

36 Hours In Brooklyn

Brooklyn a city with busy streets, lively residents and a location that offers so much to explore.

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A view of Prospect Park , Brooklyn (Photo By Gharbia Bhatti)

Welcome to Brooklyn NY , a city that houses many nationalities and cultures. Come on down and experience the city of Brooklyn through the perspective of a local Brooklyn resident. In the city of Brooklyn you will be able relax find inner peace and get to seek some adventure.

Friday

1 . Afternoon Lunch at Prospect Park

It is Friday Afternoon You have just arrived to Brooklyn grab a lunch from the street carts and have a seat at one of the benches at prospect park unwrap your gyro and slowly indulge both your lunch and the breathtaking view of the park. After lunch would you like to participate in some activities ?! First off visit the Prospect Park Zoo , where you can pet and feed animals . Next off visit the carousel also located within prospect park, the carousel is very special to Brooklyn “Prospect Park's historic Carousel was recently a feature of THIRTEEN's Treasures of New York, highlighted as an "Historic Gem in Brooklyn." The segment tells the history of carousels in Prospect Park, which date back to the Park's original design by Olmsted and Vaux in the 1860s.”(Prospect Park Alliance, 2018)

2. Dinner at Shake Shack

Craving Dinner after an adventure filled afternoon at Prospect Park ?! It’s time to refuel and reserve your energy for Saturday. Visit the famous Shake Shack located at 409 Fulton St. Brooklyn, NY 11201. Satisfy your hunger with a 100% Angus Beef burger alongside French fries and for dessert order the “ Shack Attack” custard.



Shake Shack Exterior (Photo By Gharbia Bhatti)

Saturday

3. Breakfast At The Opera Café and Lounge NYC

It's Saturday morning, get up get dressed, time is short yet so much to discover . Start your day off by getting breakfast from the Opera Café and Lounge NYC located at 2255 Emmons Avenue, choose from the wide variety of breakfast platters they have available to serve, they have everything from a plain waffle to a yengen toast (a sandwich that consists of tomatoes, cheese and sausage).

4. A Visit to The Old Stone House

After breakfast board the Manhattan bound Q local train and exit at Atlantic Avenue Barclays Center, board the B37 bus going towards Bay Ridge exit the bus at 3rd Avenue and 3rd Street walk for about 5 minutes than you will see The Old Stone House , now a museum but this location housed three generations of immigrants. Learn about how Brooklyn played a significant role in freeing The Thirteen Colonies from The British rule.



Exterior view of The Old Stone House , Located in Brooklyn (Photo By Gharbia Bhatti)

5. An Afternoon At Brooklyn Botanical Garden

After visiting The Old Stone House and Washington take a break and stroll around the Brooklyn Botanical Garden . Take an Uber to Brooklyn Botanical Garden to relax and enjoy the fresh aroma and fragrance of roses, sunflowers and Japanese cherry blossoms. Exhausted?! Ready for some lunch ?! Step inside the Mangnolia Café located at the garden for herbal teas and salads .

6. Grand Army Plaza & Soldiers And Sailors Arch

After your healthy and nutritious lunch take a fifteen minute walk to the Grand Army Plaza. The Grand Army Plaza was used as an entrance in the Borough of Brooklyn. Another landmark that is next The Grand Army Plaza is the Soldiers and Sailors Arch which commemorates the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. This location is also historically significant because it signifies how Brooklyn came to be, New York during the Civil War was a free state hence why the structure is built to pay a tribute to those heroic soldiers who fought to end slavery in America , “The arch was built between 1889-92, commemorating Union forces that died in the Civil War.

MacMonnies's huge quadriga sculpture on top was installed in 1898, and the two groups on the south pedestals representing the Army and Navy were added in 1901.” (Brooklyn Public Library)



Soldiers And Sailors Arch , Brooklyn NY (Photo By Gharbia Bhatti)

7. Brooklyn Grange Farm

After admiring the structure of the Soliders and Sailors Arch, go visit the Brooklyn Grange Farm . Brooklyn Grange Farm located at 63 Flushing Avenue Brooklyn NY 11205 is Brooklyn's first rooftop farm that was built especially for sustainable growth of produce. Explore the rooftop farm to see how it encourages local community members to consider alternative ways of producing food instead of purchasing produce from the grocery stores which leaves a negative impact on the environment with carbon footprints and deforestation of land. Towards the end of your visit purchase a bottle or two of the "Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Hot Sauce" it is actually prepared in a kettle at the farm.

Sunday

8. Building 92 Museum

In convenience, after visiting the rooftop farm tour the Building 92 Museum. The museum was an actual place of residence for the Marine Commandant . Building 92 was built in 1858 , visit the exhibitions to learn more about the Marine Commandant's life , afterwards get a cup of coffee from the Brooklyn Roastings Company to boost your energy.

9. Luna Park Coney Island

Ready to experience some thrills and adventure?! Well buckle up because you're going to Luna Park. Take the Coney Island bound Q train and exit at West 8th Street NY Aquarium. At Luna Park you can ride Deno's Wonder Wheel and the famous Cyclone. Luna Park was considered a



poor man's vacation resort. After Riding the Cyclone indulge in Nathan's famous hotdogs, corn on the cob and funnel cakes.

Cyclone , Luna Park Coney Island (Photo By Gharbia Bhatti)

10. New York Aquarium

Walk into the NY Aquarium to see aquatic animals and creatures, it's a great educational and entertaining experience for individuals of all ages. You can also interact with sea creatures during the live performances, you can volunteer to feed fish to sea lions and sea otters during their performances .

10. Prison Ship Martyrs Monument

Board the Manhattan bound A train and exit at Lafayette Avenue and walk towards the monument. This monument was built to remember the 11,500 martyrs whom fought against the British Monarchs to conquer the island of Manhattan . Many soldiers passed away due to starvation and thirst . This monument was built upon the permission of the general in charge in 1776.



Prison Ship Martyrs Monument Brooklyn, NY (Photo By Gharbia Bhatti)

11. Last & Final Stop Lean Crust Pizza

Now that you have paid your respects it is time for dinner at Lean Crust Pizza. This pizzeria offers a wide range of selections to choose from , they have almost everything from gourmet pizza pies to your regular on the go pizza slice . That’s all for now your time in Brooklyn has come to an end.



Lean Crust Pizza, (Photo By Gharbia Bhatti)

Lodging is available for all economic classes , a guest room with a king sized bed at the Hampton Inn Brooklyn Ranges from anywhere in between \$150- 200 a night . The location of this hotel is also convenient for tourists just a few blocks away from Atlantic Avenue Barclays Center and Metro Tech Center, this location is great for tourists whom want to travel less and shop in Manhattan.

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