

Pocket NEW YORK CITY

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QuickStart Guide

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



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Tips for a smooth trip



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The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



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



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- Wi-Fi Access

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- English-Language

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Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



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

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

When it comes to X-factor, Gotham slams the competition. A restless whirl of deco towers, bright yellow taxis and glittering marquees, this is the place where Warhol meets Frank Lloyd Wright, where Hollywood greats tread Broadway stages, and where unmarked doors lead to dirty martinis and sax. The world may be awash with great cities, but NYC is the juiciest of them all.

Central Park (p178)
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Central Park (p178)

One of the world's most romanticized green spaces checks in with 843 acres of rolling meadows, boulder-studded outcroppings, elm-lined walkways and manicured European-style gardens. Did we mention the lake and reservoir?



This towering ode to Gotham is the New York skyline's queen bee. Don't miss the view from the top - a sea of twinkling lights as the sun sinks over Jersey.





New York Harbor (p24)

Stellar skyline views, a free ferry, a lookout from Lady Liberty's crown, and a moving tribute to America's immigrants at Ellis Island - unmissable is an understatement.

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Metropolitan Museum of Art (p158)

Dubbed 'The Met,' this museum of encyclopedic proportions has over two million objects in its permanent collection, and many of its treasures are showcased in no less than 17 acres' worth of galleries.



The High Line (p86)

These refurbished rail tracks have been transformed into grassy catwalks in the sky. It's the paradigm of urban renewal gone right, enjoying its status as one of the city's best-loved public spaces.



Times Square (p128)

Like it or loathe it, Times Square offers the quintessential New York conglomeration of bright lights and oversized billboards that soar above relentless crowds and thick streamers of concrete.



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Museum of Modern Art (p132)

This superstar of the art scene contains a veritable who's who of modern masters. It's a thrilling crash course in all that is beautiful and addictive about the world of art and design.



Guggenheim Museum (p162)

A sculpture in its own right, architect Frank Lloyd Wright's swirling white building is a worthy match for the booty of 20th-century art housed inside.



National September 11 Memorial & Museum (p26)

A soaring tower, an evocative museum, and North America's largest manmade waterfalls are as much a symbol of hope and renewal as they are a tribute to the victims of terrorism.

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