



Ditmas Park- Flatbush Photo credits by Anita George

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From tree-lined streets with Victorian homes built at the turn of the 20th-century to vibrant communities of immigrants from around the globe. Ditmas Park-Flatbush is an incredibly diverse neighborhood. To get there, take the B or the Q to Church Avenue, the Q to Cortelyou Road, or the B/Q train to Newkirk Plaza.

Saturday

1) 10 am Breakfast

Ready to hit the road and want to grab a quick bite, there are plenty of places for you to fuel and go. Go to Café Madeline (1603 Cortelyou Road) be sure to get the cheddar chive

biscuit along your latte (\$7). At Lark Café (1007 Church Avenue) where you get one of the much-adored Brancaccio Food Shop's Sandwiches, and despite your best intention to get up and go, you'll likely end up soaking in the ambiance while sipping your coffee at Milk and Honey (1199 Newkirk Avenue).

2) 2 pm

Take a walking tour of the area genuinely stunning architecture. Many of the neighborhood streets are lined with gorgeous mansions; make your way to Buckingham Road, turn right and see one of the coolest houses in Victorian Flatbush-1306 Albemarle Road. Make your way to Marlborough Road and turn left to go past a nearly countless number of incredible houses.



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3) Shopping

Want to take a break and do some shopping along your walk? There are many places where you can take home something unique to remember your day in Ditmas Park. Walk down to Coney Island Avenue and be mesmerized by a seemingly endless row of shops from across the globe, like the House of Fashion (1103 Coney Island Avenue) owned by a Sri Lanka immigrant. Extend your trip a little further and head to Flatbush Avenue after getting off the B/Q train at Newkirk Plaza and walk to Flatbush Caton Market where more than 40 vendors sell everything from Caribbean flags to Bob Marley paraphernalia.

4) 5:30pm

Dinner Time

Ditmas Park cuisine is incredibly varied from Mexican to Pakistani to Caribbean restaurants lining the streets; at MashAllah (663 Coney Island Avenue), you can have a feast of Pakistani food without breaking the bank- try the butter chicken, lamb and squash malai jamun (\$20).

5) 9pm

Just want to relax and enjoy the rest of the evening Sycamore, bar (1175 Cortelyou Road), boasts 75 different bourbons and whiskeys, which you can sip while trying more amazing treats. If live music is more your style, Bar Chord (1008 Cortelyou Road) hosts singers and bands every day of the week.

Sunday

6) 12pm

Grab a bite

Feeling hungry head to Church Avenue for some world-class Caribbean food. Shayna's (E 10th Street and Church Avenue) have a chat with the owner and full-time chef Joyce Billan at the affordable eatery that's been hailed as one of the best roti spot in the area while you're there try a huge plate of goat roti (\$8) or some delicious doubles-sandwiches curried chickpea and tamarind sauce sweetened bread (\$2).

7) 2pm

Whatever you do, explore wander the streets talk to people from different cultures Pakistani, Filipino and Caribbean people. Walk along Flatbush Avenue towards Prospect Park you can walk through the park or take the B41 bus and get off at Flatbush Avenue/Eastern Parkway you can visit the Brooklyn Public Library and the Brooklyn Museum New York's oldest Museum filled with a wide variety of Art .



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- 8) After exploring the Botanical Garden, Prospect Park Zoo and everything Flatbush has to offer you can check out a concert at the stunning Kings Theatre (1027 Flatbush Avenue),

which was newly renovated (\$95 million)- a transformation that brought the historic space from a crumbling mess left abandoned for decades to an opulent space.



Kings Theatre Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn NY Photo credit by Anita George

9) Still not completely entertained you can go south to the Brooklyn College's for the performing Arts, where, beginning this fall, you can catch performances by Black Violin and Afrika.



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Lodging

Flatbush -Ditmas Park has a wide number locals providing Airbnb places from \$45 to \$95 night. Lorelei Bed and Breakfast (667 Argyle Road) provides continental breakfast and a Victorian style bedroom starting from (\$145-\$195 a night).

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