

As far as things to do, I don't know what you enjoy but whatever it is, NY has it in abundance.

Of course, everyone wants to see a Broadway show. Tickets/Tickets (TKTS) has half price tickets for today's performance if you don't mind waiting in a long line. The booth is at Times Square. Dinner at Sardi's in Schubert Alley is great for pre-theater. Also, the Marriot Marquis has a nice revolving rooftop restaurant - make a reservation. Jeannie recommends the Four Seasons restaurant. A little pricy but when in New York..... She also recommends a visit to the Rainbow Room for an after theater drink (49 W 49th St, 65th Fl). Actually, my favorite restaurant is The Old Homestead (56 9th Ave. Between 14th Street and 15th Street) A little out of the way in New York's old meat packing district. Take a cab.

You might want to check out Lincoln Center. Always something good going on. If you're going to Lincoln Center you may want to dine at Tavern on the Green at Central Park - 64th St at the park and you can walk to Lincoln Center.

If you wanted to do a midtown afternoon you could visit the Central Park Zoo (64th Street and Fifth Avenue) - don't miss the Polar Bear and the Sea Lions. Stroll through Rockefeller center and walk to the zoo. From the zoo you can lunch at Tavern on the Green and walk over to Lincoln Center for a tour. While you are in the neighborhood you might want to visit the American Museum of Natural History at Central Park West and 79th Street or The Metropolitan Museum of Art (Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street).

Check out Radio City Music Hall. Check the web site for shows. The Radio City Stage Door Tour is a one hour walking tour that departs from Radio City Music Hall, located in the heart of Rockefeller Center.

If you are heading downtown, of course, you must stop at Ground Zero. You can walk over to Trinity Church from there and Wall St. A couple of subway stops downtown to Battery Park. While at Battery Park visit Clinton Castel (not that Clinton). It is at Battery Park and is where they processed immigrants PRIOR to opening Ellis Island. You can get a ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Or, the biggest value in New York, take the Staten Island ferry round trip. Great view of NY Harbor, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and a great view of lower Manhattan (round trip is about an hour). From the ferry slips walk east and you will pass the NY Vietnam Memorial. Glass walls inscribed with letters from soldiers. Well worth a visit. Continue east and you come to South Street Seaport. South Street is well worth a visit. They also have a TKTS outlet for discount theater tickets and not as big a line as Times Square. The Seaport has LOTS of places to eat and drink. www.southstreetseaport.com.

While you are downtown near the ferry you can visit historic Fraunces Tavern where George Washington held board meetings and said farewell to his troops. A really great saloon and a nice place for lunch (54 Pearl St corner of Broad St.).

Pizza in New York is easy - just stay away from the chains. NO DOMINOS, PIZZA HUT, ETC. Any pizza in Little Italy is good. If you are in Little Italy you MUST go to Ferrara Bakery & Cafe 195 Grand St. for dessert and coffee. I recommend the rum baba. www.littleitalyny.com

China Town <http://www.chinatown-online.com/> is right next to Little Italy. My favorite restaurant is Hunan Garden at 1 Mott St., across from Chatham Sq. House special soup, Peking Duck, and Birds nest (a seafood combo)! WARNING: You may run into a number of New York's politicians at Hunan so hold on to your wallet or purse.

Of course some folks will want to shop, try Macy's Herald Square (34th St), Tiffany's, Henri Bendel, Bergdorf Goodman and Saks. All on 5th Ave. Top it off with lunch at the Plaza Hotel, also a good spot for a late drink. Hey, don't forget to visit the top of the Empire State building while you are on 34th St. Lot's of places to shop. Don't miss Abercrombie & Fitch on Fifth Ave. Abercrombie also has a store on Water Street at the South Street Seaport.

Or you can visit the Bronx Zoo. A wonderful place. You can get the express bus. The BxM11 express bus makes stops along Madison Avenue, between 26th and 99th Streets, then travels directly to the Zoo's Bronx River entrance (Gate B). For your return trip, pick up the bus just outside the same gate at the MTA BxM11 sign (just before the underpass).

If you find yourself in Greenwich Village stroll through Washington Square Park at NYU. Arguably the best pizza in NY is at John's on Bleeker Street. MacSorley's Old Ale House on 7th St in the East Village is the oldest tavern in NY. Don't go for cocktails, the drink menu consists of Ale and Porter. Check out the Bitter End on Bleeker St to see what is going on. <http://www.nycgv.com/> .

Of course you can always subway to Shea or Yankee Stadium and cheer on the home teams.