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Music, murals, antic shops, change in culture, and many small self-owned restaurants.

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Many shops in Williamsburg that are catered to people liked and dislikes. There are plenty of places to grab a bite to eat. Not only that Williamsburg is very diverse when it comes to people because there are plenty of people that have come from different places and come from different backgrounds. With that there are plenty of activities to do.

Friday

- **3:00 P.M. Williamsburg bridge**

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Williamsburg Bridge[/caption]

If you are coming from Manhattan who can resist taking a stroll across Williamsburg bridge. You could ether take a walk, jog, or even take a bike ride. If you are someone who doesn't have a bike there is an option of renting one out from Citi Bank that offers short term passes (\$12 for day pass) in which could be a great option for tourist. Just be careful with other bike riders, scat boarders, and people who are ether walking or jogging.

- **3:30 Murals**

Who could resist walking around and looking at the community murals after the Williamsburg bridge? Once off the bridge the first stop is the Grand street mural. The mural was created for the protest of the destruction of the dominos factory in the summer of 2013. Then walk up to MS 50 mural describes the neighborhood the history behind the families who live there are being reflected which is known as Los Sures. Going to Berry Street and south 4th there is the smoking mural advocates for people to stop smoking. One thing that these community-based murals have in common is that they were done by member of El Puente Academy and many more.

- **4:30 The Bagel Store**

Located in 349 Bedford Avenue are famously known for their multi-colored bagels. With the feel of being in a NYC deli they have plenty of unique options for cream cheese and bagels. They are also known for their cotton candy, and seasonal bagels such as candy corn. The one thing I would recommend are the jumbo cookies.

- **5:00p.m. Action Burger Saturday**

Any trip through Williamsburg would be incomplete without a trip to Action burger. Action burger is a comic book themed burger place complete with a retro pack man game machine and some of the best board games around. As you wait for your order you and your friends can enjoy a game of UNO, monopoly or any other game of your choosing.

- **10:00 a.m. Kellogg's Diner**

Kellogg's is a 24-hour diner in Williamsburg, located Union and Metropolitan Avenue since 1928. Since 2008 it has undergone construction and many of the residents did not agree with new look. But the Fotodimitrakis brothers who have owned the diner since 1972 says otherwise because it means better lightings and double the seating's. With the fresh ingredients that they use the breakfast is highly recommended.

- **11:00 Thrifting**

What is a better past time than thrifting? You could always find some hidden gems for a low price which is the most exciting part. The best places to go are Beacon's Closet, Brooklyn Reclamation, Antoinette, and Living By Stella Dallas.

- **3:00 Cupcakes**

After a day of shopping you could stop and buy cupcakes. The best cupcakes in Brooklyn is Brooklyn Cupcakes. What started off as something to do at home and family functions, owner Carmen Radriguez turned her passion into a business after being laid off at her sales job in 2010. But it couldn't be done overnight so she had the help of her family to help open the shop. Today her sister Gina and cousin Michelle run the shop selling their Latin and Italian Based flavors. The flavors range from Rain bow cookie, Red velvet, Oreo cheese cake, and the best seller Tres leches.

- **3:15 Cinemas**[gallery ids="5426"]

After grabbing a snack it's also a good pass time to catch a movie in the Williamsburg Cinema. The Williamsburg Cinema shows the newest movies to hit theaters.

- **5:30 Whisk**

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whisk is located in 145 Bedford Avenue[/caption]

If you are someone that has the love and passion of being in the kitchen as much as I, then you would love going to Whisk. On the outside of the store there is this whimsical feeling but once inside it is every kitchen lover's dream. Whisk has a wide range of cookware, utensils, and cutlery from brands that are well known.

- **5:30 Brooklyn Charms**

If you are someone that loves DIYs then Brooklyn Charms is the best place for you. The owner Tracie Howarth has an Etsy shop which is an online store. Since it became a top seller Tracie opened up a brick and mortar shop where people could be creative. You could choose any charm or gem to make whatever jewelry you desire which ranges from \$3-\$40. There are even jewelry making classes that are offered.

- **6:00 The Hive**

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The Hive is located in South 2nd street[/caption]

What started off as source of comfort for volunteers and people who lost their homes to hurricane Sandy. Serving their favorites, the owner Treva prepared chicken, biscuits, and pies. As many people kept asking where to get buy her food Treva who is a classically trained chef finally came up with the idea of opening up her own restaurant in 2014. Now they are serving food with a sense of home comfort. The highly recommended dish is the chicken fried chicken but as for the specials the chicken and waffles are also a recommendation on Wednesdays.

- **7:00p.m. Bowl**

The best way to kick off the rest of the night is bowling ay Brooklyn Bowl. There is even live music playing and plenty of food to eat while you are bowling. From Monday-Sunday it cost \$25 per lane and per half hour, \$4.95 for shoes, and \$5 for socks.

Sunday

- **10:00a.m. Pie-N-Thighs**

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Pies-N-Thighs opened in 2006
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Lodging

Located at 96 Wythe the Williamsburg hotel is strategically located to make everything in this 36-hour report within walking distance. The Williamsburg hotel is 4.5-star hotel. It has a moderate cost of 270. This is one of the few restaurants in all of Brooklyn that is both kid and pet friendly. Another very nice hotel worth noting is the hotel Le Jolie while it may not be kid or pet friendly it is cheaper it only cost 140 per night and has free laundry service.

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