

New York City List
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My New York City...

You can never fully “experience” New York City, and that is what makes it so great. It is bold and overwhelming at first, but you are also immediately drawn to its intensity, activity and excitement. New York is a city that you have to work to get to know. You always feel like there is more to see or do. When you leave, you want to come back. No other city carries the intrigue and wonder of New York. It lives and breathes at a pace and rhythm that is impossible to emulate.

“The City” is the leading urban laboratory in the world. The most unique and diverse collection of neighborhoods and cultures that you can find. A fascinating and always changing patchwork of diversity, culture, intelligence, accomplishment, attitude and achievement.

New York is the most walkable and most urban place I have ever been. I am a perpetual student of great cities and the walks of New York are the ultimate teacher. Density comes to be understood as the great driver of so many wonderful things. The famous urbanist Jane Jacobs called New York a “fantasy of urban life” and it is true. Jacobs was a champion of mixed use, different and creative urban communities and she was at home in New York’s wonderful neighborhoods. If you do one thing in NYC, walk...and walk some more. “If you love to walk, New York is your sweetheart”.

Only in New York City is “urban planning” listed in the annual “best reasons to love New York” issue of the most prominent local magazine. Residents of this city “get it” and they are fiercely loyal and supportive of what they know is the greatest city on earth. People will argue about anything, and that is good. The citizenry is engaged and opinionated.

NYC is never finished. It is always changing. Constantly in motion. To keep up is challenging, and that is the point. NYC embraces reinvention.

This city is the center and concentration of business, culture, knowledge, entertainment, creativity, diversity and expression. A mix of income, age, class and national origin. It all works here. New York is society in motion.

An architectural wonderland with great buildings, places and parks. A “city of readers” that takes pride in being well read. And the food and dining...the “culinary epicenter of the universe”.

Enjoy New York City...the most interesting and inspiring place in the world to learn and live.

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HOTELS

Classic NYC

The Algonquin

Not as fancy as the others, but a true NYC landmark with timeless appeal, part of Marriott Autograph Collection

59 West 44th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues, Midtown

www.algonquinhotel.com

The Carlyle

Upper East Side institution, high society and old money abound, located in the most upscale neighborhood in the City

35 East 76th Street, at 6th Avenue, Upper East Side

www.thecarlyle.com

Omni Berkshire Place

Good value in a great location, not as luxurious as the others, but still very nice, refined yet comfortable

21 East 52nd Street, at Madison Avenue, Midtown

www.omnihotels.com

The Peninsula

Beautiful historic hotel in the heart of the action, on 5th Avenue shopping stretch, near Rockefeller Center, Times Square/Broadway Shows and the MOMA

700 5th Avenue, at 55th Street, Midtown

www.newyork.peninsula.com

Ritz Carlton Central Park

Feels like Europe, quaint and elegant, great location on Central Park

50 Central Park South, at 6th Avenue, Midtown

www.ritzcarlton.com

Five Star

Four Seasons

Gorgeous post modern building by I.M. Pei, the best of contemporary luxury

57 East 57th Street, between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue, Midtown

www.fourseasons.com/newyork

Mandarin Oriental

Hotel is on upper floors of Time Warner Center, amazing lobby, great views of Central Park and Columbus Circle, Lincoln Center and Upper West Side

80 Columbus Circle, at 60th Street, Midtown

www.mandarinoriental.com/newyork

HOTELS CONTINUED

Five Star continued

St. Regis

A legendary landmark, beautifully restored and maintained building, with white glove service

2 East 55th Street, at 5th Avenue, Midtown

www.stregis.com

Great Finds

Empire Hotel

Prime corner across from Lincoln Center and near Central Park, neat lobby bar and also PJ Clarke's Restaurant and rooftop cocktail lounge, home base for our Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts tours of NYC

44 West 63rd Street, at Broadway, Upper West Side

www.empirehotelnyc.com

Hotel Giraffe

Similar to a contemporary NYC apartment building, large rooms, comfortable lobby for business, Murray Hill location near Madison Square Park, great home base for a longer stay, cool rooftop terrace

365 Park Avenue South, at 26th Street, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.hotelgiraffe.com

The Lexington

Good location near Grand Central Station, lots of art and nice public spaces, part of Marriott Autograph Collection

511 Lexington Avenue, at 48th Street, Midtown

www.lexingtonhotelnyc.com

Library Hotel

Each floor is a literary theme per the categories of the Dewey Decimal System, the "library" is on the second floor and is a great place to relax and read in the afternoon, near the NY Public Library and everything else in midtown Manhattan, this is a "non touristy" hotel in a good location for visitors

299 Madison Avenue, at 41st Street, Midtown

www.libraryhotel.com

Trendy

Ace Hotel

Not as sophisticated as others, but draws in young creatives, full of local art and thoughtful details, great lobby and common areas

20 West 29th Street, at Broadway, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.acehotel.com/newyork

HOTELS CONTINUED

Trendy continued

Bryant Park Hotel

Former home of “Fashion Week” in NYC and still popular with the “style set”, wonderfully restored Art Deco building, perfect location on Bryant Park

40 West 40th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, Midtown

www.bryantparkhotel.com

Chambers Hotel

SoHo and Tribeca feel in Midtown hotel, downtown style meets uptown luxury, excellent public spaces and art collection

15 West 56th Street, near 5th Avenue, Midtown

www.chambershotel.com

Gramercy Park Hotel

A celebrity magnet, five star luxury meets Ian Schrager, bohemian luxury and urban chic reinvented

2 Lexington Avenue, at 21st Street, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.gramercyparkhotel.com

Hotel Gansevoort

Trendy and cool, located in the Meatpacking District, the “see and be seen” place in the current “in neighborhood” for nightlife, rooftop pool and lounge

18 9th Avenue, at West 13th Street, Meatpacking District

www.hotelgansevoort.com

Maritime Hotel

Conversion of rectangle “porthole” office building into chic hotel, small rooms but still nice, good bar and atrium on lobby level, walk to Meatpacking District

363 West 16th Street, at 9th Avenue, Chelsea

www.themaritimehotel.com

Royalton

The first Ian Schrager “hip urban hotel” that started the trend, the original funky and fun “city living room” lobby by Philippe Starck, recently remodeled with more handsome wood and less “white on white glam” but still great in a more “grown up” way

44 West 44th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues, Midtown

www.royaltonhotel.com

W Union Square

There are several W Hotels in the City and admittedly they are the corporate version of the “hip urban hotel” trend that Ian Schrager started, but they do a great job and the Union Square location is my favorite

210 Park Avenue South, at East 17th Street, Union Square

www.wnewyorkunionsquare.com

RESTAURANTS

Trendy

Barbounia

250 Park Avenue South at 20th Street, Union Square

www.barbounia.com

Buddakan

75 9th Avenue at 16th Street, Chelsea

www.buddakannyc.com

Catch

21 9th Avenue at 13th Street, Meatpacking District

www.catchnewyorkcity.com

Gato

324 Lafayette Street near Bleecker Street, NoHo

www.gatonyc.com

Indochine

430 Lafayette Street near Astor Place, NoHo

www.indochinenyc.com

Nobu 57

40 West 57th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, Midtown

www.noburestaurants.com/fifty-seven.com

Philippe

33 East 60th Street at Madison Avenue, Upper East Side

www.philippechow.com

STK - Downtown

26 Little West 12th Street near 9th Avenue, Meatpacking District

www.stkhouse.com

The Standard Grill

848 Washington Street at West 13th Street, Meatpacking District

www.thestandardgrill.com

Stanton Social

99 Stanton Street at Ludlow Street, Lower East Side

www.thestantonsocial.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

Trendy continued

Tao

42 East 58th Street near Madison Avenue, Midtown

www.taorestaurant.com

Steak

BLT Prime

111 East 22nd Street near Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.bltpreme.com

Bowery Meat Company

9 East 1st Street at Bowery, East Village

www.bowerymeatcompany.com

Del Frisco's New York

1221 Avenue of the Americas at 49th Street, Theater District

www.delfriscos.com/steakhouse/new-york

Hunt & Fish Club

125 West 44th Street near Avenue of the Americas, Theater District

www.hfcnyc.com

Mastro's

1285 Avenue of the Americas at 49th Street, Theater District

www.delfriscos.com/new-york

Quality Meats

57 West 58th Street near 6th Avenue, Midtown

www.qualitymeatsnyc.com

Steak Old School

Keens Steak House

72 West 36th Street near 6th Avenue, Midtown

www.keens.com

Gallagher's

228 West 52nd Street at Broadway, Theater District

www.gallaghersnysteakhouse.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

Steak Old School continued

Peter Luger Steak House Brooklyn
178 Broadway at Driggs Avenue, Brooklyn
www.peterluger.com

Sparks Steak House
210 East 46th Street near 3rd Avenue, Midtown
www.sparkssteakhouse.com

Strip House
13 East 12th Street, between 5th Avenue and University Place, Greenwich Village
www.striphouse.com

Wolfgang's Steakhouse – Park Avenue location
4 Park Avenue at 33rd Street, Murray Hill
www.wolfgangsteakhouse.net

Great Finds

ABC Cocina
38 East 19th Street, between Broadway and Park Avenue, Union Square
www.abchome.com/abc-cocina

Charlie Bird
5 King Street near Macdougall Street, West Village
www.charliebirdnyc.com

Chumley's
86 Bedford Street at Barrow Street, West Village
www.chumleysnewyork.com

The Clam
420 Hudson Street at Leroy Street, West Village
www.theclamnyc.com

The Clocktower
5 Madison Avenue near Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy
www.theclocktowernyc.com

Covina
127 East 27th Street near Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy
www.covinanyc.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

Great Finds continued

David Burke Kitchen

23 Grand Street at 6th Avenue, SoHo

www.davidburkekitchen.com

The Dutch

131 Sullivan Street at Prince Street, SoHo

www.thedutchnyc.com

El Parador Café

235 East 34th Street near 1st Avenue, Midtown

www.elparadorcafe.com

El Toro Blanco

257 Avenue of the Americas, between Bleecker Street and West Houston Street, West Village

www.eltoroblanconyc.com

Empellon Taqueria

230 West 4th Street at West 10th Street, West Village

www.empellon.com

Fedora

239 West 4th Street at West 10th Street, West Village

www.fedoranyc.com

Gemma Restaurant

335 Bowery at Bond Street, at the Bowery Hotel, East Village

www.theboweryhotel.com

Jane

100 West Houston Street near Thompson Street, Greenwich Village

www.janerestaurant.com

Joe Allen

326 West 46th Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues, Theater District

www.joeallenrestaurant.com

Knickerbocker

33 University Place at 9th Street, Greenwich Village

www.knickerbockerbarandgrill.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

Great Finds continued

L'Express (late night)

249 Park Avenue South at 20th Street, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.lexpressnyc.com

La Esquina

114 Kenmare Street at Lafayette Street, Nolita

www.esquinanyc.com

Lantern Thai Kitchen

311 2nd Avenue at 18th Street, East Village

www.lanternthai.com

Marc Forgione

134 Reade Street, between Greenwich Street and Hudson Street, Tribeca

www.marcforgione.com

Minetta Tavern

113 Macdougal Street at Minetta Lane, Greenwich Village

www.minettatavernny.com

Morandi

211 Waverly Place, between 10th Street and Charles Street, West Village

www.morandiny.com

The Odeon

145 West Broadway at Thomas Street, Tribeca

www.theodeonrestaurant.com

Red Cat

227 10th Avenue near 23rd Street, Chelsea

www.theredcat.com

Red Rooster

310 Lenox Avenue, between 125th and 126th Streets, Harlem

www.redroosterharlem.com

Saxon & Parole

316 Bowery at Bleecker Street, NoHo

www.saxonandparole.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

Great Finds continued

Wallse

344 West 11th Street at Washington Street, West Village

www.wallse.com

Setting the Standard

ABC Kitchen

35 East 18th Street at Broadway, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.abckitchennyc.com

Aldea

31 West 17th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.aldearestaurant.com

Balthazar

80 Spring Street near Crosby Street, SoHo

www.balthazarny.com

Bar Americain

152 West 52nd Street near 7th Avenue, Midtown

www.baramericain.com

Blue Hill

75 Washington Place near 6th Avenue, Greenwich Village

www.bluehillfarm.com

Cosme

35 East 21st Street between Broadway and Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.cosmenyc.com

Craft

43 East 19th Street near Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.craftrestaurantsinc.com

Eleven Madison Park

11 Madison Avenue at 24th Street, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.elevenmadisonpark.com

Estela

47 East Houston Street near Lafayette Street, Nolita

www.estelany.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

Setting the Standard continued

Gotham Bar & Grill

12 East 12th Street near University Place, Greenwich Village

www.gothambarandgrill.com

Gramercy Tavern

42 East 20th Street near Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.gramercytavern.com

Lupa

170 Thompson Street near Houston Street, Greenwich Village

www.luparestaurant.com

Maialino

2 Lexington Avenue at 21st Street, at Gramercy Park Hotel, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.maialinonyc.com

Mercer Kitchen

99 Prince Street at Mercer Street, SoHo

www.themercerkitchen.com

The Modern – The Bar Room and The Dining Room

9 West 53rd Street near 5th Avenue, Midtown

www.themodernnyc.com

NoMad

1170 Broadway and 28th Street, The NoMad Hotel, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.thenomadhotel.com

The River Café

1 Water Street at Brooklyn Bridge, Dumbo/Brooklyn

www.rivercafe.com

Spotted Pig

314 West 11th Street at Greenwich Street, West Village

www.thespottedpig.com

Upland

345 Park Avenue South at East 26th Street, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.uplandnyc.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

Seafood

Aquagrill

210 Spring Street at 6th Avenue, SoHo

www.aquagrill.com

Atlantic Grill

49 West 64th Street at Columbus Avenue, Upper West Side

www.atlanticgrill.com

Blue Water Grill

31 Union Square West at 16th Street, Union Square

www.bluewatergrillnyc.com

Crave Fishbar

945 2nd Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets, Midtown

www.cravefishbar.com

Lure Fishbar

142 Mercer Street at Prince Street, SoHo

www.lurefishbar.com

Mermaid Inn – East Village

96 2nd Avenue near 5th Street, East Village

www.themermaidnyc.com

Oyster Bar at Grand Central Station

Grand Central Station at 42nd Street and Vanderbilt Avenue, lower level, Midtown

www.oysterbarny.com

Pearl Oyster Bar

18 Cornelia Street near Bleecker Street, Greenwich Village

www.pearloysterbar.com

Sea Fire Grill

158 East 48th Street at 3rd Avenue, Midtown

www.theseafiregrill.com

More Neat Places

Bar Boulud

1900 Broadway between 63rd and 64th Street, Upper West Side

www.danielnyc.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

More Neat Places continued

Bedford & Company

118 East 40th Street at Lexington Avenue, Midtown

www.bedfordandco.com

Bell, Book & Candle

141 West 10th Street near Greenwich Avenue, West Village

www.bbandcnyc.com

Blue Smoke BBQ

116 East 27th Street near Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.bluesmoke.com

Cesca

164 West 75th Street at Amsterdam Avenue, Upper West Side

www.cescanyc.com

Empellon Midtown

510 Madison Avenue at 53rd Street, Midtown

www.empellon.com

Hearth

403 East 12th Street at 1st Avenue, East Village

www.restauranthearth.com

La Masseria

235 West 48th Street near 8th Avenue, Theater District

www.lamasserianyc.com

Lexington Brass

517 Lexington Avenue at 48th Street, Midtown

www.lexingtonbrass.com

Marta

29 East 29th Street at Madison Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.martamanhattan.com

Maysville

17 West 26th Street between Broadway and 6th Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.maysvilleny.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

More Neat Places continued

Milos

125 West 55th Street near 6th Avenue, Midtown

www.milos.ca

The National

557 Lexington Avenue at 50th Street, Midtown

www.thenationalnyc.com

Peasant

194 Elizabeth Street at Spring Street, Nolita

www.peasantnyc.com

Quality Italian

57 West 57th Street near 6th Avenue, Midtown

www.qualityitalian.com

Toloache Mexican

166 East 82nd Street near 3rd Avenue, Upper East Side

www.toloachenyc.com

Mostly for Lunch

Bryant Park Grill

25 West 40th Street near 6th Avenue, at Bryant Park, Midtown

www.bryantparkgrillnyc.com

Bagatelle (trendy brunch)

1 Little West 12th Street at 9th Avenue, Meatpacking District

www.bagatellenyc.com

Bubby's

73 Gansevoort Street near Washington Street, Meatpacking District

www.bubbys.com

Delicatessen

54 Prince Street at Mulberry Street, SoHo

www.delicatessennyc.com

Dinosaur BBQ

646 West 131st Street at 12th Avenue, Harlem

www.dinosaurbarbque.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

Mostly for Lunch continued

Ditch Plains

29 Bedford Street at Downing Street, Greenwich Village

www.ditch-plains.com

Gotham West Market

600 11th Avenue between 44th and 45th Streets, Hells' Kitchen

www.gothamwestmarket.com

Hill Country Chicken

1123 Broadway at 25th Street, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.hillcountrychicken.com

Hometown Bar-B-Que

454 Van Brunt Street, Red Hook, Brooklyn

www.hometownbarbque.com

Mary's Fish Camp

64 Charles Street at West 4th Street, Greenwich Village

www.marysfishcamp.com

Mighty Quinn's BBQ

103 2nd Street at 7th Street, East Village

www.mightyquinnssbbq.com

Santina

820 Washington Street near Gansevoort Street, Meatpacking District

www.santinanyc.com

Shake Shack

6th Avenue at 23rd Street, Madison Square Park, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.shakeshack.com

The Smith

55 3rd Avenue at 10th Street, East Village

www.thesmithnyc.com

RESTAURANTS CONTINUED

New Restaurants as of June 2018

4 Charles Prime Rib, West Village

www.nycprimerib.com

Augustine, Financial District

www.augustineny.com

Cote Korean Steakhouse, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.cotenyc.com

Henry at Life Hotel, Midtown

www.lifehotel.com

Le Coucou, SoHo

www.lecoucou.com

Legacy Records, Hudson Yards

www.legacyrecordsnyc.com

Legasea Seafood Brasserie at Moxy Hotel, Midtown

www.moxy-hotels.marriott.com/nyc/timesquare/dining/legasea-seafood-brasserie

Loring Place, Greenwich Village

www.loringplacenyc.com

The Loyal, West Village

www.loyalrestaurant.com

Public Kitchen, Lower East Side

www.publichotels.com/eat-and-drink/public-kitchen/dinner

Quality Eats NoMad, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.qualityeats.com

Scarpetta NoMad, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.scarpettarestaurants.com/new-york

Simon & The Whale, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.satw.nyc

JAZZ + CABARET

54 Below

254 West 4th Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue, Theater District

www.54below.com

Birdland

315 West 44th Street near 8th Avenue, Theater District

www.birdlandjazz.com

Café Carlyle

35 East 76th Street at Madison Avenue, Carlyle Hotel, Upper East Side

www.thecarlyle.com

Dizzy's Club Coca Cola

33 West 60th Street, 5th Floor at the Time Warner Center, Midtown

www.jazz.org/dizzys

Don't Tell Mama

343 West 46th Street near 8th Avenue, Theater District

www.donttellmamanyc.com

Jazz at Lincoln Center

33 West 60th Street at the Time Warner Center, Midtown

www.jalc.org

Jazz Standard

116 East 27th Street near Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.jazzstandard.com

Joe's Pub

425 Lafayette Street near Astor Place, NoHo

www.joespub.com

Metropolitan Room

34 West 22nd Street between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.metropolitanroom.com

SPORTS BARS + PUBS

Ainsworth

122 West 26th Street between 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue, North Chelsea

www.theainsworth.com

Barfly

244 3rd Avenue at 20th Street, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.barflyny.com

Black Door

127 West 26th Street between 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue, North Chelsea

www.blackdoornyc.com

Blind Pig

233 East 14th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, Union Square

www.blindpigbar.com

Brazen Fox

106 3rd Avenue at 13th Street, Greenwich Village

www.brazenfoxnyc.com

Rye House

11 West 17th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.ryehousenyc.com

Tap Room No. 307

307 3rd Avenue at 23rd Street, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.taproom307.com

White Horse Tavern (CTU favorite, cash only)

567 Hudson Street at 11th Street, West Village

www.whitehorsetavern1880.com

COCKTAILS/LOUNGE

Banc

431 3rd Avenue at 30th Street, Murray Hill

www.banccafe.com

The Bar Room at Temple Court, Beekman Hotel

5 Beekman Street at Nassau Street, Financial District

www.templecourtnyc.com/spaces/the-bar-room

Crosby Hotel Bar

79 Crosby Street between Spring Street and Prince Street, SoHo

www.firmdalehotels.com/a/restaurants-bars/new-york/the-crosby-bar

Clocktower Bar at Clocktower Hotel

5 Madison Avenue near Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.theclocktowernyc.com

Flatiron Lounge

37 West 19th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.flatironlounge.com

George Washington Bar at Freehand Hotel

23 Lexington Avenue at 23rd Street, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.freehandhotels.com/new-york/george-washington-bar

ilili

236 5th Avenue, between 27th and 28th Streets, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.ililiny.com

The Jimmy at the James Hotel

15 Thompson Street at Grand Street, SoHo

www.jimmysoho.com

Lambs Club Upstairs Bar

132 West 44th Street, between 6th Avenue and Broadway, Theater District

www.thelambsclub.com

The London Bar – Gordon Ramsay, London Hotel

151 West 54th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues, Midtown

www.thelondonnyc.com

Lillie's

249 West 49th Street near 8th Avenue, Times Square

www.lilliesnyc.com

COCKTAILS/LOUNGE CONTINUED

M Bar and Library, Mansfield Hotel
12 West 44th Street near 5th Avenue, Midtown
www.mansfieldhotel.com/m-bar

Monkey Bar
60 East 54th Street near Park Avenue, Midtown
www.monkeybarnewyork.com

Park Avenue Tavern
99 Park Avenue at 39th Street, Midtown
www.parkavenuetavern.com

Pegu Club
77 West Houston Street near West Broadway, SoHo
www.peguclub.com

Press Lounge at Ink 48 Hotel
653 11th Avenue at 48th Street, Hell's Kitchen
www.ink48.com/new-york-dining/press-lounge

PS450
450 Park Avenue South between 30th Street and 31st Street, Murray Hill
www.ps450.com

Roof at Park South
125 East 27th Street at Lexington Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy
www.roofatparksouth.com

Upstairs at the Kimberly Hotel
145 East 50th Street at Lexington Avenue, Midtown
www.upstairsatthekimberly.com

GREAT WALKS

Manhattan

Financial District, Staten Island Ferry
George Washington Bridge
Central Park
First, Second and Third Avenues, East Side
Madison and Lexington Avenues, Upper East Side
Chelsea Piers to Battery Park City, Hudson River Park, West Side
Chelsea Piers to Upper West Side, Hudson River Park, West Side
East River from 23rd Street down to Fulton Landing/South Street Seaport
Broadway, Amsterdam Avenue and Columbus Avenue, Upper West Side
Grand Central Station, Park Avenue, Madison Avenue, Madison Square Park
Madison Square Park to Union Square to Washington Square Park
Bryant Park, 5th Avenue, Rockefeller Center and Times Square

Brooklyn

Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Dumbo (Jane's Carousel) and Brooklyn Heights
Park Slope, Brooklyn
Williamsburg, Brooklyn
Cobble Hill, Brooklyn

PARKS + MUSEUMS

Great Parks that aren't Central Park

Bryant Park
Madison Square Park
Paley Park
High Line
Hudson River Park
Union Square
Washington Square Park
Riverside Park, Upper West Side
Carl Schurz Park and Gracie Mansion, Upper East Side
Brooklyn Bridge Park, Dumbo, Brooklyn
Prospect Park, Brooklyn (including Brooklyn Botanical Garden)

Great Museums that aren't the big three (MOMA, Museum of Natural History, The Met)

Morgan Library
New Museum of Contemporary Art
New York Public Library
Skyscraper Museum
Whitney Museum
Cooper Hewitt
Dia Beacon, Beacon, New York (about an hour train ride north of the City up the Hudson River)