



Sample Itinerary – Five days in NYC for the Pro

So you've been to NYC a few times and done all the major tourist spots. What's next? We're sure there are a few ideas on this list you haven't yet explored! If you are new to NYC, check out our sample itinerary for the [NYC Novice](#).

Day	Activity	Why?	Eat at/Shop At	
Day 1	Pick a neighborhood you want to learn more about and schedule a scavenger hunt with Stray Boots . You can choose from 8-10 neighborhoods.	It's a great opportunity to learn some new facts to impress your friends who already live here.	Don't rush the hunt – it isn't a race. Stop along the way at a spot that looks good for a meal.	Plenty of time for shopping as well. Make it last all day!
Day 2	Take the Water Taxi at Christopher St. and West Side Highway to Pier 1 in Dumbo, BK. Explore Dumbo (art galleries, park, Front St.) and Brooklyn Bridge Park. See my Dumbo Tour for tips. Have lunch in Dumbo and walk back to Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge. Then walk over to Battery Park and end in Tribeca for dinner. If you have kids with you, be sure to stop in the playground in Battery Park.	Photo Op day! See the best Manhattan views from Brooklyn Bridge Park and in Dumbo under the Bridge. Take what will be among your favorite photos from atop the Brooklyn Bridge, and end the day with a beautiful sunset in Battery Park.	In Dumbo: Grimaldi's for Pizza, Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory and a stop at Jacques Torres. So many great choices in Tribeca: Locals Faves: Landmarc , Tiny's , and Locanda Verde	In Dumbo: The Powerhouse Arena book shop and Jacques Torres. In Tribeca: Torly Kid

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<p>Day 3 - am</p>	<p>Start at an uptown museum you haven't yet explored on or near Museum Mile.</p>	<p>There are so many good ones on Museum Mile – Cooper Hewitt or Neue Galerie are less obvious choices but are great places to spend a few hours.</p>	<p>For a quick meal, try the casual café at E.A.T. on 80th and Madison.</p>	<p>The buyer at E.A.T. Gifts on Madison does a terrific job sourcing unique little gifts.</p>
<p>Day 3 – pm</p>	<p>Head to one of the Double Decker Bus tours and do the uptown loop in the afternoon. You will see Lincoln Center, Grants Tomb and parts of Columbia. Get off bus at 125 in Harlem near the Apollo theater. Dinner in Harlem and try to catch Amateur Night at the Apollo.</p>	<p>The bus is a great way to cover some ground in an area with sights that are spread far apart.</p> <p>Amateur Night at the Apollo is good, clean fun! Check the schedule but it generally runs Wed and Sat.</p>	<p>Great Harlem restaurants near the Apollo include: Red Rooster, Sylvia's and Harlem Shake.</p>	<p>Lots of vintage boutiques popping up among the streets of Harlem.</p>
<p>Day 4 – am</p>	<p>Lower East Side: Tenement Museum or New Museum, indie boutiques, great culinary options and Economy Candy.</p>	<p>A museum, a little shopping, a great meal and some old fashioned candy. A perfect way to spend a few hours in this traditionally working class immigrant neighborhood that has since gentrified.</p>	<p>Katz's Deli, Pig & Khao, Pies & Thighs, Russ & Daughters, Beauty & Essex, Stanton Social. So many choices!</p>	<p>Dressing Room Bar & Boutique, Tokyo Rebel, Blustockings Bookstore</p>

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<p>Day 4- pm</p>	<p>Take the 4,5 or 6 train to the Upper East Side (86th street): Explore Gracie Mansion and Carl Schurz Park with a picnic dinner. Catch a Broadway show after dinner in the park. Score your tickets in advance with the Today Tix app on your phone.</p>	<p>Carl Schurz park is a picturesque, off the beaten path, oasis on the UES which houses the home of the mayor of NYC. It's a beautiful place to escape the city and has fantastic views of the East River.</p>	<p>Stop at any number of delis on the way to the East River and get yourself a picnic dinner to eat at the park before racing to midtown for a show.</p>
<p>Day 5 – am</p>	<p>Take the A train to 190th st in Washington Heights for Fort Tryon Park and the Cloisters. If you are up for 1.5 mile walk, head down to 181 street and cross into Fort Washington Park to see the Little Red Lighthouse under the Great Grey Bridge.</p>	<p>The cloisters is a little bit of Europe in our own NYC. Don't miss the Unicorn tapestries. A little known fact: NYC has its very own lighthouse under the George Washington Bridge. If you are with kids, grab a copy of the The Little Red Lighthouse under the Great Grey Bridge to read before you go.</p>	<p>Stop in at the New Leaf Café in Fort Tryon Park for a snack or lunch. It's a lovely place for a meal.</p>
<p>Day 5 – pm</p>	<p>Head back to A train and head south to 110th Street in Morningside Heights. Stop in at St. John the Divine. Then pick up a Citibike (at 110 or below) and bike down the riverfront on the West Side. The Path goes all the way to the bottom of the island. Stop at 79th St. Boat Basin for dinner/drinks.</p>	<p>St. John the Divine- if you took the uptown bus tour you already saw the outside of this building. Head inside to unlock this cathedrals ten secrets listed here! Get around NYC like a real New Yorker, rent a Citibike for the day and make your way back downtown in style.</p>	<p>Stop at the casual 79th Street Boat Basin for dinner or drinks. This is one of the few riverside restaurants on the island.</p>

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