

Danique & Laurens' guide to New York City

The tourist guides can tell you all about the fun things to do in New York: Go to Central Park, the MOMA museum, shopping at 5th Avenue, see the amazing views from the Empire State Building, take to boat to the Statue of Liberty, go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, see a Broadway show, go to times square, visit the 9/11 memorial, go to the Guggenheim museum, take a walk on over the Brooklyn Bridge, go to a live music show, visit Wall Street, max out your credit card at Macy's... the list goes on and on: there is enough to do!

But this is our list of personal favorites. Fun museums and parks, nice restaurants we have been to and can recommend, and other tips and tricks for a few fun days in and around New York City. Some of these things you may not even find in your travel guide.

Have fun in New York!!!

With Love,

Danique & Laurens

Get out of the City:
New York Botanical Garden

The Botanical Gardens are a fun place for if you would like to leave the busy city and take a nice walk without traveling very far. You find these gardens in the *Bronx*.



Restaurant: Gaonnuri

Danique's favorite Korean restaurant: *Gaonnuri*, on 1250 Broadway. It has a lovely view (from the 39th floor) and they have great Korean BBQ (made on your table). We recommend making a reservation. (\$\$\$\$)

Cupcakes

On 30 Prince Street (the corner with Mott Street) you find *The Little Cupcake Bakeshop*. The traditional New York cheesecake is delicious (and they have small portions, just right for 1 person), and great pies and cakes.





Frick Collection

On 1 East 70th Street you will find an adorable little museum: the Frick Collection. Among other things, you will find some well-known Dutch paintings and the building itself is also beautiful.

Flatiron Building

Because of its funny shape: Danique's favorite building in town.

If you are in the area, it's nice to drop by.



New York Skyline, Seen from the Staten Island Ferry



Take the (free) ferry from the most southern point of Manhattan to Staten Island for a beautiful view on the NYC skyline. Once on the other side, you can easily get on the next ferry back.

A night out: Opera / Ballet

You can go to *The Metropolitan Opera* or the *New York City Ballet* at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts (Upper West).



Columbia University Campus

You will find the beautiful campus of Columbia University in *Morningside Heights*. Are you visiting Danique and Laurens? Don't forget to also take a little walk over the campus!

A night out: Stand-up Comedy

New York City is well known for its fun *stand-up comedy*.





Get out of the City: Hiking

Nice weather and you feel like leaving the city? Take the Metro-Nord Railroad train to station 'Cold Spring' (~75 min. from Grand Central). Cold spring is a small village with a few nice little stores and restaurants. From here you can take nice hikes (take some good/comfortable shoes, you will encounter some steep parts). We recommend buying a map of the area (in Cold Spring) and take a good look at the contour lines that indicate the terrain before you decide on your trail.

Visit the Trendy Neighborhoods

SoHo, TriBeCa, West Village, Greenwich Village, and the Meatpacking District are among the trendy neighborhoods in NYC. These are fun to wonder around. When you are in the Meatpacking district, you can also visit *Chelsea Market*, then go for a drink at the *Biergarten* in hotel *The Standard*, and from there you can walk through the long and narrow park the *High Line*.





Whisky tasting

A glass of whiskey, a cocktail, nice food, live jazz... We recommend *The Flatiron Room* \$\$\$\$ (37 W 26th St).

Brunch

We often go for brunch in our neighborhood at *Friedmans* (1187 Amsterdam Ave), *Flat Top* (1241 Amsterdam Ave), or *Bistro Ten 18* (1018 Amsterdam Ave). Or somewhere else in town, for example, *August* \$\$\$ (791 Lexington Ave) or *Bluestone Lande Collective Cafe* \$\$ (55 Greenwich Ave). You can use Yelp.com to find more nice places. However, some places are very popular and some do not take reservations: they sometimes have a line of an hour or longer. But luckily, there are plenty of other options! Brunch is usually served between 12 noon and 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday and many places have mimosa's as a brunchcocktail.





Grand Central Terminal

Are you traveling through Grand Central? Step away from the platform and visit the terminal hall and find all the little stores (good for a quick bite) in the Grand Central Market.

Bryant Park & Library

You can visit the Public Library in Bryant Park, or hang out in the park if it's sunny.



Riding the Subway **Tips & Tricks**

The New York Subway has 'express' and 'local' lines. The local lines stop at every station. The express trains are faster because they skip stations: they only stop at the stations that are indicated with a white dot on the subway map (local trains stop at the black and white dots). From the last white dot on the line, the express trains also stop at the black dots. This sounds confusing... so to be sure that your subway stops at your destination: take a look at the name of the station on the map, it lists all the numbers and letters of the lines that make stops at this station. Pay attention to the signs at the stations, especially in the evening, when some lines make different stops and the subway runs less frequent.

Dinner & Drinks

There are many great places to go for dinner in New York, and there is something for anyone:

Mexican? *Rosa Mexicana* \$\$\$ (in TriBeCa, Union Square, at the Lincoln Center, and Upper East) or *Dos Caminos* \$\$\$ (373 Park Ave S) or *Black Ant* \$\$\$ (60 2nd Ave) or *Empellon Taqueria* \$\$\$ (230 W 4th St).

Sushi? *Izakaya Mew* \$\$ (53 W 35 St).

Bitterballen (typical Dutch snack!)? *Belgian Beer Cafe* \$\$ (220 5th Ave).

African? *The Cecil* \$\$\$ (210 W 118th St).

Dutch/Belgian (Typical Dutch: 'uiensoep', en 'zuurvlees')? *Markt* \$\$ (676 6th Ave).

Ella Kitchen & Bar \$\$ (249 Columbus Ave).

Friedman's \$\$ (132 W 31st St; 450 10th Ave; and 1187 Amsterdam Ave.)

Or go for a drink at the *Refinery Rooftop* \$\$\$ (63 W 38 St) or *Top of the Strand* \$\$ (33 W 37th St.) or *Mr Purple* \$\$\$ (this last one is nice for the view, the service and food are not that good, 180 Orchard St).

The Cellar \$\$ (900 Broadway).

And there is plenty more to explore! Go out and have fun, and when you have any recommendations for us: we would be happy to hear about them :)

