

36 Hours on Brooklyn Water Front

Brooklyn has been a part of New York for centuries. It is not a surprise that people all go to Manhattan while visiting New York. However, Brooklyn is the most historical borough of New York City, especially its waterfront, shows you not only fun, but also rich history, arts, as well as architecture. So next 36 Hours will be on the waterfront, all you need is a car, some money, a bunch of friends who are interested in history and culture, and most important, a heart that enjoys traveling.

Saturday

1. Water Front Museum | 1:00 PM

The Water Front Museum was founded in 1985 and moved to Brooklyn in 1994 to provide an access of the culture and history of waterfront in New York area. Its main mission is to provide opportunities to educational programs, exhibitions, and the performance of arts in New York area. It also preserved historic vessels and informed people how important is our water highway transportation. The main exhibit of the museum is Lehigh Valley No. 79 which is the only surviving all-wooden barge now with the age of one-century. It only opens every Thursday (from 4-8 pm during spring) and Saturday (1-5 pm) with free tours.



Photo Credit: Steve McGill (<http://wahcenter.net/about/>)

2. A Touch of Arts | 3:30 PM

Williamsburg Art & Historical Center (WAH) is located by the side of Williamsburg Bridge. This building used to be money banks. It has been through several banks settled and gone, the construction of Williamsburg Bridge, as well as waves of immigrants came and settled around here, Yoko Nii acquired this building and set it as a non-profit art center to help local

artists and neighborhood. WAH presents art exhibitions, performance, cultural events, educational lectures and seminars, and special shows in spring.



Image From: <http://wahcenter.net/about/>

3. Williamsburg Bridge | 5:45 PM

Williamsburg Bridge is a suspension bridge in NYC across the East River connecting Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn. As the second bridge that connects Manhattan and Brooklyn, Williamsburg Bridge began construction in 1896 and opened at December 19, 1903. The skyline of Manhattan is under your eyes while walking on the bridge. Grab some snacks and drinks before walking onto the bridge then enjoy picture time.

4. Enjoy Sunset from Brooklyn Bridge | 7:00 PM

As you walking onto Brooklyn Bridge, the oldest bridge in NYC, you will feel the historical breath from ancient rocks. This bridge also connects Manhattan and Brooklyn over the East River. Completed in 1883, as the longest suspension bridge in the world. Take your time, walking it through, enjoy beautiful sunset with the Statue of Liberty when you are on the middle of the bridge.



Photo Credit: Lucky Lee (<http://www.mrwallpaper.com/brooklyn-bridge-ny-wallpaper/>)

5. The Best Steak in New York| 9:00 PM

Peter Luger's Steak House has been named as the best steak in New York for over 30 years. The reason why it is called "the best" is that they not only cook the beef well and tasty, but treat beef carefully just like facing customers. Peter Luger's only use the USDA prime beef and dry age them. Take an order of Sliced Tomatoes & Onions with luger's own sauce (\$14.95 for 2) as appetizer with either French Fried Potato (\$11.95 for 2) or Luger's Special German Fried Potatoes (\$12.95 for 2). Then enjoy every bite of the juicy but not so oily dry aged steak (\$99.50 for 2).

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6. Sleep with History | 11:00 PM

Hotel Bossert was built in 1909 by Louis Bossert with Italian Renaissance Revival-style exterior and has been standing over a hundred years. It was famous for hosting Brooklyn Dodger's party after it won in the World Series in 1955. Have a nice dream with vintage style hotel room and be ready with the journey following.



Image From: <http://www.propertyshark.com/mason/Property-Report/?propkey=122607>

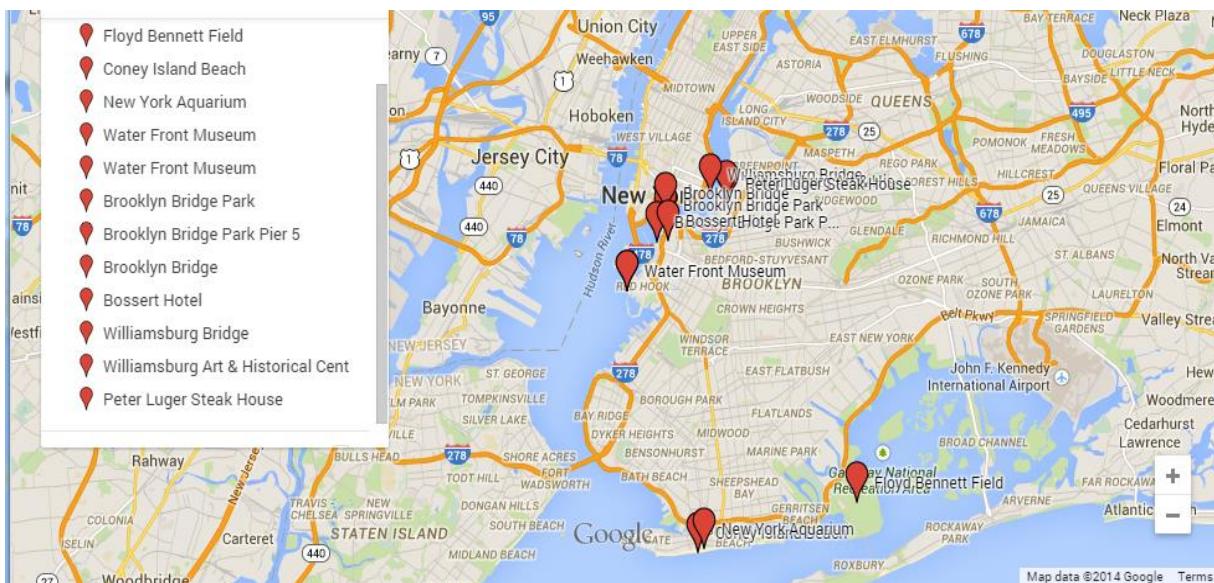


Photo Credit: Yuwei Zhu, Google Maps

Sunday

7. Brooklyn Bridge Park | 9:30 AM

By the side of the East River, Brooklyn Bridge Park covers an area of 85 acre with Pier 1 to 6, Fulton Ferry Landing, Empire-Fulton Ferry, and the Main Street Park. Standing in the park, buildings of Downtown Manhattan are right in front of you. Also, it is one of the best points to see the whole structure of the Brooklyn Bridge. Walking to Pier 5, there are sports field, picnic place, as well as promenade.

8. Smorgasburg | 11:00 AM

Smorgasburg is a special seasonal event in Brooklyn which is held like food festival. Consisted of 100 vendors, this food flea market is one of the most popular events during weekend when it is opened. It is hosted in either near Williamsburg on Saturday or Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 5 on Sunday. It is worthy to try since it only happens during weekend especially for non-New Yorkers. Ramen Burger (\$10) is probably the most popular and famous item in here, because its creativity; it is a combination of Eastern Ramen and Western burger. The burger is juicy and well-flavored, the portion is kind of small but since we are trying everything a little bit from the market, it does not really matter. Milk Shakes (\$5.25) will be a good choice as when you try to get drinks.



Image From: <http://www.smorgasburg.com/>

Monday

9. Memory from 19th Century | 10:00 AM

In order to protect harbors and strategic waterways during the beginning of 19th century, the United States was forced to expand fortifications. Harbor Defense Museum at Fort Hamilton was built for this reason. It was the Third System of Fortification in New York City when it started construction in 1825. Its collections are the United States army weapons, uniforms,

cannons, and small arms from then to today. This museum represents the memory of early military history as well as the military strength of the country.



Image From: <http://www.harbordefensemuseum.com/>

10. Coney Island -- More Than Just Fun | 12:30 PM

The first settlement of Coney Island from Europe was Dutch so the name of it was came from Dutch, translated to English as rabbit because Coney island was full of rabbits back then. Coney Island is known for its beach and Amusement Parks. Due to its geographic superiority, it has become a really crowd place during summer. Everyone goes there for recreation; enjoy the sunshine, and having fun with friends and families. Also, Coney Island has all kinds of food around and they are affordable. Besides amusements, there is a New York Aquarium which has exhibits of many kinds of marine animals. It is an area with a lot of fun but when you calm down and look around, you will feel the historical vicissitudes of this place.



Image From: <http://www.nycedc.com/press-image/coney-island-general-renderings>

11. Floyd Bennett Field | 3:30 PM

Located at the Southeast of Brooklyn, this is a former airport. This airport was built in 1928 as the first municipal airport in New York City. The mayor was trying to use this airport to replace Newark Airport back then because it was easy to identify in the air and it is located in NYC. However, the effort failed because it took even longer to Manhattan compare to Newark. Therefore, today it exists as a park and a part of it has become the New York City Police Department.

Other Information:

1. Water Front Museum

290 Conover Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231

Hours: Saturday 1-5 PM, Thursday 4-8 PM (spring)

<http://www.waterfrontmuseum.org/home>

2. WAH Center (Williamsburg Art & Historical Center)

135 Broadway, Williamsburg Brooklyn, NY 11211

Gallery Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12–6 pm

<http://wahcenter.net/>

5. Peter Luger Steak House

178 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11211

Hours: Sun - Thurs. 11:45 AM - 9:45 PM, Fri - Sat 10:45 AM - 10:45 PM

<http://peterluger.com/brooklyn/>

6. Bossert Hotel (Under construction, not open until 2015)

98 Montague Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

8. Smorgasburg

Brooklyn Bridge Pier 5

Hours: Sun 11 AM - 6 PM

9. Harbor Defense Museum at Fort Hamilton

230 Sheridan Loop, Brooklyn, NY 11252

Hours: Monday and Tuesday: 10a.m.-4p.m. Wednesday through Friday: 10a.m.-1p.m.

Closed: Weekends and Federal Holidays

<http://www.harbordefensemuseum.com/index.html>

10. Coney Island Beach

W. 37 St., Boardwalk, Brooklyn, NY 11224

<http://coneyislandfunguide.com/>

New York Aquarium

602 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224

Hours: Sept. 2, 2014 – May 22, 2015 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. May 23, 2015 – Sept. 7, 2015 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

<http://www.nyaquarium.com/plan-your-trip/hours-and-rates.aspx>

11. Floyd Bennett Field
50 Aviator Road, Brooklyn.

HOURS: Ranger Station (Building 135) open daily, 9am-5pm.
<http://www.nyharborparks.org/visit/flbe.html>