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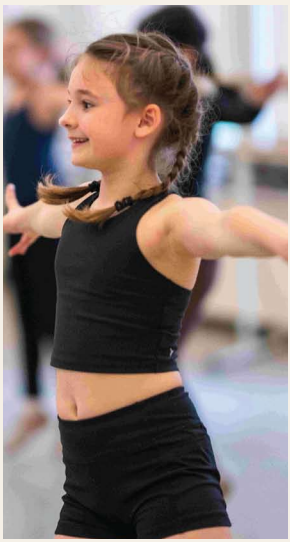
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GUIDE TO NYC NEIGHBORHOODS:

Manhattan

BY MIA SALAS



Although the smallest borough, Manhattan boasts the most neighborhoods in NYC, providing families with a variety of options. Whether you're looking for coveted river views, stroller-friendly streets of Tribeca, the endless kid-friendly activities and outdoor fun in Chelsea, or access to top-tier education and enrichment programs on the Upper East Side, there is a home for you in one of Manhattan's livable, family-friendly neighborhoods.

Chelsea

If you're looking for an upbeat, energetic vibe in a safe, friendly neighborhood, Chelsea might be right for your family. Known for its galleries and diverse architecture—from historic townhouses to sleek condos—it's a vibrant neighborhood welcoming to parents and children. As one of the largest neighborhoods in Manhattan, you can get a little bit of everything here.

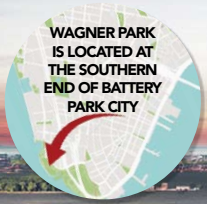
The neighborhood is centered around the High Line. This elevated outdoor park is arguably one of the best in the city and the perfect urban escape with gardens, food vendors, and frequent family programming. Chelsea Piers is also a major draw for families, offering bowling, gymnastics, swimming, rock climbing, indoor skating, after-school programs, and summer camps. If you have little foodies, Chelsea Market will be a regular in your rotation of weekend activities.

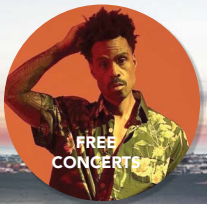
The neighborhood is known for its art galleries and vibrant arts culture, so it's no surprise that there are some incredible creative enrichment programs for kids in the neighborhood. Kids can take cooking classes at Taste Buds Kitchen; pick from art, dance, and music lessons and camps at Kids at Work; or marvel at the exhibits at the Museum of Illusions.

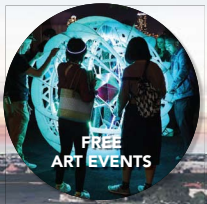
There are many housing options in Chelsea, from pre-war walk-ups to luxury condos. Commuting is convenient, with multiple subway lines all around. You can quickly get uptown or downtown or head to other boroughs.

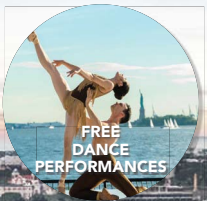
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Chelsea's energy and culture, combined with its accessibility and family-friendly sensibilities, create a community worth a second look.

Hot Spots: Chelsea Waterside Park, Chelsea Piers Sports & Entertainment Complex, The Meatball Shop
Commute: A/C/E, 1/2/3, and L trains; close to 10 local and express bus lines
Housing Options: Pre-war apartments, luxury condos, lofts, townhouses, walk-ups, co-ops, brownstones
Median Home Sale Value: $2 million
Starting Rent for 2-Bedroom Apartment: Prices vary but can start at a little over $4,000 per month
Schools: Hundreds of schools, including public, private, and charter elementary, middle, and high schools.

Tribeca

A downtown Manhattan gem for families, Tribeca—short for Triangle Below Canal Street) was an industrial neighborhood that became a hotspot for artists in the 70s, drawn to its spacious, inexpensive lofts and proximity to SoHo's creative scene, transforming it into a thriving cultural hub. On some blocks, old factories and shipping warehouses are now historic landmarks. Today, the character and history of Tribeca echo into the pre-war walk-ups and restored lofts. Additionally, you'll find plenty of high-rise, luxury buildings with stunning views of the Hudson River.

Tribeca is a quiet, spacious, and trendy neighborhood, especially popular among growing families with young children—despite being one of the city's most expensive areas. Hudson River Park is a major draw, offering mini golf, imaginative playgrounds, lively dog parks, and open space for active kids. Families can head to Pier 25 and Pier 26 for river views and outdoor fun, or visit Tribeca Upland to relax among lush lawns and seasonal blooms.

Families also enjoy indoor play spots like Play Garden, kid-friendly shows at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center, and the library and butterfly garden at Washington Market Park. Film-enthusiasts can snap a photo outside FDNY's Hook & Ladder 8—the original Ghostbusters headquarters.

Tribeca is very walkable and well-connected to major subway lines. The neighborhood's relaxed, creative energy makes it a go-to neighborhood for families seeking upscale living.

Hot Spots: Washington Market Park, Tribeca Park, Hudson River Park, Bubby's
Commute: A/C/E and 1/2/3 trains, buses include M20, M22, and M55, express buses
Housing Options: Lofts, luxury condominiums, historic townhouses, co-ops
Median Home Sale Value: $3.5 million
Starting Rent for 2-Bedroom Apartment: $5,500 per month
Schools: A mix of nearly 20 public, private, and charter schools, including the esteemed Stuyvesant High School

Upper East Side

The charming Upper East Side is known for its leafy streets with rows of stately, hisotric, limestone mansions, refined and elegant vibe, and proximity to world-class museums and Central Park. Since its development in the 19th century, the Upper East Side has been synonymous with affluence. It still offers housing that ranges from stately brownstones to co-ops and high-rises.
Top-rated public schools and elite private schools attract many families. Parents can also find several bilingual schools and after-school enrichment programs. The 92nd Street Y is a longtime family favorite, offering arts, theater, sports, and STEM classes. Head to The Met for family art workshops and events, The Art Farm for cooking, crafts, and music, or one of the dance institutions like Ballet Academy East. Your child will thrive with endless education options in and outside the classroom.

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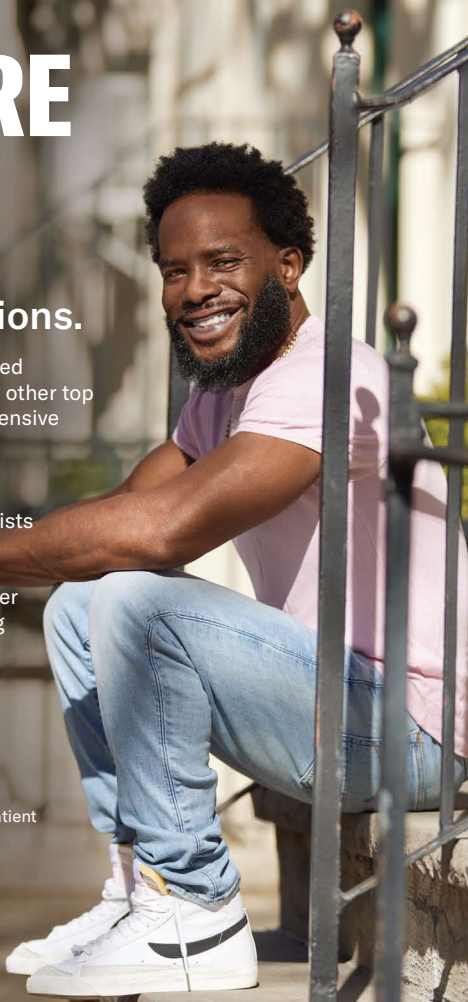
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outdoor adventure, featuring the Central Park Zoo and summer programming such as Shakespeare for Kids and outdoor movie nights. John Jay and Carl Schurz Parks are also favorites for water play and picnics.

Commuting via the nearby subway lines does the trick, but the neighborhood is very walkable, with wide sidewalks that never get too crowded. For families wanting classic New York with top-tier resources, the Upper East Side is for you.

Hot Spots: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The East River Esplanade, The Jewish Museum
Commute: Q and 4/5/6 trains, over 10 local and express bus lines
Housing Options: Pre-war co-ops, luxury condominiums, townhouses, brownstones, walk-up buildings, high-rise apartments
Median Home Sale Value: $1.3 million
Starting Rent for 2-Bedroom Apartment: Prices range, but start just under $6,000.
Schools: There are close to 40 schools, including public, private, and charter elementary, middle, and high schools, including the notable Hunter College High School.

Upper West Side

Located between Central and Riverside Parks, the Upper West Side provides ample green space for children to play. Although it is part of Manhattan, this neighborhood maintains a cozy, residential atmosphere that families appreciate. Strolling down some Upper West Side blocks may feel so suburban that you may question whether you are even still in the city.

Developed during the late 19th to early 20th centuries alongside Central Park and the first subway line, the Upper West Side became a vibrant cultural hub that attracted intellectuals, artists, and middle-class families.

The Upper West Side continues to be a family favorite for its quiet, stroller-friendly streets, high-quality public and private schools, and endless options for kid-friendly activities. Stroll over to the American Museum of Natural History for fun exhibits, or head to one of the playgrounds at one of the nearby parks for an outdoor adventure. Enjoy world-class family entertainment at a storytime or family concert at Lincoln Center. Enjoy the "Shakespeare in the Park" theater or movie nights and dance parties through Summer on the Hudson in the summer.

You'll find a mix of brownstones, pre-war co-ops, and luxury high-rise condos in this area, but you can expect to pay for this prime location. The average home cost is reported to be between $ 1.3 and 1.7 million. But if you look a bit further north, you can find some good deals on walk-ups that don't break as much of the budget.

Commuting is relatively easy, with convenient public transportation options nearby. The neighborhood is pedestrian-friendly, perfect for walking along tree-lined streets, making for delightful leisurely walks, weather permitting.

With its blend of culture, education, and community-focused amenities, the Upper West Side remains a top choice for city families.

Hot Spots: Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), Central Park, Kidville, The Beacon Theatre
Commute: 1/2/3 and B/C subway lines, a wide array of bus routes
Housing Options: Pre-war co-ops, luxury condominiums, townhouses, brownstones, walk-up buildings, high-rise apartments
Median Home Sale Value: $1.5 million
Starting Rent for 2-Bedroom Apartment: Prices vary, but can begin at just under $7,000.
Schools: Hundreds of public, private, and charter elementary, middle, and high schools. Some of the top-rated schools in the city are here, such as Fiorello H. Laguardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts.



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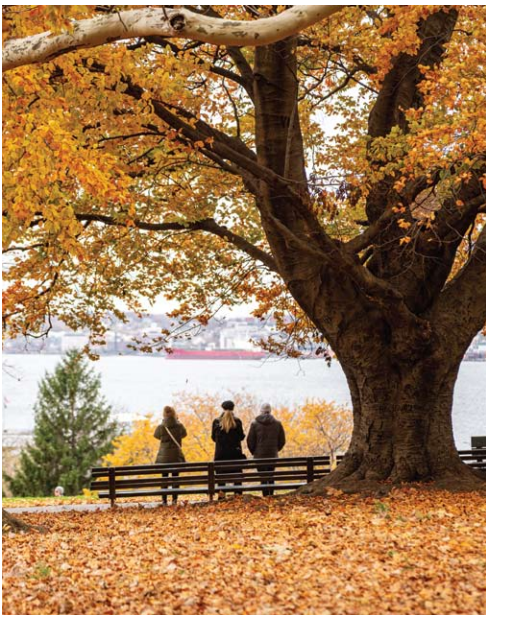
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GUIDE TO NYC NEIGHBORHOODS:

Brooklyn

BY NÁOSHA GREGG



For many, Brooklyn is more than just a home. The outer borough has its own unique experience, making living here magical. From gorgeous waterfront views of the Brooklyn Bridge and the various cultural paintings and murals scattered across multiple neighborhoods to the dining, culture and family-friendly parks, Brooklyn is a slice of heaven for its residents.

However, exploring the city's largest borough is no easy feat, and can feel a bit overwhelming. With so many neighborhoods to choose from, it's easy to get lost in the beautiful chaos of Brooklyn. However, every neighborhood has something to offer growing families. So grab your maps and a Citi Bike and explore … the Brooklyn way!

Bay Ridge

Bay Ridge is a hidden gem in the outer boroughs. The neighborhood fosters a strong sense of community, beautiful waterfront views, and easy access to other boroughs via the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, Belt Parkway, and Verazzano Bridge.

The Third and Fourth Avenue strips are lined with whimsical eateries, shops, and bars. Various nail salon options make it easy for a day of self-care and pampering, while access to three to five grocery stores within walking distance makes it a walker's paradise. Rich in Italian culture, families can experience the delectable all-day brunch of Bocca del Cielo or a sweet treat from the iconic Little Cupcake Bakeshop. Find your village with local dance studios and shop to your heart's content on the strip of 86th Street, complete with a Bath & Body Works, Victoria's Secret, and more.

Because it is at the very end of the borough, transportation is limited. The R (local) train runs to 95th St. before making its way back to Queens. It's about a 20 —to 30-minute ride into Downtown Brooklyn and Lower Manhattan; meanwhile, various buses offer plentiful routes to explore the borough. The nearby Dyker Heights golf course is ideal for families looking for a

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Hot Spots: Fairytale Island, Shore Road Park, Alpine Cinema
Commute: R (local) train, B1, B4, B8, B9, B16, B37, B64 bus lines
Housing Options: Apartments, condos, single and multi-family homes
Median Home Sale Value: $1.1 million
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: Just under $3,000 per month
Schools: Fort Hamilton High School (public) and Poly Prep Academy (private). Local school options for the younger ones are slightly limited.

Carroll Gardens

In the mix of skyscrapers and luxury buildings that pepper downtown Brooklyn, lies a little slice of suburbia named Carroll Gardens. The neighborhood, just south of Court St., offers an ideal environment for families looking for the perfect blend of city life and suburban living.

Quiet tree-lined streets boast beautiful and historic brownstones. Carroll Gardens, aptly named after Charles Carroll, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the distinctive "gardens" in front of the homes, is full of pockets of lush greenery. The neighborhood's name also pays homage to a Maryland regiment that fought in the Battle of Long Island, defending the Old Stone House at Gowanus, hence the Gowanus Canal.

Lined with lively bars and chic boutiques, the neighborhood captures Brooklyn's signature blend of trendiness and nostalgia. Families can stop by the iconic Farmacy Brooklyn soda fountain for a classic New York chocolate egg cream or ice cream sundae, enjoy Italian fare at Frankies 457 Spuntino, or indulge in traditional American cuisine at Buttermilk Channel.

The neighborhood is close to downtown Brooklyn, making it a walker's paradise. Some bus routes run through the neighborhood, but trains run frequently. Court Street has various daycare options, while access to the YMCA and Trader Joe's make it convenient for families. There aren't many options for local schools, however.

Hot Spots: Brooklyn Farmacy & Soda Fountain, Lucali, The Painted Pot, New York Transit Museum, Smith Street
Commute: F (local) and G (local) trains, B61, B57, B63 bus lines
Housing Options: Apartments, condos, single and multi-family homes
Median Home Sale Value: $2 million
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $4000
Schools: P.S. 372 The Children's School, M.S. 442, International School of Brooklyn

Crown Heights

Crown Heights is a melting pot of culture and activity in central Brooklyn. Along Eastern Parkway lie historic buildings, with apartments detailed with French accents and crown moldings, making it perfect for a those looking for historic character. The area is slightly more affordable than other sought-after Brooklyn neighborhoods.

Various coffee shops and bodegas line the main avenues of Franklin and Nostrand, where families can find a variety of foods from authentic Caribbean fare to Mexican and American cuisine. The area is a walker's paradise, just blocks from Prospect Park, where families can enjoy the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens and Prospect Park Zoo. The Brooklyn Museum is just one stop away on the train, while the strip of Washington Avenue is filled with brasseries, bars, and bakeries.

Commuting from the location is a breeze, with access to five subway lines. It's a 15-minute ride to downtown Brooklyn and about 20 minutes to Lower Manhattan. Buses allow easy transportation to Canarsie (south Brooklyn) or downtown Brooklyn. The area is brimming with local schools.

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Commute: 2 and 3 (local), 4, and 5 (express), and the Franklin Ave. shuttle, B17, B45, and B65 bus lines
Housing Options: Apartments, condos, single and multi-family homes
Median Home Sale Value: $1.1 million
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $2,300 per month
Schools: Prospect Heights High School, Achievement First Elementary School, Medgar Evers High School, and Medgar Evers College

Park Slope

Dubbed New York's most desirable neighborhood to live in by many, Park Slope is the ideal neighborhood for families looking to put down roots in the city, away from the hustle and bustle of Manhattan. Nestled quietly on the northwestern side of Prospect Park, quaint streets are lined with brownstones and single-family homes, reminiscent of old New York. Inside the coveted brownstones, you'll find refinished wooden floors, spacious living rooms with historic detail, like crown molding and rounded-arch ways, and bedrooms drenched with sunlight. You can also find the iconic Queen Anne, Renaissance Revival, and Romanesque mansions gracing the sidewalks, adding an elevated charm to the quaint neighborhood.

Just steps from Prospect Park, families can enjoy its many events. In the winter, glide across the ice with lakeside views at LeFrak Center, or learn about the critters that inhabit the park at the Audubon Center. Recreational sports, such as tennis and basketball courts, are scattered throughout, and a carousel is open during seasonal weather to make it even more inviting.

The neighborhood is highly walkable with bike lanes for cyclists, and various speed bumps and stop signs to ensure safety. If you're looking for a scenic route, the B61 and B63 cruise down the streets, heading towards Red Hook and Atlantic Center Mall by Barclays Center.

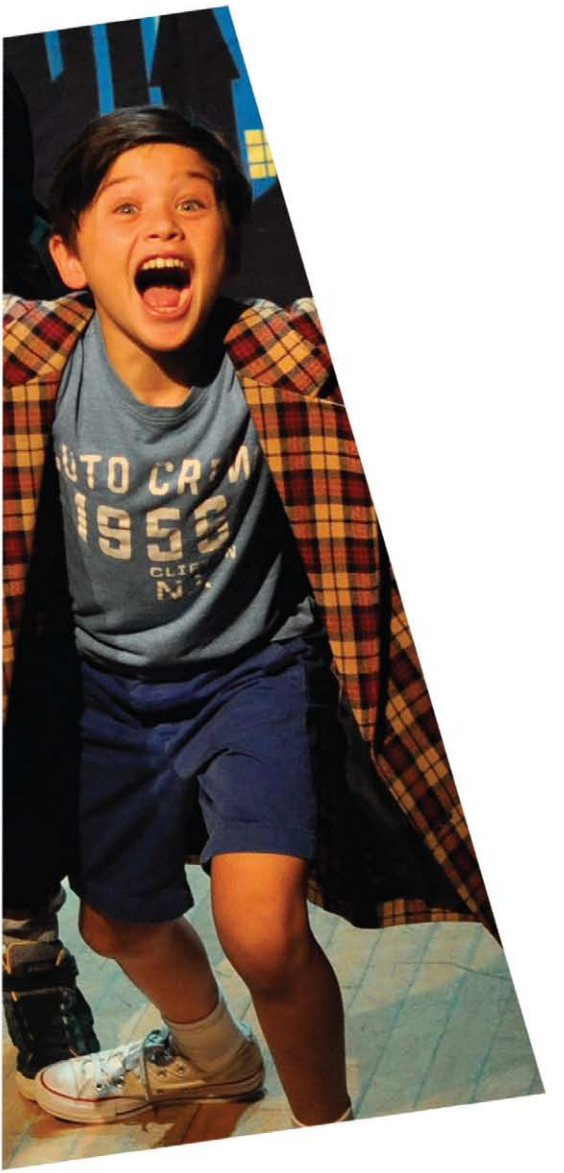
Park Slope has no shortage of resources for families, from NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital and Park Slope Dental Arts to a variety of private and public schools. Al Di La Trattoria and Brasserie Le Mistral offer traditional and modern Italian and French cuisine, while local bakeshops Ladybird and Cousins Johns are around to satisfy any sweet tooth.

Hot Spots: Prospect Park, Puppetworks, Brooklyn Public Library, Fifth Avenue strip offers a plethora of food, ranging from Indian to Italian, and the Fifth Avenue Fair each summer
Commute: D (express), N (express), and F and R (local) trains run for easy access to Lower Manhattan and to Coney Island/Bay Ridge
Housing Options: Apartments, condos, single and multi-family homes
Median Home Sale Value: $1.4 million
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: Slightly below $4,000
Schools: P.S. 321 William Penn, Berkeley Carroll Middle & High School, and Park Slope Collegiate.

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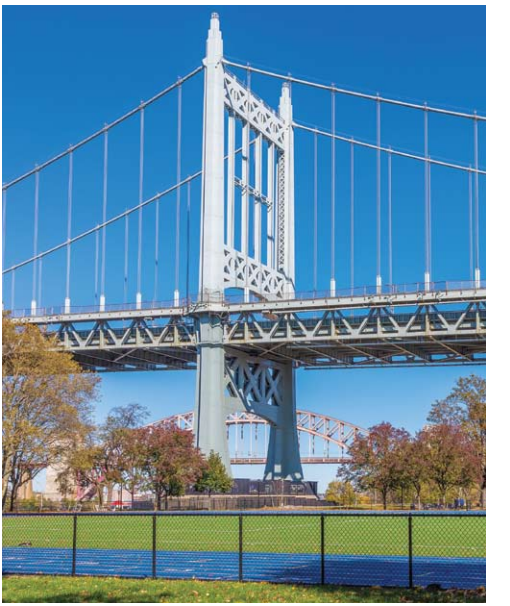
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GUIDE TO NYC NEIGHBORHOODS:

Queens

BY ADRIENNE FARR



Queens is one of the city's most family-friendly boroughs, offering diverse neighborhoods, green spaces, and cultural experiences. Families can enjoy sprawling parks like Flushing Meadows–Corona Park, the Queens Zoo, and kid-focused museums like the New York Hall of Science. If you're looking for diversity, Queens has been regarded as the most ethnically diverse urban area in the world! Residents from over 120 countries, speaking more than 160 languages call Queens home. This diversity is reflected in its neighborhoods, top-rated public schools, and cultural institutions, making it a uniquely inclusive place for families.

Astoria

Astoria is one of the most popular neighborhoods in Queens for families, thanks to its vibrant community, cultural diversity, and convenient access to Manhattan—just a 15–20-minute ride on the N or W train. The area attracts a diverse, middle-class crowd seeking a balance of affordability, culture, and a tight-knit neighborhood feel.

Known as New York's unofficial Greek capital, Astoria offers some of the city's best Greek restaurants, alongside a growing mix of global cuisines. The neighborhood has a strong family-friendly appeal, with playgrounds, family-run businesses, and community events throughout the year.

With stunning views of the East River and Manhattan skyline, Astoria Park provides ample green space for outdoor fun, sports, and seasonal programming. The park also features one of the city's largest public pools, tennis courts, and running tracks, making it a destination for families throughout the warmer months.

Astoria has excellent preschools, daycares, enrichment centers, and easy access to nearby museums. Steinway Street and Ditmars Boulevard serve as bustling commercial hubs with toy stores, kid-friendly cafes, bookstores, and ice cream shops. The neighborhood also hosts regular


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cultural festivals, street fairs, and farmers' markets that bring neighbors together. With its strong sense of community and dynamic mix of amenities, Astoria continues to be a top choice for families looking to put down roots in New York City.

Hot Spots: Astoria Park, Athens Square Park, Museum of the Moving Image
Commute: N/W subway lines, express buses, CitiBike, and proximity to the RFK Bridge for drivers.
Housing Options: Co-ops, high-rise luxury condos and rentals, multi-family homes, prewar apartments, single-family/detached homes, and rowhouses.
Median Home Sale Value: Attached homes: $690K, Single-family detached homes: $1.2M+
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $3,800/month
Schools: Approximately 20 schools, including P.S. 122 and P.S. 166, which are known for academic excellence and community involvement.

Bayside

Bayside stands out as a top pick for families, boasting an excellent school system, a welcoming family environment, and a rich cultural tapestry. Once a retreat for artists and celebrities in the early 20th century, Bayside developed into a residential enclave following the expansion of railroads and highways. Now, the vibrant neighborhood in northeastern Queens presents a variety of housing choices, from spacious single-family homes and brick colonials to townhouses and apartments. Tree-lined streets and well-kept properties give it a spacious, family-friendly feel. Known for its peaceful, suburban vibe, Bayside is ideal for commuting families, with LIRR service from Bayside Station, several bus routes, and quick access to major highways making Manhattan reachable in less than an hour.

The neighborhood offers a variety of convenient shopping options, from national big box retailers to beloved local spots along Bell Boulevard. Something to consider is that North Bayside features larger single-family homes, while South Bayside leans toward smaller homes and garden apartments; Bell Boulevard events like farmer's markets or street festivals occasionally slow traffic.

Hot Spots: Alley Pond Park/Horatio Playground, Crocheron Park, Marie Curie Playground, Bell Boulevard annual Food & Music Festival, Maria's Mediterranean, Espurresso Cat Café
Commute: LIRR Port Washington Branch to Grand Central Terminal, several bus routes, and easy access to major highways
Housing Options: Detached single-family homes, garden apartments, low-rise co-ops, and townhouses
Median Home Sale Value: $660K–$800K, with single-family homes closer to $1.12M
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $2,200 per month
Schools: 49 schools, including the highly-rated Bell Academy, Bayside High School, and P.S. 203 Oakland Gardens.

Forest Hills

Known for its tree-lined streets, Tudor and colonial-style homes, and charming private community of Forest Hills Gardens—with some of the most expansive properties in the county—Forest Hills has long attracted families seeking a peaceful oasis within the hustle of the city. Blending historic charm with modern urban amenities, this serene, yet bustling neighborhood in central Queens, Forest Hills has a rich history that dates back to the early 1900s when it was developed as a "garden community"— one of the city's first planned communities. This diverse neighborhood once had a significant Jewish community, particularly after World War II, and later became home to multiple ethnicities, including many from Asian and Eastern European backgrounds.

Families have been drawn to this neighborhood for its excellent schools, lush,

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green parks, and strong community feel. Public spaces like Willow Lake Playground and Forest Park's array of recreational facilities, including a pond, playground, and dog runs

Austin Street is a favorite family destination, perfect for a stroll while exploring its many shops, restaurants, and cafés. Cultural highlights include the iconic Forest Hills Stadium, which hosts concerts and community events, and the West Side Tennis Club, home of the original U.S. Open.

Manhattan is just a quick subway, LIRR, or bus ride away. The busy Queens Boulevard cuts through the neighborhood; many drivers exit the highways to take this local, direct route into Manhattan. Parking in Forest Hills is difficult, so it makes sense to plan ahead. But many residents love the easy access to several subway lines (E, F, M, and R), the LIRR, and express bus lines.

Some things to consider are that the Cord Meyer community on the northern side of Forest Hills features larger single-family homes; the south has higher-density apartments and co-ops. Expect lots of traffic near Forest Hills Stadium. Many buildings are landmarked, which is excellent for preservation lovers, but renovation rules are stricter.

Hot Spots: Eddie's Sweet Shop, Aigner Chocolates, Forest Hills Greenmarket, Forest Hills Stadium, MacDonald Park, Willow Lake Playground, Dream City, Hug Music, Queens Community House-Forest Hills
Housing Options: Single-family Tudor homes, row houses, pre-war co-ops, modern luxury condos, townhouses, low- and high-rise apartments
Commute: E/F, M/R subway lines, LIRR, express bus
Median Home Sale Value: Attached homes, $442K–$465K; single-family detached homes, $800K
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $3,000
Schools: 19 schools, including Forest Hills High School and P.S. 101 School in the Gardens

Kew Gardens

Kew Gardens is a peaceful enclave in central Queens that combines small-town charm with urban convenience. Originally developed as one of New York's first commuter suburbs in the early 20th century, the cozy, walkable, family-oriented neighborhood continues to lure families with its quiet, residential vibe, in contrast to the bustle of other city neighborhoods. Historic Tudor-style homes, pre-war co-ops along tree-lined streets, and local businesses on Lefferts Boulevard give the neighborhood a strong sense of community. Families are welcome to enjoy independent cafés, restaurants, bakeries, boutiques, toy stores, and bookstores, making this quaint neighborhood ideal for raising children.

Nearby Forest Park offers families recreation year-round with its sprawling green space, playgrounds, hiking trails, sports fields, carousels, and horseback riding. With its blend of architectural character, transit convenience, and welcoming community atmosphere, Kew Gardens continues to be a top pick for families seeking a balanced neighborhood experience in New York City.

Hot Spots: Baker's Dozen Bagels, Forest Park, Ralph J. Bunche House, Maple Grove Cemetery
Commute: E/F subway lines, express buses, or LIRR train to midtown from Kew Gardens station
Housing Options: Condos, co-ops, low- and midrise apartment buildings, single-family detached homes, and townhouses
Median Home Sale Value: $1.5M
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $2,800
Schools: 49 schools, including Queens High School for the Sciences at York College and The Kew-Forest School.

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GUIDE TO NYC NEIGHBORHOODS:
The Bronx

BY DOUGLAS HATT



The Bronx is sometimes overlooked as a family-friendly borough, but its rich culture, history, and affordability make it an appealing option for families seeking proximity to Manhattan. Home to the Bronx Zoo, Yankee Stadium, the New York Botanical Garden, and Van Cortlandt Park, it offers vast green spaces, diverse neighborhoods, strong community pride, and easy access to public transit. Long-established and up-and-coming areas alike provide a dynamic mix of kid-friendly amenities, educational opportunities, and vibrant local life.

City Island

If you enjoy the vibe of a seaside resort town, you will love City Island. It is a walkable island with waterfront dining options, including the City Island Lobster House, the Original Crab Shanty, and Scavello's. Its nautical charm and small-town feel make the chaos of the big city seem much further away.

The quiet, walkable streets of this quaint seaside town are lined with Victorian cottages, beach bungalows, casual seafood shacks, Italian restaurants, and adorable boutiques, which give the island a warm, idyllic, village-like feel. Families are drawn to its welcoming, close-knit community and relaxed pace.

The island boasts plentiful green space, including Hawkins Park, a scenic waterfront path in City Island Park, and Ambrosini Field ballfields and playground. If traveling by car, residents and visitors pass through NYC's largest public green space, Pelham Bay Park, which boasts nearly 3,000 acres of natural beauty and recreation. Three times the size of Central Park, Pelham Park offers a wide variety of family-friendly activities like Orchard Beach, hiking trails, bike paths, and numerous playgrounds.

Something to consider when visiting City Island is that transportation can be challenging, with the nearest subway a 30-minute walk away, but there are commuter buses to speed residents into


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Manhattan. Local advocates have also made efforts to bring a ferry stop to nearby Orchard Beach.

Hot Spots: The Black Whale, Clipper Coffee, City Island Lobster House, City Island Nautical Museum, Lickety Split, The Original Crab Shanty
Commute: The nearest subway station is Pelham Bay Park (6), a 30-minute walk away, or bus transfer, car, and a potential ferry.
Housing Options: Single- and multi-family detached, Victorian- and Colonial-style homes, charming cottages, co-ops, condos, and townhomes
Median Home Sale Value: $630,000
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $2,500 per month
Schools: P.S. 175 (pre-K–8) is the only school on City Island. High school students attend schools on the mainland Bronx, including zoned public schools in District 11 and specialized high schools like Bronx Science, In-Tech Academy, Bronxdale High School, and Pelham Prep. Some families also consider traveling to top independent schools in Riverdale.

Kingsbridge

In the northwest Bronx, this lively and diverse neighborhood perfectly blends city conveniences with a serene, almost suburban residential feel. Once home to the National Guard, the enormous Kingsbridge Armory still stands today and now serves as an event venue. The area's hilly terrain gave rise to the neighborhood's iconic step streets—long stairways that connect blocks and communities.

The urban development initiated by the arrival of the railroad in the late 19th century transformed Kingsbridge into the vibrant, diverse, residential community it is today. The development of housing along its unique step streets in the 20th century created a walkable, village-like feel that still defines the area. Bustling shops, restaurants, and other businesses can be found close to Broadway and the 1 train, whereas it's noticeably quieter and more residential closer to the Riverdale border.

Kingsbridge is close to Van Cortlandt Park, the third-largest park in the city. With miles of trails, playgrounds, athletic fields, a public golf course, and expansive green space, Kingsbridge offers families myriad opportunities for outdoor activities.

Today, Kingsbridge is known for its cultural diversity, lively atmosphere, and mix of residential and commercial spaces. The neighborhood offers residents affordability, many dining options, local shops, charming historic homes, community-focused co-ops, ample green space, multiple schools, and access to public transportation.

Hot Spots: Broadway Plaza, Van Courtland Park, Step Streets, Kingsbridge Armory, the Punch Bowl, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Commute: 1, 4, B, D trains, and numerous bus lines
Housing Options: Historic single-family houses, townhomes, pre-war apartments, co-ops, condos, and Mitchell-Lama developments
Median Home Sale Value: $725,000
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $2,300 per month
Schools: Several local public K-8 schools within the neighborhood, including P.S. 7, P.S. 86, P.S. 344, and P.S. 207. Several middle and high schools, including Kingsbridge International High School and In-Tech Academy, and access to various charter and prestigious private schools in nearby Riverdale and Westchester areas.

Morris Park

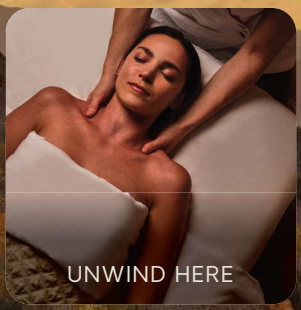
Located in the East Bronx, the Morris Park neighborhood was a predominantly Italian-American community for much of the 20th Century, and the neighborhood still honors that heritage with a variety of Italian-American restaurants and an annual Columbus Day parade.

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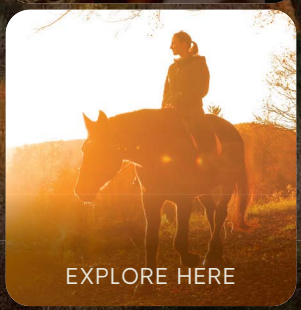
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Many multi-generational families live in the neighborhood, contributing to a strong sense of community. Its main commercial street, Morris Park Avenue, is bustling with local shops, bakeries, and renowned restaurants. Families enjoy the easy access to this neighborhood's star attractions: the Bronx Zoo and the New York Botanical Garden,

Morris Park is home to a major medical hub, with major medical institutions like Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Jacobi Medical Center, which draw many healthcare professionals to the area and provide accessible, top-tier healthcare to residents.

A number of single- and multi-family homes have with yards and driveways—making Morris Park an excellent choice for families who want to spread out without leaving the conveniences of the city. A strong community, access to quality schools and medical care, low crime rates, and lively shopping and dining options make this charming neighborhood stand out as a desirable and family-friendly neighborhood.

Hot Spots: Bronx Zoo, New York Botanical Garden, Addeo's of the Bronx, Ann Clair's Salumeria, Conti's Pastry Shoppe, Patricia's of Morris Park, River Park, Bronx River
Housing Options: Single- and multi-family homes, co-ops
Commute: Subway lines (2, 5, 6) and several bus routes. A new Metro-North station planned for 2027.
Median Home Sale Value: $805,000
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $2,400 per month
Schools: District No. 11 provides access to a variety of public elementary and middle schools within or close to the neighborhood. Charter schools and Villa Maria Academy (Catholic)

Riverdale

Families who want the convenience of city life with the feel of the suburbs are often drawn to Riverdale. This enclave offers a rare mix of charming residential streets, prestigious schools, and lush green space. Originally developed in the 19th century as a summer retreat for Manhattan's wealthy elite, Riverdale has retained its refined, residential character. Grand estates from that era still line some of its quiet streets, now joined by co-ops, condos, and modern townhomes. The neighborhood includes several sub-sections—like Fieldston, North Riverdale, and Spuyten Duyvil—each with its own personality.

Riverdale is known for its strong sense of community and excellent educational options, including three of the city's top independent schools: Horace Mann, Fieldston, and Riverdale Country School.

Riverdale's main retail corridor, along Riverdale and Johnson Avenues, features coffee shops, family-owned restaurants, bookstores, and grocery stores. Its walkable pockets, reliable public transit, and peaceful setting appeal to families used to the slower pace and green spaces of the suburbs.

Keep in mind that subway access is limited (the 1 train serves only part of the area), though Metro-North's Spuyten Duyvil and Riverdale stations offer a quick ride into Manhattan.

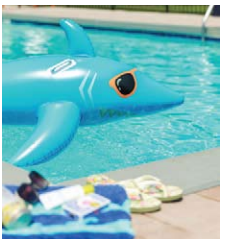
Hot Spots: Wave Hill, Lloyd's Carrot Cake, Bronx Burger House, Salvatore's of Soho, Moss Café, Bellini
Commute: Metro-North (Spuyten Duyvil and Riverdale stations), express buses , limited 1 train access, easy access to Henry Hudson Parkway
Housing Options: Detached single-family homes, pre-war co-ops, luxury condos, townhomes, and mid-rise apartments
Median Home Sale Value: $720K
Starting Rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $2,800 per month
Schools: Highly regarded public and charter schools, top private schools like Horace Mann, Fieldston, and Riverdale Country School. Nearby options include specialized high schools such as Bronx Science and Bard Early College.

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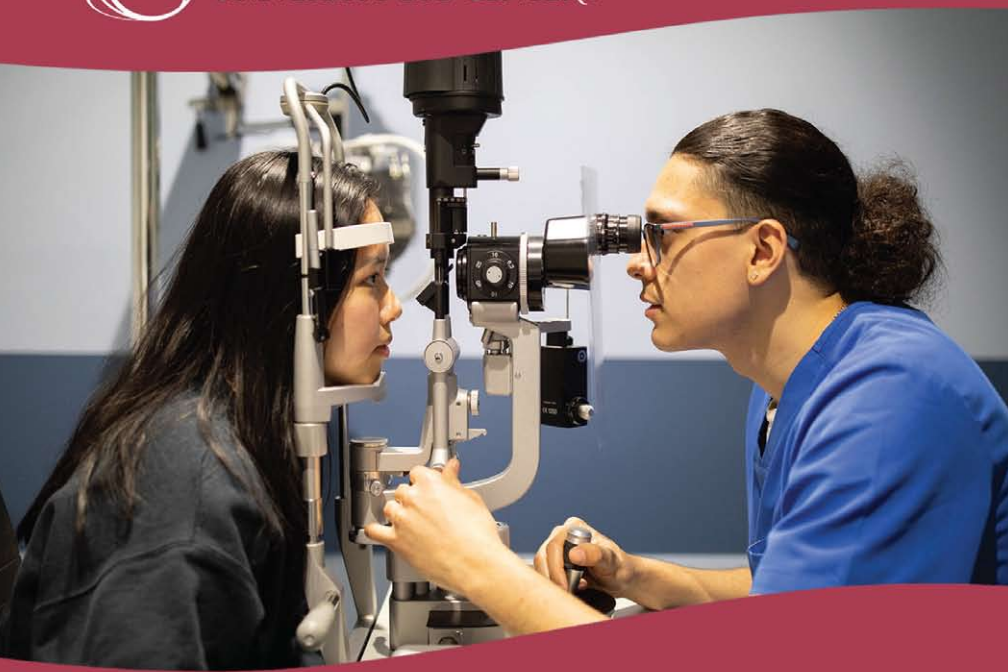
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NYC apartment buildings designed with families in mind

BY TARA LUSTBERG

Finding family-friendly housing in NYC can be a challenge, especially with the average rent of a two-bedroom in NYC averaging over $5,400 per month, according to apartments.com. According to reports, this is significantly higher (148%) than the national average and has increased by 7% since December 2023. But some properties offer thoughtful amenities for families, making city living seem more manageable. Living in NYC means you have unmatched cultural access, top-tier schools, numerous parks and playgrounds, and endless family activities. It's important to remember your family's priorities—whether that is space, school zoning, commute, access to outdoor space, or neighborhood. So if your family is looking for the right balance of convenience, comfort, luxury, and kid-friendly amenities in NYC, these buildings are worth checking out.

565 Broome

565 Broome St., SoHo
565broomesoho.com

Situated in downtown SoHo, 565 Broome offers residences designed for modern family living. This pet-friendly building provides family-friendly conveniences like a playroom, fitness center, landscaped outdoor spaces, and an indoor pool. Its central spot near parks, schools, and museums makes it ideal for families wanting an urban lifestyle.

4545 Center Boulevard

4545 Center Blvd., Long Island City
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11 Hoyt
11 Hoyt St., Downtown Brooklyn
11hoytbrooklyn.com
The family-friendly amenities make at 11 Hoyt an ideal home for city-dwelling families. The indoor playroom features cozy hanging pods and a multi-level adventure structure with ladders, ropes, slides, and elevated walkways. The outdoor play area includes a climbable butterfly sculpture. Together with 11 Hoyt's private park and green spaces, these features create a unique urban sanctuary for families.

15 Hudson Yards
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15hudsonyards.com
NYC's newest neighborhood welcomes 88 floors of luxury residences designed with families in mind. Amenities on the 50th floor include a play space, family lounge, arts and crafts studio, screening room, and an indoor pool with Hudson River views. The CAMP store, in the Hudson Yards complex, offers interactive experiences, a café, and a children's theater.

77Greenwich
77 Greenwich St., Financial District
77greenwich.com
This luxury high-rise was designed as a haven for families seeking a peaceful escape from the city. The Cloud Club on the 77th floor, features a tranquil rooftop terrace with 360-degree views, and the 42nd-floor observation deck has an outdoor kitchen and grills. There is a playroom the kids will love. Two blocks from Battery Plaza, perfect for family walks along the Hudson River.

Brooklyn Point
One City Point, Downtown Brooklyn
brooklynpointnyc.com
City Point offers luxury living with spacious layouts and high-end finishes. Residents enjoy 40,000 square feet of amenities, including a rooftop infinity pool, indoor saltwater pool, fitness center, and putting green. The outdoor playground features a jungle gym, splash pad, and a two-story playroom with slides and a reading nook, while older kids can have fun in the game lounge and on the rock-climbing wall.

The Chatsworth
72nd St., Upper West Side
thechatsworthresidences.com
Spacious one- to five-bedroom residences at The Chatsworth offer refined living with easy access to the city's best schools, parks, and cultural landmarks. The building features a dedicated children's playroom, a fully equipped fitness center, and a peaceful yoga studio. With nearby green spaces, river views, and pet-friendly destinations, The Chatsworth brings comfort and convenience to every member of the family.

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Estela
445 Gerard Ave., Mott Haven, Bronx
estelabronx.com
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Maven

2413 Third Ave., Mott Haven, Bronx

mavenbx.com

At Maven, modern living meets everyday ease for families of all sizes in the heart of Mott Haven. Spacious residences are complemented by thoughtful amenities designed with family life in mind—including a vibrant children's playroom, a landscaped rooftop with room to roam, and indoor lounges perfect for relaxing together. With nearby parks, local schools, and family-friendly dining just steps away, Maven offers a welcoming retreat for parents, kids, and four-legged companions.

One Clinton

One Clinton St., Brooklyn Heights

oneclintonbk.com

One Clinton is an architectural beauty at the center of historic Brooklyn Heights. With direct access to Cadman Plaza Park, Whitman Park and a 10 min walk from the DUMBO area, this apartment building is perfect for families. Amenities include a sky lounge with a full entertaining kitchen, bar, and terrace, a children's center with indoor and outdoor active play areas, and a screening room. A state-of-the-art, 26,000 square foot branch of the Brooklyn Public Library (the largest in Brooklyn) can be found on One Clinton's ground floor with an expansive reading room, perfect for bookworms and study sessions.

One Manhattan Square

252 South St., Lower East Side

onemanhattansquare.com

One Manhattan Square delivers luxury and convenience for modern families with its extensive lineup of kid-friendly amenities. From an indoor playroom and teen game room to a private bowling alley and basketball court, there's something for every age and interest. Parents will appreciate the serene private garden and the building's sleek, contemporary design. With its amenity-rich environment and dynamic Lower East Side location, One Manhattan Square creates an all-in-one home base for families looking to grow, play, and thrive in the city.

Waterline Square

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Located between West 59th and 61st Streets along the Hudson River, Waterline Square is a family-focused residential community on the Upper West Side offering over 100,000 square feet of kid-friendly amenities. Children can enjoy nearly 5,000 square feet of indoor playrooms, an imaginative indoor playground, a dedicated toddler area, and a party room. A standout feature offering activities for all ages, the Waterline Club, offers curated programming and shared spaces like an art studio, music recording studio, fitness center, basketball and tennis courts, lap pool, art studio, a music room, bowling alley, game parlor, rock climbing wall, and even a skate park, and more—making it an activity-rich environment for families.

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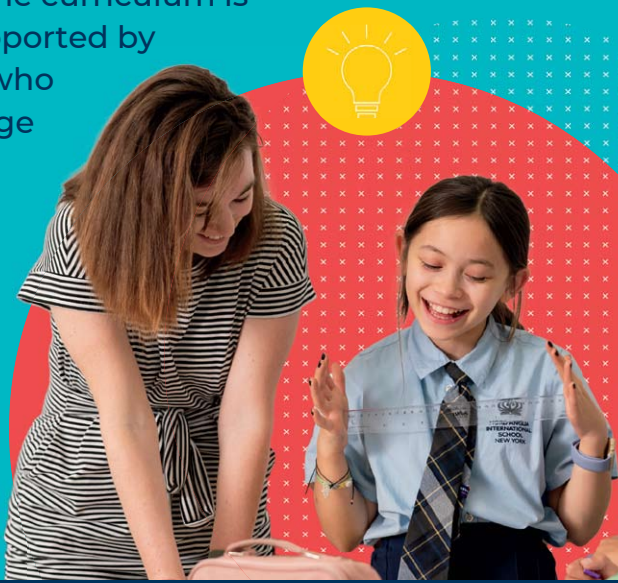
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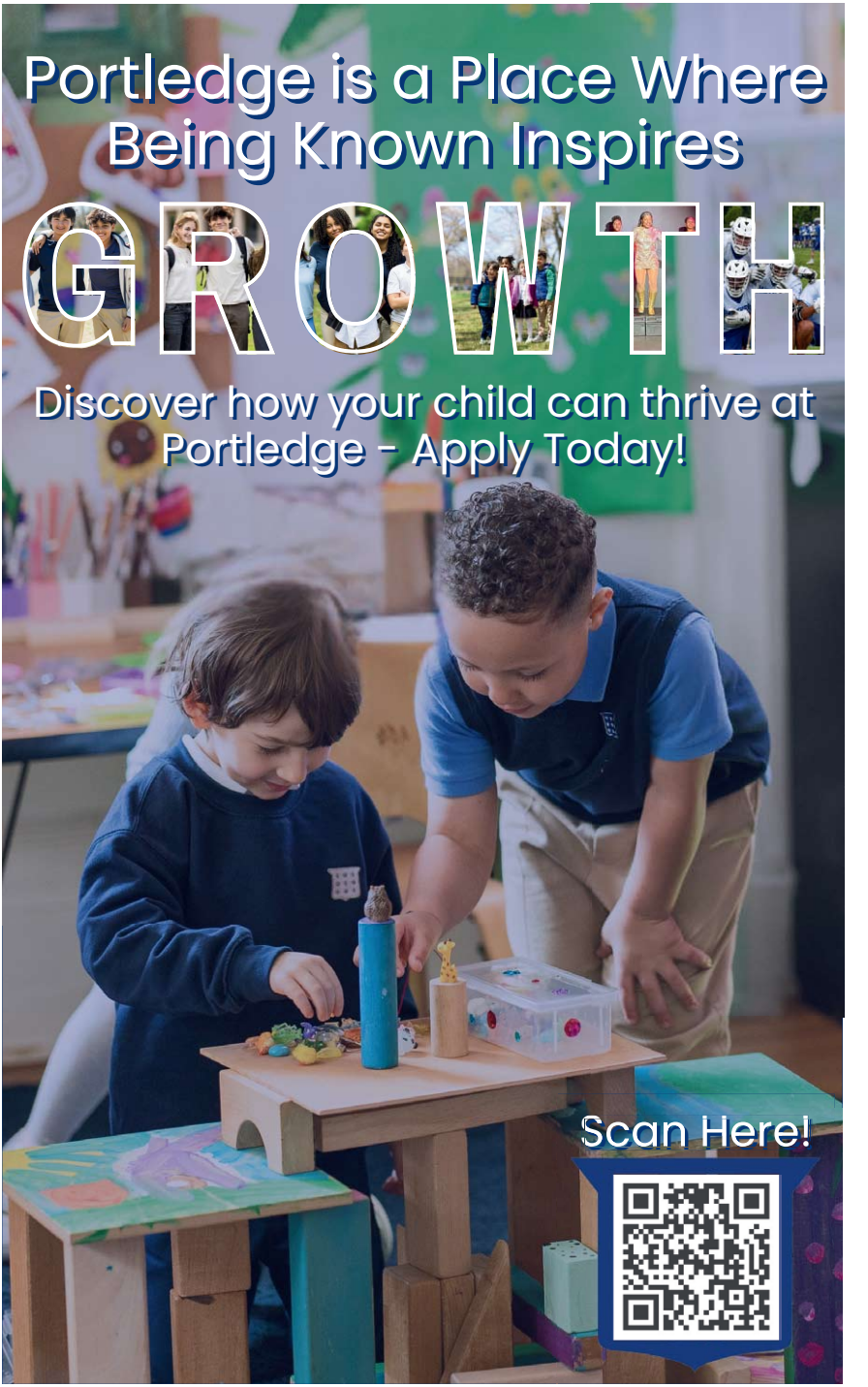
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Simon Owen-Williams brings over 30 years of educational leadership to his role as Head of School at Portledge, where he champions a holistic and purpose-driven approach to learning. Though he once envisioned a career in business or finance, his path shifted when he discovered the profound joy and fulfillment that comes from working with students. That realization ignited a lifelong passion for education, grounded in creativity, connection, and personal growth. At Portledge, Simon leads a dynamic community of dedicated educators who nurture intellectual curiosity, emotional intelligence, and a strong sense of belonging. He believes that education should be immersive and empowering, extending far beyond academics to include artistic, athletic, social, and emotional development.

A proud member of the Portledge Faculty Band and an enthusiastic learner himself, Simon has an eclectic range of interests—from classical literature and mathematics to birdwatching and the sitar. He's a firm believer in the power of imagination and lifelong learning. Under his leadership, Portledge's commitment to service and community engagement has flourished, encouraging students to explore their purpose and make a meaningful impact. Simon's journey reflects the belief that our instincts and passions often lead us to the most rewarding paths—ones that shape lives and inspire the future.

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Dinosaur Safari

Experience over 60 life-size animatronic dinosaurs and pterosaurs, featuring 11 new additions that roar and move with advanced technology. Visitors can walk through a dinosaur rib cage, explore a life-sized Sinraptor fossil, and take photos with giant Maiasaura eggs. Bronx Zoo, 2300 Southern Blvd., Bronx. Through November 2, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am – 5:30 pm, Weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm. Included with admission: $39; $29 ages 3-12; free for children 2 and under. bronxzoo.com

Free Kayaking

Free public kayaking at Brooklyn Bridge Park is offered throughout the summer. All levels are welcome, including first-time kayakers — life vests, equipment provided, and instruction will be provided. Children under 18 must have an adult present. Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 4 Beach, 4 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5 – 7 pm; Saturdays, 10 am – 4 pm; Sundays, 12 – 3:30 pm through August 27. brooklynbridgepark.org

Empire State Fair, Long Island

The Empire State Fair returns, featuring amazing rides, games, and entertainment, including the all-new Circus Murcia under the big top, an educational experience at the Sandlofer Family Petting Zoo, the amazing World of Wonders Show, and brand-new amusement rides and attractions! Plus, on Saturday Nights and July 4, there will be a spectacular firework display! Through July 13, Weekdays, 5 – 11 pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 12 – 11 pm; Friday, July 4, 12 – 11 pm. $10; free admission for children under 36" tall; additional fee for rides. empirestatefair.com

Shark Party

You're invited to a Shark Party, where you'll learn about sharks' vital roles in marine ecosystems with activities and entertainment, including Wildlife Theater, crafts, photo ops, keeper chats, games, costumed characters, puppets, and more. New York Aquarium, 602 Surf Ave., Brooklyn. July 4-14, 11 am 4 pm, daily. Included with admission: $26-$33. nyaquarium.com

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America's celebration of the summer will be jam-packed with serious star power, electrifying performances, and heart-pounding pyrotechnics. Friday, July 4, around 9:25 pm. Or watch from home on NBC beginning at 8 pm. Free. Visit macys.com/fireworks to view areas along the East River.

Red, White & BOOM!

This Bricktastic Fourth of July celebration presents a unique fireworks spectacle for all to enjoy. Watch the fireworks transform into LEGO bricks, dance to live music, build with LEGO, eat some themed foods, watch shows & more! LEGOLAND New York Resort, One Legoland Blvd, Goshen. Friday, July 4, 10am – 9 pm. Tickets start at $84. legoland.com/new-york

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This high-energy concert is the ultimate live music experience for kids featuring family-friendly versions of today's biggest pop hits, including "Espresso," "HOT TO GO," and "Dance Monkey." Be there for a fun-filled, interactive concert event with eye-popping visuals, engaging stage design, and the fan-favorite Daddy Dance Off! Northwell at Jones Beach Theater, 895 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. Friday, July 11, 7 – 9 pm. Tickets start at $30. kidzbop.com

46th Annual Thunderbird American Indian Powwow

Celebrate American Indian Culture through music, dance, Native American crafts, and food. This 3-day powwow features intertribal Native American dance competitions by over forty Indian Nations. The program features an expansive market of authentic Native American art, crafts, jewelry, and food. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy, Queens. July 25-27, Friday, 7 – 10 pm; Saturday, 12 – 5 pm & 7 – 10 pm; Sunday, 12 – 5 pm. 1-Day Pass: $19; $12 (Children ages 2-12). 3-Day Pass: $38; $24 (Children ages 2-12). Free for children 0-1 years old. queensfarm.org



Van Gogh's Flowers

AUGUST

Van Gogh's Flowers

See the paintings come to life in a way that only the New York Botanical Garden can in Van Gogh's Flowers! Spend the day exploring colorful botanical displays, large-scale artworks, and a monumental field of sunflowers that celebrate his iconic works. On select nights, experience the exhibition after dark at Starry Nights, featuring live music and performances, cocktails and light bites for purchase. Conditions permitting, the evening culminates in a drone show! New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Blvd., Bronx. Tuesdays – Sundays, 10 am – 6 pm through October 26. $15-$39. nybg.org

43rd Annual National Dominican Day Parade

The Dominican Day Parade is a joyful celebration of Dominican heritage and culture. Each year, the community comes together in New York City to honor and recognize the many accomplishments Dominicans have made in the United States and around the world. With music, dancing, and over 10,000 marchers! The parade takes place along 6th Ave. between 39th and 54th Streets, Manhattan. Sunday, August 10, 12 pm. Free. natddp.org

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Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live Glow-N-Fire

The ultimate monster truck show brings fans a new experience with a fiery twist. See your favorite Hot Wheels Monster Trucks, including Mega Wrex, Tiger Shark, HW 5-Alarm, Bone Shaker, Bigfoot, Gunkster, and introducing the brand new Skelesaurus, the giant that unleashes his fossil fury. Fans can also witness a special appearance from a transforming robot, plus the high-flyers of Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live Freestyle Motocross Team. UBS Arena, 2400 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont. August 16-17, Saturday 12:30 pm and 7:30 pm; Sunday, 2:30 pm. Tickets start at $35. ubsarena.com

Hindu Lamp Ceremony

Dance artist and educator Aeilushi Mistry will bring peace and harmony to the community as she performs the traditional Hindu Aarti ceremony at Pebble Beach. Traditionally performed each morning and evening along India's rivers to convey gratitude, reflect in the community, and remember loved ones. Decorate palm leaf lamps and release them along the East River to pay respects to loved ones. Pebble Beach at Brooklyn Bridge Park, 65 Plymouth St., Brooklyn. Saturday, August 16, 4 -7:30 pm. Free. brooklynbridgepark.org

The Dutchess County Fair

Expect to see animals, games, and the food we love. Known as the most significant agricultural fair in New York State, this fair is what many New Yorkers wait all year to visit. The Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6596 U.S. 9, Rhinebeck. August 19-24, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am - 10 pm; Sunday, 10 am - 8 pm. Rides open at 11 am. Admission starts at $15; free admission for children 11 and younger. Ride all-day wristbands start at $30. Additional fee for some performances. dutchessfair.com

The 2025 Great New York State Fair

People across New York State will come together to experience this celebration of delicious food, eye-opening exhibits, captivating entertainment, and great fun. The New York State Fair will showcase thousands of animals, hundreds of commercial attractions, scores of exciting midway rides, and dozens of big-name entertainers. 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse. August 20 - September 1, 9 am – 11 pm, daily. On Labor Day, the grounds will fully close at 9 pm. $8; free admission for children 12 and younger and seniors 65 and older. nysfair.ny.gov

Richmond County Fair

The Richmond County Fair, hosted by Historic Richmond Town, features carnival rides, delicious fair food, historic trades demonstrations, bouncy houses, live music, games, contests, and so much more! Historic Richmond Town, 441 Clarke Ave., Staten Island. August 30 – September 1, 12 – 8 pm, daily. See historicrichmondtown.org for ticket prices.

SEPTEMBER

The Feast of San Gennaro

The Feast of San Gennaro is a New York icon and a world-renowned event stretching throughout 11 blocks of the Little Italy neighborhood. The Feast of all Feasts has always been an essential part of the neighborhood, representing Italian culture and traditions for generations. Mulberry Street between Canal and Houston/Hester between Baxter St. and Centre St./Grand between Baxter and Centre Market Place, Manhattan. September 11-21. Free. See the sangennaronyc.org for the complete schedule.

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The Long Island Fair

Enjoy some good old-fashioned family fun at this annual event featuring thrilling shows, glass blowing, live music, demonstrations, contests, animals, vendors, face painting, and more. Old Bethpage Village Restoration, 1303 Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage. September 12-14, 10 am – 5 pm daily. $20; $15 ages 5-12 and 60 and older; free for children younger than 5.

Brooklyn Book Festival: Children's Day

Enjoy a full day of readings, workshops, performances, book signings, and art projects with favorite authors and illustrators at New York City's largest free literary festival. Brooklyn Borough Hall and Plaza, 209 Joralemon St., Brooklyn. Saturday, September 20, 10 am–4 pm. Free. brooklynbookfestival.org

Let's Sing Taylor – An Unofficial Live Tribute Show

You know her songs all too well, now experience this high-energy live tribute to Taylor Swift with a performance of all your favorite songs! Plus, Let's Sing Olivia opens the night with the Olivia Rodrigo hits you love! The St. George Theatre, 35 Hyatt St., Staten Island. Friday, September 26, 7:30 pm. Tickets start at $35. stgeorgetheatre.com

Hallockville Country Fair & Craft Show

The Hallockville Country Fair is a North Fork tradition! Celebrate the community's rich folk arts and agricultural traditions in a genuine old-fashioned country fair atmosphere. The Fair features craft and artisan vendors, demonstrations, live music, children's activities and games, guided museum tours, farm animals, and more! Hallockville Museum Farm, 6038 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. September 27-28, Saturday and Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. $12. hallockville.org

Hispanic Heritage Day

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a day of special programs, including a thrilling and informative performance of traditional dance mixed with storytelling and folklore by Calpulli Mexican Dance Company, and visit historic houses and trade shops offering demonstrations. Historic Richmond Town, 441 Clarke Ave., Staten Island. September 28, 11 am – 4 pm. See historicrichmondtown.org for ticket pricing.



CoComelon: Sing-A-Long LIVE

Harvest Festival

Celebrate the fall harvest with pumpkin decorating, a cooking demonstration featuring seasonal vegetables, live performances, face painting, and more. Randall's Island, Fields 62/63 and the Urban Farm, East River and Hell Gate Circle, Manhattan. Sunday, September 28, 12 – 3 pm. Free.

CoComelon: Sing-A-Long LIVE

CoComelon's favorite teacher, Ms. Appleberry, welcomes JJ, his friends, and YOU to come along on a Melon Patch Musical field trip! You and your little ones will dance and sing along with JJ, Nina, Cody, Cece and all of their friends to some of your favorite bops, "If You're Happy and You Know It," "Wheels on the Bus," "Animal Dance," "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes," "Freeze Dance," and many more! Bergen Performing Arts Center, 30 North Van Brunt St., Englewood, NJ. Sunday, September 28, 1 pm and 5 pm. Tickets start at $29. bergenpac.org

OCTOBER

Anne Frank: The Exhibition

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The Annual Atlantic Antic

The Annual Atlantic Antic is the oldest and largest street festival in Brooklyn. Stroll the avenue and experience a celebration of ethnic tastings, fine arts and crafts from around the world, non-stop music and entertainment, kidz zone, and more. Atlantic Avenue starts at Fourth Street in Brooklyn. Sunday, October 5, 12 – 6 pm. Free. atlanticave.org

Staten Island Oktoberfest

Celebrate Oktoberfest with classic German cuisine and beer, live entertainment, vendors, music, carnival games, rides, a bouncy house, and more! Staten Island University Hospital Community Park, 75 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island. Saturday, October 4, 12 – 8 pm. See sioktoberfest.com for tickets.

88th Annual Pulaski Day Parade

Celebrate Polish heritage at one of NYC's oldest parades featuring Polish dancers, schools and organizations, government representatives, floats, music, and more. Parade begins at 5th Ave. and 41st. St., Manhattan. Sunday, October 5, 12:30 pm. Free. pulaskiparade.org

Columbus Day Parade

The annual Columbus Day Parade is the largest celebration of Italian American heritage and culture in the United States. Over 100 Marching groups, bands, and floats will make their way up Fifth Avenue from 44th St. to 72nd St., Manhattan. Monday, October 13, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm. Free. columbuscitizens.org



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Halloween on the Farm

Wear a costume to this Halloween spooktacular! Monster Mash Dancing, The Amazing Maize Maze, trick-or-treating, a spooky farmhouse, Halloween hayrides, and more! Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Queens. October 25-26, Saturday and Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm. $24. queensfarm.org

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NOVEMBER

Snow White

Follow Snow White as she escapes her maniacally murderous stepmother, with help from a bunch of forgetful forest-dwelling vegans! This version of the beloved tale features original songs from a live band of six storytellers. The New Victory Theater, 209 W. 42nd St., Midtown. November 1 – 9, Saturdays and Sundays, 12 pm and 4 pm. Tickets start at $25. newvictory.org

Christmas Spectacular Starring The Radio City Rockettes

When you think of Christmas in New York City, The Christmas Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes is the first thing that comes to mind. Performed annually since 1933, the show features more than 140 performers, original musical score, singing, dancing, and humor. Radio City Music Hall, 1260 Avenue of the Americas, Manhattan. Performances run November 6-January 4. Tickets start at $63. Visit rockettes.com for complete schedule.

2025 LuminoCity Festival

Go on an adventure through dazzling light displays and various onsite activities. LuminoCity Festival is not just a feast for the eyes; it's a journey for the imagination. Each installation tells a story or embodies an artistic concept, designed to spark your creativity and broaden your horizons. Take your time to explore and discover the deeper layers of each exhibit as they inspire wonder, curiosity, and conversation long after you've left. Eisenhower Park, 1899 Park Blvd., East Meadow. November 7 – January 8. luminocityfestival.com for complete schedule. Tickets start at $29 and $22 for ages 4-12.

New York BagelFest

Join the world's biggest bagel celebration where you can explore bagel culture, vote for the best bagel, watch the bagel rolling championship, enjoy samples, and participate in kids' activities. Citi Field, 41 Seaver Way, Queens. Sunday, November 16, 10 am – 4 pm. See bagelfest.com for tickets.

360 ALLSTARS

From BMX and basketball to breakdancing, acrobatics, and drumming, 360 ALLSTARS is a mind-blowing spectacle of skill and style. This phenomenal show explores all forms of rotation, blending electrifying street artistry with a stunning live soundtrack by award-winning musicians and immersive video projections. Kupferberg Center For the Arts, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Queens. Sunday, November 16, 4 pm. Tickets start at $27. kupferbergcenter.org

Holiday Train Show

NYBG's Holiday Train Show has been making memories for over 30 years! See model trains zip through an enchanting display of more than 190 replicas of New York landmarks, each delightfully re-created from natural materials such as birch bark, lotus pods, and cinnamon sticks. New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Blvd., Bronx. Opens mid-November through mid-January. Free with price of admission. nybg.org

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Bring the family together to the 99th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, lining the streets with your favorite and soon-to-be favorite floats. Central Park West, Columbus Circle, or Sixth Avenue between Central Park South and 38th Street in Manhattan. Thursday, November 27, 9 am-12 pm. macys.com

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DECEMBER

Laurie Berkner: Live Holiday Concert

Children's musician Laurie Berkner is known for her energetic performances and catchy songs. Hear her play holiday favorites and original tunes from her Christmas albums! The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Saturday, December 6, 11 am. Tickets start at $33. paramountny.com

The Rink at Rockefeller Center

Ice skating on The Rink is a quintessential New York winter activities. The Rink sets the perfect scene, from ice skating lessons to special events. It's a tradition that has never failed to delight! Rockefeller Center, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, Manhattan. Daily through the end of March. rockefellercenter.com

George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker"

This memorable holiday tradition features old-fashioned costumes, a tree that grows before your eyes, crystal-shaped snowflakes, and outstanding New York City Ballet choreography. David H. Koch Theater, 20 Lincoln Center Plaza, Manhattan. See nycballet.com for complete schedule and tickets.

Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree

The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree will arrive the first week of December and remain lit, and can be viewed until the first week of January 2025. 45 Rockefeller Plaza, Manhattan. Times are usually from 5:30 am – 11:30 pm. Free to view. rockefellercenter.com



Santa's Corner at Bryant Park Winter Village

Bryant Park Winter Village

Visit Santa, take photos, and purchase handcrafted gifts from the holiday shops. Bryant Park, 40th St., and Fifth and Sixth Aves., Manhattan. bryantpark.org

Grand Army Plaza Menorah Lighting

Celebrate the festival of lights with the lighting of the largest menorah in Brooklyn throughout the eight nights of Chanukah. There will be live music, hot latkes, and gifts for the children. Grand Army Plaza, Fifth Ave. and Central Park South (59th St.), Brooklyn. Chanukah begins sundown on Sunday, December 14, through Sunday, December 21. Visit largestmenorah.com for more information.

Hot Peas 'N Butter

Join us for a toe-tapping, multicultural musical with Hot Peas 'N Butter! This award-winning family band brings a lively mix of traditional Latin music, Afro-Caribbean rhythms, jazz, bluegrass, country, and rock, creating an engaging and interactive performance for audiences of all ages. Ages 3-7. tribecapac.org

Grand Central Holiday Train Show

Watch model trains zip through tunnels, around skyscrapers, and through cityscapes in this annual holiday train show with Lionel trains, which travel through a 34-foot-long mini New York City. New York Transit Museum Gallery Annex and Store, Main Concourse at Grand Central Terminal, 89 E. 42nd St., Manhattan. Free. grandcentralterminal.com.



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JANUARY

First Day Hike

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Three Kings Day Parade

This annual Three Kings Day Parade and Celebration is held in El Barrio (East Harlem). This time-honored parade begins at 106th St. and Park Ave., and ends at 115th St. and Park Ave. in Manhattan, featuring camels, floats, and live music. Free. elmuseo.org

Super Pet Expo

Unleash the fun with a weekend of animal-related entertainment, shopping, experts, influencers, meet-and-greets, workshops, pet activities, and more. New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Ave., Edison, NJ. January 3-5, Friday, 3 - 8 pm; Saturday, 10 am - 7 pm; Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. Tickets are $10-$20; free for children under 3 (and pets). superpetexpo.com

New York Hall of Science

As NYC's only hands-on science and technology center, NYSCI has over 400 hands-on exhibits exploring biology, chemistry, and physics. The New York Hall of Science occupies one of the few remaining structures from the 1964 World's Fair. New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Queens. $19-$22. nysci.org

Musical Explorers Family

Discover music from around the world in this popular and highly interactive concert for children. Artists with magnetic personalities teach families all about their musical traditions. Carnegie Hall, 881 7th Ave., Manhattan. Saturday, January 17, 12 pm and 3 pm. carnegiehall.org

BLACK GIRL: Linguistic Play

Choreographer Camille A. Brown shines a spotlight on sisterly love and the joys and complexities of Black girlhood through live music and a mix of modern and ancestral African-American movement—stepping, Double Dutch, Juba, ring shout—BLACK GIRL: Linguistic Play evokes memories of self-discovery and resonates with the humanity of young women whose experiences deserve to be danced. The New Victory Theater, 209 W 42nd St., Midtown. January 24 – February 1, Saturdays, 2 pm and 7 pm; Sundays, 2 pm. Tickets start at $25. newvictory.org

Museum of Illusions

Nothing is what it seems – especially in the Museum of Illusions! Enjoy a collection of holograms, be sure to look closely at every optical illusion, and observe each installation. You will understand why your eyes see things that your mind cannot initially comprehend. Visit their playroom, which has intriguing, educational games and puzzles. Museum of Illusions, 77 8th Ave., Manhattan. Admission is $28-$35. newyork.museumofillusions.us

Brooklyn Children's Museum

Spend a cold winter day indoors while your kids enjoy fun, educational exhibits that teach them about world cultures, history, science, and nature, including live animals and a collection of historical artifacts. Special area with activities geared toward kids under age 5. Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave., Brooklyn. $15, free for babies younger than 1 year; Amazon Free Hours every Thursday from 2 – 5 pm. brooklynkids.org

FEBRUARY

Groundhog Day

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BAMkids Film Festival

Catch up on another international showcase of the best in children's films at the annual BAMkids Film Festival, which presents more than 60 films from across the globe, geared to all ages. Ranging from feature-length live international films to animated shorts. Post-screening discussions with filmmakers and live music performances are features of the festival. BAMkids Film Festival takes place in February. BAM Rose Cinemas, Peter Jay Sharp Lobby, The Adam Max Gathering Space, Forte Green. bam.org

NBA G League Basketball

Catch a Long Island Nets game, the affiliate team of the Brooklyn Nets, at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, or the Westchester Knicks, the affiliate team of the New York Knicks, at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. gleague.nba.com

Kids Week at the Intrepid Museum

During Kids Week, children of all ages and interests will learn about STEAM through fun-filled activities, NASA displays and exhibits, live animal shows, hands-on workshops, performances, special guests, and interactive demonstrations designed to educate and inspire. Pier 86 West 46th St., Manhattan. February 14-21. See intrepidmuseum.org for complete schedule. Included with admission: $28-$38.

Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company: Year of the Horse

Bring the whole family for a spectacular display of Chinese dance, contemporary dance, acrobatics, costumes, and live music. With graceful movements and intricate choreography, the talented performers evoke the spirit of the Chinese New Year. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark, NJ. February 14-15, Saturday and Sunday, 2 pm. Tickets start at $41. njpac.org

The Paper Bag Players

The Paper Bag Players have delighted young audiences with their imaginative musical theater since 1958. Their new hour-long show includes classic sketches and new works, featuring freewheeling dances, lovable characters, whimsical sing-along songs, and their signature paper and cardboard sets and costumes. Tribeca Performing Arts Center, 199 Chambers St., Manhattan. Sunday, February 15, $40. tribecapac.org

Curious George: The Golden Meatball

Join Curious George in a brand new musical that is sure to leave you singing and swinging down the aisles. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville. Saturday, May 10, 11 am and 1 pm. Ages 4-9. Tickets start at $35. tillescenter.org

The Orchid Show

Enter a world of color with vivid installations and thousands of beautiful orchids showcased to show the complexity of these striking flowers in a Victorian-style glasshouse. New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Blvd., The Bronx. nybg.org.

MARCH

The Grand Shanghai Circus

Stunning and thrilling audiences worldwide, The Grand Shanghai Circus features beautiful costuming, state-of-the-art lighting, and spectacular acts that will keep you on the edge of your seat! Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Queens. Sunday, March 2, 4 pm. Tickets start at $40. qpac.qcc.cuny.edu

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of breaking and biographical storytelling centers self-determination and proves that there are No Excuses, No Limits to what they are capable of. The New Victory Theater, 209 W. 42nd St., Manhattan. March 7 – 15. See newvictory.org for complete schedule. Tickets start at $25.

NYC Lunar New Year Parade

Help usher in the year of the Horse at Manhattan's Chinatown's annual Lunar New Year Parade. This famed celebration features floats, marching bands, and the famed Lion Dances! Parade begins at Mott & Canal Streets, Manhattan. betterchinatown.com

New York International Children's Film Festival

The New York International Children's Film Festival is packed with premieres, special guests, and thoughtful films for all ages. See films featuring stories from down the block to across the pond. See nyicff.org for tickets and complete schedule.

The New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Celebrate Irish culture and heritage at the oldest and largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the world, featuring spectacular bagpipers, magnificent floats, marching bands, and more. Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 86th Street in Manhattan. Tuesday, March 17, 11 am. Free. nycstpatricksparade.org

Macy's Flower Show

A sure sign of spring is the Macy's Flower Show! Thousands of stunning flowers and lush plants transform the store into one of the most colorful destinations in NYC. Over two weeks, beautiful blossoms will brighten up this Herald Square institution. Stop and smell the roses…and the tulips, and all the other blooms! Macy's Herald Square, 151 W. 34th St., Manhattan. Free.

Bronx Children's Museum

Explore over 10,000 sq ft. of Bronx-inspired fun with the 35-foot-long water table that mimics the three Bronx waterways, a mini local neighborhood play area, an art space inspired by Bronx residents, and more! Bronx Children's Museum, 725 Exterior Street, 2nd Floor, Bronx. See bronxchildrensmuseum.org for hours. $8-$14.

Peppa Pig: My First Concert

Join Peppa as she attends her first classical music concert with Mummy Pig, Daddy Pig, and George! With the help of a colorful live orchestra, kids will sing, dance, learn about different instruments, and make their own music. Enjoy familiar songs from Peppa Pig, and get to know exciting pieces by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Grieg, and more. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center St., Newark, NJ. Sunday, March 29, 2 pm. Tickets start at $34. njpac.org

APRIL

Yoah

In the moonlit glow of dawn, a young wanderer named Yoah descends from her aerial silks into a circle of Shinto spirits, appearing as mysterious circus maestros. As hypnotic projections dance in sync, they juggle balls, balance on towers of chairs, and fling glowing diabolos into the sky. Set to a powerful blend of traditional Japanese drumming and electronica, this captivating circus performance will leave you breathless. The New Victory Theater, 209 W. 42nd St., Manhattan. April 2-19, see newvictory.org for complete schedule. Ages 7 and older. Tickets start at $25.

New York International Auto Show

New and exciting exhibits will be showcased, presenting the best that the automobile industry has to offer. With the largest electric vehicle test track ever created at an auto show, interactive displays, and concept cars, you'll quickly learn that you don't need to be old enough to drive to have fun. April 3-12. Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, 655 W. 34th St., Manhattan. autoshowny.com





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Since the 1870s, Fifth Avenue has become the place to show off your Easter finery and best bonnets. If you don't have one, that's OK; you'll still want to be there to see people watch and spot over-the-top chapeaus! Fifth Avenue, from 49th to 57th Streets, Manhattan. Sunday, April 5, 10 am. Free.

Family Day: Spring Fest

Enjoy free, interactive, and fun musical activities and performances during this afternoon of musical adventure that celebrates all things spring. Carnegie Hall, 881 7th Ave., Manhattan. Saturday, April 18, 12 pm. Ages 3-10. Free. carnegiehall.org

Earth Day

Get out of the house and into nature this Earth Day with the NYC Parks Department. From hikes to nature walks to recycled crafts, gain a new appreciation for Mother Earth. Wednesday, April 22. Free. nycgovparks.org

Queens Zoo

Visit the Queens Zoo to see all the amazing animals: coyotes, bison, bears, pumas, rabbits, cows, ducks, sea lions, and more. Queens Zoo, 53-51 111th St., Queens. $7.95-$10.95; free for children 2 and younger. queenszoo.com

Staten Island Children's Museum

SICM provides children with creative and cultural hands-on experiences through 12 indoor and outdoor exhibits. Kids can build houses, perform shows, run conveyor belts, captain ships, fish for oysters, climb rock walls, and more. Staten Island Children's Museum, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Building M, Staten Island. Wednesdays- Sundays, 10 am – 5 pm. $8. sichildrensmuseum.org

MAY

Mutts Gone Nuts



Mutts Gone Nuts

You'll be wowed by a dozen of the world's most talented four-legged performers featuring an all-star canine lineup including a Guinness World Record holder, an America's Got Talent fan favorite, and a host of amazing rescue dogs. They'll dance, prance, flip, and skip into your heart with jaw-dropping skills. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center St., Newark, NJ. Saturday, May 9, 3 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets start at $46. njpac.org

Sakura Matsuri Cherry Blossom Festival

Celebrate traditional and contemporary Japanese culture amidst beautiful cherry blossoms at Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 990 Washington Ave., Brooklyn. See the bbg.org for complete schedule.

Springtime At Wave Hill

Spring is the perfect time to take your kids to this spectacular 28-acre public garden and cultural center in Riverdale, overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades. The landscape of Wave Hill is one of the most beautiful spots in the city! Wave Hill, W. 249th St. and Independence Ave., Bronx. $4-$10; free for members. wavehill.org

Le Carrousel at Bryant Park

Stop by Bryant Park to take a ride on the French-inspired carousel. The brightly colored animals and French cabaret music are features you will want to see and hear for yourself. Bryant Park, between 40th and 42nd Streets and Fifth and Sixth Avenues, Manhattan. 11 am – 7 pm. $4 per ride. bryantpark.org

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Jim Henson's Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock LIVE

Join Gobo, Mokey, Wembley, Boober, and Red in a new musical adventure from The Jim Henson Company, inspired by the Emmy-winning Apple TV+ series. The Fraggles embark on a quest for the lost Celebration Stone, promising endless party fun! Experience their vibrant world with walk-around Fraggles, puppet-sized Doozers, new characters, and a giant Gorg from Jim Henson's Creature Shop. The New Victory Theater, 209 W. 42nd St., Manhattan. May 30-June 21, see newvictory.org for complete schedule. Ages 4 and older. Tickets start at $30.

JUNE

Puerto Rican Day Parade

Celebrate the best of Puerto Rican culture, achievement, and legacy with music, dance, and colorful displays of cultural pride. The parade marches along Fifth Avenue from 44th to 79th Streets and has grown to become one of the largest parades in the United States. Sunday, June 14, 11 am. Free. nprdpinc.org

Hunts Point Fish Parade

This annual procession through Hunts Point connects the community to the Bronx River with a family-friendly, vibrant celebration. Participants often use banners, costumes, and puppets representing marine life. The parade culminates in an arts festival featuring live music, dancing, and art-making. The parade begins at The Point CDC, 940 Garrison Ave., Bronx. See thepoint.org for date and schedule. Free.

NYC Public Pools Open

Celebrate the start of summer by taking a dip in one of New York's many public pools. It is one of the most popular ways to cool down under the summer sun, and thankfully, public pools reopen in late June. Check nycgovparks.org for the exact opening day. Free.

Learn To Swim

Register at any local city pool this June to learn to swim. Lessons are available for all ages and levels, whether you are a beginner just starting out or an advanced swimmer wanting to improve. There are multiple locations throughout the five boroughs. Registration is free. nycgovparks.org.

Rooftop Cinema Club

Don't just go to the movies; experience a cinematic event. Sit back and enjoy a classic favorite or discover the next great film amongst city skylines, sunsets, starlit evenings, awesome drinks, and delicious food. Rooftop Cinema Club Midtown, 60 W 37th St., 3rd Floor, Manhattan. $12-$27. rooftopcinemaclub.com

Cool off at American Dream

American Dream offers cool fun all year long with ice skating at The Rink and skiing and snowboarding at Big Snow. You'll forget that it's summer- until you head back outside. See website for schedule and admission fees. americandream.com

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Theme Parks, Waterparks and Amusement Parks

BY COURTNEY INGALLS, DANIELLE RAMOS, AND KAITLYN RIGGIO



Living in New York City means you're never far from family fun. From neighborhood amusement parks right in the five boroughs to full-scale theme parks just a short drive away, there are plenty of ways to enjoy a day of rides, games, and sweet treats. Whether planning a quick afternoon outing or a weekend adventure, these amusement parks offer something for every age and every energy level.

NEW YORK

Adventureland

2245 Broadhollow Rd., East Farmingdale, Long Island
adventureland.us

Adventureland offers a diverse range of experiences for all park visitors, with attractions catering to families, from kiddie rides to thrill rides. This classic family-friendly park boasts over 30 rides, including three coasters and two water attractions, along with an arcade, the new "Wave Twister" ride, and outdoor games for the 2025 season. The park features several water rides and an arcade if you want to beat the summer heat. The park operates on weekends in spring, then daily throughout the summer and into parts of the fall.

Adventurer's Park

1824 Shore Parkway, Bensonhurst, Brooklyn
adventurerspark.com

Adventurer's Park offers a variety of classic amusement park attractions for the whole family to enjoy. With fun rides, games, and seasonal entertainment, it's an excellent spot for a day of excitement without leaving the city.

Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park

3059 W. 12th St, Coney Island, Brooklyn
denoswonderwheel.com

If you are looking for an amusement park that isn't too far, head over to Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park, an iconic and historic beachfront amusement park. There are many kids' rides and games to keep the little ones occupied for hours.

Fantasy Forest at the Flushing Meadows Carousel

111th St., Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Queens
fantasyforestnyc.com

Fantasy Forest, Queens' only amusement area, features a kiddie roller coaster, Corona Cobra, classic flat rides, family games, and a carousel. The historic carousel was brought to Coney Island in 1964 for the World's Fair and remains the only ride left from the historic event. The park also hosts family-friendly

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thekartrite.com
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Legoland New York

1 Legoland Blvd., Goshen, NY
legoland.com/new-york
If your kids are interested in all things LEGO, a trip to Legoland New York may be in order. This themed amusement park has everything you could ask for and more, with several themed attractions and shows. If you want to make a weekend out of it, you can also stay in their fun LEGO Hotel.

Luna Park

1000 Surf Ave., Coney Island, Brooklyn
lunaparknyc.com
Luna Park is an NYC staple. Amidst the Atlantic Ocean's backdrop, Coney Island's Luna Park features many classic and modern rides for families to explore. Water attractions, including log flume rides and splash zones, offer great ways to cool off in the summer heat. Try all the delicious food along the famous boardwalk or stop at the famous original Nathan's for a hot dog after the fun is done.

Playland

1 Playland Pkwy, Rye, NY
playland.com
This fun amusement park has been welcoming families since 1928 and continues to be a popular destination during the season. Families can have a blast on vintage coasters and attractions, and cool off at the Playland pool and beach.

Rockinghorse Ranch Resort's Big Splash Indoor Water Park

600 State Route 44/55, Highland, NY
rockinghorseranch.com
Big Splash Indoor Water Park is just one of the many attractions at the Rocking Horse Ranch Resort. Have waterpark fun with your family year-round! While at the Rocking Horse Ranch Resort, check out the other offerings, like horseback riding adventures, the Eldorado Hot Springs, the arcade, laser tag, and more.

Saxon Woods Pool & Splash Pad

1800 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY
parks.westchestergov.com
This county-run pool complex at Saxon Woods Park offers an Olympic-size pool and a vibrant splash playground with water features, perfect for younger children. It's a convenient and affordable choice for Westchester and Bronx families seeking a relaxed day by the water.

SplashDown Beach

16 Old Route 9W, Fishkill, NY
splashdownbeach.com
SplashDown Beach offers attractions for all ages—from thrill rides like Humunga Half-Pipe and Megalodon to kid-friendly zones like Shipwreck Lagoon and the splash pad. Families can rent cabanas, enjoy food options like Johnny Rockets, and spend the day cooling off in this Hudson Valley favorite.

Splish Splash

2549 Splish Splash Drive, Calverton, Long Island
splishsplash.com
Splish Splash, with 96 acres of rides and attractions, is one of the largest waterparks in the Northeast. Featuring over 30 rides, including high-speed water slides, wave pools, a lazy river, and an extensive kiddie area. Located on Long Island, about 90 minutes from NYC, it's a popular destination for families.



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NYC Playground Guide

BY NAOSHA GREGG

There is no shortage of things to do and places to see in New York City, from acclaimed Broadway shows and delicious cuisine to the scenic skyline views on the Hudson and East Rivers, to world-class museums, there is something magical around every corner however, if you're looking for something a bit more low-key to keep your little one active, one of the city's many playgrounds!

BROOKLYN

Imagination Playground, Prospect Park

Ocean Avenue & Parkside Avenue

Tucked into a wooded corner of Prospect Park, the Imagination Playground lives up to its name. Instead of traditional equipment, kids find slides carved into hills, climbing areas built from logs and boulders, a stone bridge, and plenty of sand and water for digging, pouring, and playing freely. It's a choose-your-own-adventure kind of space designed to spark creativity and exploration. Surrounded by the shade of plenty of trees, it feels more like playing in a forest than a city playground—an easy favorite for families visiting the park.

Pier 6, Brooklyn Bridge Park

Atlantic Ave. & Furman St., Brooklyn Heights

Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 6 playground is a prime location for NYC views and fun. There are spots for kids of all ages, like climbing up and sliding down Slide Mountain or Sandbox Village, one of the city's largest sandboxes (or smallest beaches). Spend your summer at the volleyball courts and the jungle gym. Swing over to Swing Valley for—you guessed it—swings. Escape the heat in the cool interactive water features of Water Lab and Exploratory Marsh, a multi-level splash pad filled with sprinklers and other fun water features. Then grab a bite to eat on the rooftop of Fornino's Pizza and soak up the Lower Manhattan view.

Sweetwater Playground, Domino Park

15 River St., Williamsburg

Domino Park, with its waterfront views and unique play equipment, is a beloved spot in North Brooklyn. Inspired by the historic Domino Sugar Factory, the playground features the Sugar Cane Cabin, Sugar Cube Centrifuge slide tower, and Sweetwater Silo. Kids can cool off at the sprout sprinklers and enjoy a picnic under the Williamsburg Bridge with stunning views of Manhattan.

BRONX

Colucci Playground

Hutchinson River Parkway. E. between Wilkinson Ave. and E. 197 St., Pelham Bay

This welcoming space, designed with older children and teenagers in mind, boasts plentiful workout equipment, a swing set, and open areas to move, stretch, or unwind. With ample seating and clear sightlines, it's a safe spot for teens to enjoy a bit of independence while still staying nearby and for parents and caregivers to enjoy views of the cherry blossom trees. It's a simple, well-designed space that meets teens where they are—active one minute, chill the next.

Pelham Bay Park: Playground for All Children

3533 Bruckner Blvd., Pelham Bay

Thoughtfully designed with inclusivity in mind, this playground offers a space where children of all abilities can play together. It boasts wide ramps, accessible surfaces, and equipment accommodating wheelchairs, crutches, and other mobility needs. Sensory-friendly activities, water features, and adjustable basketball hoops add to the enjoyment. The surrounding green space provides a peaceful and scenic environment for families.

Starlight Park Playground

Sheridan Exwy. between E. 174 St., E. 172 St., and Jennings St., Claremont Village

On the grounds of the historic amusement park with the same name, the Starlight Park playground in The Bronx is a fresh, colorful, and fun space, complete with spray showers for warm days. This bright, open area features modern equipment and soft surfacing, making it easily navigable for strollers and wheelchairs. Shaded benches and picnic tables offer



a comfortable place for caregivers to relax, while the playground's blend of play, green space, and river views creates a welcoming, family-friendly spot that feels both fresh and connected to nature.

MANHATTAN

Ancient Playground – Central Park

East 85th St. & Fifth Ave., Upper East Side
Inspired by ancient Egyptian architecture, Ancient Playground features pyramid-shaped climbing structures, tunnels, and water features that encourage creative exploration. The well-maintained space includes separate toddler and big-kid zones, ample seating, and nearby restrooms. Its unique design and Central Park location make it ideal for a full day out, pairing playtime with museum visits, nature walks, or a picnic. Its thoughtful layout and engaging features make it a favorite for both locals and visitors.

Battery Playscape

20 State St. & Battery Place, The Battery
This unique play space is one of the most innovative in the city. Perfect for curious children, its design was inspired by nature and encourages imaginative and physical play. Rock-climbing, industrial-style play equipment, enormous slides, treehouses, sand zones, and even interactive water play areas encourage imaginative play and physical exploration inspired by nature.

Heckscher Playground

65th St. Transverse, Central Park
Heckscher Playground, the largest and oldest in Central Park, offers a wide range of activities for kids of all ages. Children can climb rocks, navigate a play structure with tunnels and slides, and cool off in a water zone with interactive spraying jets. Surrounded by trees and scenic views, it's perfect for a full day out, featuring restrooms, shaded benches, and easy access to other park attractions. Heckscher's expansive layout makes it a reliable spot for families with toddlers and tweens.

Pier 25 Playground – Hudson River Park

West Street & North Moore Street , Tribeca
This modern, waterfront playground is a family favorite for good reason. A massive sandbox, water sprays, climbing structures, and long slides keep kids entertained, while parents appreciate the shade, seating, and skyline views. Located steps from mini golf and snack stands, it's easy to spend an entire morning or afternoon here. The fully enclosed design offers peace of mind, and its fresh layout makes it one of the best all-ages playgrounds downtown.

Tom Otterness Playground – Riverside Park South

Riverside Blvd. & West 64th Street, Upper West Side
Located within Riverside Park South, this whimsical playground, designed by celebrated public artist Tom Otterness, brings sculpture to life in a serene, natural environment surrounded by greenery and close to paths, picnic spots, and river views. The charming outdoor space features bronze characters that double as slides, tunnels, and climbers. Kids interact with art as they scale oversized feet and crawl through whimsical figures. This creative escape may be small in size, but it is big in the impression it leaves on families.

QUEENS

Astoria Heights Playground

30th Rd. between 45th and 46th St., Astoria
The renovated playground has become a cherished community space known for its innovative and comfortable design. It offers a safe and imaginative environment for families with children of all ages, featuring double slides, a spiral pole, and a sprayground for hot summer days. Caregivers can enjoy inviting seating for socializing while keeping an eye on their kids. With nearby athletic fields, tennis and volleyball courts, and a walking track, it's a prime outdoor destination for recreation..

Beach 30th St. Playground

1-09 Beach 30th St., Far Rockaway
Journey to Beach 30th Street Playground

in the Rockaways and set sail on a beach adventure! Your little ones can cool off by running through blue arches and getting soaked, or setting sail on a ship-inspired structure , with water-spewing cannons. It's no surprise this playground is a hit during the Rockaways' gorgeous (and hot) summers.

Juniper Valley Park

Juniper Blvd., & Lutheran Ave., 71 St. & Dry Harbor Rd., Middle Village

This beloved park is a dream come true for sports enthusiasts and families in the community. Complete with tennis, handball, basketball, shuffleboard, bocce courts, and several play areas, this outdoor oasis is perfect for all ages. Kids can cool off on the splashpad or hang out on the jungle gym. A large running track, baseball fields, and shaded walking paths make it just as appealing for teens, adults, and seniors. With its well-kept grounds and wide-open green space, Juniper Valley Park is a true neighborhood favorite for recreation, relaxation, and family fun.

Playground For All Children

1101 Corona Ave, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

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NYC's Top Museums

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Bronx Children's Museum
725 Exterior St., 2nd Floor, South Bronx
718- 775 –3450 • bronxchildrensmuseum.org
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Admission: $14 adults; $10 seniors; $8 children; free under 1

Bronx Zoo
2300 Southern Blvd., Belmont
718- 220–1010 • bronxzoo.com
Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 am – 5 pm weekdays; Saturday and Sunday, 10 am – 5:30 pm weekends
Admission: Varies daily; starts at $29 adults (13+); $27 seniors (65+); $21 children (3 - 12); free under 2; free Wednesdays

The New York Botanical Garden
2900 Southern Blvd., Bedford Park
718- 817–8700 • nybg.org
Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm
Admission: Varies daily; starts at $35 adults; $31 seniors and students; $15 children (2 - 12); free under 2; free Grounds Access on Wednesdays and NYC residents on Saturdays, 10 –11 am

Wave Hill
4900 Independence Ave., Riverdale
718-543-3344 • wavehill.org
Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am – 5:30 pm
Free: Thursdays
Admission: $10 adults; $6 seniors and students; $4 children (6–18); free under 6

BROOKLYN

Brooklyn Botanic Garden
990 Washington Ave., Prospect Heights
718- 623–7200 • bbg.org
Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am – 8:30 pm; Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm. Seasonal hours may vary; visit website for more information.
Admission: $22 adults; $16 seniors (65+) and students (12+); free for children 12 and under

Brooklyn Children's Museum
145 Brooklyn Ave., Crown Heights
718- 735–4400 • brooklynkids.org
Hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm
Admission: $15; discounts may apply

Brooklyn Museum
200 Eastern Pkwy., Prospect Heights
718- 638–5000 • brooklynmuseum.org
Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am – 6 pm, First Saturdays, 11 am – 10 pm
Admission: $20 adults; $14 seniors and students; free under 19. Free first Saturday of each month

New York Aquarium
602 Surf Ave., Coney Island
718- 265-3474 • nyaquarium.com
Hours: May 24 through September 1 – 10 am to 5 pm; September 2 through November 1 – 10 am to 4 pm
Admission: $33 adults; $30 seniors; $29 children (3 – 12); free 2 and under

New York Transit Museum
99 Schermerhorn St., Downtown Brooklyn
718- 694–1600 • nytransitmuseum.org
Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm
Admission: $10 adults; $5 seniors and children (2 – 17)

MANHATTAN

American Museum of Natural History
200 Central Park West, Upper West Side
212- 769–5100 • amnh.org
Hours: Daily 10 am – 5:30 pm
Admission: $30 adults; $24 seniors and students; $18 children; pay-what-you-wish for NY residents

Asia Society Museum
725 Park Ave., Upper East Side
212- 288–6400 • asiasociety.org/museum
Hours: Every day except Monday, 11 am – 5 pm
Admission: $15 adults; $10 seniors and students; free under age 16

Children's Museum of Manhattan
212 W. 83rd St., Upper West Side
212- 721–1223 • cmom.org
Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm
Admission: Prices vary. Visit website for more information.

Guggenheim Museum
1071 Fifth Ave., Upper East Side
212- 423–3500 • guggenheim.org
Hours: Daily 10:30 am – 5:30 pm
Admission: $28 adults; $17 seniors (65+) and students; free under 12; pay-what-you-wish Monday and Saturday from 4 – 5:30 pm

Intrepid Sea, Air Space Museum
Pier 86, 12th Ave. and W. 46th St., Hell's Kitchen
212- 245-0072 • intrepidmuseum.org
Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 am – 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm

Hours and admision subject to change. We advise visiting museum's website for details before you go.

Admission: $38 adults; $36 seniors and students; $28 children (5-12); free under age 4

Japan Society
333 E. 47th St., Midtown East
212- 715–1258 • japansociety.org
Hours: Thursday and Friday, 11 am – 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 12 – 7 pm; visit website for more information
Admission: $12 adults; $10 seniors and students; free under age 16

The Jewish Museum
1109 Fifth Ave., Upper East Side
212- 423–3200 • thejewishmuseum.org
Hours: Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 11 am – 6 pm, Thursday 11 am – 8 pm
Admission: $15 adults; $10 seniors and students, free under 18; free on Saturdays and Jewish holidays

Lower East Side Tenement Museum
103 Orchard St., Lower East Side
877- 975–3786 • tenement.org
Hours: 10 am – 6 pm daily
Admission: $30 adults; free under 5 (not permitted on most tours, but welcome to explore other experiences. Visit website for more information.)

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
1000 Fifth Ave., Upper East Side
212- 535–7710 • metmuseum.org
Hours: Sunday to Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am – 5 pm
Extended Hours: Friday and Saturday: 10 am – 9 pm
Admission: $30 adults; $22 seniors; $17 students; free under 12; pay-what-you-wish for NY residents and NY, NJ, and CT students

Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
36 Battery Pl., Battery Park City
646- 437–4202 • mjhnyc.org
Hours: Sunday and Wednesday, 10 am – 5 pm; Thursday, 10 am – 8 pm; Friday, 10 am – 5 pm
Admission: $18 adults; $12 seniors and students; free under 12 free under 12 and others (see website for details); Free Thursdays, 4 – 8 pm

Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)
11 W. 53rd St., Midtown
212- 708–9400 • moma.org
Hours: Daily, 10:30 am – 5:30 pm; Friday, until 8:30 pm
Admission: $30 adults; $22 seniors; $17 students; free for children 16 and under

Museum of the City of New York
1220 Fifth Ave., East Harlem
212- 534–1672 • mcny.org
Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 am – 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm
Admission: $23 adults, $18 seniors and students; free under 18

National Museum of the American Indian
1 Bowling Green, Financial District
212- 514–3700 • americanindian.si.edu
Hours: Daily 10 am – 5 pm
Admission: Free

New-York Historical Society
170 Central Park West, Upper West Side
212- 873–3400 • nyhistory.org
Hours: Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday and Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm; Friday, 11 am – 8 pm
Admission: $24 general admission; $19 seniors; $13 students; $6 kids (ages 5–13); free under 5. Free daily tours at 1 and 2:30 pm

South Street Seaport Museum
12 Fulton St., South Street Seaport
212- 748–8600 • southstreetseaportmuseum.org
Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm
Admission: $18 adults, $15 seniors and students, and $5 children under 18

Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island Museum
17 Battery Place #324, Battery Park
212- 561–4588 • statueofliberty.org/ellis-island
Hours: Daily 9:45 am – 4:45 pm
Admission: Free; ferry fare is required. Visit website for more information.

Whitney Museum of American Art
99 Gansevoort St., Meatpacking District
212- 570–3600 • whitney.org
Hours: Monday, Wednesday through Sunday, 10:30 am – 6 pm. Admission: $30 adults; $24 seniors and students; free under 25 and Friday, 5 – 10 pm and 2nd Sunday of the month

QUEENS

Museum of the Moving Image
36-01 35th Ave., Astoria
718- 777–6800 • movingimage.org
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Admission: $20 adults; $12 seniors and students; $10 children (3–17); free under 3; free every Thursday, 2 – 6 pm

New York Hall of Science
47-01 111th St. at 49th Ave., Corona
718-699–0005 • Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm
Admission: $22 adults; $19 seniors, students, and children

Noguchi Museum
9-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City
718- 204–7088 • noguchi.org
Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am – 6 pm
Admission: $16 adults; $6 seniors and students; free under 12 and NYC public school students

Queens Museum of Art
New York City Building, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park
718- 592–9700 • queensmuseum.org
Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 12 pm – 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm
Admission: Pay-what-you-wish; suggested $8 adults; $6 seniors and students; free under 12



School Options in NYC

BY BARBARA RUSSO

Choosing a school for your child can happen anytime, not just at the start of the academic year. You may be planning for next school year, navigating a mid-year move, or looking for a new option as your child transitions from daycare to elementary school. Whether they're moving up to middle school or simply in need of a better educational fit, it's natural to worry about making the right decision. In many areas in the country, traditional district public schools may be the best—and sometimes only option for kids. However, New York City families aren't limited to traditional public schools; they can also explore charter, independent (private), magnet, and religious school options.

Each school type has advantages, and no single model is universally "better." It's about finding what fits your child and family best. Here's a breakdown of the key options:

Charter Schools

Charter Schools are public schools with fewer regulations. They are tuition-free public schools funded by local, state, and federal funds, yet operate independently of district control. NYC has around 281 charter schools serving nearly 150,000 students (about 15% of total public enrollment).

"Charter schools do not have the same oversight as public schools, but they need to be partially funded by the public government. They can also seek funding elsewhere," Mary Miele, CEO, Evolved Education Company, explains. "Charter schools can set their own curriculum, but they will be evaluated based on testing, which the public school also gives (the NYS exams in grades 3-8), and so the curriculum does involve a good amount of prep for those exams."

According to the New York State Education Department, a significant difference between charter schools and traditional public schools is that charter schools often focus on innovative curricula, new approaches to school organization or instruction, or another feature that conventional public schools wouldn't be able



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to accomplish without the flexibility given by a charter.

However, Miele says charter schools need to produce strong NYS test results to continue funding, as many are more traditional in their teaching approach and teach toward those tests.

Parents can learn more about charter schools, what a charter is, and other information at nysed.gov.

Independent Schools

Also known as private schools, independent schools are primarily funded by tuition and charitable donations rather than taxpayer dollars.

"Typically, independent schools do quite a bit of fundraising, and parents may be tasked with organizing some of it," says Christine Hernandez, early childhood and parenting expert and founder of Allo Saratoga in New York State.

Independent schools are free to set their own curriculum and educational approach. A public entity does not review the curriculum.

The admission process for independent schools varies but generally involves several steps. This typically includes filling out an application, visiting the school for student and parent interviews, and potentially taking an entrance exam. Additionally, families may need to send in teacher recommendations and transcripts, write parent and student essays, and submit videos of the student, particularly for the kindergarten admission process.

Magnet Schools

Magnet schools are operated by the NYC Department of Education (DOE). They are tuition-free and publicly funded, partly through competitive Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant awards from the U.S. Department of Education. Magnet schools offer whole-school, specialized thematic programs in art, architecture, engineering, civics, leadership, exploration, global conservation, and STEM/STEAM, incorporating innovative curriculum and enrichment experiences designed to engage and inspire learning.

Magnet schools utilize diversified teaching approaches, including inquiry and project-based learning with real-world connections and authentic application of skills. Partnerships with colleges, universities, professional and community organizations, cultural institutions, and Artists in Residency programs provide professional development opportunities and supplement student and family experiences. The rigorous instructional foundation is supported and enhanced by instructional technology, dedicated spaces for arts and science, such as maker-spaces, horticultural labs, broadcast studios, STEM/STEAM activities, and special programs.

The admissions process for magnet schools involves a centralized application process, but no screening or testing is involved in applying. For more information, families should contact info@magnetschools.nyc or visit magnetschools.nyc.

Religious Schools

Religious schools across the city—including Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and other faith-based institutions—prioritize both academic excellence and spiritual values. These schools aim to create nurturing environments that promote respect, service, and moral development, all while delivering a rigorous academic curriculum. Students typically study core subjects such as Math, English Language Arts, History, and Science, alongside faith-based education aligned with the school's religious tradition.

Many religious schools have also embraced modern advancements, integrating technology and STEM programs to support a well-rounded education. For example, recent New York State Education Department Examination results confirm that Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York have once again outperformed both New York State and New York City public schools

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Catholic Schools prioritize both academic excellence and Catholic values. Students are immersed in an environment that promotes respect, courtesy, and service to others, which are integral to their curriculum. These schools offer a comprehensive range of subjects, including Math, Religion, English Language Arts, History, and Science. Moreover, they have embraced modern technology in the classrooms and introduced STEM programs to foster a well-rounded education.

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With such a diverse educational landscape, New York-area families are uniquely positioned to find a school that fits their child's needs—whether that's a values-driven religious education, the innovation of charter or magnet schools, or the tailored programming of an independent school. Explore options by visiting school websites, attending open houses, and reviewing performance data (like test scores and diversity reports). Understanding application processes, like charter lotteries or private school testing, is also key.

Ultimately, the best choice is one where your child feels supported, engaged, and able to thrive. The search may take time, but discovering a school where your child can grow academically and personally is well worth the effort.

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2025-2026 NYC School Calendar

Sept. 4	Thursday	First day of school
Sept. 11	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
Sept. 18	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
Sept. 23–24	Tuesday–Wednesday	Rosh Hashanah, schools closed
Sept. 25	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
Oct. 2	Thursday	Yom Kippur, schools closed
Oct. 13	Monday	Italian Heritage/Indigenous Peoples' Day, schools closed
Oct. 20	Monday	Diwali, schools closed
Nov. 4	Tuesday	Election Day; students do not attend school
Nov. 6	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
Nov. 11	Tuesday	Veterans Day, schools closed
Nov. 13	Thursday Afternoon and Evening	Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
Nov. 20	Thursday Afternoon and Evening	Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12 and 6–12 schools
Nov. 21	Friday	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12 and 6–12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
Nov. 27–28	Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Recess, schools closed
Dec. 24–Jan. 2	Wednesday – Friday	Winter Recess, schools closed
Jan. 19	Monday	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, schools closed

Jan. TBD	TBD	Regents Administration
Jan. TBD	TBD	Professional Development Day for high schools and 6–12 schools; students in these schools do not attend
Jan. TBD	TBD	Spring Semester begins
Feb 16–20	Monday–Friday	Midwinter Recess, schools closed
March 5	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
March 12	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
March 18	Wednesday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12 and 6–12 schools
March 19	Thursday	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K-12 and 6-12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
March 20	Friday	Eid al-Fitr, schools closed
April 2–10	Wednesday-Friday	Spring Recess schools closed
May 7	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
May 14	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
May 21	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day, schools closed
May 27	Wednesday	Eid al-Adha, schools closed
June 4	Thursday	Anniversary Day/Chancellor's Conference Day for staff development; students do not attend
June 5	Friday	Clerical Day for elementary schools, middle schools, K-12 schools, and standalone D75 programs; students in these schools do not attend
June TBD	TBD	Regents Administration
June 19	Friday	Juneteenth, schools closed
June 26	Friday	Last day of school for students

Dates accurate as of press time

NYC Book & Toystores

BY NAOSHA GREGG

There is nothing like taking your child to a toy or bookstore and watching their eyes light up with joy as they tinker and play with all of the newest toys, or your bookworm gets lost in their imagination as they turn the pages of words that transport them to another world. Family-owned toy stores and bookstores are more difficult to find, so you should visit the storefronts that still serve the community.



MANHATTAN

Albertine

972 5th Ave., Upper East Side
albertine.com
Inside the historic Payne Whitney Mansion, the Albertine bookshop is truly one of a kind. But here's the catch: they only sell English and French books! With over 14,000 titles, the shop has established a great variety running from classics to contemporary pieces. The shop itself is a part of the French government's efforts toward the French-American intellectual exchange and runs on the belief that literature can increase the understanding of human relations. Even if you're not a huge reader, their incredible celestial painted ceiling is something to check out on its own!

American Girl

75 Rockefeller Plaza, Midtown
americangirl.com
American Girl has long been known for its in-store experiences, where guests can bring their dolls (or purchase one onsite) for all sorts of pampering and fun. Enjoy tea time or fine dining with your doll, take her to the salon for matching hairstyles, stop at the "doctor" for a full interactive doll checkup, and even get your ears pierced together!

Books of Wonder

42 West 17th St., Flatiron
booksofwonder.com
Founded in 1980, Books of Wonder is one of New York City's top children's bookstores and a hot spot for young readers. As the largest children's bookstore in the city, it has a large assortment of both new and used books that won't disappoint. With a selection such as theirs, kids can easily explore different genres and find subjects that draw them in. Between the endless stacks of books and the store's frequent event offerings, it's easy to make a day out of a trip to this store.

Mary Arnold Toys

1178 Lexington Ave., Upper East Side
maryarnoldtoys.com
Support a local small business and shop for old-school toys at this vintage shop. Parents can enjoy a sense of nostalgia and kids can activate their imagination with a range of toys, including board games, action figures, puppets, puzzles, and even vintage moped scooters!

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Books are Magic, located in Cobble Hill, is a wonderful escape for book lovers. Founded in 2017 by New York Times best-selling author Emma Straub and her husband, the shop aims to foster empathy and transformation through literature. The inclusive space encourages children to become lifelong readers, featuring a diverse selection of books, relaxing reading nooks, and read-aloud events. It's the perfect spot to enjoy a day immersed in stories.

Greenlight Bookstore

686 Fulton St., Forte Greene
greenlightbookstore.com
Greenlight Bookstore started as an independent bookstore in Brooklyn in 2009. Their book selection is wonderful for all ages and levels, so everyone in the family will be able to enjoy it. Be sure to look into Greenlight's kids' programs. They have virtual story times, book discussion groups for young readers, and a video interview series that they hold with many authors!

Little Things Toy Store

159 7th Ave., Park Slope
littlethingstoystore.com
Step into a world of whimsical imagination at this Park Slope toy store. Stocked with classic and modern favorites, kids can choose from a variety of LEGO, stuffed animals, board games, and more.

McNally Jackson Books

Multiple locations in Brooklyn and Manhattan
mcnallyjackson.com
This beloved independent bookstore boasts one of the city's best selections—ranging from bestsellers to hard-to-find titles and books banned in some schools. Each of its four New York City locations has a unique charm. The children's sections are designed to spark curiosity, featuring cozy nooks for young readers. Their free storytime events are special, with memorable elements like a stunning papier-mâché puppet that seemed to jump from the pages of a book.

Pizzazzz Toyz

281 Court St., Brooklyn, Cobble Hill
Nestled in the quiet Brooklyn neighborhood of Cobble Hill, this toy-store gives vintage vibes but has modern stock. You can find everything your heart desires here, from LOL Dolls to Hatchimals and Fingerlings to LEGOS. There's nothing wrong with adding a little pizzazzzz to your toy collection.

Powerhouse

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THE BRONX

Collector Cave

3021-23 Middletown Rd., Pelham Bay
collectorcave.shop
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Kids Planet

200 Baychester Ave., Suite 134, Coop City

For the children who love stuffed animals, this toy store is a haven for them! Browse from various brands, including the famous Squishmellows, while also shopping their limited variety of traditional toys. (No website available)

The Lit. Bar

131 Alexander Ave., Mott Haven
thelitbar.com

The Lit. Bar is an indie bookstore serving families in the Bronx. Their venue is the perfect blend of literature and community, offering a carefully curated selection of books, gift items, and diverse programming for all ages. Families can enjoy social sipping, various family-friendly events, and engaging discussions about the books they love.

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Kew & Willow Books

81-63 Lefferts Blvd., Kew Gardens
kewandwillow.com

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96-01 Metropolitan Ave., Forest Hills
royalcomicsnyc.com

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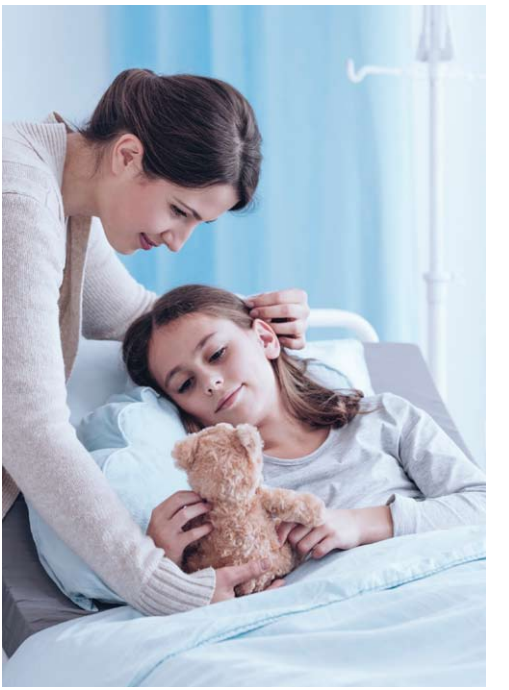
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NYC's Pediatric Hospitals

BY NÁOSHA GREGG



It's inevitable; at some point, almost every child ends up in a hospital—whether it's an ER visit after a or a routine check-up—whether for a routine checkup, or a sudden trip to the ER after a fall or fever. More than 24 million children visit emergency departments in the U.S. annually, most commonly for injuries, respiratory issues, or infections. Pediatric hospitals play a crucial role in these moments, providing specialized care tailored to children's unique needs, whether for something minor or more serious.

Finding the right hospital can be a whirlwind; from location to specialized doctors and topics, it's easy to become overwhelmed when picking the right one for your child. The city offers 62 active hospitals, 11 of which are public hospitals operated by New York City Health and Hospitals. NYC Health and Hospitals also operates 29 Gotham Health Centers and five Long-Term Care Centers to help address your needs.

"We offer primary care services to almost 200,000 children and adolescents every year," says Dr. Katherine Piwnica-Worms, Assistant Vice President of Pediatrics at New York City Health and Hospitals (NYCHH). "We offer standard well care, sick visits, and we have vaccines. Families can get their physicals and school forms done with us, and we provide preparatory guidance to our families and children around everything from nutrition and physical activity, to safety."

Fortunately, New York City is home to some of the nation's top pediatric hospitals, offering world-class, specialized care close to home for families across the region.

BROOKLYN

Brooklyn Hospital Center

121 DeKalb Ave., 1st floor

The Children's Center at Brooklyn Hospital is a key resource for families in northern Brooklyn. The facility offers services for newborns through 21, offering services as physical exams for sports and school, hematology and oncology, and providing teens a safe and inclusive environment for STD and pregnancy testing, substance abuse, mental health help, eating disorder support, and more. Their Child Life Program features Certified Child Life Specialists who support children through procedures, radiology, surgery prep, and inpatient stays, offering play therapy, procedural education, distraction techniques, and

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NYC Health & Hospitals: South Brooklyn Health

2601 Ocean Parkway

Just blocks from Coney Island amusement park, South Brooklyn Health is a top-ranked, baby-friendly hospital offering exceptional pediatric and adolescent medical services. They specialize in developmental pediatrics, neonatology, cardiology, dermatology, and more, making it a comprehensive resource for families. For teens and young adults, the hospital provides testing for STIs, HIV screenings, and a supportive environment. Additionally, their maternal health services focus on pre- and postpartum care for various concerns, such as preterm birth and diabetes.

NYC Health & Hospitals: Woodhull

760 Broadway

Woodhull, located near the J, M, and Z train lines, provides comprehensive pediatric services and a maternity ward. Families are welcomed by vibrant Keither Herring-inspired paintings. Recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best maternity hospitals for uncomplicated pregnancies, it serves North Brooklyn. The pediatric ward features neonatal care, allowing mothers to stay with their babies in the NICU, and the hospital is nationally recognized for Safe Sleep practices.

THE BRONX

NYC Health & Hospitals: Jacobi

1400 Pelham Parkway South

Jacobi Medical Center is an excellent choice for pediatric care in the Bronx, affiliated with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. It offers high-quality care across various specialties, including a Level II pediatric trauma center and a Class III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). With 24/7 pediatric emergency services, Jacobi focuses on allergy and asthma, as well as pediatric weight management, serving a high volume of patients.

Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM)

3415 Bainbridge Ave.

Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) in the Bronx is widely recognized as one of the top pediatric hospitals in New York and a leader in specialized children's healthcare. The facility offers comprehensive care across a wide range of pediatric specialties, including nationally ranked programs in nephrology, gastroenterology, and endocrinology. The hospital features a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), a pediatric intensive care unit (PICU), and a robust pediatric emergency department.

MANHATTAN

Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone

160 E 34th St.

Hassenfeld Children's Hospital, part of the NYU Langone Health system, provides exceptional pediatric care in diverse specialties. Ranked #3 in New York and recognized nationally in cardiology, neonatology, pulmonology, and endocrinology, it is #1 in New York for pediatric cardiology and heart surgery. The facility offers a family-centered approach, a dedicated pediatric emergency department, and a Level IV NICU, supported by leading research from NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley & Komansky Children's Hospitals

3959 Broadway

Ranked #1 in New York State and among the best nationally across all 10 pediatric specialties by U.S. News & World Report for over 17 consecutive years, New York-Presbyterian offers top-grade medical service to children. Families can expect a

Level IV NICU, a Level I pediatric trauma center, and Level 1 children's surgery certification. Elite academic affiliates, such as Columbia and Weill Cornell, and first-rate research programs in food allergy and neonatal care, support staff. The facility specializes in several physical and neurological issues, including kidney care, digestive diseases, and sickle cell disease.

Mount Sinai Kravis Children's Hospital

1184 Fifth Ave.

Mount Sinai is a staple in the New York City medical community. It was recently ranked the top hospital in New York State by Newsweek's World's Best Hospitals and has national recognition in subspecialties like diabetes, GI, nephrology, and neurology. It also houses a 102-bed full-service children's acute-care facility with pediatric emergency services. Doctors can address various issues, including allergy and immunology, cardiology, gastrointestinal diseases, kidney and liver diseases, pulmonology, neonatology, and endocrinology.

QUEENS

St. Mary's Children's Hospital (Bayside)

29-01 216th St.

Located in the quiet Northern corner of Queens, Children's Hospital at St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children in Bayside excels in caring for medically complex pediatric patients through its status as New York's only post-acute pediatric care facility. The hospital offers inpatient long-term care and intensive rehabilitation, as well as home-based programs and medical day healthcare, tailored for children and young adults up to age 21 with special needs. Specialized offerings include ventilator weaning programs, locomotor training for neurological impairments, feeding disorder therapy, and early-education services.







Kid-Friendly Restaurants

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Dining out in the city is always an adventure, especially with kids in tow. The key is finding a spot with kid-friendly menu options, highchairs, and maybe even a few activities to keep little ones busy. Bonus points if it's a place where no one bats an eye when your child starts acting like, well, a kid. Whether you're after a cozy café, a restaurant with outdoor seating, or a spot that offers something extra for young diners, we've discovered some of the friendliest restaurants for families.

Alice's Tea Cup

102 W. 73rd St., Upper West Side
212-799-3006
alicesteacup.com
If you want a real-life tea party, this place is just your cup of tea! Designed with eccentric bits from Alice in Wonderland, this restaurant offers a range of choices from savory curried chicken and smoked salmon to light and fluffy pumpkin pancakes and granola for you, and PB&J, grilled cheese sandwiches, milk and cookies, and an array of sweet treats for the little ones.

American Girl Cafe

75 Rockefeller Plaza, Midtown
877-247-5223
americangirl.com
Dine like a true doll at the American Girl cafe. Located in the heart of the city, the chic cafe offers primps and pink decor suitable for girls of any age. Enjoy sweet milkshakes, fancy bow-tie pasta, various selections of wine, and a signature dessert. If you're feeling fancy, reserve the Tea Time special for extra bonding with their doll. Don't forget to bring your American Girl doll, as the cafe offers a seat just for them at the table.

Black Tap Craft Burgers & Beer

Multiple Locations in Manhattan and Brooklyn
Famous for towering CrazyShakes, craft burgers, and graffiti-covered walls, Black Tap is a delight for kids of all ages. From rainbow-sprinkled cake slices perched on milkshakes to cotton candy clouds and lollipops, the drinks

alone make it a destination. But the appeal goes beyond sweets—Black Tap's menu of craft burgers, chicken sandwiches, and fries caters to even picky eaters, while the colorful, graffiti-inspired decor and upbeat soundtrack keep the vibe lively and fun. The service is fast, the seating is comfortable, and there's enough visual stimulation to keep little ones happily occupied until the milkshakes arrive.

Carmine's

200 W 44th St., Times Square
212-221-3800
2450 Broadway, Upper West Side
212-362-2200
carminesnyc.com
Just off Broadway in Times Square and on the Upper West Side, this popular Italian eatery has been serving up colossal, shareable portions for 35 years—and children love it! Every meal is a celebration, from spaghetti mountains and giant meatballs to the legendary Titanic Sundae. The lively, welcoming ambiance makes families feel at home, and there's something on the menu for even the pickiest of eaters. Whether you're a local or visiting, Carmine's is where family memories (and full bellies!) are made.

Crazy Pizza

218 Lafayette St., SoHo
646- 298-1565
crazypizza.com/new-york-city
Crazy Pizza in SoHo delivers a high-energy, immersive dining experience perfect for families looking to turn mealtime into a celebration. With chef-led dough-spinning shows, a disco-ball atmosphere, and upbeat music, kids will be thoroughly entertained while enjoying ultra-thin pizzas made with premium Italian ingredients. Highlights include a lively Sunday Funday brunch complete with balloon artists and face painting, plus a menu full of crowd-pleasers like Margherita pizza, spaghetti al pomodoro, and a show-stopping Nutella pizza. Equal parts meal and performance, Crazy Pizza is where unforgettable family pizza parties come to life.

Ellen's Stardust Diner

1650 Broadway, Theater District
212-956-5151
ellensstardustdiner.com
Ellen's Stardust Diner is a must-visit for families looking for a fun, one-of-a-kind dining experience in New York City. Located in Times Square, this retro 1950s-themed diner is famous for its singing waitstaff—many of whom are aspiring Broadway performers—who belt out show tunes while serving up classic American fare. Kids are entertained by the live music and lively atmosphere, making it feel more like a Broadway musical than a typical diner. You can choose from American classics like Philly cheesesteak sandwiches and cinnamon roll pancakes, while the kid-friendly menu includes favorites like dino-shaped chicken nuggets and burgers. They also provide highchairs and stroller-friendly accommodations. Satisfy everyone's sweet tooth with scrumptious cakes and signature milkshakes. It's a fun, all-ages experience

Hard Rock Cafe

1501 Broadway, Times Square
212-343-3355
cafe.hardrock.com/new-york
A staple in the heart of Times Square, the Hard Rock Cafe is a must-visit for music lovers. Featuring over 700 seats and a unique outdoor space, this cafe boasts an entertaining and lively experience for children of all ages. Jam out to live music sessions while you enjoy their diverse menu of legendary steak burgers, Tupelo Dippers, and jumbo pretzels.

Kellogg's Diner

518 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn
718-782-4505
kelloggsdinernyc.com
Located in the heart of Williamsburg, this diner will transport you to simpler times. Family-friendly menu options include Texas french toast, ricotta pancakes, or classic chicken and waffles. The diner is open 24/7, making it the perfect pit stop for a late family dinner or early morning barrage.

Pasta Louise

Cafe: 1114 8th Ave., Brooklyn
347-725-3883
pastalouise.com
For those with a pasta lover (who isn't?) or a picky eater, Pasta Louise is a charming and family-friendly neighborhood restaurant that makes dining out with kids easy and enjoyable. With locations in Park Slope and Prospect Heights, this restaurant is known for its fresh, house-made pasta in a special shape chosen daily by the chef, and warm, welcoming atmosphere. The laid-back vibe and casual service make it a great spot for families, and the kids' menu features simple, satisfying options like buttered noodles or pasta with red sauce. There's often sidewalk seating, which gives little ones room to wiggle, and the cozy interiors are lively enough that no one minds a bit of kid chatter. Plus, the colorful decor and friendly staff help make even the youngest diners feel right at home.

Patti Ann's

570 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn
347-365-4401
pattianns.com
This Prospect Heights restaurant is a family favorite with its vivid and lively decor and inviting atmosphere. Playing homage to the chef's midwestern roots, Patti Ann's serves up American comfort food favorites like chicken tenders, pasta, burgers, tavern-style pizza, and a blooming onion with ranch. There is no separate kids' menu here, but little ones are more than covered with shareable comfort food items. Stroller parking, highchairs, and a stash of crayons, books, and toys keep things easy for parents.

Planet Hollywood NYC

136 W. 42nd St., Tmes Square
212-333-7827
planethollywoodnyc.com
42nd St., Manhattan planethollywoodnyc.com A few short blocks from Bryant Park in the heart of Midtown, Planet Hollywood NYC is the perfect spot for an easy, delicious, fun, family-friendly meal while exploring the city. With its bold aesthetic, high-energy atmosphere, and menu designed to please even the pickiest eaters, this is where families come to refuel on crowd-pleasers like cheesy pizzas, piled-high burgers, and shareable appetizers. And yes, the milkshakes are as wild and over-the-top as summer should be. Plenty of space for strollers, high chairs, and large groups makes it a go-to for birthday parties, team outings, or a much-needed sit-down after a busy day exploring Times Square. It's casual, convenient, and fun—exactly what families need during a busy day in the city.

Serendipity 3

157 West 47th St., Times Square
646-455-0467
serendipity3.com
Known for its iconic Frrrozen Hot Chocolate, the restaurant combines nostalgia and whimsical decor, making it a magical dining experience for families. Its eclectic menu and over-the-top desserts are enough to get any kid drooling, while the ambiance sets the scene of something straight out of Alice in Wonderland.

Sugar Factory

694 8th Ave., Times Square
347-721-9066
sugarfactory.com
Times Square's vibrant, family-friendly destination transforms dining into a whimsical celebration. With its candy-themed decor and over-the-top desserts, it captivates children and adults alike. Satisfy your sweet tooth with over-the-top milkshakes, giant, colorful smoking goblets filled with every candy topping you can think of, and juicy, delicious burgers dripping with flavor. The menu offers a variety of kid-friendly options, including chicken tenders and mac & cheese pops, ensuring even the pickiest eaters are satisfied. The lively atmosphere, complete with music and eye-catching presentations, makes every visit feel like a special occasion, making it a must-visit spot for families exploring New York City.

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