

## 36 Hours: Coney Island



Coney Island is well-known for its amusement park and seaside resorts. It's been around for hundreds of years. The amusement area includes more than fifty rides. Coney Island offers an ideal respite for the hectic city. It's a perfect getaway with miles of sandy benches which contains courts for all sorts of sports. It also has a beautiful board walk with a view. And there are other attractions to enjoy as well such as the mermaid parade, the largest art parade in the nation. It celebrates mythology and rituals of the sea side. It's also highlights a pageantry and that not all. There is the New York City aquarium which has been open since 1957. There is the Coney Island museum fun house. And finally. There are many great places to eat such as the famous Nathans delicatessen.



Friday 3pm

1. A Day at the park

Coney Island operates mainly between Easter and Halloween. But the beach and board walk are open all year round. The amusement park are known as Luna Park and Dino's wonder wheel park. (1000 Surf Ave. at 10<sup>th</sup> St. 718-373-5862. Lunaparknyc.com) As a thrill seeker you will enjoy the thunderbolt. A 150 foot tall roller coaster which travels 55 miles per hour with a 100 foot vertical loop. Or the sling shot which flings you 150 feet into the air at 90 miles per hour. And of course the cyclone an 87 year old rickety roller coaster which Coney Island's most well-known ride.

6 pm

2. Coney Island hot dog

After a day at the park you energy will be depleted. A fine place to restore your calories is Nathan's famous delicatessen which offers a classic Coney Island cuisine (1310 surf Ave. at Stillwell Ave. 718-946-2705, Nathansfamous.com) Nathan's was established in 1916. Famous for its classic hot dogs. There are other popular items on Nathan's menu.





8pm

### 3. Beach and Board walk

Help your digestion with a nice stroll down the boardwalk. It spans nearly 3 miles and it's free. The boardwalk has a great view of both the beach and the park. There is plenty of fun on the board walk. Concession stands, music, carnivals, rides, games, candy shops and clothing shops with graphic T-shirts souvenirs and beach gear. There is so much to do you could literally spend the whole day walking down the board walk. (Brighton 15th to west 27<sup>th</sup> St. 212-639-9675, [nycgovparks.org/parks/Coneyisland](http://nycgovparks.org/parks/Coneyisland)).



Saturday

12am

### 4. The museum

Admission is only 99cent and the current exhibition is called "The great Coney island "spectacularium". It's a trip down memory lane with quirky Coney Island antiques and memorabilia from games and rides from the park complete with fun mirrors. They

also a freak show .This museum has hours of fun. (1208 surf Ave. at west 12<sup>th</sup> St. 718-372-5159.) Coneyisland.com



6pm

#### 5. Marine Life

Admission to the New York Aquarium is only \$14.95. For adults and \$11.95 for children and \$10.95 for seniors. It is the only major aquarium in New York City. At the show you will enjoy handling sea stars and turtles. Watch acrobatic sea lions and whales. There are over 300 different marine species to see (surf Ave at west 8<sup>th</sup> St. 718-265-3474. NYC aquarium.com)



Sunday

1pm

#### 6. Beach and ball

Beach goers have the perfect getaway at Coney Island with nearly 3 miles of sandy beach and sunny skies whether you want to relax and enjoy the rays or to be

active, there is plenty to do on the beach. There are courts for volley ball and basketball. (Brighton 15<sup>th</sup> St. to west 27<sup>th</sup> St. 212-639-9675. [Nyc.org/parks/Coney Island](http://Nyc.org/parks/Coney%20Island))



4pm

#### 7. Dinner time

What's great about Coney Island is that all the good places to go are nearby. Continue down Brighton beach to Tatiana's restaurant and grill for authentic Russian cuisine. It's an elegant place to eat with cabaret from performance the stunning floors are man-made fish tanks. Tatianna's is just a few steps from the ocean front. It's delicious food with a view (3152 Brighton 6<sup>th</sup> St. at boardwalk, Brighton beach 718-891-5151 [Tatianarestaurant.com](http://Tatianarestaurant.com))



6pm

8. Americans pastime

End the day by enjoying Americans Favorite pastime, a baseball game at the Brooklyn cyclones MCU Park. Parking is only \$5.00 and admission is only \$8.00 -\$16.00 depending on the game in the series. What makes this experience unique is that it's only steps from the beach. No other field in New York can boast about a game with an ocean view. (MCU park 1904 surf Ave. between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets 718-449-8497 Brooklyn cyclones.com) The Brooklyn cyclones is a minor league team whose season ends with ocean front fireworks.