

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several skyscrapers in New York City. The Empire State Building is the central focus, reaching towards a blue sky with scattered white clouds. To its left is a historic building with a green-tinted facade and a tall, ornate spire. To its right is a modern glass skyscraper. The perspective creates a sense of height and urban density.

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**TRAVEL GUIDE TO  
VISIT  
NEW YORK**

# SUMMARY

Visiting New York for the first time, and even the following ones, implies in my opinion a minimum of preparation, because there are so many things to do and see in New York that you have to get organized in order not to miss anything of the show that this magical city offers.

In this guide, I list my favorite spots and attractions, as well as tips and good plans to prepare your trip to New York.

You will find in this 11-page guide the following topics:

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# INTERNET IN NYC

We will tell you that there is WIFI everywhere in New York, which is true, but often the networks are locked, and some hotels charge for access per terminal, imagine having to pay 4 times if you are a family of 4!

In my opinion, here are 2 options available to you:

- You have an American package and the question does not arise because most packages have an Internet option
- You don't live in the USA? I recommend you to order before leaving on Amazon ([click here for packages](#) starting at about \$25 depend on the promotions), a prepaid T MOBILE card for 7, 15 or 30 days depending on your needs! You will have an American number, internet and no risk to pay one euro more ! And if you need to, you can always go to a T Mobile store to extend your SIM or find another option!

# WHICH PAYMENT METHODS?

**If you are US Citizen, you can skip this point !** If not, I have so advices for you guys :

When traveling to the USA, it's important to have a credit card that is widely accepted and offers favorable terms and benefits.

Some credit cards may charge foreign transaction fees, which can add up quickly, so it's worth looking for a card that doesn't charge these fees.

Visa, American Express and Mastercard are widely accepted in the USA, so it may be a good idea to look for a credit card from one of these issuers.

Additionally, some credit cards offer travel rewards, such as points or miles that can be redeemed for flights, hotel stays, or other travel-related expenses. It may be worth looking for a card that offers these types of rewards to help offset the cost of your trip.

I suggest you to get a Wise Debit card, so you can transfer currencies with almost no fees and use the card in the US !

**Want to apply ?**

If you are from the UK, [click here](#), for Euro Zone, [click here](#)



A photograph of a subway platform with a blue support pillar in the foreground. A black sign with white text is attached to the pillar. The background shows train tracks and platform lights.

**York  
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# GETTING AROUND NEW YORK

Rent a car? Take the subway? Walk? This is a very good question to ask yourself before leaving in my opinion!

You should know that New York City is one of the few American cities where you don't need a car at all!

The subway serves the whole city and the suburbs perfectly. You can even go from Manhattan to JFK by subway for about \$10, much cheaper than a Taxi or Uber and the travel time is the same.



No need to buy a Metro card in advance, they are available at all stations and you can even choose the between many languages to guide you through the purchase process.

Photo © MTA NYC



# TIPPING

You need to know how much to tips in New York ?

Here's everything you need to know:

**BARMAN** *\$1 per drink*

**WAITER** *Between 18% and 20% of the final bill*

**TAXI/UBER** *15% to 20%*

**VALET** *\$1 to \$2*

**LUGGAGE CARRIER** *\$1 to \$5 per bag according to the hotel*

# THE NEIGHBORHOODS I LIKE

New York City is a very eclectic city and there are many interesting neighborhoods to visit.

Here are some of the neighborhoods I love in New York City:

**Manhattan:** This is the most famous island in New York City and is full of iconic landmarks, such as Times Square, Central Park and the SoHo district.

**Brooklyn:** This is the second most populated neighborhood in New York City and has a very different atmosphere than Manhattan. Brooklyn is known for its trendy neighborhoods, such as Williamsburg and Park Slope.

**Lower East Side:** This is a historic part of Manhattan that is known for its independent stores, art galleries and lively bars.

**West Village:** This is a residential area of Manhattan that is known for its winding streets and Victorian homes. It is also a very trendy neighborhood with many restaurants, bars and fashion boutiques.

**Harlem:** It is known for its jazz clubs and soul food restaurants. There are many other interesting neighborhoods in New York City, so it's a good idea to do a little research and find out what interests you the most.



# MY FAVORITE HOTELS

There are many quality hotels in New York City, and the choice of hotel depends on your preferences and budget:

## **The Plaza Hotel**

This luxury hotel is located across from Central Park and is known for its Art Deco style and superior services.

## **The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park**

This luxury hotel offers stunning views of Central Park and is known for its attentive service and superior amenities.

## **The Four Seasons Hotel New York**

This luxury hotel is located in Midtown Manhattan and is known for its attentive service and superior facilities.

## **The Mandarin Oriental, New York**

This luxury hotel is located in the Columbus Circle area and offers a breathtaking view of the city. It is known for its attentive service and superior facilities.

Even if you're not staying here, I invite you to go have a drink at the hotel bar with its view of Central Park!

## **The Standard, High Line**

This boutique hotel is located in the Meatpacking District and offers a breathtaking view of the city. It is known for its hip style and unique amenities.



## The Ludlow

I invite you to [read my full review of this hotel!](#) The design is really stylish, and what I like the most is the bathrooms that offer a view of Manhattan, ready for a delicious bath?

Obviously, there are thousands of hotels in New York and I had to make a short list, but look around, I'm sure you'll find something that will charm you!

For all your hotel reservations, I suggest you to compare rates with [Google Hotel](#) or to use the website [hotels.com](#) which offers a very nice loyalty program in my opinion, you can get upgrades and free nights, [read my article here!](#)





# WHERE TO HAVE BREAKFAST ?

There are many places to get a quality breakfast in New York City.

Here are some popular neighborhoods to have breakfast in New York City:

## **SoHo**

This is a trendy area of Manhattan that is full of cafes and restaurants offering quality breakfast. You can find good cafes serving croissants, pain au chocolat and muffins, as well as restaurants serving bistro-style dishes such as omelets and pancakes.

## **Greenwich Village**

This is another residential area of Manhattan that is full of cafes and restaurants that offer, as in SoHo, delicious restaurants that I recommend.

## **Chinatown**

This is a lively area of Manhattan that is known for its Asian-style breakfast restaurants. You can find good restaurants offering fried noodles, fried rice and scrambled eggs with vegetables.

## **Little Italy**

This is a lively area of Manhattan that is known for its Italian-style breakfast restaurants.

You can find good restaurants serving croissants, pain au chocolat and muffins, as well as restaurants serving trattoria-style dishes such as omelets and crepes.

## **Brooklyn**

Consider using Google Map to search, this neighborhood is full of incredible bars and restaurants!

There are many other neighborhoods in New York City where you can find great breakfasts, so it's a good idea to do a little research and find out what interests you the most.

Want some addresses for a good breakfast in New York? Come on here just for you guys:

Salento (Colombian Breakfast)  
2112 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10032

Old John's Diner  
148 W 67th St, New York, NY 10023

Daily Provisions (American Breakfast)  
103 E 19th St, New York, NY 10003

B&H Dairy, East Village  
127 2nd Avenue

# WHERE TO HAVE LUNCH AND DINNER ?

New York City is a world-renowned culinary destination and there are many fine restaurants throughout the city.

Here are some popular neighborhoods for lunch and dinner in New York City:

## **SoHo**

This is a trendy area of Manhattan that is full of restaurants of all types of cuisine. You can find good sushi, burgers, pizza, pasta and bistro style restaurants.

Some addresses in Soho:

Omen Azen (Japanese)  
113 Thompson St, New York, NY 10012

Altro Paradiso (Italian)  
234 Spring St, New York, NY 10013

L'Express Bouchon (French)  
249 Park Ave S, New York, NY 10003

Soho Diner (American)  
320 W Broadway, New York, NY 10013



## **Greenwich Village**

This is a residential area of Manhattan that is full of restaurants of all types of cuisine. You can find good sushi, burgers, pizza, pasta and bistro style restaurants.

## **Chinatown**

This is a lively neighborhood in Manhattan that is known for its Chinese food restaurants. You can find good restaurants serving dim sum, cashew chicken and noodle dishes.

## **Little Italy**

This is a lively neighborhood in Manhattan that is known for its Italian food restaurants. You can find good pizza, pasta and trattoria style restaurants.

## **Brooklyn**

This is the second most populous borough in New York City and is full of restaurants of all types of cuisine. You can find good sushi, burgers, pizza, pasta and bistro style restaurants.

There are many other neighborhoods in New York City where you can find good restaurants, so it is recommended to do a little research and find out what interests you the most.

I recommend downloading the free Open Table app to discover and book restaurants in your neighborhood and to your culinary tastes.

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24 HRS.

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APERITIFS DE MARQUE

**MAISON**

**CAFE**

# THE ACTIVITIES

New York City is a very lively city and there are many activities to do, here is a list:

- ★ Empire State Building
- ★ Central Park
- ★ The Statue of Liberty (Included in the City Pass)
- ★ Discover the city's museums, such as MoMA
- ★ Guggenheim Museum
- ★ Take a guided tour on foot or by bus
- ★ See a Broadway show
- ★ Attend a Yankees sports game



# My recommendations

## **New York City Pass**

[Buy your tickets here](#)

## **One World Center**

[Buy your tickets here](#)

## **The Edge**

[Buy your tickets here](#) (picture below)





# THE BEST SPOTS WITH VIEWS

New York City is a city with many rooftop bars and restaurants offering a breathtaking view of the city.

## **The rooftop bar of the Gallow Green hotel**

This rooftop bar is located in the Chelsea neighborhood and offers a breathtaking view of the city.

## **The rooftop bar of the hotel The William Vale**

This rooftop bar is located in the Williamsburg neighborhood and offers a 360 degree view of the city.

## **The rooftop bar of the 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge**

This rooftop bar is located in the Brooklyn neighborhood and offers a breathtaking view of the city and the Brooklyn Bridge.

## **The Standard rooftop bar, High Line**

This rooftop bar is located in the Meatpacking District and offers a magical view of the city. It's my favorite !





# WHERE TO GO DANCING

New York City is a very lively city and there are many places where you can go out dancing:

## **The Standard Hotel Dance Club, High Line**

This dance club is located in the Meatpacking District and is known for its electronic music and lively dance floor.

## **The Output Hotel Club**

This dance club is located in the Williamsburg neighborhood and is known for its electronic music and lively dance floor.

## **Webster Hall Hotel Dance Club**

This dance club is located in the East Village neighborhood and is known for its dance music and crazy DJ's.

## **House of Yes Hotel Dance Club**

This dance club is located in the Bushwick neighborhood and is known for its electro atmosphere.

## **Marquee Hotel Dance Club**

This dance club is located in the Chelsea district and is very select, for a chic evening!

There are many other places to go dancing in New York City, so it's a good idea to do a little research and find out what interests you the most.



# SHOPPING IN NYC

New York City is a world-renowned shopping destination and there are many great places to shop in the city.

If you are looking for stores of your favorite brands, I highly suggest you use Google Map to find them on a map.

On the other hand, for bargains, here are a few addresses I recommend:

**Macy's Group Stores** You will find them all over the city, take the time to go to the specials departments, there are sometimes good deals!

**Century 21** A temple of good deals that closed and will reopen in 2023: Brand name products at sometimes very discounted prices.

**Saks Off Fifth** Not to be confused with Saks off Fifth Avenue, this store offers a lot of discounts: Clothing, fashion accessories, objects for the house and more.

To know : some big brands like Macys, offers a 15% discount card if you present yourpassport à l'accueil, il n'y a pas de détaxe aux USA mais vous pourriez bénéficier de ce rabais en caisse.



# THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Here are some recommendations before leaving for the USA:

1. Apply for your ESTA (Not applicable to Americans and Canadians)
2. Buy an adapter to plug in your devices if needed (see [Amazon selection here](#))
3. Don't bring any food to the USA (Cheese, meat... some things are allowed but to avoid problems and fines at customs, refrain if possible)
4. Have a return ticket to your country of origin to present at customs to prove that you will return home

5. Install Google Translate on your phone if you don't speak English.
6. If you are traveling in economy class, [read my tips](#) here to make your trip a pleasant one.
7. Download my other travel guides and bucket list challenges, [click here](#) !







# ABOUT THIS GUIDE... AND ME !

My name is Reead, it's pronounced Ree...ad, and I've been a travel and lifestyle blogger since 2009.

I've lived in Las Vegas since 2016 and I'm still discovering the US.

What do I love most? Helping others through my blog via my discoveries and tips that you can find on [www.reead.com/fr](http://www.reead.com/fr)



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