

Top Attractions To See While In New York

Seven days in New York City is just enough time to taste the best and still have plenty of energy left to play hard in the city that never sleeps. It may be a very busy visitor attraction but you couldn't visit New York without seeing the Empire State Building. The Top of the Rockefeller Center probably has the better view and who's arguing at more than 250m up, but expect to queue and be prepared for times when you cannot see anything in bad weather. Taking a ferry trip and stopping off at the former immigration center on Ellis Island will allow great views of the Statue of Liberty without the long delays that have been normal since 9/11.

The Staten Island ferry can still be traveled on without cost and can offer excellent photo opportunities of the Manhattan skyline and the Statue of Liberty; it is also worth walking around the terminal as well as there are many excellent street performers there. However, no seven day trip to New York would be complete now without a visit to where the World Trade Center Towers once stood not that long ago. Despite the moving nature of this place where over 3,000 people lost their lives, most people do not wish to take a picture of it. Shopping is one of the many reasons visitors flock to New York whether it is for good old-fashioned discounts along Broadway or in the Warehouses down Lower East Side or the beautiful and extravagant Tiffany's, New York has it all.

Then there is Maceys, where there is always a sale so don't forget to get your 11 per cent tourist discount card; and you can look but don't touch at Bloomingdales. Another popular visitor destination, which is currently closed for refurbishment is the ISASM or the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum which will be opening it's doors again late in 2008; well worth looking in if your around at that time of the grand re-opening. There is a great deal there with the USS Intrepid taking center stage being a Second World War aircraft carrier but there is a Concorde and other underwater vessels there too. If you have the time the New York City Police Museum is also worth a look and although it's free to enter, a five dollar donation per visitor is advised; it contains a great deal of information about the World famous Police Department and you can buy souvenirs too.

After that why not visit the Lower East Side Tenement Museum as it's a time capsule of migrant New York built in 1864 and was a grim home for waves of immigrants; it's what made America great (and appalling for a time). For a step back in time it worth going to Central Park where the New York Museum is located; this is an exhibition of many periods relating to the life of The Big Apple.

There is a huge amount to see and do in this city and if you are staying anything less than seven days in New York, you will hardly scratch the surface!

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