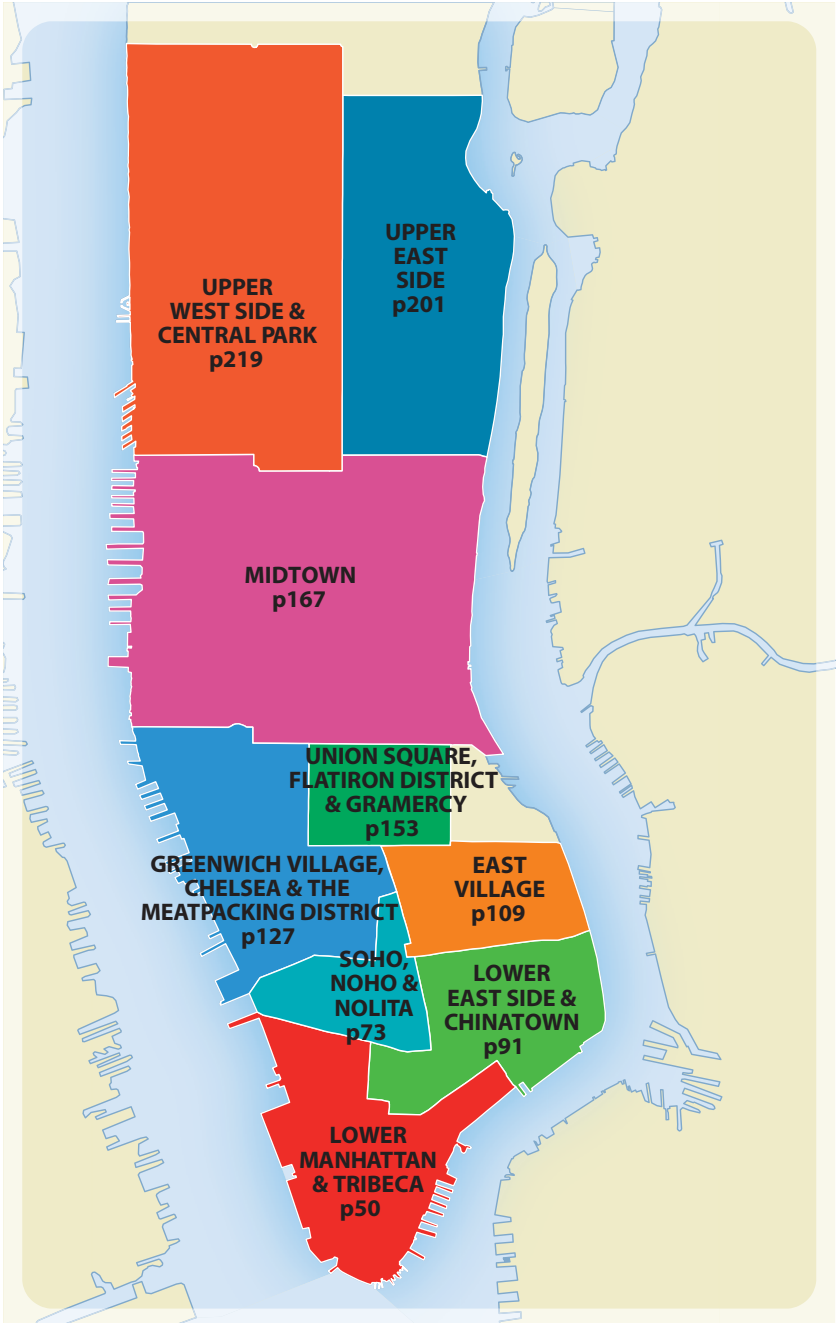




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**Lower Manhattan & Tribeca (p50)** Teeming with iconic images.



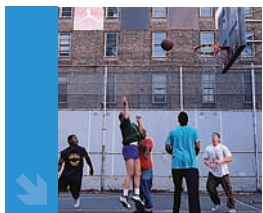
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**Lower East Side & Chinatown (p91)** An enclave for foodies.



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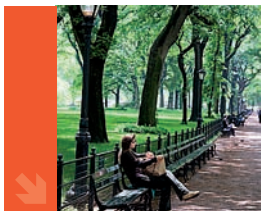
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**Upper East Side (p201)** Museums galore and high-end zip codes.



**Upper West Side & Central Park (p219)** The city's public playground.



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**New York City in Focus (p248)** Information to help you on your way.

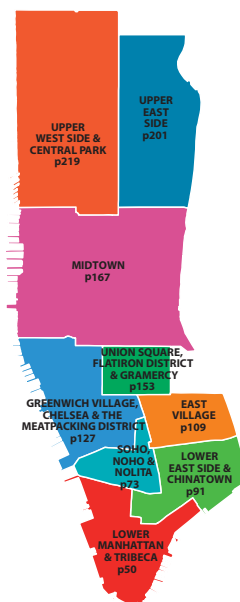
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## CENTRAL PARK p222

An oasis of greenery smack in the center of the metropolis

## LINCOLN CENTER p230

The dramatically redesigned campus has venues for every type of performance

## TIMES SQUARE p170

There's a reason it's known as the 'Crossroads of the World'

## METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART p204

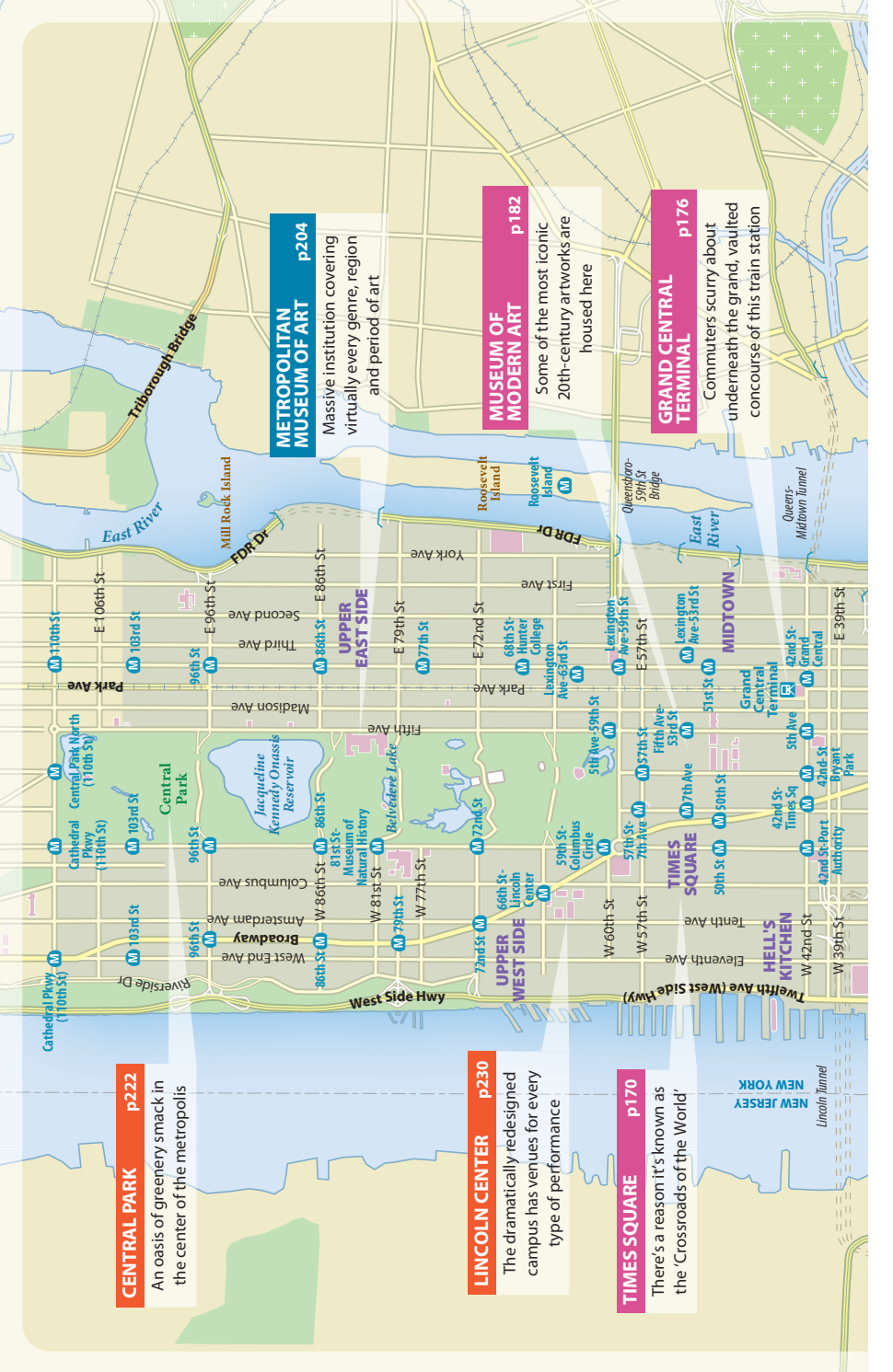
Massive institution covering virtually every genre, region and period of art

## MUSEUM OF MODERN ART p182

Some of the most iconic 20th-century artworks are housed here

## GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL p176

Commuters scurry about underneath the grand, vaulted concourse of this train station







**CHINATOWN** p105

With hundreds of restaurants, from holes-in-the-wall to banquet-sized rooms

**BROOKLYN BRIDGE** p59

A soaring symphony of spun wire and Gothic arches spanning the East River

**ELLIS ISLAND** p54

Moving exhibitions explaining the history of immigration to the city

**LEGEND**

- Freeway
- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Railway

0 1 km  
0 0.5 miles

# ↘ THIS IS NEW YORK CITY



**Loud, fast and pulsing with energy, New York City (population 8.3 million) is symphonic, exhausting and always evolving. Maybe only a Walt Whitman poem cataloguing 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 centers for fashion, theater, food, music, publishing, advertising and, of course, finance. 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. From the middle of Times Sq to the most obscure corner of the Bronx, you'll find extremes. From Brooklyn's Russian enclave in Brighton Beach to the mini South America in Queens, almost every country in the world has a presence here.

You could decide you'd like your day to be filled with high culture and trendy eating, for example, and work your way through the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), then watch the New York City Ballet perform at the Lincoln Center. Or perhaps you like your



city to be tougher, and choose to spend an afternoon wandering through the twisting streets of Chinatown and in the art galleries of the Lower East Side. 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.

Like 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, New York City is constantly in the process of reinventing itself. Approach it with an open mind and a loose itinerary and you can experience a little bit of everything.

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