

36 Hours on the Brooklyn Waterfront

Brooklyn was known as home to many factories. Beautiful buildings were made and the Brooklyn waterfront is more beautiful than ever before. On this trip it would be fun to explore these places and good to lend a helping hand.



Source: ArchPaper

Friday

1. Breakfast Yum! 10:00 A.M

For breakfast, go to Clarks restaurant. It's Greek & American comfort food in a casual, neighborhood diner setting that buzzes at breakfast. Try the avocado and two scrambled eggs on brioche. Nothing sounds better than some eggs on a Friday morning. Enjoy, because it's the first meal of this trip in Brooklyn. This dish only costs \$5.95, so you won't overspend and could even buy some snacks for later.

2. Prospect Park 12 PM



Prospect park is one of New York City's famous parks. A group known as the Alliance offers a range of ways for individuals to volunteer in the Park. Volunteers help support an important Brooklyn resource, while meeting new people. The Thursday Corps volunteers perform different projects throughout Prospect Park as needed. The corps meets every week, helping in a variety of landscape and horticultural projects. To become a volunteer one just needs to register online.

3. The Rooftop Farm 3 P.M

Now it's time to tour the rooftop farm at Brooklyn Grange located at 63 Flushing Avenue. The tour gives an inside look on the rooftop farms, green spaces, sustainable living and local ecology through food, education, and events. After you've finished studying the crops, the group pops over to the Brooklyn Grange's farmers market for a taste of their fresh produce and hot sauce. The tour costs \$10 and requires an online reservation.

4. Thai in Brooklyn? 6:30 P.M

At this point, some food would be great. Try Pok Pok NY, located at 117 Columbia Street. Have some authentic Thai cuisine at a reasonable price. Their Northern Thai cooking is delivered in a tiny no-frills, no-reservations, waterfront spot with a garden. Their house special is the Papaya Pok Pok, which is spicy Isaan flank steak "salad" with fish sauce, lime and chili powder dressing, shallots, lemongrass, mint, cilantro and toasted rice powder. If that doesn't suit you then there's a vegetarian option that they offer for this dish. Top it off with some Naam Manao, which is freshly squeezed limeade, Thai-style, and feel good for the night.

Saturday

5. Rise and Shine 8:30 A.M



Source: Luluc Café

It's breakfast time, so why not head over to Café Luluc? This is a French restaurant perfect for breakfast. This place is well known for their delicious pancakes. Try their awesome pancake and take some Nutella on the side. That's a good treat for the long day ahead. It's located at 214 Smith Street. No reservation necessary, so just go hungry and ready to eat. They have a cash only policy so be prepared for that.

6. The Botanical Garden 10:00 A.M



Source: narrowsbg.org's gallery

The Brooklyn waterfront has so much to offer like the Narrows Botanical Gardens. It's one of New York City's largest and longest lasting all-volunteer gardening initiatives. The gardens grow with the help of volunteers. They have creative and interesting ways of giving volunteers the chance to pitch in. Anyone willing to help could come down any Saturday in April at 10:00am. From there the volunteer can join in on the project of the day.

7. Free Kayaking! 3 P.M

The next fun thing to do is to head over to the Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club at 239 Coffey Street. There you'll find the Red Hook Boaters which is a volunteer-only group. They are dedicated to providing free kayaking to the Red Hook community in Brooklyn and helping them maintain the beauty of the shoreline at Valentino Pier. You'll get to kayak for free if you help to clean up the shore afterwards. If you volunteer, you will also be able to join them on trips in the New York harbor! Kayaking around Governor's Island, to the Statue of Liberty is a lot of fun!

8. Food Time 6 PM

For dinner the River Café is a great place to go. It is popular restaurant in Brooklyn with delicious food. The history of this restaurant goes back to 1977. It is located at 1 Water Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Jackets are required for gentlemen for dinner and any time after 4 PM so keep that in

mind. They do accept reservations which could easily be made online at www.reservations@rivercafe.com. While there try their Organic Amish Chicken. This dish is herb roasted tender breast, marinated leg saucisse, black trumpet mushroom stuffing wrapped in strudel leaves, carrot puree, Madeira natural jus.

9. Self-tour 8 P.M

Grab a G.P.S device or take it old school and use a map to canvas the area. Walk to a nearby small bar of your choice and meet locals. Besides, there's no better way to get to know a place than by speaking to the people who actually live there. Ask the locals about the area to find out more about the exciting sites. This is a fun and unique way to end this spectacular journey. Also, this is the least expensive way to get to know the area.

Lodging



Source: Choice Hotels International, Inc

The Comfort Inn Red Hook at 17 Seabring Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11231, US is a great place to stay. They offer computers with internet and free wifi. There is also free outdoor parking for guests. The hotel itself is unique but not fussy. They have phones for the hearing impaired and is wheelchair accessible. This is a 100% smoke free hotel that offers free hot breakfast and coffee.

The hotel is equipped with elevators, a business center and an exercise room. Unfortunately, no pets are allowed. Prices usually start at \$126.

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