



# What's New in New York City

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## WELCOME TO NEW YORK CITY

No city in the world can match New York City's unparalleled energy, or the tremendous pride New Yorkers take in opening their arms to the City's visitors. There is always something fun, exciting and inviting to do here, no matter what kind of experience you prefer. With Broadway shows, outdoor movies or concerts, tours of museums or historical attractions, cuisine from every world culture and more, there are endless opportunities in each of the City's five boroughs—the **Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens** and **Staten Island**—to discover something new.

## TOURISM IN NEW YORK CITY

In 2016, New York City welcomed an estimated **60.7 million visitors**, an all-time high.

New York City has the most active hotel development pipeline in the country, with approximately **115,000 hotel rooms as of November 2017** and an expected inventory of **142,000 hotel rooms by end of 2020**. Noteworthy hotel property openings include 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge (February 2017), The Whitby Hotel (February 2017), Hotel 50 Bowery (May 2017), Public, an Ian Schrager Hotel (June 2017), Moxy Times Square (September 2017), Mondrian Park Avenue (October 2017), Cachet Boutique NYC (November 2017), AC Hotel New York Times Square (December 2017), The Hoxton Williamsburg (early 2018), The New York Edition Times Square (early 2018).

## WHAT'S NEW: NYC & COMPANY PROGRAMS

NYC & Company's biannual dining and theater promotions make visiting New York City even more affordable. The first and largest dining program of its kind, **NYC Restaurant Week**<sup>®</sup> offers discounted three-course prix-fixe menus at more than 350 restaurants every January/February and July/August. In summer 2017, the program, which took place July 24–August 18, celebrated its 25th anniversary. The winter 2018 program will take place January 22–February 9, with reservations live January 8. ([nycgo.com/restaurantweek](http://nycgo.com/restaurantweek)).

Launched in 2011, **NYC Broadway Week**<sup>SM</sup> (January 16–February 4; tickets on sale January 5) and **NYC Off-Broadway Week**<sup>SM</sup> (February 12–25; tickets on sale January 29), launched in 2009, are designed to increase ticket sales during typically slower periods of attendance every winter and fall and offer visitors and New Yorkers the opportunity to see some of NYC's best shows, with 2-for-1 tickets ([nycgo.com/broadwayweek](http://nycgo.com/broadwayweek) and [nycgo.com/offbroadwayweek](http://nycgo.com/offbroadwayweek)). **NYC Must-See Week**<sup>SM</sup>, a vibrancy program originally launched as **NYC Attractions Week**<sup>SM</sup> ([nycgo.com/attractions-week](http://nycgo.com/attractions-week)) in the winter of 2017, returns from January 29–February 11, 2018, with tickets on sale from January 18.

**NYCxDESIGN**, New York City's celebration of global design, will run from May 11 - 23, 2018. Taking place each year in May for the past six years, the program is a platform to showcase established and emerging NYC artistry. It is overseen by NYCEDC along with a committee of leaders and leading institutions across most design disciplines.

In June 2017, NYC & Company kicked off a two-year countdown to WorldPride 2019 in New York City with the launch of the **One World, One Pride, One New York City – Unite in 2019** invitational campaign. Set to take place in New York City in June 2019, the global celebration of Pride will coincide with the historic 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots—the birthplace of the modern gay rights movement—making it a year to underscore New York City's progress and resilience as a global LGBTQ capital ([nycgo.com/worldpride](http://nycgo.com/worldpride)).

In March 2017, NYC & Company launched a global communications and marketing initiative titled **New York City – Welcoming the World**, reinforcing the destination's diversity and welcoming spirit. Since its launch, the colorful outdoor campaign has been found in key international markets including the United Kingdom, Germany, Mexico and Spain.

In December 2016, NYC & Company launched the fifth iteration of its **See Your City** campaign, encouraging visitors and New Yorkers to explore New York City's five boroughs like a local. The campaign features 13 custom videos that spotlight diverse

and inspirational itinerary content in neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs. The program encourages people to use the hashtag #SeeYourCity when experiencing the sights, tastes, history and culture of the City, and includes online content generated by social media ambassadors from cultural institutions and local neighborhood influencers ([nycgo.com/seeyourcity](http://nycgo.com/seeyourcity)).

In June 2016 NYC & Company announced the organization's **visual rebrand**, including the launch of the newly rebuilt and reimagined **NYCgo.com**—the trusted, authentic and centralized five-borough tourism resource. New elements of NYC & Company's brand overhaul include **two custom typefaces**, more than **250 custom icons** and a **custom color palette**, all inspired by New York City's vibrancy, energy, diversity and legacy. New capabilities and features on the relaunched website include mobile-first and responsive design to optimize user experiences across devices; increased video presence with more than 200 videos, high-impact visuals, real-time responsiveness to trending topics; integrated and contextual mapping and a flexible platform to serve multiple audiences; and the ability to surface member, partner and user-generated content ([nycgo.com/relaunch](http://nycgo.com/relaunch)).

Growing the family segment is a key focus for NYC & Company. Since the launch of its **Official NYC Family Ambassador** program in 2009, family travel to New York City has increased by more than 30 percent. The program was created to help position New York City as a welcoming family-friendly destination, encourage families to visit year-round and invite those who have already visited New York City to return and enjoy all the new attractions the City has to offer. In April 2016, NYC & Company announced its newest Official NYC Family Ambassadors, the **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**, as part of a two-year partnership with Nickelodeon. The program began its second iteration on May 31, 2017, with new campaign artwork and new itinerary content on NYCgo.com. The new creative assets feature the turtles exploring NYC through itinerary-style illustrations as well as interactive SMS technology for visitor engagement ([nycgo.com/family](http://nycgo.com/family)).

For tips on the best free activities in New York City, including events, museums, tours, TV tapings, attractions and more, check out NYC & Company's **Free in NYC** guide at [nycgo.com/free](http://nycgo.com/free).

For a list of **annual events** taking place in New York City's five boroughs, visit [nycgo.com/annualevents](http://nycgo.com/annualevents). For a list of things to do around New York City this summer, check out NYC & Company's **winter guide** at [nycgo.com/winter](http://nycgo.com/winter).

For **general information** on New York City, visit [nycgo.com](http://nycgo.com) and for **press information**, visit [nycgo.com/press](http://nycgo.com/press). For **images**, go to [nycgo.com/pressphotos](http://nycgo.com/pressphotos).

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## WHAT'S NEW: INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

### Recently Opened

November 2017, more than 1,000 state-of-the-art **LinkNYC** kiosks have been installed in New York City's five boroughs, offering free high-speed Internet, phone calls and device charging for residents and visitors. The WiFi hot spots, which are replacing old NYC pay phones, offer wireless Internet browsing and touch screen tablets. By 2024, 7,500 kiosks are expected to be installed ([link.nyc](http://link.nyc)).

As of September 2017, new **Citi Bike** stations have opened in Long Island City, Astoria, Crown Heights, Prospect Heights and Harlem, completing a two-year expansion. Initially launched in Queens in May of 2013, the popular bike-share program **now provides** more than 600 docking stations and 10,000 bikes in 55 neighborhoods throughout the City ([citibikenyc.com](http://citibikenyc.com)).

In August 2017 **NYC Ferry** launched its fourth route, servicing a new landing at Gantry Plaza State Park in Long Island City, Queens, adding to existing landings in Astoria, the Rockaways and South Brooklyn. The same cost as a one-way subway ticket (\$2.75), the new ferry service connects locals and visitors to different neighborhoods throughout the City. Future routes will include the Lower East Side (2018) and Soundview in the Bronx (2018). Once complete, 21 total landings will be connected ([ferry.nyc](http://ferry.nyc)).

As of February 2017, all 279 New York City underground subway stations have **free WiFi access**, along with **full cellular coverage** from AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint and Verizon ([transitwirelesswifi.com](http://transitwirelesswifi.com)).

On January 1, 2017, the MTA's **Second Avenue Subway** opened to the public. As New York City's first major expansion of the subway system in more than 50 years, the newly extended **Q line** serves approximately 200,000 daily riders, reducing travel time by 10 minutes or more for many riders traveling to and from the Upper East Side. The project includes an expanded 63rd Street station, along with new stations at 72nd, 86th and 96th Streets. When fully completed, the line will stretch 8.5 miles along Manhattan's east side, from Hanover Square in Lower Manhattan to 125th Street in Harlem ([mta.info](http://mta.info)).

Completed in May 2016, the **World Trade Center Transportation Hub**, known for its Calatrava-designed **Oculus**, serves more than 200,000 daily commuters and millions of annual visitors. The WTC Transportation Hub connects visitors to 11 subway lines, the Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) rail system, Battery Park City Ferry Terminal, the World Trade Center Memorial Site, WTC Towers 1, 2, 3, and 4, the World Financial Center and the Winter Garden ([panynj.gov](http://panynj.gov)).

## **Upcoming**

In January 2016, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced plans to transform **Penn Station** and the historic **James A. Farley Post Office** into a world-class transportation hub known as the **Empire Station Complex**. The Penn Station Redevelopment will widen existing corridors, reconfigure ticketing and waiting areas, simplify navigation and reduce congestion, expand and upgrade retail offerings and passenger amenities, include WiFi, modernized train information displays and streamlined ticketing. The Farley Post Office, which sits across Eighth Avenue from Penn Station, will be redeveloped into a state-of-the-art train hall for Amtrak, with services for passengers of the Long Island Rail Road, New Jersey Transit and the proposed Air Train to LaGuardia Airport. The train hall will be connected to Penn Station via an underground pedestrian concourse, and increase the station's size by 50 percent. Construction is expected to commence in 2017 and be completed by December 2020 ([governor.ny.gov](http://governor.ny.gov)).

On July 27, 2015, Governor Cuomo and former Vice President Joe Biden unveiled the vision for a comprehensive redesign of **LaGuardia Airport**, which broke ground mid-summer 2016. The airport will be transformed into a single, structurally unified main terminal with expanded transportation access, significantly increased taxiway space and best-in-class passenger amenities. The airport is expected to open in phases between 2018 and 2021 ([governor.ny.gov](http://governor.ny.gov)).

On January 4, 2017, Governor Cuomo unveiled his new vision plan to transform **John F. Kennedy International Airport** into a unified, world-class airport. The \$10 billion investment will focus on expanding and connecting newer terminals, a complete redesign of the airport's roadways, expansion of parking lots and taxiways, state-of-the-art security technology and additional amenities, including the new TWA Flight Center Hotel that is expected to open in 2018 ([governor.ny.gov](http://governor.ny.gov)). In addition, the first phase of the **ARK at JFK**, a 178,000 square-foot pet terminal, opened in February 2017. The new pet terminal will provide fliers' pets and livestock with pre- and post-travel care, including an on-site veterinarian, overnight kennels and special boarding assistance ([arkjfk.com](http://arkjfk.com)).

**Newark Liberty International Airport** is also experiencing redevelopment with a \$2.4 billion investment program to include a new 1-million-square-foot terminal, roadway system, a 3,000-space parking garage and more. The new terminal is expected to be partially open in 2020, with a full opening by late 2022 ([panynj.gov](http://panynj.gov)).

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## **WHAT'S NEW: MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY**

New York City's five boroughs have no shortage of options for meeting planners, no matter a group's size or budget. From unique venues and hotels to only-in-NYC group activities, the City is the ideal place to host a meeting. In 2016, the City welcome an estimated 6.1 million meetings and conventions delegates from across the globe.

On October 13, 2015, NYC & Company unveiled the newest iteration of its **Make it NYC** meetings and conventions marketing campaign at IMEX America 2015. Led by a new tagline, "**Meet Where You Want to Be**," the campaign is accompanied by iconic imagery that showcases the vibrancy and the anticipation of holding meetings in New York City. Make it NYC originally launched in 2013, calling to action the many benefits of hosting a meeting or event in the City's five boroughs ([nycgo.com/makeitnyc](http://nycgo.com/makeitnyc)).

NYC & Company offers a **Delegate Discount Pass** to all meeting and convention attendees, exhibitors, meeting planners and event staff, offering savings at a selection of New York City attractions, restaurants, shops and more. Delegates can access the pass by emailing [destinationervices@nycgo.com](mailto:destinationervices@nycgo.com).

In January 2016, Governor Cuomo announced the \$1.5 billion expansion of the **Jacob K. Javits Convention Center**, adding more than 1 million square feet of event space. This includes a 500,000-square-foot exhibition hall, rooftop terrace, additional meeting rooms and a 55,000-square-foot ballroom, which will be the largest such space in the Northeast. Design firm LendLease Turner was chosen in January 2017 to lead the project, which broke ground on March 1, 2017 ([governor.ny.gov](http://governor.ny.gov)).

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## **WHAT'S NEW: ARTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT**

## **Recently Opened**

### **Joan Weill Center for Dance**

#### **Midtown West, Manhattan**

From October 18–22, five days of free dance classes commemorated the opening of the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation's \$25 million 10,000-square-foot expansion of Ailey's Joan Weill Center for Dance. The newly opened expansion is NYC's largest building dedicated to dance, with three new floors, four dance studios, two flexible classrooms, additional office space and more ([alvinailey.org](http://alvinailey.org)).

### **Metropolitan Opera 2017-18 Season**

#### **Lincoln Square, Manhattan**

On September 25, The Metropolitan Opera's 2017-18 season kicked off at Lincoln Center, featuring 220 opera performances of 26 works. The company's 133rd season launched with Vincenzo Bellini's bel canto tragedy *Norma*. There will also be two Met premieres, featuring composer Thomas Adès' 2016 opera *The Exterminating Angel* and Jules Massenet's *Cendrillon*, which is based on the story of Cinderella ([metopera.org](http://metopera.org)).

### **Leonard Bernstein at 100**

#### **New York City**

Beginning September 22, 2017, Leonard Bernstein at 100 will be a two-year global celebration of the career and life of the legendary composer. New York City programming will take place at the New York Philharmonic and Carnegie Hall, as well as several ballets choreographed to his music at the New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theater. In addition, the Grammy Museum is preparing a traveling exhibition of artifacts that will be housed at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts from December 12, 2017, to March 24, 2018. ([leonardbernstein.com](http://leonardbernstein.com)).

### **New York Philharmonic 2017–18 Season**

#### **Lincoln Square, Manhattan**

On September 19, 2017, the New York Philharmonic kicked off its 2017-18 season with new Music Director Designate Jaap van Zweden conducting *Mahler's Symphony No. 5*. For its 176th season, the New York Philharmonic is featuring several world premieres, including the *Star Wars – Film Concert Series* (occurred September 15–October 7) and Philip Glass' *Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra*, featuring soloists Katia and Marielle Labèque ([nyphil.org](http://nyphil.org)).

### **Brooklyn Museum Arts of Korea Gallery**

#### **Prospect Park, Brooklyn**

Unveiled September 15, the Brooklyn Museum's renovated Arts of Korea gallery is triple its original size and displays many works of art, some on view for the first time or after multiple decades in storage. The Brooklyn Museum has amassed one of the country's premier Korean collections and was one of the first museums in the United States to establish a permanent Korean art gallery. ([brooklynmuseum.org](http://brooklynmuseum.org)).

### **9/11 Tribute Museum**

#### **Lower Manhattan**

On June 13, more than a decade after it first opened, the expanded 9/11 Tribute Museum opened in its new location at 92 Greenwich Street. Since its inception, over four million visitors from around the world have experienced the core programming of the museum, to share authentic personal stories from those impacted by 9/11. The new facility is designed by Huntsman Architectural Group, and the added capacity contributes to the continual efforts to preserve the history of the attacks and their aftermath, by allowing more visitors access to the stories of those directly affected ([911tributemuseum.org](http://911tributemuseum.org)).

### **Brooklyn Historical Society DUMBO**

#### **Dumbo, Brooklyn**

On May 19, 2017, Brooklyn Historical Society opened its second location on Water Street in Brooklyn's iconic Dumbo neighborhood. The new space tells the history of Brooklyn's waterfronts and features a 3,200-square-foot exhibition space, a gift shop and breathtaking views of the New York skyline. The inaugural exhibition, called *Shifting Perspective*, features several photographs of Brooklyn's waterfront communities. An exhibition opening in December 2017 called *Waterfront* will tell the global and local story of the borough's waterfronts, its ecosystems and industries ([brooklynhistory.org](http://brooklynhistory.org)).

### **Center for the Study of Women's History at the New-York Historical Society Museum & Library**

#### **Upper West Side, Manhattan**

On April 29, 2017, the New-York Historical Society Museum & Library unveiled the transformation of its fourth-floor Henry Luce III Center to a permanent space devoted to women's history exhibitions and scholarship—the first of its kind in a US museum. The exhibit's centerpiece features a preeminent collection of Tiffany lamps in a sparkling gallery designed by architect Eva Jiřičná ([nyhistory.org](http://nyhistory.org)).

## **Brooklyn Steel**

### **Williamsburg, Brooklyn**

In April 2017, Brooklyn's largest general admission music venue, Brooklyn Steel, opened to the public. The venue, which accommodates up to 1,800, hosts year-round performances by local and international bands. It features three bars, an expansive mezzanine and raised platforms throughout the venue ([bowerypresents.com](http://bowerypresents.com)).

## **Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art**

### **SoHo, Manhattan**

On March 10, 2017, the Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art reopened in SoHo on Wooster Street, following a 5,600-square-foot expansion that doubled its exhibition space. As the first and only dedicated LGBTQ art museum in the world, the year-round museum features over 30,000 objects that tell the story of LGBTQ history through works of art, documentaries, exhibitions and annual programs ([leslielohman.org](http://leslielohman.org)).

## **The Met Breuer**

### **Upper East Side, Manhattan**

Opened to the public on March 18, 2016, the Met Breuer, the Metropolitan Museum of Art's newest building, provides additional space dedicated to 20th- and 21st-century art. The landmark building, designed by Marcel Breuer, expands on the museum's modern and contemporary art program, which includes new exhibitions, performances, residencies and educational initiatives ([metmuseum.org](http://metmuseum.org)).

## **Upcoming**

### **Spyscape: Interactive Spy Museum**

#### **Midtown Manhattan**

Opening December 2017, the world's largest interactive spy museum, featuring world-class architecture, artifacts, technology and experiences, will debut in Midtown Manhattan. Visitors will be able to test hacking, code breaking and espionage skills to discover their inner spy. Tickets are available now at \$39 for adults and \$32 for children ([spyscape.com](http://spyscape.com)).

### **60th Annual Grammy Awards**

#### **Midtown Manhattan**

For the first time since 2003, the Grammy Awards will make its grand return to New York City on January 28, 2018, at Madison Square Garden. Celebrating its 60th anniversary, the Grammys are expected to bring \$200 million in economic benefits to the City and \$82 million in direct spending ([grammy.com](http://grammy.com)).

### **Staten Island Zoo Aquarium**

#### **West Brighton, Staten Island**

On November 4, 2016, the Staten Island Zoo broke ground on its brand-new \$8 million aquarium that is expected to open spring 2018. The new building will replace the current aquarium and will feature four large floor-to-ceiling tanks, representing marine life from Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans ([statenilandzoo.org](http://statenilandzoo.org)).

### **The High Line Plinth**

#### **Far West Side, Manhattan**

Opening in 2018, the High Line will debut a new space dedicated specifically to art called the High Line Plinth. The new area on West 30th Street and Tenth Avenue, inspired by the Fourth Plinth in London's Trafalgar Square, will be a destination for major public art commissions and feature rotating exhibitions from global contemporary artists ([art.thehighline.org](http://art.thehighline.org)).

### **The Bronx Children's Museum**

#### **Grand Concourse, The Bronx**

The museum, which will provide educational programs and exhibits to children and families throughout the Bronx when it opens in 2018, broke ground in 2016 on a 12,800-square-foot space at the historic Bronx Terminal Market Powerhouse at Mill Pond Park. Kids' Powerhouse Discovery Center will serve nearly 75,000 children each year and will feature age-appropriate permanent and temporary interactive exhibits exploring the richness of the Bronx in the arts, culture, community, natural resources, greening and energy. It will also possess studio space for community gatherings and meetings ([bronxchildrensmuseum.org](http://bronxchildrensmuseum.org)).

### **WorldPride 2019**

#### **Citywide**

As part of the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, New York City was chosen as the host city for WorldPride 2019, marking the first time that the global event will be held in the United States. With a theme of "Millions of Moments of Pride," WorldPride 2019 will feature two months of programs and events, alongside NYC Pride's march and PrideFest in June 2019, among other events ([stonewall50.org](http://stonewall50.org)).

### **Jackie Robinson Museum**

#### **Lower Manhattan**

Several decades in the making, the Jackie Robinson Museum is projected to open in spring 2019 honoring baseball great Jackie Robinson. The museum, to be located at One Hudson Square in Lower Manhattan, will feature memorabilia from Robinson's career, including autographed photos, baseball bats and video documentaries ([jackierobinson.org](http://jackierobinson.org)).

### **The Shed**

#### **Far West Side, Manhattan**

A mixed-use venue located in the new Hudson Yards neighborhood, The Shed will be New York City's new center for artistic invention, dedicated to international and local displays of visual art, design, media and performances. The five-story building, scheduled to open in early 2019, will feature two column-free galleries, a theater, event and rehearsal space, an artist lab, a 120-foot-high temperature-controlled hall and a 17,000-square-foot plaza for outdoor programming ([theshed.org](http://theshed.org)).

### **Statue of Liberty Museum**

#### **Liberty Island, New York Harbor**

A brand-new \$70 million museum will enhance the visitor experience at the Statue of Liberty when it opens to the public in 2019. The Statue of Liberty Museum, a partnership between the National Park Service and Statue of Liberty–Ellis Island Foundation, will feature interactive displays, museum galleries and an immersive theater experience depicting the history of the statue and what it represents to our country. The museum will have unobstructed views of the iconic statue, all housed inside a state-of-the-art LEED Gold–certified building complete with a green roof ([libertyellisfoundation.org](http://libertyellisfoundation.org)).

### **The Museum of Modern Art Expansion**

#### **Midtown Manhattan**

A renovation and expansion project is underway at MoMA, which will enhance its galleries and public spaces. By 2019, the museum will have increased gallery space by a third and will be able to show significantly more of the collection in both new and renovated galleries. During construction, the museum will remain open with a full program of exhibitions. ([moma.org](http://moma.org)).

### **Allison and Roberto Mignone Halls of Gems at the American Museum of Natural History**

#### **Upper West Side, Manhattan**

The Morgan Memorial Hall of Gems will reopen in 2019 as the Allison and Roberto Mignone Halls of Gems, in celebration of the museum's 150th anniversary. With new large-scale pieces, exhibits in the 11,000-square-foot space will tell the story of how Earth's approximately 4,500 different minerals came to be ([amnh.org](http://amnh.org)).

### **Ronald O. Perelman Performing Arts Center at the World Trade Center**

#### **Lower Manhattan**

In 2020, an expansive 90,000-square-foot performing arts center will open at the World Trade Center, with celebrity chairman Barbra Streisand leading the theater's board. Constructed with translucent marble and glass, the venue will glow at night with internal light from performances inside its three tractable theaters, which can be combined to hold up to 1,200 guests. The flexible space will be home to a cultural hub for dance, music and other arts, as well as a lobby restaurant and bar space ([theperelman.org](http://theperelman.org)).

## **WHAT'S NEW: EXHIBITIONS**

### **Recently Opened**

#### ***Edvard Munch Between the Clock and the Bed* at The Met Breuer**

##### **Upper East Side, Manhattan**

From November 15, 2017–February 4, 2018, the Met Breuer will showcase 43 of Norwegian artist Edvard Munch's landmark compositions created over a span of six decades, including works that have never been seen in America. ([metmuseum.org](http://metmuseum.org)).

#### ***Michelangelo: Divine Draftsman and Designer* at The Met Fifth Avenue**

##### **Upper East Side, Manhattan**

On display November 13, 2017, through February 12, 2018, The Met Fifth Avenue celebrates the works of Michelangelo Buonarroti in a once-in-a-lifetime exhibition. Some of Michelangelo's works that will be on display include three of his marble sculptures, his earliest painting, a wooden architectural model for a chapel vault and 150 of his drawings ([metmuseum.org](http://metmuseum.org)).

#### ***Veiled Meanings: Fashioning Jewish Dress* at The Jewish Museum**

##### **Upper East Side, Manhattan**

The first comprehensive US exhibition drawn from the Israel Museum's world-renowned collection of Jewish costumes opened at the Jewish Museum on November 3 and remains on view through March 18, 2018. The exhibit showcases more than 100

articles of clothing from the 18th to 20th centuries, from over 20 countries on four continents, offering an opportunity for audiences to view many facets of Jewish identity and culture through rarely seen garments ([thejewishmuseum.org](http://thejewishmuseum.org)).

**Roots of “The Dinner Party”: History in the Making at the Brooklyn Museum  
Prospect Park, Brooklyn**

*Roots of “The Dinner Party”: History in the Making* is a new Brooklyn Museum exhibition on view through March 4, 2018, in the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art. It examines the making of and preparation for *The Dinner Party*, the now iconic feminist installation by Judy Chicago. As the first museum exhibition to examine Chicago’s inspirations and plans in depth, the new exhibit incorporates research documents, notebooks, sketches and more from 1971 through 1979 alongside *The Dinner Party*. ([brooklynmuseum.org](http://brooklynmuseum.org))

**Ai Weiwei: Good Fences Make Good Neighbors  
Multisite, Multimedia Exhibition**

Public art installation *Good Fences Make Good Neighbors* debuted October 12 with 300 works on view across the five boroughs (through February 11, 2018). Commissioned by the Public Art Fund in celebration of its 40th anniversary, themes explored by activist and artist Ai Weiwei include borders and immigration. Inspired by the international migration crisis, the project transforms metal security fences into powerful artistic symbols ([publicartfund.org](http://publicartfund.org)).

**Under One Roof at The Tenement Museum  
Lower East Side, Manhattan**

In October 2017, The Tenement Museum launched a new permanent exhibit entitled *Under One Roof*. Highlighting the lives of three immigrant and migrant families from China, Puerto Rico and Poland, the exhibition is housed in 103 Orchard Street and captures the post–World War II era of growing diversity on the Lower East Side. The Tenement Museum is now housed in two historic tenement buildings, 97 and 103 Orchard Street ([tenement.org](http://tenement.org)).

**Never Built New York at the Queens Museum  
Corona, Queens**

On view at the Queens Museum September 17, 2017–February 18, 2018, *Never Built New York* is a three-part exhibition showcasing the New York City that might have been. Original prints, drawings, models, installations and animations showcase an alternative reality of the City and document creative architectural and urban concepts that never came to fruition. ([queensmuseum.org](http://queensmuseum.org))

**Rodin at The Met at the Met  
Upper East Side, Manhattan**

On the centenary of the death of Auguste Rodin, the Metropolitan Museum of Art celebrates its historic collection of the artist’s work. The exhibition features iconic sculptures such as *The Thinker* and *The Hand of God*, as well as masterpieces such as *The Tempest* that have not been on view in decades. Launched September 16, 2017, *Rodin at The Met* runs through January 15, 2018 ([metmuseum.org](http://metmuseum.org)).

**Jim Henson: The Exhibition at Museum of the Moving Image  
Astoria, Queens**

A new permanent Jim Henson gallery debuted at the Museum of the Moving Image on July 22, 2017, with nearly 300 puppets, props and costumes donated by his family and The Jim Henson Company. Best known for his *Sesame Street* and Muppets characters, Henson will live on in the 2,200-square-foot Henson Gallery, which will also showcase his sketches, storyboards, scripts and video clips ([movingimage.us](http://movingimage.us)).

**Mummies at the American Museum of Natural History  
Upper West Side, Manhattan**

The American Museum of Natural History is offering an up-close look at 19 rarely seen mummies now through January 7, 2018. Visitors can learn about the cultures of ancient remains from Africa’s Nile Valley, the Andes Mountains of South America and other ancient Egyptian and Peruvian mummies. The exhibit also shows ways in which scientists study mummies using the latest isotopic and DNA testing techniques ([amnh.org](http://amnh.org)).

**Millions: Migrants and Millionaires aboard the Great Liners, 1900–1914 at the South Street Seaport Museum  
Lower Manhattan**

This South Street Seaport Museum exhibition is on view through January 7, 2018, on the museum’s mezzanine gallery level. The exhibit is one of the first to examine the dichotomy between first-class and third-class passengers aboard ocean liners in the early 20th century ([southstreetseaportmuseum.org](http://southstreetseaportmuseum.org)).

**Hop, Skip, Jump, and Fly: Escape from Gravity at the High Line  
Meatpacking District, Manhattan**

Through March 2018, Friends of the High Line is displaying a large-scale fiber wire art installation by American artist Sheila Hicks. The vibrant installation comprises twisted color tubes that crawl along the rail lines at the Western Rail Yards along the

30th Street and Eleventh Avenue section of the High Line, taking inspiration from construction vehicles at the rail yards, city streetscapes and surrounding architecture ([art.thehighline.org](http://art.thehighline.org)).

***Drones: Is the Sky the Limit?* at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum  
Hell's Kitchen, Manhattan**

Through December 3, the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum presents one of the first exhibitions on the history of drone technology, from the earliest unmanned flying machines to advanced systems of the 21st century. A variety of drones, historical artifacts, model airplanes and rare videos are on display. The exhibition also features an "immersion" theater where visitors experience dramatic images captured by the unique cinematographic perspective of the drone ([intrepidmuseum.org](http://intrepidmuseum.org)).

***Jim Henson: The Exhibition* at Museum of the Moving Image  
Astoria, Queens**

A new, permanent Jim Henson gallery debuted at the Museum of the Moving Image in July 2017, complete with a donation of nearly 300 puppets, props and costumes by Henson's family and The Jim Henson Company. Best known for his *Sesame Street* and Muppets characters, his legacy lives on in the 2,200-square-foot Henson Gallery, which also showcases Henson's sketches, storyboards, scripts and video clips ([movingimage.us](http://movingimage.us)).

***KONG: Skull Island Experience* at Madame Tussauds New York  
Times Square, Manhattan**

In March 2017, Madame Tussauds New York unveiled a new permanent multisensory experience coinciding with the movie release of *Kong: Skull Island*. Featuring an 18-foot-high interactive King Kong animatronic head, visitors will journey through a bamboo jungle trek inside the wax museum, where they will come face-to-face with King Kong himself ([madametussauds.com](http://madametussauds.com)).

***New Year's Eve Countdown Ball* at Ripley's Believe It or Not! Times Square  
Times Square, Manhattan**

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, Ripley's Believe it or Not! Times Square unveiled a new interactive exhibit on February 2, 2017, where visitors can celebrate New Year's Eve 365 days a year. The exhibit features the original ball from the 2007 centennial countdown and the Waterford Crystal podium that was used from the 2002–2014 countdowns. This is also the first exhibit that showcases 18 crystals from past countdowns ([ripleysnewyork.com](http://ripleysnewyork.com)).

## **Upcoming**

***Tarsila do Amaral: Inventing Modern Art in Brazil* at the Museum of Modern Art  
Midtown, Manhattan**

MoMA and the Art Institute of Chicago are pleased to debut the first exhibition in North America exclusively dedicated to the pioneering work of Tarsila do Amaral, one of the greatest Brazilian artists of the 20th century. On view in New York City from February 11 through June 3, 2018, the exhibition will focus on Do Amaral's pivotal production from the 1920s, tracing the path of her groundbreaking contributions through approximately 130 works, including paintings, drawings, sketchbooks and photographs drawn from collections across the United States, Latin America and Europe. ([moma.org](http://moma.org))

***Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i* at the New York Botanical Garden  
Fordham, The Bronx**

Debating May 19, 2018, the New York Botanical Garden will focus on legendary American artist Georgia O'Keeffe's immersion in the Hawaiian Islands in 1939. The exhibition will run through October 28, 2018 and will feature more than 15 original O'Keeffe paintings not seen together in New York since their 1940 debut, along with a lush flower show evoking the gardens and landscapes that inspired O'Keeffe ([nybg.org](http://nybg.org)).

***Giacometti* at The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum  
Upper East Side, Manhattan**

From June 8 through September 16, 2018, the Guggenheim will have more than 175 works by Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti on exhibition. The show incorporates historical photographs documenting his relationship with the Guggenheim and New York City. Giacometti's works have not been on view in a major American museum in 15 years, and this revisitation of the preeminent modernist's works highlight plaster sculptures, paintings, drawings and more ([guggenheim.org](http://guggenheim.org)).

***Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* at New York Aquarium  
Coney Island, Brooklyn**

Scheduled to be completed in 2018, the Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium will open an exhibition entitled *Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* The 57,000-square-foot building will house more than 115 species of marine wildlife, including sharks, skates and rays. A historic groundbreaking event earlier this year marked the beginning of the rebuilding and transformation of the New York Aquarium, post-Hurricane Sandy ([nyaquarium.com](http://nyaquarium.com)).

## WHAT'S NEW: BROADWAY & OFF-BROADWAY

### Recently Opened

***The Parisian Woman***  
Broadway (November 9, 2017)  
Starring Uma Thurman  
([parisianwomanbroadway.com](http://parisianwomanbroadway.com))

***Once On This Island The Musical***  
Broadway (November 9, 2017)  
Tony Award®-winning writers of *Anastasia* and *Ragtime*  
([onceonthisisland.com](http://onceonthisisland.com))

***SpongeBob SquarePants***  
Broadway (November 6, 2017)  
A new musical opening at the Palace Theatre  
([spongebobroadway.com](http://spongebobroadway.com))

***Meteor Shower***  
Broadway (November 1, 2017)  
Comedy by Steve Martin, starring Amy Schumer  
([meteoronbroadway.com](http://meteoronbroadway.com))

***Torch Song Trilogy***  
Off-Broadway (September 26, 2017)  
Based on Harvey Fierstein's Tony-Award winning play  
([2st.com](http://2st.com))

***The End of Longing***  
Off-Broadway (May 18, 2017)  
Starring Matthew Perry  
([mcctheater.org](http://mcctheater.org))

***Anastasia, The New Musical***  
Broadway (April 24, 2017)  
Starring Christy Altomare and Derek Klena  
([anastasiabroadway.com](http://anastasiabroadway.com))

***In & Of Itself***  
Off-Broadway (April 5, 2017)  
Directed by four-time Emmy Award winner Frank Oz  
Executive Producer Neil Patrick Harris  
([inandofitselfshow.com](http://inandofitselfshow.com))

***Hello Dolly!***  
Broadway (March 15, 2017)  
Starring Bette Midler and David Hyde  
([hellodollyonbroadway.com](http://hellodollyonbroadway.com))

***Come From Away, A New Musical***  
Broadway (March 12, 2017)  
Directed by Christopher Ashley  
([comefromaway.com](http://comefromaway.com))

***Dear Evan Hansen***  
Broadway (November 22, 2016)  
Starring Ben Platt and Laura Dreyfuss  
([dearevanhansen.com](http://dearevanhansen.com))

### Upcoming

***Rodgers & Hammerstein's CAROUSEL***  
Broadway (February 28, 2018)  
Directed by three-time Tony Award winner Jack O'Brien  
First time on Broadway in over two decades  
([carouselbroadway.com](http://carouselbroadway.com))

***Frozen, The Broadway Musical***  
Broadway (February 2018)  
Starring Caissie Leby and Patti Murin  
([frozenthemusical.com](http://frozenthemusical.com))

***Mean Girls***  
Broadway (March 12, 2018)  
Book by Tina Fey  
([meangirlsonbroadway.com](http://meangirlsonbroadway.com))

***The Iceman Cometh***  
Broadway (March 22, 2018)  
Limited Engagement Starring Denzel Washington  
([icemanonbroadway.com](http://icemanonbroadway.com))

***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child***  
Broadway (April 22, 2018)  
Opening at the new Lyric Theatre  
([harrypottertheplay.com](http://harrypottertheplay.com))

***King Kong***  
Broadway (Fall 2018)  
Opening at the Broadway Theatre  
([kingkongonbroadway.com](http://kingkongonbroadway.com))

***Pretty Woman: The Musical***  
Broadway (Fall 2018)  
Based on the iconic film  
(website forthcoming)

***To Kill a Mockingbird***  
Broadway (December 13, 2018)  
Directed by Tony Award® winner Bartlett Sher  
(Website forthcoming)

For more information about Broadway and Off-Broadway, go to [nycgo.com/broadway](http://nycgo.com/broadway) and [nycgo.com/off-broadway](http://nycgo.com/off-broadway).

## WHAT'S NEW: ATTRACTIONS, TOURS & SPORTS

### Recently Opened

#### **National Geographic Encounter: *Ocean Odyssey* Times Square, Manhattan**

On October 6, 2017 National Geographic and SPE Partners' debuted their groundbreaking walk-through attraction in Times Square, Ocean Odyssey. Visitors are transported on an underwater journey in the heart of Times Square without getting wet, thanks to cutting-edge technology and National Geographic's rich history of storytelling ([natgeoencounter.com](http://natgeoencounter.com)).

#### **Zip Line and Nature Trek at the Bronx Zoo Fordham, The Bronx**

The Bronx Zoo recently opened a zip line, which will take riders 45 feet above the Bronx River. The zoo also opened Nature Trek, a new kid-friendly adventure course that include a tree house and nature-themed playground ([bronxzootreetop.com](http://bronxzootreetop.com)).

#### **The Sightseeing Pass Citywide**

With 1,2,3,5 or 7-day all-inclusive passes, The Sightseeing Pass offers access and significant savings at more than 90 New York City attractions. The Sightseeing Pass is the only attraction pass to include admission to the One World Observatory, and offers up to five Hop-On, Hop-Off double-decker bus loops. Visitors can also choose a Flex option, allowing them to pick a few select attractions; all passes can be purchased for mobile use ([sightseeingpass.com](http://sightseeingpass.com)).

#### **Gulliver's Gate Times Square, Manhattan**

On May 9, Gulliver's Gate became the newest addition to Midtown Manhattan. The attraction features more than 300 miniature buildings and more than 1,000 model train cars, including 3-D printed replicas of Times Square, Grand Central Terminal and parts of Lower Manhattan, along with scenes from around the world. The 23,000-square-foot space occupies the ground floor of the former *New York Times* building ([gulliversgate.com](http://gulliversgate.com)).

#### **Yankee Stadium 2017 Enhancements South Bronx**

In April, Yankee Stadium debuted major additions that are designed to enhance the fan experience. A 2,850-square-foot Sunrun Kids Clubhouse, the stadium's first children's zone, features a miniature baseball field and a playground for younger fans, complete with a 6-foot-high replica World Series trophy. Several new lounges have also either opened or been expanded, including the MasterCard Batter's Eye Deck adding an additional 3,500 square feet, the AT&T Sports Lounge with full bar and cocktail offerings, new Budweiser Party Decks and the new left- and right-field Bullpen Landings ([yankees.com](http://yankees.com)).

#### **THE DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE, powered by THE RIDE Lower Manhattan**

In April, THE RIDE introduced a brand-new experiential bus tour that takes visitors around Lower Manhattan's most notable landmarks and history. THE DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE is a multimedia historical adventure featuring some of THE RIDE's signature performance interludes and enhanced with the advanced technology of our partner Timelooper. Highlighted by the magic of six virtual reality visualizations, it allows visitors to travel back in time and relive iconic historical moments ([experiencetheride.com](http://experiencetheride.com)).

#### **Choco-Story New York, The Chocolate Museum and Experience with Jacques Torres Hudson Square, Manhattan**

On March 7, renowned chocolatier Jacques Torres opened New York City's first chocolate museum inside his Hudson Square chocolate store. The new 5,000-square-foot museum brings visitors on a self-guided tour on the origins of chocolate and how it's made. Tastings include Mayan hot chocolate and bon-bons ([mrchocolate.com/museum](http://mrchocolate.com/museum)).

#### **Brooklyn Unplugged Tours: Intro to Queens Walking Tour Long Island City, Queens**

In January 2017, Brooklyn Unplugged introduced its first off-the-beaten path tour in Queens, showcasing Long Island City as one of the City's most transformative and trendy neighborhoods. Visitors will learn about the history of the once industrial neighborhood and see how old factories have been transformed into cultural institutions, parks, restaurants and hi-rise buildings, complete with incredible skyline views across the East River ([brooklynunplugged.com](http://brooklynunplugged.com)).

#### **Sunrise Experience at The Empire State Building Midtown Manhattan**

In October 2016, the iconic Empire State Building introduced a brand-new sunrise experience that allows guests to see the sunrise over New York City from the building's 86th-floor observation deck. The intimate experience is available for select dates and times, and is limited to 100 visitors each day ([esbnyc.com](http://esbnyc.com)).

### **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Flushing, Queens**

As part of a \$600 million renovation of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, the US Tennis Association debuted its \$150 million retractable roof over Arthur Ashe Stadium in August 2016 in time for the 2016 US Open. Additional improvements throughout the complex include a new 6,000-seat Grandstand Stadium, an expanded and enhanced entry plaza for visitors, new LED lighting and a chilled water ventilation system inside Arthur Ashe Stadium ([usta.com](http://usta.com)).

### **The Hills**

#### **Governors Island, New York Harbor**

The final phase of Governors Island Park, The Hills, opened to the public on July 19, 2016. The Hills comprises four man-made hills, rising 25 to 70 feet above the island, with dramatic new experiences and views of New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty and the Lower Manhattan skyline. New dining offerings, including a pop-up oyster bar called Island Oyster, zip-lining, the longest slide in NYC and other adventure activities await. Governors Island will re-open to the public for the 2018 season from May 1 to October 31 ([govisland.com](http://govisland.com)).

## **Upcoming**

### **NFL Experience Times Square Midtown Manhattan**

Set to open November 30, 2017, the NFL Experience Times Square will bring the world of professional football to life. Including a 4D film with exclusive footage, interactive displays that dive into the NFL training regimen and game plan, physical challenges that allow guests to measure up against the pros and championship memorabilia, the first-of-its-kind attraction will take fans from the stands to the field ([nfl Experience.com](http://nfl Experience.com)).

### **Opry City Stage Times Square, Manhattan**

Opry City Stage, a four-story, 27,000-square-foot entertainment complex dedicated to country music and Southern culture, is scheduled to open this month - November, 2017. Guests will get a taste of country in the city. With live country music from a stage in the restaurant and bar, a menu of Southern favorites from renowned chefs, a listening room featuring intimate, ticketed shows and songwriter's series, the venue brings Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry to New York City ([oprycitystage.com](http://oprycitystage.com)).

### **New York Wheel St. George, Staten Island**

Located on the northeastern side of Staten Island near the St. George Ferry Terminal, the 630-foot-tall New York Wheel will be the tallest observation wheel in the world and the only one in New York City. The Wheel will feature a 38-minute ride in one of its 36 capsules, and will be home to a 10,000 square-foot playground, as well as an outdoor beer garden. Its green roof will be one of the largest in North America, hosting concerts, festivals, and other events. The Wheel is expected to attract as many as 30,000 visitors per day and an anticipated 4 million visitors per year when it opens ([newyorkwheel.com](http://newyorkwheel.com)).

### **Vessel at Hudson Yards Far West Side, Manhattan**

Expected to be completed in mid-2018, Vessel is a 600-ton permanent public art centerpiece that will debut in a five-acre plaza and garden within the Hudson Yards development. Designed by Thomas Heatherwick, the centerpiece will feature 154 interconnecting flights of stairs and more than 2,500 individual steps with 80 landings. At 15 stories high, visitors are invited to explore its pathways and take in amazing views of New York City's skyline ([hudsonyardsnewyork.com](http://hudsonyardsnewyork.com)).

### **Pier 55**

#### **Hudson River Park, Manhattan**

Pier 55, a 2.7-acre pier that broke ground summer 2016, will run alongside Manhattan's lower west side, from Bloomfield Street to 14th Street. Funded primarily by The Diller-von Furstenberg Family Foundation, the pier will consist of a public park complete with lush lawns and pathways, and a performance space that is expected to become one of New York City's premier venues for music, dance, theater and public art. The park is expected to be completed by 2019 ([hudsonriverpark.org](http://hudsonriverpark.org)).

### **The Observation Deck at Hudson Yards Far West Side, Manhattan**

Scheduled to be completed in 2019, 30 Hudson Yards will be home to New York City's highest outdoor observation deck at 1,296 feet tall, featuring river-to-river panoramic views of the City's skyline ([hudsonyardsnewyork.com](http://hudsonyardsnewyork.com)).

### **One Vanderbilt Skydeck Midtown Manhattan**

Manhattan's second-tallest skyscraper, One Vanderbilt, will debut in 2020 at 1,401 feet. In addition to a new 11,000-square-foot restaurant and café from top chef Daniel Boulud, the building will include an indoor-outdoor observation deck at 1,100 feet above street level, featuring stunning views of the nearby Chrysler Building and Grand Central Terminal below. Visitors will be able to access the new observation deck through a direct entrance inside Grand Central Terminal, just steps from its main concourse ([onevanderbilt.com](http://onevanderbilt.com)).

### **Rockaway Beach and Boardwalk Parks Rockaway, Queens**

In October 2017, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that seven parks projects would be undertaken to protect the Rockaways from future flooding. The initiative, intended to debut from 2020 onward, intends to restore native wetlands as a natural buffer along Jamaica Bay and raise shorelines destroyed by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, while also adding sports fields, play areas and a kayaking park ([nycgovparks.org](http://nycgovparks.org)).

### **The Lowline Lower East Side, Manhattan**

After a successful testing period that ended February 2017, The Lowline Lab is making way for The Lowline, New York City's first underground park on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. The Lowline Lab at the former Williamsburg Bridge Trolley Terminal was designed to test and showcase how the site will grow and sustain plants underground. The new 60,000-square-foot park will be built just down the street from the former lab, using solar technology to transmit sunlight to allow for plant growth. The project is expected to be completed by 2021 as the world's first underground park ([thelowline.org](http://thelowline.org)).

## **WHAT'S NEW: NYC RETAIL**

### **Recently Opened**

#### **Tiffany & Co.**

##### **Midtown Manhattan**

Two new concept stores by Tiffany & Co. are launching in iconic Midtown Manhattan locations in advance of the holiday travel season. Rockefeller Center and Grand Central Terminal will house the pop-ups for 12–18 months, through early to mid-2019 ([tiffany.com](http://tiffany.com)).

#### **FAO Schwarz at Bergdorf Goodman**

##### **Midtown East, Manhattan**

After the 2015 closure of one of NYC's most iconic toy stores, holiday shoppers can now rejoice over a pop-up launched October 25 within Bergdorf Goodman (754 Fifth Ave at 58th St). The FAO Schwarz "shop-in-shop" will remain open through December 31, offering visitors the chance to create music on the iconic piano popularized in the film *Big* and purchase items from the FAO Schwarz holiday collection ([bergdorfgoodman.com](http://bergdorfgoodman.com)).

#### **Bulgari**

##### **Midtown East, Manhattan**

On October 20, Bulgari reopened its flagship Fifth Avenue store, with a redesign by architect Peter Marino, taking inspiration from the Bulgari flagship store on Via Condotti in Rome. The new Bulgari New York Collection celebrates the reimagining and relaunch of the store, four decades after its debut, in one of the City's most strategic retail locations ([bulgari.com](http://bulgari.com)).

#### **Toys "R" Us**

##### **Midtown West, Manhattan**

In August, Toys "R" Us announced it would open a 35,000-square-foot store in the Knickerbocker Building on Broadway near 42nd Street for the holidays. In a nod to the original Times Square store, closed in 2015, the new venue will include an animatronic dinosaur, and new experiential play areas with toy demos. Long-haul domestic and international visitors staying over the winter holidays can take advantage of online ordering and in-store pickup.

#### **City Point Center**

##### **Downtown Brooklyn**

City Point is the largest and most visible mixed-use center in Downtown Brooklyn. The center includes retail, residential and office components totaling 1.8 million square feet. The 675,000-square-foot retail center is home to **Century 21**, **Target**, and a 796-seat **Alamo Drafthouse** cinema, which all opened October 2016. The 35,000-square-foot **DeKalb Market Hall** at City

Point, is one of the largest food halls in New York City and opened in spring 2017. ([citypointbrooklyn.com](http://citypointbrooklyn.com)).

**Saks Fifth Avenue  
Lower Manhattan**

Saks Fifth Avenue opened its 16,750-square-foot men's store at the end of February 2017. The store is in the Brookfield Place shopping and dining complex, joining a previously opened 85,000-square-foot Saks Fifth Avenue store exclusively for women at Brookfield Place ([saksfifthavenue.com](http://saksfifthavenue.com)).

**Westfield World Trade Center  
Lower Manhattan**

Opened August 16, 2016, Westfield World Trade Center is one of the most complete retail destinations in New York City. Westfield World Trade Center provides Lower Manhattan with 350,000 square feet of fashion, culinary and artistic experiences and is home to a diverse mix of 150 global and local fashion, lifestyle, technology and culinary brands; an exquisite collection of casual and upscale dining; the City's second Eataly food hall; a range of New York-centric services and amenities powered by state-of-the-art technology; and must-see cultural experiences ([wtc.westfield.com](http://wtc.westfield.com)).

**Upcoming**

**Harry Winston Flagship  
Midtown East, Manhattan**

As one of New York City's most historic brands, iconic jewelry salon Harry Winston is currently undergoing an extensive renovation of its 56-year-old flagship store. Set to be completed in 2018, the exclusive jewelry company will reopen its flagship location on Fifth Avenue, joining more than 30 other Harry Winston jewelry salons around the world ([harrywinston.com](http://harrywinston.com)).

**Hudson Yards  
Far West Side, Manhattan**

Hudson Yards is the largest private real estate development in the history of the United States and the largest development in New York City since Rockefeller Center. The site will include more than 17 million square feet of commercial and residential space, more than 100 shops and boutiques, 20 restaurants including a 35,000-square-foot Spanish food hall from chef José Andrés, approximately 5,000 residences, 14 acres of public open space and a 150-room luxury hotel. The retail space will include New York City's first **Neiman Marcus** store. The initial phase of Hudson Yards opened in May 2016, with Coach occupying 10 Hudson Yards as its first tenant, followed by L'Oréal Group in June ([hudsonyardsnewyork.com](http://hudsonyardsnewyork.com)).

**Empire Outlets  
St. George, Staten Island**

Located in St. George, Staten Island, the Empire Outlets will debut in March 2018 with 1.1 million square feet of retail space including approximately 100 shops and an extensive array of waterfront food and beverage concepts, in addition to a 190-room boutique hotel ([empireoutletsnyc.com](http://empireoutletsnyc.com)).

**Pier 17  
Seaport District NYC, Manhattan**

Anticipated to open in summer 2018 after an extensive reconstruction, Pier 17 will create 40 percent more open space than was there previously and will showcase expanded views of the New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn and Lower Manhattan. The new Pier 17 building will feature a glass facade encompassing a wide range of stores such as McNally Jackson and 10 Corso Como, as well as neighborhood shops and restaurants including a flagship restaurant by Jean-Georges Vongerichten, by CHLOE, Big Gay Ice Cream and the City's first iPic movie theater ([seaportdistrict.nyc](http://seaportdistrict.nyc)).

**Nordstrom  
Columbus Circle, Manhattan**

New York City's first Nordstrom department store, expected to open in two phases over the course of 2018, will occupy the first seven floors of a new luxury high-rise building on West 57th Street, known as "Billionaires' Row." The Nordstrom men's store will open in spring 2018, followed by the Nordstrom flagship opening in fall 2019. ([shop.nordstrom.com](http://shop.nordstrom.com)).

**Hermès  
Meatpacking District, Manhattan**

Expected to open in spring 2019, luxury brand Hermès will open its three-level, 100,000-square-foot store in Manhattan's Meatpacking District. Featuring a new retail concept combined with high-tech amenities, the new store will offer high-end fragrances, scarves, enamel bracelets and silver jewelry. The store will have a casual look and feel, as well as a rooftop terrace for events ([hermes.com](http://hermes.com)).

## WHAT'S NEW: NYC DINING

### Recently Opened

#### **Eleven Madison Park**

##### **Flatiron District, Manhattan**

Three Michelin-starred Eleven Madison Park reopened October 6, 2017, following a four-month interior redesign. The dining room's focal point is a piece of art by Rita Ackermann as well as other artworks by Daniel Turner, Sol LeWitt, and Olympia Scarry. New royal blue banquettes keep guests comfortable through chef Daniel Humm's multicourse tasting menus, and an abridged tasting menu for bar guests is both more affordable and expedient ([elevenmadisonpark.com](http://elevenmadisonpark.com)).

#### **The Aviary**

##### **Columbus Circle, Manhattan**

The Aviary is a concept restaurant from Chef Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas of the Alinea Group that opened at the Mandarin Oriental, New York, on September 27. The new restaurant has sweeping views from the hotel's 35th floor overlooking Central Park, along with 90 seats for diners and an adjacent speakeasy-style space called The Office. With an open kitchen design, the restaurant offers an interactive experience and inventive cocktails ([aviarynyc.com](http://aviarynyc.com)).

#### **Martina**

##### **East Village, Manhattan**

Danny Meyer's Union Square Hospitality Group launched its newest restaurant in August 2017 in Manhattan's East Village neighborhood. The new fast-casual establishment seats can accommodate 50 guests seated, 70 standing as a private event space. The restaurant features Rome-inspired specialty made pizzas, plus wine and beer ([ushgnyc.com](http://ushgnyc.com)).

#### **Kitchen 21**

##### **Coney Island, Brooklyn**

Located next to the Ford Amphitheater at Coney Island Boardwalk, Kitchen 21 opened on May 21, as Coney Island's newest dining experience. The space features five different establishments under one roof: Coney Island Café, Test Kitchen, Community Clam Bar, Parachute Bar and Boardwalk & Vine. Under the supervision of chef Joseph Raiola who previously worked with The Plaza and Tavern on the Green, Kitchen 21 offers dishes including a "Raw Bar-in-a-Box" seafood sampler and surf-and-turf burgers topped with grilled shrimp and bacon ([coneyisland.com](http://coneyisland.com)).

### **THE GRILL**

#### **Midtown Manhattan**

The famed Four Seasons restaurant inside the Seagram Building reopened as THE GRILL in May 2017. Operator Major Food Group worked together with restaurateurs Mario Carbone, Rich Torrisi and Jeff Zalaznick to modernize the space, which features two restaurants. Diners can experience classic American cuisine in the GRILL or enjoy modern seafood dishes at THE POOL, which will include the Four Seasons' original in-restaurant pool ([majorfood.com](http://majorfood.com)).

#### **Ortzi**

##### **Midtown Manhattan**

On May 2, award-winning chef Jose Garces opened his Basque-inspired restaurant Ortzi inside the new LUMA Hotel in Times Square. As the hotel's signature restaurant, the menu features a contemporary intimate bar and café, located just a few blocks from scenic Bryant Park ([lumahotels.com](http://lumahotels.com)).

#### **The Heights**

##### **Nomad, Manhattan**

Located at the Arlo NoMad Hotel, The Heights is a rooftop bar by chef Dale Talde that opened to the public on April 21. With a picturesque backdrop featuring the Empire State Building, the new bar offers creative cocktails as well as Detroit-style pizza, salad and sandwiches ([arlohotels.com](http://arlohotels.com)).

#### **Yellow Magnolia Café**

##### **Prospect Heights, Brooklyn**

Patina Group's newest restaurant, Yellow Magnolia Café, opened to the public on April 11, inside the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Named for the distinctive yellow magnolias in the garden, the restaurant serves vegetable-focused cuisine made from ingredients that are sourced from local farms and purveyors, including produce picked right from the gardens on-site ([yellowmagnoliacafe.com](http://yellowmagnoliacafe.com)).

#### **Clinton Hall**

##### **Belmont, The Bronx**

With its unique selection of beer and burgers, Clinton Hall opened its second New York City location in the Bronx on March 23.

The new outpost offers giant-size board games including Connect Four, Scrabble and Jenga, as well as additional food offerings such as the Cheetos Burger, grilled cheese and donuts ([clintonhallny.com](http://clintonhallny.com)).

**The Whitby Bar**  
**Upper Midtown, Manhattan**

Firmdale Hotels' second New York City hotel, The Whitby opened to the public on February 27. The hotel's restaurant, The Whitby Bar, offers a unique dining experience in a contemporary art-and-design setting, complete with warehouse-style windows and hanging basket fixtures. Innovative cocktails are served at its 30-foot pewter bar, along with all-day dining and traditional afternoon tea ([firmdalehotels.com](http://firmdalehotels.com)).

**The Wooly Public**  
**Lower Manhattan**

In February 2017, the Wooly Public, opened as an exclusive restaurant inside the Woolworth Building. As the first public restaurant inside the national historic landmark, the new full-service restaurant and cocktail bar features old-school eats with a twist, as well as a two-part bar menu with lesser-known classic cocktails and new contemporary concoctions ([thewoolypublic.com](http://thewoolypublic.com)).

**abcV**  
**Flatiron District, Manhattan**

In February 2017, chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten opened his third restaurant in New York City. Taking inspiration from abc kitchen and plant-based diets, the new abcV restaurant has room for 75 diners, serving vegetarian and vegan dishes that embrace wellness for both the body and planet ([abchome.com](http://abchome.com)).

**Norman at A/D/O**  
**Greenpoint, Brooklyn**

International acclaimed chefs Claus Meyer and Fredrik Berselius opened their 140-seat restaurant Norman in January 2017, featuring a café and bakery inspired by seasonal ingredients and Nordic cuisine. The restaurant is part of the 23,000-square-foot co-working space from BMW's Mini car brand, featuring open space for entrepreneurs to create innovations that improve urban life ([a-d-o.com](http://a-d-o.com)).

**Gotham Market at The Ashland**  
**Fort Greene, Brooklyn**

Gotham West Market recently expanded into Brooklyn with a 16,000-square-foot food hall that opened late January 2017 near Barclay Center. With eight food and beverage providers including a pop-up location for local chefs and restaurateurs, the market features Spanish tapas from Boqueria, rotisserie chicken spot Flip Bird and Midtown Manhattan's Mason Jar restaurant with beer, bourbon and BBQ specialties ([gothammarketashland.com](http://gothammarketashland.com)).

**Canal Street Market**  
**Chinatown, Manhattan**

In November 2016 a 12,000-square-foot food hall debuted on Canal Street in Manhattan's Chinatown neighborhood. Some of the 11 vendors include Davey's Ice Cream, Boba Guy's bubble tea and Yori Nori ([canalstreet.market](http://canalstreet.market)).

**Eataly NYC Downtown**  
**Lower Manhattan**

On August 11, 2016, Eataly opened its second New York City location inside 4 World Trade Center as part of the new Westfield World Trade Center shopping complex. Eataly NYC Downtown is a bustling 40,000-square-foot Italian food and wine marketplace, featuring four casual dining spots, an upscale restaurant, a coffee and wine bar and floor-to-ceiling views overlooking the 9/11 Memorial ([eataly.com](http://eataly.com)).

**Upcoming**

**American Market by Todd English**  
**Times Square, Manhattan**

Celebrity chef Todd English will open an 11,907 square-foot food hall in summer 2017. Located in Times Square on 43rd Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, the food hall will be located inside the former *New York Times* building and nearby Gulliver's Gate and National Geographic Times Square, two of Midtown's newest attractions. This will be English's second food hall in New York City, with his other location at The Plaza Hotel ([cheftoddenglish.com](http://cheftoddenglish.com)).

**Scarpetta**  
**NoMad, Manhattan**

The newly renovated The James New York – NoMad will debut its restaurant, Scarpetta, and cocktail bar this winter, managed by critically acclaimed New York-based restaurant group LDV Hospitality ([jameshotels.com](http://jameshotels.com)).

**North End Food Hall**  
**Washington Heights, Manhattan**

North End Food Hall is set to open in early 2018 and will be the first food and beer hall in Upper Manhattan. Featuring 6,000 square feet of space with six kiosks and a hip design, the food destination will be easily accessible by the A subway line ([northendnyc.com](http://northendnyc.com)).

**Mission Chinese**  
**Bushwick, Brooklyn**

The San Francisco Sichuan-inspired restaurant Mission Chinese, helmed by chef Danny Bowien, is headed to Bushwick, Brooklyn, in March 2018, joining its Lower East Side outpost ([missionchinesefood.com](http://missionchinesefood.com)).

**The Marketplace at Empire Outlets (MRKTPL)**

**St. George, Staten Island**

The Marketplace at Empire Outlets, or MRKTPL, will hold 12,000 square feet of local and international food spots, with another 3,000 square feet of outdoor dining. The food hall plans to open in late 2018, and will be Staten Island's first artisanal food hall. The Marketplace will be run by Manny Del Castillo and Jamie Hinojos, the creative director and director of operations at the Gansevoort Market ([empireoutletsnyc.com](http://empireoutletsnyc.com)).

**Japan Village**  
**Sunset Park, Brooklyn**

Tony Yoshida and Takuya Yoshida, owners of Michelin-starred Kyo Ya, are opening a 20,000-square-foot food hall in Industry City Building 4, in Sunset Park. Being marketed as a "Japanese Eatery," the project will consist of six food stalls, an izakaya, a sake store, specialty grocery and more and will open by spring 2018 (website forthcoming).

**Martina**  
**East Village, Manhattan**

Danny Meyer's Union Square Hospitality Group opened its newest restaurant in 2017 in Manhattan's East Village neighborhood. The new establishment, featuring specialty made pizzas, wine and beer, seats 75 patrons along with sidewalk seating ([ushgnyc.com](http://ushgnyc.com)).

**Essex Street Market at Essex Crossing**  
**Lower East Side, Manhattan**

Featuring more than 30 market vendors, a brand-new Essex Street Market is expected to debut in June 2018 as part of the Essex Crossing redevelopment project on the Lower East Side. The 37,000-square-foot underground market will replace the current Essex Street Market, featuring local tenants including clothing boutiques, artisans, galleries, food purveyors and more ([essexcrossingnyc.com](http://essexcrossingnyc.com)).

**Hudson Yards Food Hall**  
**Far West Side, Manhattan**

Globally renowned, experimental Catalan chefs, the Adrià brothers, are planning their first dining venue in New York City. Three tapas-inspired eatery concepts will respectively offer Spanish pizza, a tortilla stand and a jamón bar to diners, along with 100+ shops and restaurants that will be housed within a 35,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor food hall at 10 Hudson Yards. The project is currently projected to open in fall 2018.

**Bourdain Market**  
**Pier 57, Manhattan**

In 2019, celebrity chef and television personality Anthony Bourdain will open the 155,000-square-foot Bourdain Market at the Super Pier, Pier 57 on 15th Street (at the Hudson River). The market will include approximately 100 retail and wholesale food vendors, including fishmongers, butchers, bakers and other artisans, and eventually at least one full-service restaurant, in addition to prepared-food stalls ([bourdainmarket.com](http://bourdainmarket.com)).