

# BROOKLYN'S GOT IT ALL

## FOUR DAY TOUR OF BROOKLYN

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### MARINE PARK AREA

#### Things to do:

##### 1) Marine Park (the park)

(located on Avenue U and Gerritsen Avenue)

- a) Walk around the park (3/4 of a mile), and watch teams play a variety of sports.
- b) Visit the Senior Center which offers many activities plus breakfast and lunch for a small fee.
- c) Rent all kinds of bikes and kayaks. Rentals are fairly inexpensive, and there is plenty of free parking.



##### 2) Marine Park Salt Marsh Nature Center (3301 Avenue U)

530-acre nature preserve has two hiking trails about 1.1 miles of easy walking, tall grass, marsh and wildlife. It's right across the street from Marine Park. It has great photo opportunities and it's **FREE**.



##### 3) Kings Plaza Shopping Mall (5100 Kings Plaza)

There are approximately 145 stores and restaurants. Some of the major stores include: Adidas, American Eagle, Best Buy, Burlington, Champs Sports, Chase Bank, Five Below, Forever 21, Guess, H&M, Lowes, Macy's, Michael Kors, Old Navy, Rainbow, Sunglass Hut, T-Mobile, Verizon, Victoria's Secret and MANY MORE STORES.

\*From 10AM to 9PM.....Parking in the Mall...\$3.00 all day



#### 4) Floyd Bennett Field (3159 Flatbush Ave)

- a) Great for kids.
  - b) Ryan Visitor Center... Learn about the aviation history.
  - c) Ryan's Bookstore has many educational products.
  - d) Hanger B lets you explore historic aircraft.
  - e) Aviator Sports Center is open for classes in basketball, soccer, gymnastics, hockey and skating.
- \* From 6AM to 9PM and **plenty of free parking**



#### 5) Mill Basin

Mill Basin is a residential neighborhood in Brooklyn. The houses are some of the most expensive houses built in Brooklyn. The houses on or near the water can range from 1.5 million to 9 million and more.



## RESTAURANTS

**China New Star** (2212 Flatbush Ave) closes at 10PM

Great Chinese food and moderately priced (\$\$). Lunch specials are from 11AM to 4PM

The restaurant has been completely renovated. The atmosphere is very cozy.

No reservations needed. Tel: 718 253 6078

**Pizza Emporium** (3424 Ave. S) closes at 9PM

This is a neighborhood favorite. A large pie, with 8 slices, will cost you \$13.00

\*All the pizzerias in the area are good.

**Mill Basin Jewish Deli** (5823 Ave. T)

Enjoy Kosher food. They have sandwiches, wraps and much more. They have lunch specials from 11am to 3pm. The hot dogs and knishes are great.

The meat sandwiches like roast beef, brisket and corned beef are a bit pricey.

Tel: 718 241 4910



**Habibi Halal Gyro** (5119 Ave U) closes at 11PM. - This place is clean, and the food is great tasting. Grilled chicken or lamb gyro with rice is \$9.99. Buffet style, so you see what you get.

**Michael's** (2929 Ave R) Michael's is upscale Italian restaurant from 1964. It serves traditional fare in warm elegant space with a full bar. \$\$\$

## RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE DAY TRIP for SEEING MARINE PARK by CAR

- First, start your day by driving through **Mill Basin**. Drive to Ave. U and E.66<sup>th</sup> Street, hang a right and then drive up and down the streets on your left. Each home has its own original design.
- Secondly, on your way back from Mill Basin, you can stop at the **Mill Basin Deli**.
- After that, if you want to go shopping, "**Kings Plaza Mall**" would be a good choice.
- You can then head on to **Marine Park, (the park)**.
- Across the street from Marine Park is the **Marine Park Salt Marsh**.
- An interesting way to end your day would be to visit "**Floyd Bennett Field**"

# HAVE FUN!

## HERE'S ANOTHER DAY TRIP YOU MIGHT ENJOY, CONEY ISLAND, BRIGHTON BEACH and SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Start your day by driving to Coney Island. Parking is by meter only, so, bring quarters. Meter parking usually has a limit of two hours. Vertical parking is available if you turn left towards the beach, just before the Cyclone or Nathans.

Take a walk on the boardwalk heading towards the Parachute Jump. The "Boardwalk" is about 2.7 miles long.

### **Maimonides Park**

The home of the minor league baseball team, "The Brooklyn Cyclones". It is located right in Coney Island. There is a large parking lot adjacent to the park. You'll need to check for game schedules.



## The Ford Amphitheater

This is the premier outdoor live entertainment venue. It is located at the western end of the Coney Island Boardwalk. The 5,000-seat covered open-air-venue is the first of its kind in the Tri-State area. It hosts a mix of concerts, family shows, comedy and multicultural events. You'll need to go online to get a schedule of events.



The most popular adult rides in Coney Island are the Cyclone, the Wonder Wheel, the Thunderbolt, the Soaring Eagle, and the Brooklyn Flyer. The newest coaster ride is "The Phoenix". It opened on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The average price for each ride is \$10.

There are 16 rides for kids at **LUNA PARK** in Coney Island. You will need to buy tickets for those rides.



The **Aquarium** can be an optional choice. It costs about \$27.00 to get in. Veterans get in free.

If you are getting hungry you might want to go to Nathans for a hot dog, fries and a drink. The orangeade is pretty good. That combo will cost you about \$13.00.



Right next door to Nathans is **William's Candy Shop**.

It has the best selection of jelly and caramel apples anywhere to be found. They have all kinds of delicious candies including cotton candy.

After eating you can walk it off by returning to the boardwalk and walking in the opposite direction towards Brighton Beach.



## Brighton Beach

Brighton Beach is also known as “Little Odessa” due to its tight-knit Russian and Eastern European communities. It has many high-rise residential buildings.



Right off the boardwalk you will find “**Brighton Beach Ave**”  
Along Brighton Beach Avenue there are many traditional food markets and restaurants.

Next, you can get in your car and drive (2.5 miles) to **Sheepshead Bay**  
There you can walk along the Bay, shop the stores and get some seafood at Randazzo’s Clam Bar.

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## Your next day trip could be to Downtown Brooklyn

Downtown Brooklyn is known for its shopping, office and residential buildings, such as Williamsburg Savings Bank and MetroTech Center.

To visit Downtown Brooklyn it’s best to use public transportation or Uber. Parking in the streets is available if you can find it. There are, however, several parking garages

- 1) 147 Flatbush Ave Ext. (306 Gold St.)
- 2) 172 Johnson St. Garage. EXCELLENT
- 3) 203 Jay St.

**1) I would start my tour by walking to the Fulton Mall**

The Fulton Mall runs between Flatbush Avenue and Adams St. It contains 230 stores. Some big name stores are; Macy’s, Banana Republic and the Gap. Finding a place to eat is easy. **Junior’s** comes highly recommended, especially for their famous cheesecake.



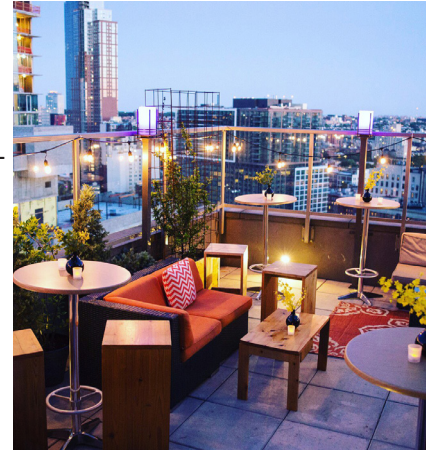
## 2) The New York Transit Museum

It is located under Schermerhorn Street, in Downtown Brooklyn. The Museum is dedicated to the history of New York's transport system. Very Interesting.



## 3) The Kimoto Rooftop Lounge

The Lounge is on Duffield Street in Downtown Brooklyn. It serves delectable food in a Zen-style garden setting with fantastic views of the Downtown skyline.



## 4) Barclays Center

This is the home of the famous NBA basketball team, the Brooklyn Nets. It not only hosts basketball games but also hockey, boxing, wrestling and top band concerts. You'll need to go online for a schedule of events.

## 5) Cadman Plaza Park

This is a nice place to take a stroll for a breath of fresh air in Downtown Brooklyn. While there, you can stop by to see The Brooklyn War Memorial with its famous inscription dedicated to the heroes who lost their lives during World War II.



## 6) Brooklyn Heights Promenade



It is a pedestrian walkway located in the northeast section of Brooklyn. It offers the visitor one of the very best views of Lower Manhattan. Parking is tough. It is roughly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile long. Hope you have a camera.

## 7) Another very popular walk is that on the Brooklyn Bridge.

The views walking from Brooklyn to Manhattan are wonderful. It's about 1.1 mile long each way. It has nice views and great people. The entrance to the bridge is at the intersection of Adams St. and Tillary St.

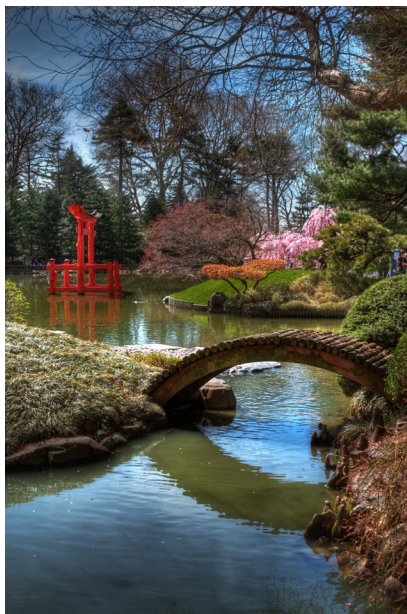
**\*Don't think you can see it all in just one day. You choose.**



## Our next Day trip is to Prospect Park

### 1) Prospect Park Zoo

The zoo is the home of about 900 animals and 200 species. The zoo is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is \$9.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children. Children and younger get in free.



### 2) Brooklyn Botanic Garden

It covers 52 acres of different gardens and collection of plants. There are over 18,000 plants.

Outside there is the Japanese Hill-and- Pond Garden, Cranford Rose Garden, Shakespeare Garden, Water Garden and more.

**Admission is FREE on Tuesdays**, other days it's \$15 for adults, \$8 for seniors and children under 12 get in free.



### 3) The Brooklyn Museum

The museum is located on the edge of the park on Eastern Parkway. It houses 1.5 million pieces of work. A few of the popular collections include: Egyptian Art, American Art, Arts of Africa, Arts of the Pacific Islands, Arts of the Islamic World and European art sections of the museum.

Admission is suggested but not mandatory \$10. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

#### 4) The Art-Beaux Prospect Park Boathouse

Inside the Boathouse is the Audubon Center, which holds learning programs about nature for the community. While there you can sit by the Lullwater. You'll feel like you are living in a Seurat painting. Make sure to walk over the Lullwater Bridge. There you can get the best view and photo of the Boathouse. While you are there make sure you visit the famous Camper-down Elm Tree. By the way, if you are into hiking, the Lullwater Hiking Trail starts at the Audubon Center, or Prospect Park Boathouse. It is one mile long and is great for bird watching.



#### 5) The grand entrance of Grand Army Plaza

It is considered the main entrance to Prospect Park.



#### 6) The Historic Litchfield Villa

It's located on the western edge of the park facing the gorgeous historic brownstone homes of the beautiful Park Slope neighborhood.



*I hope this four day tour booklet makes your trip to Brooklyn a little easier.*



For several years I had it in my heart to write a song about Brooklyn because it was such a special place and served a song of its own. Listen to the song and watch the video

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