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NEW YORK CITY

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighborhoods

What's where

Explore New York City

The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



Local Life

The insider's city

The Best of New York City

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks

See the city on foot



New York City's Best...

The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around

Travel like a local



Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

 Telephone Numbers

 Opening Hours


 Parking

 Nonsmoking

 Internet Access

 Wi-Fi Access

 Vegetarian Selection

 English-Language
Menu

 Family-Friendly

 Pet-Friendly

 Bus

 Ferry

 Metro

 Subway

 Tram

 Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



Bar Hemingway

 Map p233, B2

Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during the Prohibition era. The showpiece is a large painting of the artist, then by Papa Hemingway. The bar is open by Papa Hemingway. Dress code: smart casual. Website: barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritz Paris; 6.30pm-2a

Lonely Planet's New York City

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighborhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real New York City.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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Welcome to New York City

No other place does big-city charm quite like Gotham. Take a bite of the Big Apple's diverse dining scene, swig cocktails all night, enjoy mind-blowing performances in venues ranging from Broadway theaters to back-alley comedy joints, and shop 'til you drop among the veritable UN of international brands and unique boutiques. New York is truly one helluva town.

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