



5 DAYS IN

NEW YORK CITY



iconic skyline

A CREATIVE ITINERARY GUIDE

Iconic sights, hidden gems, world-class food, diverse neighborhoods, and unforgettable moments in the city that never sleeps.



views for days



big city energy



explore like a local



DAY 1:
MIDTOWN
ICONS



DAY 2:
LOWER
MANHATTAN &
BROOKLYN



DAY 3:
SOHO TO
HUDSON YARDS



DAY 4:
UPTOWN &
CULTURE



DAY 5:
LOCAL
NYC

PRACTICAL TIPS

- Start early
- Group sights by area
- Pre-book top attractions
- Use the subway



New York is always a good idea.



DAY 1

MIDTOWN ICONS

One perfect day in New York: classic landmarks, Central Park, and a Broadway finish.



MORNING

8:00 AM -
11:30 AM

Times Square

Start early before the crowds build. It is easier to walk, look around, and take photos in the morning.



bright lights,
big energy

Top of the Rock OR Empire State Building

Choose one observation deck for panoramic city views. Top of the Rock gives a great view of Central Park and the Empire State Building, while the Empire State Building is the iconic classic.



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iconic views
from above



AFTERNOON

12:00 PM -
4:30 PM

Central Park

Walk or rent a bike and explore key spots like Bethesda Terrace, Bow Bridge, and The Mall.



city green
escape

Fifth Avenue

Head south for shopping, landmark buildings, and classic Manhattan atmosphere.



iconic shops
& landmarks



EVENING

5:00 PM -
7:30 PM

Broadway show OR rooftop experience

End the day with either a cultural high point or a relaxed skyline view.



Broadway
magic



rooftop vibes,
skyline views

WHY THIS DAY WORKS

- ✓ Walkable Midtown focus
- ✓ Minimal travel time
- ✓ Best for first-time visitors

Optimization tip:

visit the observation deck early in the morning or at sunset for the best balance of views and crowd levels.



ROUTE:



TIMES
SQUARE



OBSERVATION
DECK



CENTRAL
PARK



FIFTH
AVENUE



BROADWAY /
ROOFTOP

Best for: first-time visitors, couples

Getting around: walk + subway



DAY 2

LOWER MANHATTAN & BROOKLYN



Statue of Liberty ferry



MORNING

8:00 AM -
11:30 AM



AFTERNOON

12:00 PM -
3:00 PM



EVENING

5:00 PM -
8:30 PM

Ferries, history, iconic landmarks, and a skyline sunset.

Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island



Take the first ferry of the day to avoid long lines and crowds. This is one of the most time-sensitive experiences in New York.

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Ellis Island

9/11 Memorial & Museum



A powerful and essential stop. Allow enough time to experience the memorial and museum properly.



9/11 Memorial

Wall Street & Charging Bull



A short walk away and quick to visit, but still one of the city's most recognizable landmarks.



Charging Bull

Brooklyn Bridge Walk



Cross the bridge toward Brooklyn for some of the best skyline views in the city.

Brooklyn Bridge



DUMBO



End the day here with sunset views, photo spots, and a more relaxed atmosphere.



DUMBO views



TIP:

Crowd strategy: book the Statue of Liberty in advance. If tickets are unavailable or time is limited, a harbor cruise is a strong alternative.



WHY THIS DAY WORKS

- ✓ Efficient walkable route
- ✓ Most iconic landmarks in one day
- ✓ Beautiful skyline finish

ROUTE:



BATTERY PARK



LIBERTY / ELLIS



9/11 MEMORIAL



WALL STREET



BROOKLYN BRIDGE



DUMBO

Best for: landmark lovers, first-time visitors

Getting around: ferry + walk + subway



DAY 3

SOHO TO HUDSON YARDS

SoHo vibes ♡



MORNING

9:00 AM -
11:30 AM



AFTERNOON

12:00 PM -
2:00 PM

2:30 PM -
4:30 PM



EVENING

6:00 PM -
LATE

Trendy neighborhoods, the High Line, and modern skyline views.

SoHo, Little Italy & Chinatown

Start in these adjacent neighborhoods. SoHo is known for cast-iron buildings and boutiques, Little Italy for historic charm, and Chinatown for vibrant street life.



Tip: arrive early for quieter streets and a more authentic feel.



Little Italy ♡



Chinatown energy ♡

The High Line

Walk the elevated park for a relaxed route with city views.



The High Line ♡

Hudson Yards & Edge

Visit one of the city's newest landmark areas. The Edge offers a modern skyline experience with panoramic views and a glass floor.



Best in the afternoon when the skyline light is better.



Hudson Yards ♡



The Edge ♡

Sunset cruise OR skyline experience

End the day with a high-impact view from the water or another skyline stop.



Tip: Booking a sunset cruise in advance is one of the easiest ways to enjoy the skyline without long observation deck lines.



Sunset cruise ♡



WHY THIS DAY WORKS

- ✓ Linear route
- ✓ Great mix of local + iconic
- ✓ Strong visual experiences



ROUTE:



SOHO



LITTLE ITALY



CHINATOWN



HIGH LINE



HUDSON YARDS



EDGE



SUNSET CRUISE

♡ Best for: creatives, couples, repeat visitors !

Getting around: walk + subway ♡



DAY 4

UPTOWN & CULTURE



MORNING

9:00 AM -
12:00 PM



Museums, elegant neighborhoods,
and an evening of music or culture.

The Met OR American Museum of Natural History

Choose one based on your interests. The Met is ideal for art lovers, while the Natural History Museum is more interactive and broad-appeal.

Practical tip: arrive early and plan 2-3 hours max. These museums are huge.



American Museum of
Natural History ♥



AFTERNOON

12:30 PM -
4:30 PM

Upper East Side or Upper West Side

Explore a calmer residential side of New York with cafes, boutiques, and a slower pace after several busy sightseeing days.

Optimization tip: use this time to relax and recharge.



Upper East Side ♥



Upper West Side ♥



EVENING

6:00 PM -
LATE

Harlem experience OR jazz club

End the day with a rich cultural experience, whether that means local history, live music, or a classic jazz night.



Harlem ♥



jazz club ♥

WHY THIS DAY WORKS

- ✓ Slower pace
- ✓ World-class culture
- ✓ Classic neighborhood feel



ROUTE:



Best for: art lovers, culture seekers | Getting around: subway + walk





DAY 5

LOCAL NYC

Creative Brooklyn, charming neighborhoods, and a memorable final night.

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MORNING

9:00 AM -
12:00 PM

Williamsburg, Brooklyn

Known for creative energy, cafés, independent shops, and waterfront skyline views back toward Manhattan.



Tip: walk along the waterfront for skyline views without the Midtown crowds.



WILLIAMSBURG,
BROOKLYN



creative vibes
+ skyline views



AFTERNOON

12:30 PM -
5:00 PM

Free exploration window

Use this flexible time to explore the neighborhoods that match your interests.

Great options

- Greenwich Village - charm and historic streets
- East Village - food and alternative culture
- Nolita - boutique shopping

★ Keep this part flexible.



GREENWICH VILLAGE



EAST VILLAGE



NOLITA

EVENING

6:00 PM -
LATE

Unique dining experience or rooftop

Finish your trip with a memorable last night, either at a restaurant with a view or a more local hidden gem.



cheers to an
amazing trip!

WHY THIS DAY WORKS

- ✓ Most local-feeling day
- ✓ Flexible by interest
- ✓ Great final-night energy

ROUTE:



WILLIAMSBURG
BROOKLYN



VILLAGE /
EAST VILLAGE /
NOLITA



DINNER /
ROOFTOP



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