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Lower Manhattan & the Financial District (p47)

Iconic monuments, river-front access and Wall St.

Don't Miss Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island



SoHo & Chinatown (p73)

Soup-dumpling parlors next door to cobblestone streets and big-name stores.

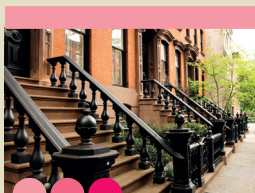
Don't Miss Chinatown



East Village & Lower East Side (p97)

Two of the city's hottest 'hoods that lure students, bankers and scruffier types alike.

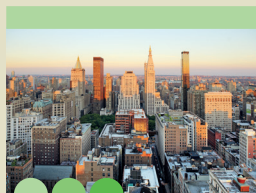
Don't Miss St Marks Place



Greenwich Village, Chelsea & the Meatpacking District (p119)

Quaint, intimate streets plus trendy nightlife, shopping and art galleries galore.

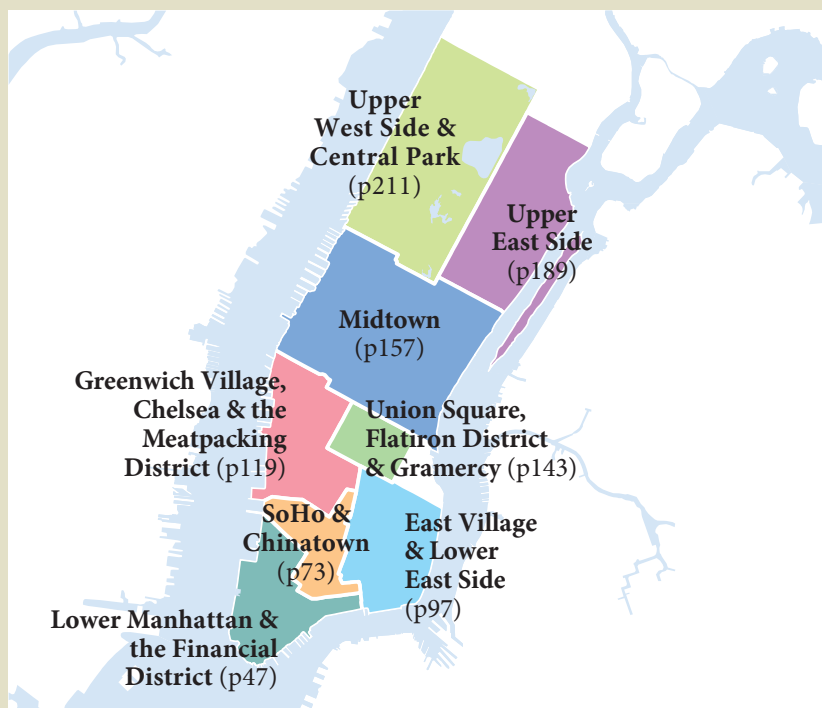
Don't Miss The High Line



Union Square, Flatiron District & Gramercy (p143)

A bustling, vibrant park binds surrounding areas filled with good eats.

Don't Miss Union Square



Midtown (p157)

Times Square, Broadway theaters, canyons of skyscrapers, and bustling crowds that rarely thin.

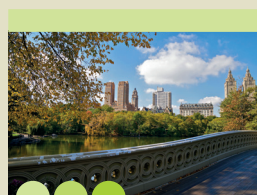
Don't Miss Times Square & Broadway, Museum of Modern Art, Empire State Building



Upper East Side (p189)

High-end boutiques, sophisticated mansions and Museum Mile – one of the most cultured strips in the world.

Don't Miss Metropolitan Museum of Art, Guggenheim Museum



Upper West Side & Central Park (p211)

Home to the premier performing arts center and the park that helps define the city.

Don't Miss Central Park

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This is New York City

Loud, fast and pulsing with energy, New York City (population 8.4 million) is symphonic, exhausting and always evolving. Maybe only a Walt Whitman poem cataloging typical city scenes – from the humblest hole-in-the wall to grand buildings – could begin to do the city justice.

It remains one of the world's creative and business centers. Fashion, theater, food, music, publishing, advertising and, of course, finance, all thrive here. As Groucho Marx once said, 'When it's 9:30 in New York, it's 1937 in Los Angeles.' Coming to NYC from anywhere else for the first time is like stepping into a movie; one you've probably been unknowingly writing; one that contains all imagined possibilities.

Almost every country in the world has a presence here. From Brooklyn's Russian enclave in Brighton Beach to the mini South America in Queens; from the middle of Times Square to the most obscure corner of the Bronx, you'll find extremes.

You can experience a little bit of everything. You can decide if you'd like your day to be filled with high culture in an uptown museum and trendy eating in the Village, or – if you like your city to be tougher – you can choose to spend an afternoon wandering through the twisting streets and art galleries of downtown. Just don't be too shocked if your day of high culture turns gritty when you come across a gifted jazz singer on the subway platform, or if your bohemian day gets fancy when a trendy boutique seduces you and you're shelling out for the perfect pair of shoes before you know it.

New York City is constantly in the process of reinventing itself. And so too are the successive waves of immigrants who have populated the city and the striving artists who have pinned their hopes and dreams on making it here.

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