

# Brooklyn

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## Neighborhood Top Five

- ① Taking in the incredible views of Lower Manhattan from the new **Brooklyn Bridge Park** (p265) on the waterfront.
- ② Catching the latest critically acclaimed art exhibitions at the **Brooklyn Museum** (p267), followed by a meal at Saul.
- ③ Drinking and dining your way through the creative gastropubs and cocktail joints of **Williamsburg** (p290).
- ④ Strolling past meadows, lakefront, scenic bridges and forest-covered hillocks at **Prospect Park** (p268).
- ⑤ Browsing the boutiques and antique shops on **Atlantic Ave**, followed by eating and drinking on **Smith St**.

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## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

If you want to get a sense of what old New York was like, be sure to wander around Brighton Beach. Under the elevated tracks on Brighton Beach Ave, the bustling Russian district known as 'Little Odessa' is packed with greengrocers and emporiums dispensing smoked fish and pierogis. On the street, you'll find a cross section of humanity – from grandmas to sulky teens – chattering in dozens of different languages as the trains rumble overhead. It's unmistakably New York.

### Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Battersby (p288)
- ➔ Frankies Spuntino (p288)
- ➔ Pok Pok (p288)
- ➔ Water Table (p282)
- ➔ Roberta's (p282)

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### Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Maison Premiere (p290)
- ➔ OTB (p291)
- ➔ Hotel Delmano (p291)
- ➔ 61 Local (p293)
- ➔ Sunny's (p293)

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### Best Places for Live Music

- ➔ Bell House (p295)
- ➔ Brooklyn Bowl (p293)
- ➔ Cubana Social (p282)
- ➔ Jalopy (p295)
- ➔ Barbes (p294)

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## Explore Brooklyn

If Brooklyn were its own city, it'd be the fourth largest in the US – bigger than Houston, Philadelphia and Phoenix. It is home to more than 2.5 million people and is a rambling 71 sq miles (easily three times larger than Manhattan). It is split in two, with one set of subway lines servicing the north end of the borough, and another set traveling to points south. So if you think you can see it all in a day, as old-school Brooklyners might say: 'Fuhgeddaboutit!'

For day-trip purposes, it is best to pick a neighborhood and stick to it. South Brooklyn, especially brownstone-studded Brooklyn Heights, offers lots of history and great Manhattan views. Fans of vintage amusement parks should head to Coney Island. For the night owls, Williamsburg lies just a single subway stop from Manhattan and is loaded with bars and restaurants. The borough may be all the rage, but it's not without its sketchy parts.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Rock and roll** Hit the hot music spots in Williamsburg and Bushwick to hear the latest indie sounds.
- ➔ **Park sloping** Join the stroller brigade for a lap or two around Prospect Park. Or go window-shopping and cafe-hopping on Fifth Ave.
- ➔ **Farmers markets** Shop at Saturday produce markets (Grand Army Plaza, Fort Greene Park, Borough Hall, McCarren Park), followed by a picnic at a park nearby.

## Getting There & Around

- ➔ **Subway** Sixteen subway lines travel between Manhattan and Brooklyn, with an additional line (the G) connecting the Park Slope area of Brooklyn to Williamsburg and Queens. Handy lines include A/C for Brooklyn Heights, downtown and Dumbo; 2/3 and 4/5 for Brooklyn Heights and Prospect Heights; D/F and N/Q for Park Slope, Fort Greene and Coney Island; F for Dumbo, downtown, Carroll Gardens and Cobble Hill. In north Brooklyn, Williamsburg and Bushwick are reached primarily on the L.
- ➔ **Bus** Handy bus routes include the B61 (Atlantic Ave) and B57 (Court St) to reach Red Hook. The B62 runs between Brooklyn's downtown (Smith & Fulton) and Williamsburg (Driggs St).
- ➔ **Boat** The East River Ferry (p384) runs both north and south. Heading north, boats zip from Wall St (Pier 11) in Manhattan to Brooklyn Bridge Park/Dumbo (Pier 1), South Williamsburg (S 8th St), North Williamsburg (N 6th St), Greenpoint (India St) and Long Island City in Queens, then across to E34th St in Manhattan.
- ➔ **Taxi** New green Boro Taxis operate around Brooklyn and the other outer boroughs. Hail them on the street.