

2025 New York City Links and Info:

Suggestions: Be safe, travel in groups, let others know when you go and return.
Be double careful after dark.

TRAVEL ALERT: Expect Delays on Sunday, June 8th, 2025 due to street and subway station closures for the Puerto Rican Day Parade. <https://www.nprdpinc.org/>

[Tourism in New York City](#): Wikipedia: A useful overview page:

Penn Station:

Free (Free rest rooms, but you have to find them midst the construction)

This is where the LIRR enters Manhattan. The original (magnificent) 1910 station was torn down in the 1960's. After the construction of the "New Penn Station" Architectural Historian Vincent Scully wrote, "One entered the city like a god; one scuttles in now like a rat."

Moynihan Train Hall NYC: **Free** (connected to Penn Station; also free rest rooms)

A Beaux-Arts structure designed by McKim, Mead & White who also designed the original 1910 Penn Station. It is worth, at minimum, a quick look.

Grand Central Station: Free. (Also free rest rooms)

Its rich history is a story of immense wealth and great engineering, but also of survival and rebirth. Today, the beaux-arts landmark is a retail and dining destination as well as the home of the MTA Metro-North Railroad.

Times Square:

Times Square is a major commercial intersection, tourist destination, entertainment hub, and neighborhood in Midtown Manhattan. This is in the center of the Broadway theater district.

Central Park:

Central Park is an urban park between the Upper West Side and Upper East Side neighborhoods of Manhattan in New York City,

New York Public Library: Free (and free bathrooms, on upper floors) 42nd St. and 5th Ave.

One of New York City's most iconic locations, the majestic Rose Main Reading Room measures 78 feet by 297 feet—roughly the length of two city blocks—with 52-foot-tall ceilings displaying murals of vibrant skies and billowing clouds. Has been featured in a number of movies including "The Day After Tomorrow."

In the 1999 Thomas Crown Affair movie, the Beaux-Art landmark serves as an elegant stand-in for The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Link: [Popular Movies Filmed at The New York Public Library](#)

Bryant Park: 42nd St. and 5th Ave (Next to Library) (free bathrooms)

Tables and chairs to sit and relax. Often they host free events on the outdoor stage.

Museum of Natural History and Hayden Planetarium:

Student admission \$22 plus Planetarium show for about \$5.

The American Museum of Natural History is a natural history museum on the Upper West Side of Manhattan in New York City. The museum complex comprises 20 interconnected buildings housing 45 permanent exhibition halls, in addition to a planetarium and a library.

Brooklyn Bridge: Free (*Fred's Favorite*)

Free. Take a walk on the bridge. Excellent views of the city. Outstanding and historic engineering. From the Bridge, it is a short walk along the river to the Battery where you can take the Staten Island Ferry.

South Street Sea Port: (Next to Brooklyn Bridge)

The South Street Seaport is a historic area in the New York City borough of Manhattan, centered where Fulton Street meets the East River, within the Financial District of Lower Manhattan. There are a collection of museums in the area. Note, on the river at Fulton St. (Pier 17) there are a variety of shops and restaurants; I think (things change) there are free restrooms on the top floor.

Statue of Liberty:

OPTION 1: \$24 and up:

Read the instructions very carefully. In particular note: "All visitors boarding a Statue City Cruises departure to Liberty and/or Ellis Island must pass through airport grade security procedures in the Screening Facility." Also, be sure to allow enough time for this.

OPTION 2: (Recommended) Free.

The [Staten Island Ferry](#) is FREE and gives a nice view of the Statue of Liberty. The ferry ride is about 25 minutes, so you can do a round trip in about 90min total.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art:

\$17 student admission

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, colloquially "the Met", is the largest art museum in the Americas.

Intrepid Museum Center:

\$34 student admission

The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum is an American military and maritime history museum in New York City with a collection of museum ships. It is located at Pier 86 at 46th Street, along the Hudson River, in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood on the West Side of Manhattan. (Wikipedia)

National Museum of Mathematics:

\$20 Student Admission

MoMath, the National Museum of Mathematics, is an award-winning museum that highlights the role of mathematics in illuminating the patterns and structures all around us.

CAUTION: Due to reduced visibility, some of the towers may have limited access. For example:

NOTICE The 70th floor deck at Top of the Rock is closed today, 6/7/23. **BUY TICKETS**

Empire State Building:

\$44 and up (higher during peak times).

Google says: "Allow at least one hour for your visit, slightly more if you will be visiting both the main deck and the top deck. During peak visiting hours, especially in the warmer months, there may be extended waits to buy tickets and enter the elevators."

Top of the Rock:

Rockefeller Center: about \$50 including taxes and \$5 processing fee.

Google says: "During peak visiting hours, expect to wait between 45 minutes and an hour to reach the top of the attraction. You will wait to buy tickets for your entry time and for security and elevators."