



We've been helping students discover New York City since Polytechnic welcomed its first class in 1854. Our Brooklyn campus is the ideal jumping-off point for exploring the wonders of this global city, so we've created this step-by-step guide to experiencing New York City. The best things start at NYU-Poly—your route begins here.

## MIDTOWN EAST

Hop on the **4** going uptown and get off at **42nd STREET** to start your day at magnificent **Grand Central Station**. Grab a bite at the unexpectedly comprehensive **Grand Central Market**...or any of the extraordinary fine-dining restaurants within. Stay continental by heading east to the water and the **United Nations**, or west toward **Bryant Park** after checking out a book from the stunning **New York Public Library**. After such an upscale day, let your inner child loose in **FAO Schwarz** on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the oldest toy store on the continent.

## CENTRAL PARK WEST

Take the uptown **4** to **81st STREET** stop to explore the inner workings of the world around you at the famous **American Museum of Natural History**, and take in the whole universe by exploring **Hayden Planetarium** and viewing a space show at the **Rose Center for Earth and Space**. Retreat into **Central Park**, toward **Belvedere Castle** for a view from 1869. Refuel across the street at the famous NYC-born chain **Shake Shack** on Columbus Avenue and "inhale" one of the City's favorite burgers.

## CENTRAL PARK EAST

Walk to **Borough Hall** to catch the **4 5** to **EAST 86th STREET** if you want to run the **reservoir** in **Central Park**. Alternately, you can start your morning lounging on the **Great Lawn** as you wait to rent a boat on The Lake. This stop is amazing for a day of leisure, but you can always pick up the pace by walking north up East Drive in the park to the **Central Park Zoo** or the world-famous **Metropolitan Museum of Art** and nearby **Guggenheim Museum**.

## MIDTOWN

It may be a portal out of Manhattan, but **Penn Station** is more than just that. Get on the **A C** train to **34th STREET** to see a game or concert right upstairs in the world's most famous arena, **Madison Square Garden**. If shopping is more your sport, step out into **Herald Square** to visit department store giant, **Macy's**, flagship on Broadway. No matter what, however, a walk three blocks west to the **Empire State Building** should also be on your itinerary, for a breathtaking view of the city sights or city lights, depending on the time of day.

## TIMES SQUARE

One of the most iconic images of New York City, **Times Square** is a hotbed of retail entertainment. Ride the **2 3** train from **Borough Hall** to **42nd STREET** to walk around, then head toward **Broadway** to take in some world-famous theatre. After the show, take **Avenue of the Americas** north to **Rockefeller Center**, or see what's new at **Radio City Music Hall** on your way to dinner at **The Russian Tea Room**, a city institution.

## GREENWICH VILLAGE

The distance isn't far, but the diversions are many as you walk from the **West** to **East Village**. The **A F** trains will take you to **WEST 4th STREET**, where the haphazard streets, so different from the rest of the city's grid, boast iconic attractions like **Bleeker Bob's** record shop on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Check out the **NYU** main campus on **Washington Square Park** and explore the facilities and libraries of this acclaimed school you're now a part of. Then head north to 12<sup>th</sup> and **Broadway** to browse the 18 miles of books at the **Strand Book Store**, or keep going east toward **Tompkins Square Park** by way of the famous street, **St. Mark's Place**.

## FINANCIAL DISTRICT

New York's heritage is the theme of this day as you take the **R** train to the **World Trade Center** stop. Visit the **National September 11th Memorial and Museum** and walk down **Wall Street** toward the beautiful views from **Battery Park**. Take a ride out to **Ellis Island** and **Liberty Island** to see the **Statue of Liberty** up close, then head in the other direction for your own picture-perfect moment on the **Brooklyn Bridge**, as you walk back across to NYU-Poly's downtown Brooklyn campus.

## CHELSEA

As the sun hits the water on the **Hudson River**, you can get a great vantage point from the **Chelsea Waterside Park** and **Hudson River Greenway**. Get there by taking the **A** to **14th STREET** and walking north, or the **C** to **23rd STREET**. The **High Line** also provides another perspective as this elevated rail line completes its transformation into an elevated park. Don't take too long, though, since you'll need plenty of time just to make a lunch decision at the enormous **Chelsea Market** at 16<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, a haven for fresh food and fine dining. Then, wind down with a stroll through the many art galleries as the evening approaches.

## LOWER MANHATTAN

Have a multi-cultural day by boarding the **F** to **BROADWAY-LAFAYETTE STREET**, which will take you to a bargain hunter's paradise at **Canal Street**. Start with a slice of real New York pizza at **Lombardi's** in **Little Italy**, then walk south to cross "international" borders at the beautifully Gothic **St. Patrick's Old Cathedral** into **Chinatown**. Haggle for jewelry, visit a fish market, and stop at **Joe's Shanghai Restaurant**, across from **Confucius Plaza**, for their famous soup dumplings. Then walk home over the **Manhattan Bridge** and catch the night lights.

## CONEY ISLAND

America's original playground, **Coney Island**, is a beach destination for the child in all of us. Hop on the **F** to **WEST 8th STREET** to ride the historic **Wonder Wheel** of **Amusement** and the **Cyclone Roller Coaster**, revolutionary technologies in their day. Treat yourself to an original **Nathan's Famous Hot Dog** as you meander down the **Boardwalk**. Cheer on the **Brooklyn Cyclones**, or head indoors to the **New York Aquarium** and back to your subway entrance to end your day on a high note.

## PROSPECT PARK

You can easily spend days within **Prospect Park**'s 585 acres, designed by Central Park architects Olmstead and Vaux. Start by getting on the **F** train toward **STILLWELL AVENUE** to **7th AVENUE**. Head into the park and you'll find the lake due south, or walk north to the **zoo**. Stroll through the famous **Brooklyn Botanic Gardens** and its over 14 collections, then cool off in the second-largest public art collection in the US at the **Brooklyn Museum**. End your day with a great dinner at any of the cozy restaurants outside the park gates in **Park Slope**, ranked NYC's #1 neighborhood by *New York Magazine*.

