

## *36 Hours in Brooklyn*



Townhouses are lined up in almost every block by Dumbo, Brooklyn (Taken by Jaycee Fernandez)

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Throughout Brooklyn's rich history, it has been considered a landmark for all to visit to learn about the history of people. Major events such as World War 2, slavery, and Industrialization have attracted slaves, refugees, and those who come to seek a better life in the booming Brooklyn waterfront. Now, it is composed of multiple areas that continue to preserve the evidence of people's migration as neighborhoods continue to find modern ways to enhance Brooklyn's natural cultural beauty and fusion of nationalities in the Melting Pot called New York.

# Saturday



The infamous historic bridge that connects Manhattan to Brooklyn (Taken by Jaycee Fernandez)

## **1) 4 pm Crossing Bridges**

Start the journey to explore Brooklyn in the best way possible. Whether deciding to cross from the Lower East to Williamsburg or vice versa, the bridge historical significance and indescribable view will have one in awe. This same bridge that linked areas together and caused a mass migration of cultures and ethnicities into different neighborhoods in Brooklyn should be first on your list. Spend the time by cycling the 1.1 mile bridge, or savor the view by foot. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes!

## **2) 5 pm Steak, anyone?**

Come have your first dinner in the infamous Peter Luger Steakhouse, also known as the best steakhouse in the Big Apple. Serving up dishes with meat aged in the facility itself, nothing gets



fresher and higher in quality than the steaks at Peter Luger's. In a predominantly German neighborhood, the business had boomed instantly and still continues to serve the highest of quality steaks. Don't be fooled, a meal for two may be quite pricey, but the quality you pay for is the quality you get. Come in to enjoy their daily specials that ranges from Roast Prime Ribs (\$32.50) to Chopped Steak (\$18.95), with sides offered such as Luger's Special German Fried -Potatoes (\$12.95).



The Domino Refinery standing amidst of gentrification and construction ( Taken by Jaycee Fernandez)

### **3) 7 pm Sugar Refinery and Waterfront Views**

After a well deserved meal at Peter Luger's, enjoy the views by the water by going to Domino Park. During the time it fully operated as the largest sugar refinery, people from all over the world came to Brooklyn to find a better life in a booming industry. Formerly the Domino Sugar

Refinery, the waterfront is now renovated as a gorgeous park preserved in time. Factory parts are scattered throughout and incorporated in every feature from the playground to the benches. While the two original cranes still stand in the Artificial walk, the sugar tanks and screws are at place near the on site restaurant. Feel free to take photos as it is indeed a once in a lifetime view (best enjoyed at night.) Once the sun sets, this place lights up beautifully and offers a great view encasing the New York City skyline.

## *Sunday*

### **4) 12 pm Lefferts Historic House**

Located in Prospect Park, this historically significant Dutch colonial farmhouse/museum is open for a visit to experience the 18th century lifestyle. It was originally in flatbush but the house was moved to prospect park in order to remain intact for the people to see. For just a (\$3.00) suggested donation, families can come and do hands on crafts and farming techniques that date back to the Lefferts family era. This includes candle making, sewing, butter churning, and making fire with flint and steel.

### **5) 2 pm Polish Lunch**

Greenpoint is known as Polish center of New York. The population is predominantly Polish and most live along Manhattan and Nassau avenue. A well known restaurant in the area is Karczma, a farmhouse ambiance restaurant serving authentic Polish food with some American menu items included. Try the Grilled Plates which include Polish kielbasa, blood sausage, pork shoulder, chicken breast, salmon, and bacon (\$29-\$39.) You can also have pierogies and potato pancakes.





The Brooklyn Bridge Historical Society is currently showing an exhibit on immigrants (Taken by Jaycee Fernandez)

#### **6) 4 pm Get to learn some history!**

After having a scenic lunch, head on over to one of the Brooklyn Historical Society museums. Don't be confused, it's a museum. Showcasing the history of Brooklyn and its people through stories of the workers, industries, neighborhood development, gentrification, and etc. You can learn about the waterfront and what it was before it came to be. Entrance fees (\$10) are at a reasonable price for exhibits that will sure take you back in time.





(Taken by Jaycee Fernandez)

### **7) 5 pm Lined Houses**

Take a stroll along the Brownstone row houses that line up the streets all around Brooklyn. Brooklyn is well known for the structure of many houses that reflect the 19th century and American culture with European influences. They date back from when Quakers in Pennsylvania would have Brownstone houses and townhouses that can be found everywhere in New York City, including Harlem and the Lower East. From Court street, walk up a few blocks towards the river and you will see streets lined up with brownstone houses. From the outside, the houses look very antique with a reddish brown sandstone facade, as where some are renovated inside.



**Priceless view of the skyline in the Brooklyn Promenade (Taken by Jaycee Fernandez)**

### **9) 6 pm Passing Bridges**

Finish your night by watching the sunset on the beautifully lit skyline that New York City is famous for. Enjoy the view as you get up close to the Manhattan bridge. Choose to sit at the benches at the Brooklyn Heights Promenade or make your way through to Garden 5, where there is a tribute to where Canarsie Indians fished and harvested oysters in the area. There's playgrounds and views of townhouses and unique architectures in the area. There's nothing more pleasing than getting to see a priceless view of the skyline for free.





Busy streets of negotiating consumers and vendors in Sunset Park's markets. (Taken by Jaycee Fernandez)

### 8) 9 pm Little Fuzhou

After experiencing the industrial side of Brooklyn, you can easily get lost into the cultural area of Sunset Park. After being crowded out of Manhattan's Chinatown, Chinese people fled to seek refuge in Sunset Park, specifically 8th avenue. The number 8 symbolizes luck and prosperity to the Chinese, which made them feel welcome here. From fifth avenue to ninth avenue and 48th street to 68th street, the vibe changes. From mid Brooklyn, you can easily access where the largest Chinatown in the five boroughs sits. Some locals even call this place Little Fuzhou.



## *Monday*

### **10) 10 am Italian Pastries**

Begin your monday morning and last day in Brooklyn by heading to the popular local spot called Fortunato Brothers, by Manhattan ave, Williamsburg. After opened in 1976 by the Fortunato Brothers, the bakery shop aka Pasticceria became a neighborhood landmark, serving authentic Italian pastries, cakes, and gelato. Sit down and enjoy breakfast pastries or cake with coffee. Try their Italian and American Cheesecake, and their wide variety and selection of cannolis and gelato. This is the perfect spot to end your 36 hours in Brooklyn.

## Lodging

Boutique hotels are popular in the rural neighborhoods of brooklyn where tourists can relax and enjoy the view. Affordable hotels include the NU hotel (\$107/night) and The Brooklyn (\$115/night). For a more luxurious stay that's worth your pay, The William Vale is a 5 star chic, modern, boutique hotel with an outdoor pool and an on- site italian restaurant.

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