

Brooklyn

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Neighborhood Top Five

- ① Taking in the incredible views of Lower Manhattan from the waterfront **Brooklyn Bridge Park** (p265).
- ② Catching the latest critically acclaimed art exhibitions at the **Brooklyn Museum** (p267) followed by a meal at Saul.
- ③ Downing cocktails at **Maison Premiere** (p288), one creative gastropub among the many that pack **Williamsburg**.
- ④ Strolling past meadows, the lakefront, scenic bridges and forest-covered hillocks in **Prospect Park** (p268).
- ⑤ Browsing a bygone era at **Dry Goods** (p300), one of many enticing boutiques along Atlantic Ave, followed by microbrews and snacks at a spot near Smith St such as **61 Local** (p294).

For more detail of this area see Map p440, p442, p444, p446 and p447 ➔

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 pierogies. 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

- Roberta's (p279)
- Marlow & Sons (p279)
- Smorgasburg (p285)
- Cooklyn (p286)
- Zenkichi (p279)

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Best Places to Drink

- Maison Premiere (p288)
- Rookery (p289)
- Skinny Dennis (p288)
- Hotel Delmano (p288)
- 61 Local (p294)

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Best Places to Channel Your Inner Hipster

- Bell House (p296)
- Brooklyn Bowl (p295)
- Royal Palms (p294)
- Jalopy (p296)
- Barbès (p296)

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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 2.6 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 Brooklynners 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, the trendy enclave of Williamsburg lies just a single subway stop from Manhattan and is loaded with bars and restaurants.

If you are interested in other parts of town, ask around first. 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 the 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.

➤ **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 and Fulton) and Williamsburg (Driggs St).

➤ **Boat** The **East River Ferry** (Map p440; www.eastriverferry.com; S 8th St; 1-way weekday/weekend \$4/6; 5 J/M/A to Marcy Ave) 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** Green Boro Taxis operate around Brooklyn and the other outer boroughs. Hail them on the street.