

36 HOURS IN THE BROOKLYN WATERFRONT

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What comes to mind when you think of the Brooklyn waterfront? The first thing that comes to most is the historical Coney Island, home to the Cyclone, the worlds oldest wooden rollercoaster. But Coney Island isn't the only place that's beautiful and fun on the Brooklyn waterfront, Red hook, and Sheepshead Bay are also other gorgeous spots to relax, get remarkable food, and have fun at, with an amazing view. Did you know that the Brooklyn waterfront is 30 miles long? Did you also know that the waterfront was a refugee for immigrants in the 19th century? Another interesting fact about the Brooklyn water front is the Spiral Pool located at Pier 2, which provides you an entrance to the water and to see evidence of the marine life. These are just some of the fascinating facts which will give you motivation to visit the Brooklyn Waterfront.

REDHOOK

A MARKET LIKE NO OTHER| 9 AM

To start off your day, head up to Fairway, a market that's "Like No Other Market". Located at 480-500 Van Brunt Street Brooklyn, NY 11231, United States. A market is an understatement; this market is definitely like no other market because they offer much more than popular brands. Fairway started off as a fruit/ vegetable stand in 1933 by Nathan Glickberg, as just a way to support his family. Now the market has grown extremely with nine locations in New York and the tristate area. Fairway is known as "one of the most important specialty food retailers by *TheGourmet Retailer*." (Fairway); offering items that are unique, international, and un-heard-of such as Casa Forcello Mostarda (mustard) Crab Apple (\$14.99 a jar) and Miels Chailan - Miel de Tilleul de France (Lime Tree Blossom Honey) (\$8.99 per 8.8 oz jar). They are also known for their gourmet coffee and prime meats. Explore for hours as you travel through the world just by going to Fairway market.

CRAB AND PLAY| 12 PM

Do you love seafood and games? Well the Brooklyn Crab is the place to go. It's located 24 Reed St, Brooklyn, NY, just a short walk away from the Fairway Market. They offer fresh, seasonable seafood, and a place to play games and have a great time with the family. You can play games in their backyard playground like mini golf and corn hole

for a great price; free! Stop by and enjoy a snow crab roll (\$15) while enjoying the view, from the upper deck, of the New York Harbor.



View from the upper deck at the Brooklyn Crab

A CLASSIC SIP| 3 PM

Calling all wine lovers, Red Hook Winery is the place for you. This lovely winery is located at 175 – 204 Van Dyke Street Brooklyn, NY 11231, which is just a few minutes away from the Brooklyn Crab. They offer tasting packages from \$8 to \$35 ranging in the amounts of wines you'd be tasting. The best value here is the barrel tasting and tour.

This package takes you through the whole wine making process, from the grapes to the bottle. You get to go behind the scenes and get an exclusive view and tasting of the ancient wine making world. To take place in this journey, call and reserve your tickets at 347.689.2432 and any other questions you can email the winery at

info@redhookwinery.com or go on the website https://www.redhookwinery.com/?page_id=378 .

A SWEET TREAT| 5 PM

Walk over to the Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pies (185 Van Dyke Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231), and enjoy an iconic key lime pie, made with freshly squeezed lime juice. They are not only famous for their key lime pie, but also for their Swingles; a frozen slice of key lime pie doused in chocolate on a stick. The price is pretty steep at around \$6 but its worth it due to quality and size of the portion. Not only are you in for a treat, the treat gets a whole lot sweeter when you lay your eyes upon the view. At this time the sun shall be setting above the water and you will think to yourself "life doesn't get better than this".



A single portion key lime pie and a Swingle.

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CUISINE THAT WILL MAKE YOU SALSA| 10 PM

If you are in the mood for authentic Puerto Rican cuisine, but don't have the time nor funds to go to Puerto Rico, no worries, because Phil's Crummy Corner (323 Columbia St Brooklyn, NY 11231) is here to the rescue. Phil's Crummy Corner serves authentic Puerto Rican food and hospitality to all customers, tourist and locals. Even though it doesn't have a waterfront view, it is a short walk away from the the beautiful riverfront. The food and prices make up for not having a great view. As the aroma of the food hits you as soon as you walk in, you will feel as if you're in a small town in Puerto Rico eating Abuelita's homemade dishes. Try the pernil (roasted pork) and rice and beans (\$10) and a side order of platano maduros (sweet plantains) (\$3) and you'll fall in love. Phil's Crummy Corner also has happy hour and music for all who love to have a great time and want to dance the night away. This restaurant brings a beautiful tropical island to the big city.

CONEY ISLAND

RUSSIAN RELAXATION| 11 AM

After a busy day of exploring, you deserve a relaxing day at a spa. Mermaid Spa is located 5 minutes away from Coney Island beach at 3703 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn,

NY 11224. Spend that day at the spa and enjoy the Russian steam room, the sauna, Jacuzzi, and tile pools. To enjoy this luxurious Russian oasis, you must pay an entrance fee of \$40, but its all worth it once you step into this tranquil facility, you'd never want to leave. Relaxing and getting pamper works up a vicious appetite, so go on over to the restaurant an order up an authentic Russian meal. Try the chicken tabaka (\$17) and have a freshly squeezed juice to wash It down. After this food and tranquility experience you will feel brand new.



At Mermaid Spa. Photo Credit: JOVAN BRAMBLE

ICE AT THE BEACH| 2PM

Enjoy Coney islands off season with a walk on the boardwalk. Take in the scents of the ocean and different cuisines you bypass. From Italian to Russian, you can find many types of cuisine and culture of the boardwalk. Continue walking up the boardwalk to Abe Stark Rink (Coney Island Boardwalk and West 19th St.) and have fun with family, or even a date. This ice skating rink is such a great place to go when walking on the board walk gets a little tiring and boring. At just \$10 to get in and \$5 to rent skates (you can bring your own) ice skating is the perfect way to spend time with loved ones while all leaning a new skill. After ice skating get a cup of delectable hot chocolate to keep you warm while you continue you journey on the boardwalk.

TRADITIONAL SWEETS| 6 PM

The only way to end your trip at Coney Island properly is to go to Williams Candy Shop (1318 Surf Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11224). This little slice of heaven is perfect for candy lovers, especially old school candy lovers. Williams Candy Shop has been around for decades. They are famous for their inexpensive, beautiful, and outstanding candy and caramel apples! With choices like “caramel apple with toasted coconut, and chocolate caramel apple with chocolate sprinkles” as options on the menu, it'll leave you with one of the hardest decisions you'll have to make. Williams Candy Shop is a stop that you must make while you're in Coney Island.



Candy apples at Williams Candy Store. Photo Credit: David Colon

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

OUT TO SEA| 11 AM

Calling all fisherman, explorers, and sea lovers, all aboard the Capt's Lady for an eight hours fishing trip. This is a 49 passenger yacht which has fish finding technology to make sure you get to where the fish are. Experienced fisherman and beginners are welcomed, and encouraged to go. On this adventure skilled workers teach the ropes and techniques to catch as many fish as you can. The great thing about this adventure is at the end of it you get to take home the fish you have caught! Everyone one is welcomed on this grand adventure, call (917) 560-8224 or (718) 847-0107 for more information.



A photo of the yacht named Capt's Lady. Photo Credit: NYCFISHINGBOAT

Lodging

Comfort Inn is located 3 miles away from Coney island at 3218 Emmons Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11235. This is a budget friendly hotel with rates as low as \$144 per night. All rooms and suites have free wifi, they also offer a complimentary hot breakfast buffet, free parking and other amenities like a fitness center and meeting spaces. Call 718-368-3334 or go to

(<https://www.choicehotels.com/new-york/brooklyn/comfort-inn-hotels/ny275/rates?checkInDate=2015-12-20&checkOutDate=2015-12-21&ratePlanCode=SAPR1>) For the Red Hook Location call (718) 222-3200 or visit (<https://www.choicehotels.com/new-york/brooklyn/comfort-inn-hotels/ny507/rates?checkInDate=2015-12-20&checkOutDate=2015-12-21&ratePlanCode=SAPR1>)

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