

# Queens

LONG ISLAND CITY | ASTORIA | JACKSON HEIGHTS | FLUSHING & CORONA | ELMHURST | WOODSIDE | MASPETH

## Neighborhood Top Five

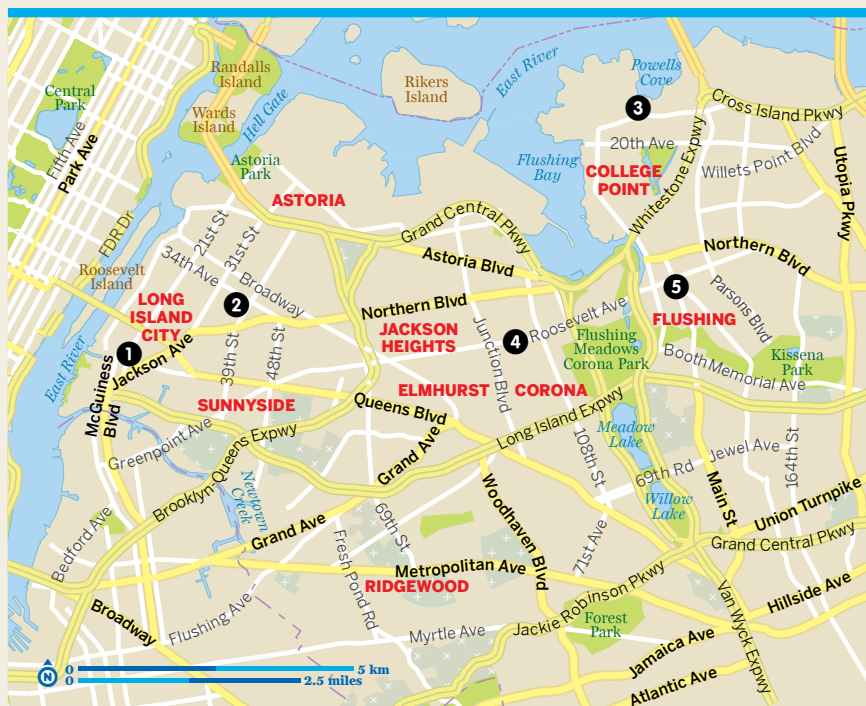
**1** Feeling inspired at the Museum of Modern Art's cross-river sibling, **MoMA PS1** (p304). From painting and sculpture to site-specific installations, this cultural hub displays edgy, world-class artwork, not to mention lectures, performances and an electric summer party series.

**2** Reliving your favorite film and TV moments at the **Museum of the Moving Image** (p306), Astoria's contemporary tribute to the small and silver screens.

**3** Getting soaked, pummeled and pampered at **New York Spa Castle** (p316), Queens' sprawling aquatic wonderland.

**4** Taking a snack crawl through Latin America, via food trucks along melting-pot Roosevelt Ave (p312).

**5** Immersing yourself in bustling Asian street life and feasting on chewy Chinese noodles, plump dumplings and plenty more in **Flushing** (p306).



For more detail of this area see Map p448 and p450 ➔

## Explore Queens

Of the city's five boroughs, Queens is top dog in size and runner-up in head count. Anywhere else, it would be a major city in its own right. So where to begin?

Assuming it's not Tuesday or Wednesday (when many galleries are closed), start with a day in Long Island City, home to contemporary art hubs MoMA PS1, SculptureCenter and the Fisher Landau Center for Art. Watch the sun set from Gantry Plaza State Park, and sip-and-sup on neighborly Vernon Blvd.

Spend a day or two exploring neighboring Astoria, taste-testing a variety of eateries, sipping local brews, and checking out the Museum of the Moving Image. If it's summer, catch an alfresco film at Socrates Sculpture Park.

With its Hong Kong jumble of street foods, Asian groceries and kitschy malls, Flushing (home to NYC's biggest Chinatown) also merits a full-day adventure. Time poor? Spend the morning on Main St and Roosevelt Ave, then hit neighboring Corona for the Queens Museum or Louis Armstrong House.

If it's hot, tackle the surf at Rockaway Beach, home to NYC's coolest beach scene.

## Local Life

➔ **Hangouts** Brew fans head to Astoria Bier & Cheese (p315) for local suds, while hipsters *sans* attitude down single-origin joe at Queens Kickshaw (p315).

➔ **Culture** Take an aerial tour of NYC without ever leaving the ground at the retro-cool Queens Museum (p307).

➔ **Flushing** Snack on lamb dumplings in the Golden Shopping Mall (p314) basement, then ignite the palate at Hunan Kitchen of Grand Sichuan (p315) or Fu Run (p314).

## Getting There & Away

➔ **Subway** Twelve lines serve Queens. From Manhattan, catch the N/Q/R and M to Astoria, the 7 to Long Island City, Woodside, Corona and Flushing, and the A to Rockaway Beach. The E, J and Z lines reach Jamaica, while the G directly connects Long Island City to Brooklyn.

➔ **Train** Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) has a handy connection from Manhattan's Penn Station to Flushing. It also runs to Jamaica, for the AirTrain to JFK.

➔ **Bus** Routes include the M60, which runs from LaGuardia Airport to Harlem and Columbia University in Manhattan, via Astoria.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Don't miss the **Fisher Landau Center for Art** (p305) for free modern art without the crowds. Occupying an old parachute-harness factory in Long Island City, the core of its stellar collection of painting, photography, sculpture and installations spans from the 1960s to today. The rotating exhibitions feature works from A-listers such as Robert Rauschenberg, Cy Twombly and Jasper Johns.

## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Fu Run (p314)
- ➔ M Wells Dinette (p309)
- ➔ Pye Boat Noodle (p309)
- ➔ Bahari (p312)
- ➔ Roosevelt Ave (p312)

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## Best Places to Escape the Grind

- ➔ Rockaway Beach (p307)
- ➔ New York Spa Castle (p316)
- ➔ Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden (p315)
- ➔ Gantry Plaza State Park (p305)

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## Best for Culture Vultures

- ➔ MoMA PS1 (p304)
- ➔ Museum of the Moving Image (p306)
- ➔ Queens Museum (p307)
- ➔ Fisher Landau Center for Art (p305)

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