

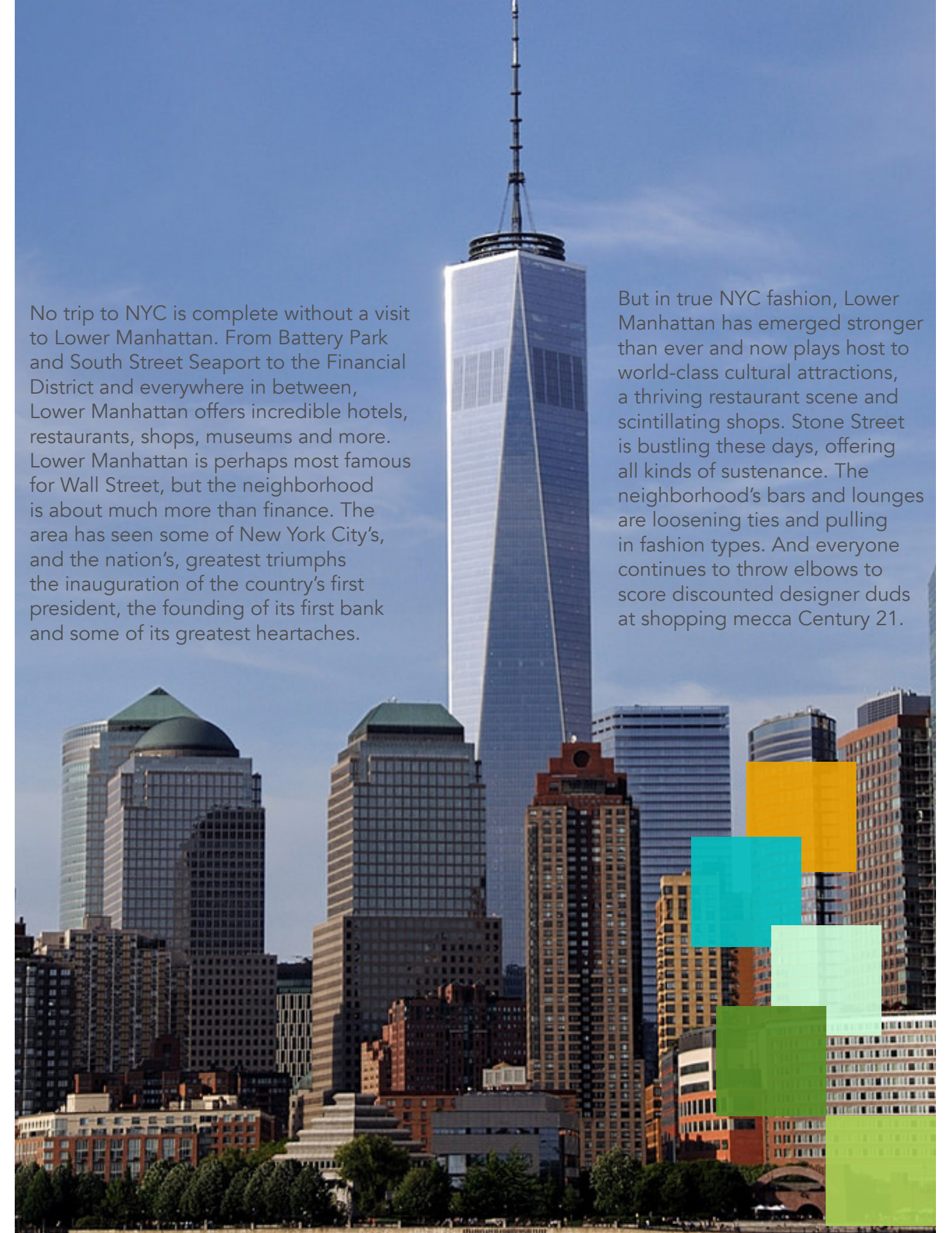


Downtown Manhattan



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No trip to NYC is complete without a visit to Lower Manhattan. From Battery Park and South Street Seaport to the Financial District and everywhere in between, Lower Manhattan offers incredible hotels, restaurants, shops, museums and more. Lower Manhattan is perhaps most famous for Wall Street, but the neighborhood is about much more than finance. The area has seen some of New York City's, and the nation's, greatest triumphs the inauguration of the country's first president, the founding of its first bank and some of its greatest heartaches.

But in true NYC fashion, Lower Manhattan has emerged stronger than ever and now plays host to world-class cultural attractions, a thriving restaurant scene and scintillating shops. Stone Street is bustling these days, offering all kinds of sustenance. The neighborhood's bars and lounges are loosening ties and pulling in fashion types. And everyone continues to throw elbows to score discounted designer duds at shopping mecca Century 21.

Attractions

Sure, Washington, DC, has the White House, but the real roots of presidential power lay in downtown Manhattan: George Washington was inaugurated on the balcony of the original Federal Hall, which was home to the first Congress, Supreme Court and presidential offices. You can take weekday tours of Federal Hall National Memorial (built in 1842 as a customs house on the site of the original structure), These days you can walk through the tavern's colonial rooms, checking out Revolutionary-era firearms, early American flags and old-school drinking memorabilia.



For a neighborhood famous for betting on futures, the Financial District has plenty of institutions willing to take a look back. Learn about urban architecture, law enforcement and much more at the neighborhood's multitude of museums. We suggest starting at the Skyscraper Museum, an homage to that iconic NYC edifice and everything necessary to bring it from architectural daydream to skyline-altering reality. Then head off to celebrate NYC's many different cultures at the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the National Museum of the American Indian, with plenty more, like the temporarily relocated New York Police Museum, within easy walking distance.



Many of New York City's most famous landmarks are best seen from the water—the famous skyline, the Brooklyn Bridge and, of course, the Statue of Liberty. New York Water Taxi offers one-hour guided harbor tours, sunset cruises and the only hop-on/hop-off boat transit, with stops along the NY waterfront. Visitors can enjoy a luxury trip aboard the Zephyr Statue of Liberty Express, which departs from Pier 16 at the South Street Seaport.



The 9/11 Memorial is a tribute to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and February 26, 1993, at the World Trade Center in NYC, near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. The memorial includes two reflecting pools, each nearly an acre in size, located within the footprints of the former Twin Towers. They feature the largest man-made waterfalls in North America and, when fully complete, will be surrounded by a grove of more than 400 oak trees.

Explore world-famous financial landmarks such as the New York Stock Exchange, Federal Reserve and Wall Street guided by real Wall Street insiders. While meandering through the narrow, winding streets of Lower Manhattan, you will hear exclusive stories from “inside the trenches”—the kind of titillating stuff about the financial crisis that has scored extensive news coverage for this tour, which aims to demystify and personify Wall Street.



When the Dutch settled New York City in the 17th century, they set up shop on the southern tip of Manhattan, in the area we now call the Financial District. Lower Manhattan has since remained a center for commerce, known for everything from stock swapping on Wall Street and the wholesale fish market on Fulton Street to the vast shopping options it offers today.

Century 21, a New York City shopping staple, features four floors of designer goods at deep discounts. You may have to weave through crowds and sift through racks to find the hidden wardrobe treasure that's calling your name.

If you're looking for the latest from designer labels, Lower Manhattan has that, too. America's oldest clothing retailer, Brooks Brothers, first opened in NYC in 1818. The attentive staff at its downtown store, just across the street from Century 21, can fit shoppers for classic made-to-measure suits and shirts, women's separates and newer favorites like the no-iron shirt and the Thom Browne–designed Black Fleece label. On Broad Street, a few blocks away, the American flagship of Italian luxury menswear line Canali stocks classic tailored suits stitched in Milan. London-based label Thomas Pink, on Wall Street, specializes in shirting and offers a range of fits, bold colors and patterns, and collar and cuff styles.

The neighborhood also offers high-end accessory options, from top-notch leather bags to exquisite diamond engagement rings. French fashion house Hermès, with a downtown location on Wall Street, may make men's, women's and children's ready-to-wear, but many covet the brand's silk scarves and ties and leather goods, like its famed Birkin bag. Iconic New York jeweler Tiffany & Co.'s Lower Manhattan location, housed in a 1907 building on Wall Street, features stunning restorations and contemporary additions.





There's more to downtown than luxury boutiques, however. The World Financial Center brings an elegant mini-mall shopping experience to the west side of Lower Manhattan. More than 40 restaurants, retailers and specialty shops line the Winter Garden, waterfront plaza and courtyard. Across town, on the east side, the South Street Seaport has cafés, kiosks, restaurants and shops like J.Crew and Victoria's Secret.

Closer to City Hall and the Woolworth Building, electronics superstore J & R Music and Computer World has served the City's consumer technological needs for more than 40 years and sells everything from digital cameras to DVDs to cell phones to stereo systems. CityStore, located in the landmark Manhattan Municipal Building, stocks everything "New York"—from genuine taxicab medallions to lucky NYPD horseshoes. A few blocks south, from its cozy, nearly hidden nook on Maiden Lane, Chameleon Comics & Cards sells comic books, graphic novels, trading cards and toys. One can also find T.J Maxx . And coming soon to downtown Mahanttan is Zara .



Shopping

Restaurants



Lower Manhattan's new skyscrapers, re-landscaped parks and renovated waterfronts contribute to a dynamic panorama. With so much to see and do, the neighborhood can make a person hungry. Feast on these suggestions, good for every size pocketbook and occasion.

Manhattan's southern tip is steeped in colonial American history, no more so than at Fraunces Tavern, where George Washington said farewell to his troops. Well, say hello to Porterhouse Brewing Company, inhabiting its historic premises and featuring heady brews as well as crab cakes, chicken wings and cheeseburgers. The Paris Café, established circa 1873, blends an antique pub setting with a contemporary menu and major-league beer list served until 2am.

For an afternoon break, head to the cobblestoned Stone Street, a pedestrian walkway lined with eateries and drinking establishments. Stop in at Financier Patisserie for a pick-me-up espresso and an éclair, or settle in at one of the communal tables set up outdoors. When the weather is nice, Stone Street is basically one huge happy hour, the various businesses all blending together and evoking a European beer garden. Outdoor tables offer prime views of street life and busking musicians. A fine brunch option (though on Saturdays only) is Harry's Café & Steak, so popular that reservations are highly advisable. Wonderful dishes, such as duck-and-mushroom hash with poached eggs, include unlimited champagne.

For dinner, get dressed up for Wall & Water, in the Andaz Wall Street hotel, serving stylish, market-to-table comfort food, or head across the island to Battery Park City for North End Grill, Danny Meyer's newest restaurant, helmed by chef Floyd Cardoz. Further uptown, located a short jaunt from the seat of NYC's municipal government is City Hall restaurant. Craving a steak? The baroquely beautiful Delmonico's, the polished



MarkJoseph Steakhouse and Bobby Van's Steakhouse & Grill all fit the bill. If you're looking for a luxurious Italian experience, Cipriani Wall Street operates out of a landmark Greek Revival building that once housed the New York Stock Exchange. Bayard's is another architectural masterpiece, the former home of the New York Cotton Exchange. These days its elegantly appointed dining rooms are reserved for private events, except for the Blue Bar, whose nautical interior brings to mind a clipper ship. Cocktails and light fare are available during the evening Monday through Friday.



BLT Bar & Grill at the W New York - Downtown hotel straddles the fence between chic and casual, a modern, bi-level tavern that offers inventive New American dishes and an extensive bar menu. Les Halles Downtown, a lively French brasserie, is famous as the home base of chef-at-large Anthony Bourdain. It's also the go-to spot for satisfying, inexpensive steak frites and mussels. For Italian dining near South Street Seaport, head to Acqua at Peck Slip Restaurant and Wine Bar, which serves classic dishes for lunch and dinner in a quaint, almost rustic space,



Workers in the Financial District have to hustle, so there are lots of good, quick lunch spots to accommodate them, including the homespun Zaitzeff for Kobe beef and organic veggie burgers, Toloache Taqueria for top-notch Mexican eats, the bare-bones Alfanoose for fantastic falafel, and the charming breakfast-and-lunch spot Made Fresh Daily. Pizza is always a big-time NYC attraction, and at Adrienne's Pizzabar the trays of excellent thin-crust pies are ready to go.

While Lower Manhattan is most active during the day, there's plenty of nightlife, so long as you know where to go. Vintry Wine & Whiskey is the classiest of watering holes,

Historical Landmark

The Statue of Liberty (Liberty Enlightening the World) is a colossal neoclassical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbor in New York City, in the United States. The copper statue, designed by Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, a French sculptor, was built by Gustave Eiffel and dedicated on October 28, 1886. It was a gift to the United States from the people of France. The statue is of a robed female figure representing Libertas, the Roman goddess, who bears a torch and a tabula ansata (a tablet evoking the law) upon which is inscribed the date of the American Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776. A broken chain lies at her feet. The statue is an icon of freedom and of the United States, and was a welcoming sight to immigrants arriving from abroad.



The Brooklyn Bridge looms majestically over New York City's East River, linking the two boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn. Since 1883, its granite towers and steel cables have offered a safe and scenic passage to millions of commuters and tourists, trains and bicycles, push-carts and cars. The bridge's construction took 14 years, involved 600 workers and cost \$15 million (more than \$320 million in today's dollars). Now more than 125 years old, this iconic feature of the New York City skyline still carries roughly 150,000 vehicles and pedestrians every day.





Fulton Street is a New York City Subway station complex in Lower Manhattan. It consists of four linked stations on the IND Eighth Avenue Line, the IRT Lexington Avenue Line, the BMT Nassau Street Line and the IRT Broadway – Seventh Avenue Line. The last three cross Fulton Street at Broadway, Nassau Street, and William Street respectively; the Eighth Avenue Line station is underneath Fulton Street, between Broadway and Nassau Streets. The station is the twelfth busiest in the system, as of 2013, with 18,721,694 passengers.

2, 4, A, and J trains at all times. 3, 5, and C trains at all times except late nights Z train during rush hours in the peak direction

The Fulton Center is a renovation project that improves access throughout the station complex, introduces a new station building, and provides easier access to the World Trade Center site. It links the Fulton Street subway station with the nearby Cortlandt Street and Chambers Street stations through the out-of-fare control Dey Street Passageway.

Bowling Green is a station on the IRT Lexington Avenue Line of the New York City Subway, located at Broadway and Battery Place, in the Financial District of Manhattan. It is served by the 4 train at all times and the 5 except late nights.



Subway System

