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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 urbane 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

HOTELS CONT.

Five Star cont.

Mandarin Oriental

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

80 Columbus Circle, at 60th Street, Midtown

www.mandarinoriental.com/newyork

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, Ed's Chowder House and rooftop cocktail lounge, home base for our Orlando Performing Arts Center 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

HOTELS CONT.

Great Finds cont.

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

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

HOTELS CONT.

Trendy cont.

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

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.myriadrestaurantgroup.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

Tao
42 East 58th Street near Madison Avenue, Midtown
www.taorestaurant.com

RESTAURANTS CONT.

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/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

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

RESTAURANTS CONT.

Steak Old School cont.

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

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

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 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

RESTAURANTS CONT.

Great Finds cont.

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

Hundred Acres

38 MacDougal Street at Prince Street, SoHo

www.hundredacresnyc.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

L'Apicio

13 East 1st Street, between Bowery and 2nd Avenue, East Village

www.lapicio.com

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

Marc Forgione

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

www.marcforgione.com

Morandi

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

www.morandiny.com

RESTAURANTS CONT.

Great Finds cont.

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 Lenoa Avenue, between 125th and 126th Streets, Harlem
www.redroosterharlem.com

Saxon & Parole
316 Bowery at Bleecker Street, NoHo
www.saxonandparole.com

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

Babbo
110 Waverly Place near 6th Avenue, Greenwich Village
www.babbonyc.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

RESTAURANTS CONT.

Setting the Standard cont.

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.estelanyc.com

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

RESTAURANTS CONT.

Setting the Standard cont.

The River Café
1 Water Street at Brooklyn Bridge, Dumbo/Brooklyn
www.rivercafe.com

Scarpetta
355 West 14th Street near 9th Avenue, Meatpacking District
www.scarpettarestaurants.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

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

Ed's Chowder House
44 West 63rd Street at Broadway, Upper West Side
www.edschowderhouse.nyc

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

RESTAURANTS CONT.

Seafood cont.

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

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

Cherche Midi
282 Bowery at Houston Street, East Village
www.cherchemidiny.com

DBGB
299 Bowery between Houston Street and 1st Street, East Village
www.dbgb.com/nyc

Hearth
403 East 12th Street at 1st Avenue, East Village
www.restauranthearth.com

Hecho En Dumbo
354 Bowery near 4th Street, East Village
www.hechoendumbo.com

RESTAURANTS CONT.

More Neat Places cont.

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.maysvillenyc.com

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

Schiller's Liquor Bar

131 Rivington Street at Norfolk Street, Lower East Side

www.schillersny.com

Tolache Mexican

251 West 50th Street near 8th Avenue, Midtown East

www.tolachenyc.com

RESTAURANTS CONT.

Mostly for Lunch

Bryant Park Grill
25 West 40th Street near 6th Avenue, at Bryant Park, Midtown
www.arkrestaurants.com

Bagatelle (trendy brunch)
1 Little West 12th Street at 9th Avenue, Meatpacking District
www.bagetellenyc.com

Bubby's
73 Gansevoort Street near Washington Street, Meatpacking District
www.bubbys.com

Delicatessan
54 Prince Street at Mulberry Street, SoHo
www.delicatessennyc.com

Dinosaur BBQ
646 West 131st Street at 12th Avenue, Harlem
www.dinosaurbarbque.com

Ditch Plains
29 Bedford Street at Downing Street, Greenwich Village
www.ditch-plains.com

Dos Caminos SoHo
475 West Broadway at Houston Street, SoHo
www.doscaminos.com/soho

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

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

RESTAURANTS CONT.

Mostly for Lunch cont.

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

New Restaurants as of June 2017

4 Charles Prime Rib, West Village
www.nycprimerib.com

Atla, Greenwich Village
www.altarestaurant.com

Augustine, Financial District
www.augustineny.com

Bedford & Company, Midtown
www.bedfordandco.com

Chumley's, Greenwich Village
www.chumleysnewyork.com

Empellon Midtown, Midtown
www.empellon.com

Flora Bar, Upper East Side
www.florabarnyc.com

Fusco, Flatiron/Gramercy
www.fusconewyork.com

Le Coucou, SoHo
www.lecoucou.com

Loring Place, Greenwich Village
www.loringplacenyc.com

Maxwell's Chophouse, Flatiron/Gramercy
www.maxwellschophouse.com

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
ainsworthnyc.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

Mad Hatter

360 3rd Avenue at 26th Street, Flatiron/Gramercy
www.madhatternyc.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

Crosby Hotel Bar

79 Crosby Street between Spring Street and Prince Street, SoHo

www.firmdale.com

Clocktower Bar at Clocktower Hotel

5 Madison Avenue near Park Avenue, Flatiron/Gramercy

www.theclocktowernyc.com

Flatiron Hall

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

www.flatironhall.com

Flatiron Lounge

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

www.flatironlounge.com

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

www.ililiny.com

The Jimmy at the James Hotel

27 Grand Street at 6th Avenue, SoHo

www.jameshotels.com/newyork

Lambs Club Upstairs Bar

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

www.thelambsclub.com

Lobby Lounge and MO Bar at Mandarin Oriental Hotel

80 Columbus Circle at 60th Street, Midtown

www.mandarinoriental.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

M Bar and Library, Mansfield Hotel

12 West 44th Street near 5th Avenue, Midtown

www.mansfieldhotel.com

COCKTAILS/LOUNGE CONT.

Monkey Bar

60 East 54th Street near Park Avenue, Midtown

www.monkeybarnewyork.com

Pegu Club

77 West Houston Street near West Broadway, SoHo

www.pegclub.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

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)