

Welcome to the ultimate guide to New York City's hidden gems!

While the city is famous for its iconic landmarks and bustling attractions, there is a secret side to this metropolis that often goes unnoticed. **In this guide, we'll unlock the treasure trove of lesser-known wonders and off-the-beaten-path destinations** that are waiting to be discovered right in NYC.

Some things to remember before you leave the hotel:

- Bring comfortable shoes. You'll be doing a lot of walking.
- Book ahead at must-see attractions like the Empire State Building or Top of the Rock.
- Check the weather forecast and plan accordingly.
- Bring your cash and card, as some places are cash only.
- Remember sunscreen and your refillable water bottle.
- Take advantage of public transportation: it's fast, efficient, and affordable. The subway is the best way to get around.
- Get a New York Pass or Go City Pass to save money on attractions.

Helpful apps

- Too Good to Go: Discounted food prices at really good restaurants
- Seated: Restaurant reservations (and offers)
- Luggage Hero: Store your luggage during a layover
- NYC Ferry: To take the NYC Ferry
- Uber/Lyft: For the times you want to be driven
- Google Maps: The subway system can be tricky to navigate, but this app makes it easier

First things first: Start your days with **breakfast at Dante**. Our front desk is happy to make reservations for guests.

Hours of operation: Monday to Sunday: 12PM a 1AM

Let's start!

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HOTEL





START

From the hotel walk to the corner with 7th Ave, then turn right and walk 9 blocks to 54th St; turn right again and walk half a block.

6 1/2 Avenue (free attraction)

This pedestrian-only avenue is a one-quarter mile corridor of privately owned public spaces, such as open-access lobbies which are open during the day.



Exit through the same door you entered, and walk 2 blocks to 8th Ave. Then, turn left and walk 8 blocks to 46th St, before turning right and walking half a block.

Bar Centrale (speakeasy):

Time required: 1 hour
Hours of operation: Tuesday to Saturday: 5-11:30 PM

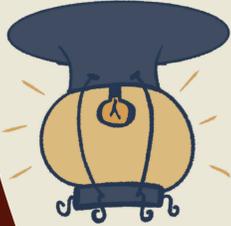
Mere steps from the neon lights and bustling crowds of Times Square is one of New York City's most exclusive speakeasies. If you aren't specifically looking for Bar Centrale, you won't know it's there: It's hidden in a converted brownstone apartment surrounded by other homes.

FINISH

Walk half a block to 3rd Ave, turn right and walk 1 block to Lexington Av/53 St station, then take the M line to 42 St-Bryant Park Station. Finally, walk 2 blocks down 6th Ave to 44th St, and turn right then continue for half a block.

Lantern's Keep

Reservations: First come, first served
Hours of operation: Monday: 5-10 PM
Tuesday to Saturday: 5-11 PM
You'll find bartenders rocking bow-ties and running the show. Sink into plush velvet seats as you peruse their killer cocktail list straight out of the 1920s. And guess what? They've got four types of ice cubes to jazz up your drink game. Give the Regal Gold Rush—a delightful blend of bourbon, honey, grapefruit, and lemon—a whirl. Or how about Trifter Rickey? It's got gin, lime, mint, absinthe, and a splash of seltzer to tickle your taste buds.



Walk down 8th Ave for three blocks to 42 St - Port Authority Bus Terminal. Take the A line for 3 stops to the W 4 St - Wash Sq stop, then go down W Washington Pl towards Washington Square Park. Turn right and walk four and a half blocks.

Nothing Really Matters (speakeasy)

Hours of operation: Monday to Saturday: 4-12 AM
One of Times Square's more secretive locations, Nothing Really Matters is hidden just inside the downtown entrance to the 50th Street 1 train. Journey under the Duane Reade and through a darkened storefront to discover a neon-illuminated, fully stocked bar.



Walk half a block to 2nd Ave, turn right and walk 8 blocks to 51st St, then turn left and walk half a block.

Greenacre Park (free attraction)

Time required: Up to you
Greenacre Park caters to over 200,000 visitors each year, offering an enchanting urban park experience that brings moments of serene tranquility and respite to residents, families, tourists, and local workers alike. This park, spanning three levels, features a captivating centerpiece—a striking 25-foot-high waterfall constructed with meticulously sculpted granite blocks, cascading down. Adding to the park's allure, a gentle stream meanders alongside the entrance, where water trickles down a granite-faced wall, creating a sense of serenity and harmony with nature.



Walk 2 blocks down MacDougal St to Spring St Station, take the E Line 3 stops to World Trade Center Station, then walk 4 blocks down Vesey St.

Irish Hunger Memorial (free attraction)

Time required: 20 minutes
Hours of operation: Monday to Sunday: 11AM-6:30PM
Designed by artist Brian Tolle, landscape artist Gail Wiltner-Laird, and the 1100 Architect firm, was formally opened and dedicated in July 2002 after construction began in March 2001. The memorial is intended to raise awareness of the Great Irish Famine (referred to as An Gorta Mór in Irish), in which over one million people starved to death between 1845 and 1852, and millions of others were forced to immigrate, many of them to New York in search of a new life.

Walk 2 and a half blocks on Water St, turn right on Whitehall St, walk 4 blocks, cross the Wall St bull ring and go to the Bowling Green station; take line 5 for 4 stops to 14 St - Union Sq, transfer to line 5 for 3 more stops to 33 St station, then walk 1 and a half blocks on 33 St.

LB33

Time required: 1 hour
Hours of operation: Monday to Thursday: 5 PM-1 AM / Friday & Saturday: 5 PM-2 AM
LB33 emerges as a prime contender for one of New York's timeless cocktail bars with a speakeasy-style charm. Surprisingly, despite its enduring popularity, Little Branch, also known as LB, has managed to maintain a delightful level of obscurity. Inside, the space boasts mustard yellow walls, while impeccably attired bartender cocktails. If you're seeking a departure from Prohibition-era classics like the Sazerac or Tom Collins, it's always an adventure to entrust the bartender to choose.

Walk half a block to 3rd Ave, then walk 10 blocks to 43rd St; turn right and walk 1 and a half blocks.

Foundation Ford Secret Garden

Time required: 30 minutes
Hours of operation: Monday to Friday: 8 AM-6 PM
Accessible to all, this public atrium garden harbors a diverse collection of nearly 40 tree species, vines, and shrubs. Enveloped within its enchanting ambiance, visitors can delight in a serene reflecting pool and a mesmerizing fountain. Moreover, the garden caters to individuals who are blind or with low vision through a dedicated sensory section, allowing engagement with the plants through touch and interaction. This inclusive experience is enhanced by braille signage and audio interpretation, ensuring everyone can fully appreciate the beauty that surrounds you here.



Go back 1/2 block on Vesey St and take the Free Downtown Connection for 8 stops to Water St/Broad St, then walk 1 block on Water St.

Elevated Acre Park (free attraction)

Time required: 20 minutes
Hours of operation: Sunday to Monday: 7AM-10PM
Nestled within a city that values every inch of space, there exists a serene and verdant oasis, a secret sanctuary known to only a select few. Surprisingly, this peaceful and idyllic meadow is amid the bustling streets of Lower Manhattan's vibrant Financial District. But here's the twist—it's not just any meadow; it floats above the cityscape.

