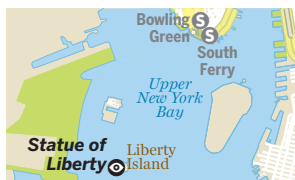


Since 1886 Lady Liberty has welcomed millions of immigrants sailing into New York Harbor in the hope of a better life. It now welcomes millions of tourists, many of whom head up the 354 steps to her crown for one of New York City's finest skyline and water views. If you miss out on crown tickets, you may have better luck booking tickets to the pedestal, which also has commanding views. (www.nps.gov/stli; Liberty Island; adult/child from \$17/9; 9:30am-5:30pm, check website for seasonal changes; **S** 1 to South Ferry, 4/5 to Bowling Green)



🍴 Grab some fast food on the ferry or hit **Essex St Market** (120 Essex St, Lower East Side) for some picnic provisions on your way downtown.

MORNING

From **1** to your afternoon destination



10min 40min 65min 70min 50min 70min 50min 70min 70min 55min 50min 60min 45min

Ellis Island was the American gateway for over 12 million new arrivals between 1892 and 1954. These days it's home to a moving museum, paying tribute to these immigrants and their indelible courage. Opt for the self-guided audio tour, which brings to life the collection of personal objects, photographs and film footage. (www.nps.gov/elis; **FREE**, ferry incl Statue of Liberty adult/child \$17/9; 9:30am-5:30pm; **S** 1 to South Ferry, 4/5 to Bowling Green)



🍴 Decadent French dishes are the order of the day at Anthony Bourdain's **Les Halles** (15 John St, btwn Broadway & Nassau St).

AFTERNOON

★ **Top tip** A trip to both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island is an all-day affair; set out by 1pm to allow time to visit both sites.

From **14** to your evening destination



65min 25min 20min 35min 30min 35min 25min 20min 20min 25min 45min 35min 50min

Known for its very expensive team, its very expensive construction (\$1.5 billion; opened in 2009), and its 27 World Series wins, Yankee Stadium channels the intimacy of the '23 original, so if you're into baseball – or *béisbol* or *beysbol* or *baseball* – don't miss it. Even if you're not into baseball, trek out to Queens to experience the rabid fandom. (tickets **📞** 212-926-5337; www.yankees.com; E 161st St at River Ave; tours \$20, tickets \$20-235)



🍴 At the game, grab a hot dog, or for something different, opt for an eggplant-and-mozzarella sandwich from **Parm** (Great Hall, btwn Gates 4 & 6).

EVENING

② NATIONAL 9/11 MEMORIAL



**A symbol
of hope and
renewal**

⑮ TIMES SQUARE




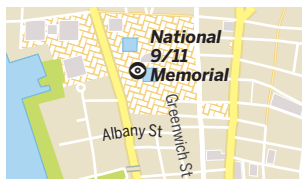
**The
collective
fantasies of
New York**


⑳ BROADWAY SHOW



**From
blockbuster
musicals
to classic
drama**




The core part of the World Trade Center (WTC) redevelopment is finally open to the world. Titled Reflecting Absence, the memorial's two massive reflecting pools are as much a symbol of hope and renewal as they are a tribute to the thousands who lost their lives to terrorism. Beside them stands the state-of-the-art Memorial Museum, a striking, solemn space. (www.911memorial.org; cnr Greenwich & Albany Sts; admission \$24;  A/C/E to Chambers St, R to Rector St, 2/3 to Park Pl)




 Head to Danny Meyer's cult burger **Shake Shack** (215 Murray Ave btwn West St & North End Ave) for fast-food refueling at its finest.

MORNING

From  to your afternoon destination

            
25min 30min 45min 10min 15min 25min 30min 35min 40min 15min 10min 20min 20min

The intersection of Broadway and Seventh Ave (better known as Times Sq) is New York City's hyperactive heart: a restless, hypnotic torrent of glittering lights, bombastic billboards and raw urban energy. It's not hip, fashionable or in-the-know, and it couldn't care less. It's too busy pumping out iconic, mass-market NYC – yellow cabs, golden arches, soaring skyscrapers and razzle-dazzle Broadway marquee. (www.timessquare.com; Broadway at Seventh Ave;  N/Q/R, S, 1/2/3, 7 to Times Sq-42nd St)



 Cuban lunch counter **El Margon** (136 W 46th St, btwn Sixth & Seventh Aves) is always packed and well worth a visit. Try the legendary cubano sandwich.


AFTERNOON

From  to your evening destination

            
60min 5min 25min 20min 20min 40min 15min 10min 25min 15min 30min 20min 35min

Big, splashy Broadway shows are the ones most often associated with New York City's entertainment scene, but Broadway shows refer strictly to productions staged in the 40 or so official Broadway theaters – lavish early-20th-century jewels surrounding Times Sq. It's also worth checking out off-Broadway (adventurous, less-costly theater playing to smaller houses), or off-off-Broadway (even edgier still, playing to audiences of fewer than 100 people). (Times Square & Broadway; tickets from \$80)



 **Grand Central Oyster Bar & Restaurant** (Grand Central Terminal, 89 E 42nd St) is very atmospheric and serves exceptional oysters.

EVENING

★ **Top tip** Discount ticket agent TKTS (www.tdf.org) offers great deals daily.

3 METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART



**Seventeen
acres of
art and
artifacts**

16 ST JOHN THE DIVINE



**The largest
place of
worship in
the US**

29 APOLLO THEATER



**Where stars
are born
and legends
are made**

This sprawling museum, founded in 1870, houses one of the biggest art collections in the world. Known colloquially as ‘The Met,’ its 17 acres of galleries house more than two million individual objects, from Egyptian temples to American paintings. (www.metmuseum.org; 1000 Fifth Ave at 82nd St; admission adult/child \$25/free; 10am-5:30pm Sun–Thu, to 9pm Fri & Sat; **S** 4/5/6 to 86th St)

★ **Top tip** There are audio tours (\$7) in several languages, while docents offer free guided tours of specific galleries.



The Roof Garden Café and Martini

Bar (May–Oct) is the best place in the museum for a drink – try sunset on a Friday or Saturday.

MORNING

From **3** to your afternoon destination

S **S** **S** **S** **S** **S** **S** **S** **S** **S**
40min 45min 30min 30min 30min 35min 35min 35min 35min 30min 30min 40min 35min

This glorious Episcopal cathedral commands attention with its ornate Gothic-style facade, booming vintage organ and extravagantly scaled nave – twice as wide as London’s Westminster Abbey. Highlight tours are run at 11am and 2pm Monday, 11am and 1pm Tuesday to Saturday, and at 1pm on select Sundays. (tours 212-932-7347; www.stjohndivine.org; 1047 Amsterdam Ave at W 112th St; suggested donation \$10, highlights tour \$6; 7:30am–6pm; **S** B, C, 1 to 110th St–Cathedral Pkwy)



Amy Ruth’s Restaurant (113

W 116th St near Malcolm X Blvd) is the place to go for classic soul food; try the legendary waffles.

AFTERNOON

From **16** to your evening destination

S **S** **S** **S** **S** **S** **S** **S** **S** **S** **S**
75min 20min 20min 30min 30min 25min 20min 20min 25min 25min 45min 35min 45min

The Apollo has been Harlem’s leading space for concerts and political rallies since 1914 and, with its gleaming marquee, is one of the neighborhood’s most visible icons. Virtually every major African American artist in the 1930s and ‘40s performed here, including Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday. Decades on, this NYC landmark delivers a thriving program of music, dance, master classes and special events. (www.apollotheater.org; 253 W 125th St at Frederick Douglass Blvd; admission weeknights/weekends \$16/18; **S** A/C, B/D to 125th St)



Taste the ‘new Harlem’ at **Red Rooster** (310 Malcolm X Blvd btwn 125th & 126th Sts), where comfort food gets a respectful makeover.

EVENING

4 MOMA



**Superstar of
the modern-
art scene**

17 SHOPPING IN SOHO



**City blocks
filled
with hip
boutiques**

30 MADISON SQUARE GARDEN



**NYC's
major
performance
and sporting
venue**
