

The Bronx

Area: 42 square miles

Population: 1.3+ million

URL: ilovethebronx.com

Travel Time From Times Square: 30 minutes

Full of character, culture and authentic cuisine, the Bronx has a one-of-a-kind vitality and a strong sense of borough pride. Take in a sampling of the sights during a six-hour outing with MCNY Tours, which highlights such culturally rich neighborhoods as Little Italy, Little Ireland and City Island. As the weather cools and leaves begin to change colors, wander the 28-acre expanse of Wave Hill, a peaceful public garden with picturesque views of the Hudson River. Soak up history at the 330-year-old Grecian-style Bartow-Pell Mansion or immerse yourself in diverse contemporary art at The Bronx Museum of the Arts. And no visit to the Bronx would be complete without a trip to Yankee Stadium, which offers tours of Monument Park, the dugout and the clubhouse.



Brooklyn

Area: 71 square miles

Population: 2.5+ million

URL: visitbrooklyn.org

Travel Time From Times Square: 25 minutes

The biggest news in Brooklyn—literally, given the building's immense size—is the new Barclays Center, home of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets. The Prospect Heights arena is also set to host hockey games, concerts and other big events, and will be a major attraction from day one. Meanwhile, the rest of the City's most populous borough is as enticing as ever. Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge to emerge near the picturesque brownstones of Brooklyn Heights and the restaurants and performance spaces of once-industrial DUMBO. In Park Slope, grab lunch at a cafe and stroll through Prospect Park. Hear indie rock in Williamsburg during the CMJ Music Marathon and shop in the neighborhood's many vintage stores. The possibilities are endless.



Manhattan

Area: 23 square miles

Population: 1.6+ million

URL: nycgo.com | mbpo.org

Home to Times Square

Though Manhattan is New York City's smallest borough, the sheer concentration and variety of iconic sights, cultural landmarks and restaurants within its 23 square miles make it seem vastly larger. Feel the rush of taxis and people navigating the iconic theaters and big-name stores amid the dazzling billboards of Times Square. Then retreat downtown for East Village coffee shops, signature cocktails and offbeat fashion and jewelry or head to Greenwich Village, home of quiet, charming blocks, literary history and the annual Halloween Parade in



October. Uptown in Harlem, take in jazz clubs, lounges and inspired cuisine. And this is only a sampling—there are endless things to see and explore in Manhattan at all hours of the day and night.

Queens

Area: 110 square miles

Population: 2.2+ million

URL: discoverqueens.info

Travel Time From Times Square: 15–30 minutes



Never been to Queens? Among the hundreds of reasons to visit is the borough’s extraordinary selection of cuisine—starting with kebabs, falafels and grilled fish in Astoria, burritos and tacos in Corona and handmade pasta in Long Island City.

The delicious options seem endless. And after satisfying your culinary cravings, you can get your culture fix at one of Queens’ many museums, including the Queens Museum, MoMA PS1, The Noguchi Museum and the outdoor Socrates Sculpture Park. From late October to early November, enjoy the colorful leaf displays at Flushing Meadows–Corona Park and the Queens Botanical Garden or pick your favorite pumpkin to carve at the Queens County Farm Museum.

Staten Island

Area: 59 square miles

Population: 491,000+

URL: visitstateniland.com

Travel Time From Times Square: 30 minutes



Begin your visit to Staten Island with a free ride on the Staten Island Ferry, leaving from Battery Park. Along the route you’ll get a cinematic view of the Statue of Liberty and the Lower Manhattan skyline.

Upon arriving in St. George, the neighborhood where the ferry disembarks, take a short bus ride to the Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden. At this sprawling tree-lined complex, visitors can savor culture and the outdoors alike. The grounds are home to numerous gardens, the Staten Island Museum and the Staten Island Children’s Museum. Afterward, make your way toward the center of the island for a tranquil escape to the Greenbelt Conservancy. During the fall, you’ll get a perfect snapshot of the season’s rich red, orange and yellow foliage in the Greenbelt’s nearly 2,800 acres of lush woodlands.