

# 36 Hours in Brooklyn

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Just outside of the Big Apple, you can find the hipster part of Brooklyn; satisfy your ‘trendy’ side without leaving Williamsburg.

Williamsburg, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, bordered by Greenpoint to the north; Bedford-Stuyvesant to the south; Bushwick and East Williamsburg to the east; and the East River to the west. Starting in the 1990s, Williamsburg has undergone improvement, characterized by art, hipster culture, and lively nightlife, making it a number one for your next stop. Williamsburg is now home, catering to almost every different ethnicity from Italians to Dominicans. Come see it all, from cobble stone streets, to your local craft beer shop, down to the best restaurants, without taking a step out of Williamsburg.



## Friday

### 1) 4:30PM. ALONG THE WATERFRONT

For a scenic arrival in Brooklyn, take a trip over to the Brooklyn Bridge, looming over New York City’s East River, linking the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn. Experience its granite towers and steel cables as you take a stroll across, or even rent a Citi bike to ride across. (day pass costs \$12 for a 24-hour period). Even if you did not want to take a walk across, experience the beautiful view of both NYC and Brooklyn. Perhaps take a stop over at the [Brooklyn Bridge Park](#), with its waterfront rolling hills, river front promenades, gardens and of course a spectacular view.

### 2) 7PM. SPREAD LOVE, IT’S THE BROKLYN WAY

After freshening up, throw on your hippest outfit and take a stroll on over, experiencing and seeing first hand the trendy streets of Brooklyn, catching up on the latest fashion trends. Grab a bite at [Sweet Chick](#),

located down on Bedford Ave, passing by everything from our vintage boutiques, to our local pub. Make sure to bring your appetite because with some of the best fried chicken and waffles in New York City, get a touch of American comfort food. Enjoy an original chicken and waffles, topped with dried cherries, and your choice of either apple cinnamon or spiced pecan and a side of corn bread (only \$25). Topping it off desserts to make you feel like that young kid again and a nice refreshing cocktail, only \$13.

### 3) 11PM. STRIKES FROM HERE ON OUT

Enjoy a nice evening stroll (only 7 minutes from Sweet Chick) and roll on in to [Brooklyn Bowl](#). Hope you did your stretching this morning because you are going to need it with the ‘strikes’ you are going to be getting down over at Brooklyn bowl. You never know what you are going to get when walking into Brooklyn Bowl, experience the great company of our locals, while having a friendly competition of bowling with loved ones, all over listening to some ‘Rock and Roll.’ Make sure to plan ahead! Check out our local websites, StubHub or Ticketmaster to find out about pricing. Shoe rental (\$5 per person), \$30 for 30 minutes from 6pm-close. If there is a ticketed event, pricing may vary.

## Saturday

### 4) 9AM. OVER EASY, PLEASE

Enjoy a nice morning walk in the heart of Williamsburg, even make a pit stop over to the McCarren Park. [McCarren Park](#) is a 35-acre hub of constant activity. Whether it’s to just enjoy a nice sunny morning in Williamsburg, or watching the athletic fields, you won’t regret it. Afterwards, take a short 5-minute walk over to [Café Mogador](#), make sure to pay attention to the latest trends; whether it be the forest life plants, the steel chairs, or the black and white artwork throughout. Stop in for breakfast or brunch, and enjoy a Moroccan benedict, with spicy stewed tomato sauce (\$20) and your choice of either a bloody mary or a blood orange mimosa, both only \$11.

### 5) 11:30AM. STOP IN AND SMELL THE ROSES

Whether you prefer a moderate walk or a trip on the local subway, we have it all covered. Head on over to grand street and Wythe Avenue and take a trip on the Q59, get off on the corner of Havemeyer Street. Or take a short 12-minute walk down the streets on Williamsburg, maybe make a pit stop in a hip jewelry shop, ‘Catbird.’ Enjoy the smell of fresh cut roses upon arriving at Chelsea Garden Center. Opening in 1984, it now houses everything to unique houseplants to trees, shrubs, down to pottery. Taking a memory home with you, and possibly planting some seeds yourself, from a local Williamsburg garden.



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## 6) 1PM. NOT YOUR AVERAGE SHOP

Sweet tooth? Need a little pick me up? Just a few steps away and you are in sweets heaven. [Milk bar](#) is a sweet and occasionally savory shop, that has been turning familiar treats upside down, shaking up the dessert scene. A little more than your average cookie, but most definitely worth it. As you walk in and around, make sure to check our locals' latest trends, I promise you won't be disappointed. I hope you brought your camera because these flicks will last a lifetime! Any cookie tin, take back home to your family and friends or just enjoy on the rest of your trip for roughly (\$24.95-\$29.00). Working up an appetite for some lunch? Out of town, you have stop at our local [Yummy Yummy in my Tummy](#) food truck that has been there for multiple years, serving everyone from our locals to tourists. Try some famous lamb salad (\$8.90) or even a classic New York philly cheese steak with fries (\$8.60), and don't forget the falafel, spiced mashed chickpeas formed into balls and deep-fried, 2-piece for only \$1.35.



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## 7) 3PM. A WALK IN THE PARK

Do some city seeing as well as people watching as you cruise on down along to Grand Ferry Park. If you're a walker, and a cite seeker, fashionista than I suggest taking a short quick 20-minute walk to this beautiful park. Make sure when you arrive, you check out the latest trends, and I'm not just talking about people, I'm referring to the dogs! People love to keep their dogs' hip and happening, just like themselves so make sure to catch the latest spiked collar out or that bedazzled leash, you will sure be impressed. Located just between Grand Street, West River Street and the East River, make sure to check out the red brick smokestack with circular patterns of cobblestones.

## 8) 6PM. AN EXPERIENCE WORTH TAKING

Freshen up and throw up your latest skirt and cute blouse with those adorable spiced black booties you just got, and get ready for a night out in Williamsburg that you will always treasure. From the delicious food, to the incredible ice cream creations, you won't want to miss. Make sure to give yourself enough time, because you have had this reservation for months now, and you won't want to miss out on this experience of the [Lilia](#). Honored to be one of Food and Wine Magazine's Best New Chefs in 2010, head chef and owner Missy Robbins and her staff, bring hand crafted pastas, classic Italian cocktails and wood

fired seafood to life here in our very own Williamsburg. Make sure to try out the cocktail snacks to start, the house made mozzarella is nothing like you've ever tasted.

#### 9) 9:30PM. GAMES, GAMES, AND BEER

Looking to kick back, relax and have a good time? [Barcade](#) on Union Ave is the place for that! The perfect combination of a bar and an arcade mixed into one, with a focus on classical arcade games. Allowing any adult to unleash into their inner child and make new friends. For all my fashionistas out there make sure to check out the vintage look of the warehouse layout. Nominated in 2008, for one of the best bars in America by Esquire Magazine, and in 2013 by social media website Foursquare for being the best bar in New York City; you will not want to miss this memorable opportunity you have, all right here in Williamsburg.

#### 10) 11PM. NOT YOUR TYPICAL

Ready to be mined blown. Well here it is, this trendy out of the ordinary, only here in Williamsburg, ice cream shop that will change your view on ice cream. Seeing the process from start to cup, with a blast of liquid nitrogen, here at [-321](#). Having the power of liquid nitrogen means full-throttle experimentation, allowing impulses to run wild. Creating out of this world flavors and pairings you've never seen nor tasted. Make sure to try the peanut butter crunch with brownie brittle, caramel and chocolate drizzle, it's nothing like you've ever tasted. Not your average ice cream shop, huh? We've got it all covered for you right here, in the heart of Brooklyn.



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## Sunday

#### 11) SUNDAY IN BROOKLYN

It's Sunday, a day of rest after a long maybe hard week. But here in Williamsburg, take a stroll on down to our local [Sunday in Brooklyn](#) spot, a place where you can find versions of the owner's favorites with

extraordinary services and welcome. Restaurant veterans Todd Enany, Adam Landsman, and Chef Jaime Young, took exploring their neighborhood, Brooklyn, and made a neighborly welcome for all. The beautiful three- story sun- drenched corner building has a multitude of experiences for every season. Enjoy a nice, welcoming meal or maybe just a fresh cup of coffee and be surrounded by different locals to get a full sense of what Williamsburg has to offer. Light breakfasts with a house blend juice starting at \$20.

## 12) OUT WITH A BANG

Just when you thought you have seen it all, end your experience in Williamsburg with one of our most popular museums in Brooklyn. Experience all different walks of life at the [Brooklyn Museum](#), where they use their art to expand the way we see ourselves and the world. Take the L train to the 4, make sure to stay on top of the latest trends seen here in Brooklyn. Head over to the exhibits that focus more on fashion, and how it has evolved throughout the years, but also have an option to explore everything through fabulous exhibits.

## Lodging

For many travelers, Airbnb is a good option in Brooklyn, but do not over look our hotels. The [Wythe Hotel](#), the original Brooklyn Hotel (80 Wythe Ave, 718-460-8000.) Opening in 2012, as the first hotel in Brooklyn to reflect the creative spirit of the borough. Rooms very spacious ranging from 340sq ft to 900sq ft) with amazing amenities and a specular view of the city this is the place to be. Brooklyn king room starting at around \$300 during off- peak weekends/holidays.

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