# 36 Hours in The Brooklyn Waterfront

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**IMAGE SOURCE: LJDR** 

New York City is one of the very popular and well known tourist destinations in the country. Bright lights, humongous buildings, historic landmarks, and wide variety of tourist attractions are the main reasons why NYC is very popular. However, there's a hidden gem few miles away from the "Big Apple", which is Brooklyn. This gem is widely known for it's famous landmark, Brooklyn Bridge. But, due to this place becoming trendier, tourists and city-goers finally recognizing this place as the "Big Apple's Cousin." The Brooklyn Waterfront is one of the popular places in Brooklyn tourists can keep going back to.

## **Friday**

## 1. DOWN UNDER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE, 2:00 PM

The Brooklyn Bridge is one of Brooklyn's famous landmarks and tourists destinations. But right below it is a park as beautiful as the bridge above it. The Brooklyn Bridge Park is an 85-acre waterfront site that stretches along the East River. This is the best place to have picnics, play sports, swim (seasonal pop-up pool), and even fishing. Within this park is the historic Jane's Carousel (\$2.00) which is the best place for all ages. It is also a home to Smorgasburg (seasonal) which is a local and regional food and beverage showcase.



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### 2. WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM, 5:30 PM

Craving sweets after a walk in the Brooklyn Bridge Park? The Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory is conveniently located within this park. Dating back in the 1920's, this ice cream shop is a crowd favorite in the park because there are many ice cream flavors to choose from (ex: Vanilla, Coffee,

Chocolate). In addition, they serve sundaes (\$7.25), milk shakes (\$7.00), and pint ice cream (\$8.50) to take home. It's best to eat this delicious treat while looking at the beautiful waterfront.





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### 3. BOWL AND EAT, 8:00 PM

Brooklyn Bowl is not your typical local bowling alley, it is more than just that. It's an all-in-one entertainment place: bowling, live music, drinks, and great food. What makes this place unique is that they offer restaurant style service because they are partners with Blue Moon. They serve food at all lanes and also have designated dining room too. The lanes are also high tech with full LED lights although they're the first bowling lane to be considered as a "Green Building". In addition, this place is only for adults on weekdays, and children on weekends.

## **Saturday**

#### 4. MATCHA CAFFEINE BOOST, 8:00 AM

Looking for a coffee alternative? Well Matchabar is the best place to get your caffeine boost by drinking matcha. Matcha is a powdered green tea and has a creamy and earthy taste. Matcha Bar is the first matcha cafe in New York. This cafe offers a variety of matcha drinks including their best seller: Matcha Latte (\$5.35). They also have matcha desserts and matcha tins (\$22.00) so you can make one yourself at home. Want to learn more about how to prepare matcha? This cafe has matcha classes (\$85 a person) so you can take your matcha making skills into a whole new level.

#### 5. HAVE FUN BY THE WATER, 2:00 PM

Brooklyn's own Coney Island is one of the popular tourist attractions in the city. Because it's only a subway or a bus away from New Yorkers, this is the best place for them to have fun by the water (summer). However during winter time, you can walk by the boardwalk to relax and enjoy the pleasant view of the water. Within the place is also the home of the New York Aquarium, Luna Park, and the famous Cyclone.

#### 6. THE ORIGINAL NEW YORK HOTDOG, 4:00PM

Since 1916, Nathan's Famous hotdog in its original location, Coney Island is still loved by many New Yorkers and tourists. What makes their hotdog special is that the recipe hasn't changed since it opened. They do not only serve hotdogs but other foods such as hamburgers, french fries, chicken wings, and corn dogs. Comfort food and beach is always the best combination.

#### 7. FUN AND GAMES, 5:00PM

A visit to Coney Island wouldn't be complete without going to Luna Park. Luna Park is an amusement park full of rollercoasters, games, and other attractions. In order to ride on the rollercoasters, guests must purchase a Luna Card (starting \$1 for one credit). But entering the park is free. Games such as: Break a Plate, Ice Ball, Water Racer are fun for all ages.

### 8. END THE DAY WITH COMFORT FOOD, 8:00PM



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Craving something comforting? Well, The Buttermilk Channel is the solution for your cravings. It is an American restaurant located in Court Street and they serve comforting yet hearty food. Their specialties include: Buttermilk Fried Chicken (\$26.00), East Coast Oysters, Kale Endive Salad (\$12.00). In addition, they also have a vegetarian and kids menu.

## **Sunday**

## 9. HISTORY OF FOOD, 12:00PM

Museum of Food and Drink also known as MOFAD is the first food museum in New York. The admission fee is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, \$5 for 5-17 year olds, and free for children. This is the first museum where you can eat in exhibits. MOFAD's purpose is to show the culture, history, science of food and beverage. One of the exhibitions is Flavor: Making it or Faking it shows the difference between artificial and natural flavors. This is a must visit place to any foodies or food lovers.



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## Lodging

## ALOFT HOTEL

The Aloft Hotel (216 Duffield St, Brooklyn, NY) located in Downtown Brooklyn is a 3 star hotel minutes away from Barclays Center. Rooms to choose from are King Room, Double Queen Room, and Suite. The main advantage of this hotel is the location: it is near the subway and only a few walks away from the Brooklyn Bridge.

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