Walking Tour: The West Village

Of all the neighborhoods in New York City, the West Village is easily the most walkable, its cobbled corners straying from the signature gridiron that carves up the rest of Manhattan. An afternoon stroll is not to be missed; hidden landmarks and quaint cafes abound.

Start Commerce St
Distance 1.2 miles
Duration one hour

1 Established in 1924, Cherry Lane Theatre is the city’s longest continuously running Off-Broadway establishment.

2 The apartment block at 90 Bedford was the fictitious home of the cast of Friends.

3 Stop at Buvette, a dreamy Francophile wine bar perfect for people-watching with coffee or vin.

4 For another TV landmark, head to 66 Perry St. Carrie Bradshaw’s apartment in Sex and the City.

5 At Christopher Park, visit the Stonewall National Monument and Stonewall Inn – where 1969 riots sparked the Gay Rights Movement.

6 The 1885 Jefferson Market Library building once served as a courthouse and a fire-lookout tower.

Take a Break...
Near Washington Square, Stumptown Coffee Roasters (www.stumptowncoffee.com) serves some of NYC’s best coffee.

Classic Photo: Washington Square Arch

7 Washington Square Park is the beating heart of the Village and hosts a dynamic cross-section of the city, from students and buskers, to canoodling couples and chess hustlers.