the [Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center](#) will open to complement and help tell the story of the [Stonewall National Monument](#), the country's first national monument in the National Parks System dedicated to the LGBTQ+ movement. The new Visitor Center will have reception spaces, theater, curated exhibits and a working 1969 jukebox, all within the original Stonewall Inn footprint. Further uptown in Harlem, the iconic Apollo Theater expanded for the first time in its 90-year history with the opening of [The Apollo Stages at The Victoria](#), featuring two new stages as part of an arts campus. As the city is considered one of the greatest dining destinations, it's no surprise the [Museum of Food and Drink \(MOFAD\)](#) is settled in a new location at the Empire Stores building in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Visitors can check out its first exhibit, *Flavor: The World to Your Brain*, sharing insight into the true definitions of natural and artificial flavorings.

DESCRIPTION

If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere, and the city that never sleeps also never fails to inspire with bright lights, stunning streetscapes and countless attractions for visitors including museums and a renowned dining and drinking scene. Among the most iconic settings are [The Empire State Building](#), [The Brooklyn Bridge](#), [One World Trade Center](#) and the iconic [Statue of Liberty](#). Brilliant greenspaces include [Central Park](#), [Bryant Park](#), [The Battery](#) where New York City began, [Prospect Park](#) in "Brooklyn's Backyard," and [The High Line](#) with gardens, art and walking path on a rail trail that once carried the New York Central Railroad. A Broadway production also should be on every visitor's list or a stop in the interactive [The Museum of Broadway](#). With so much just a subway ride or even a walk away, whatever floats your fancy, you'll find it with a bite of the Big Apple!

If you think New York City is all sidewalks and traffic, think again. Outdoor enthusiasts can visit beaches and lakes. There are 14 miles of beaches across city parks including [Coney Island Beach & Boardwalk](#), [Manhattan Beach Park](#) and [Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk and Beach](#) in Staten Island. Most major sports teams have a home in the city including [Madison Square Garden](#) for the [New York Knicks](#) and [New York Rangers](#); [Barclays Center](#) for the [Brooklyn Nets](#) and [New York Liberty](#); [Citi Field](#) for the [New York Mets](#); and [Yankee Stadium](#), home of the 27-time champion [New York Yankees](#). A new stadium in Queens will serve as the future home of the 2021 MLS Champion [New York City FC](#). There is also one of the world's largest public tennis facilities, [The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center](#), home to the U.S. Open each summer from late August to September.

For serious retail therapy there is no better place than the famous Fifth Avenue or [Hudson Yards](#), and [Brookfield Place](#) for big labels and neighborhoods like the West Village and SoHo

for boutiques, one of a kind items and independent labels. [Empire Outlets](#) is a quick ferry to Staten Island for some great deals.

Several cultural institutions are destinations in their own right from the [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), with a collection of over 5,000 years of art from around the world, to [The Museum of Modern Art \(MOMA\)](#), one of the first museums dedicated to modern and contemporary art. Don't skip [The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum](#) as the eight-story building built in 1959 by Frank Lloyd Wright is both a National Historic Landmark and UNESCO World Heritage Site. [The American Museum of Natural History](#) added the [Gilder Center](#) featuring a butterfly vivarium with over 1,000 free-flying butterflies and a 5,000 square foot insectarium.

The [Jackie Robinson Museum](#) highlights the groundbreaking life and career of the first African American Major League Baseball player. The [Bronx Children's Museum](#) provides opportunity for children to learn and explore through art, play and science. In Queens, the [Louis Armstrong House Museum](#) expanded its space to hold special exhibits and a 75-seat venue.

[Hudson Yards](#) is home to [Edge](#), the highest outdoor sky deck in the Western Hemisphere. Amazing views also can be spotted from [The Summit One Vanderbilt](#) rising 1,401 feet in Midtown Manhattan. It offers [Ascent](#), "the world's largest exterior glass-bottom elevators," for visitors who want to reach the top and [Levitation](#), a gravity defying experience with two glass ledges suspended 1,100 feet above Madison Avenue, to enjoy when they get there.

GETTING THERE

- [JFK International Airport](#) and [LaGuardia Airport](#)
- [MTA New York City Subway](#)
- [Port Authority Midtown Bus Terminal](#)
- [Grand Central Station](#)
- [Moynihan / Penn Station](#)

COUNTIES

Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond

BOROUGHES & NEIGHBORHOODS

The Bronx (Woodlawn, Fordham, City Island, South Bronx, Belmont), Brooklyn (Fort Greene, Sunset Park, Williamsburg, Bay Ridge, Downtown Brooklyn, Coney Island, Gowanus, Flatbush, Dumbo, Cobble Hill, Brighton Beach, Brooklyn Heights, Park Slope, Clinton Hill, Greenpoint, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Red Hook, Boerum Hill, Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, Carroll Gardens, Bushwick), Manhattan (East Harlem, Lower East Side, Washington Heights, Inwood, Midtown, Battery Park City, TriBeCa, Grammercy, Murray Hill, Greenwich Village, Times Square, Harlem, Upper West Side, Koreatown, Governors Island, Little Italy, Upper East Side, Roosevelt Island, East Village, Meatpacking District, NoHo, Chelsea, Central Park, Hell's Kitchen, Lower Manhattan, SoHo, Flatiron District, Union Square, Chinatown, West Village, NoLIta), Queens (Jackson Heights, Long Island City, Astoria, The Rockaways, Forest Hills, Flushing, Sunnyside, Jamaica, Corona), Staten Island (Randall Manor, Tompkinsville, South Beach and Midland Beach, St. George, Richmond Town)

CLIMATE

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. During the springtime, temperatures range from cool to very warm, with the possibility of wind and rain, as well as

flowers blooming. New York City in the summer is usually hot and sunny, with a little cool breeze if you're near the water. Once fall hits, the weather starts to get cool, so it's recommended to wear layers. In winter, days get shorter and temperatures get even cooler to the point where snow starts to fall, but not all is doom and gloom this time of year as there are clear and sunny skies during the day.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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