

NEW YORK CITY CAN BE A BARGAIN IF YOU KNOW WHERE TO LOOK

Planning a trip to New York City does not have to be a budget breaking experience. Though New York is an expensive city to live in, and an expensive one to visit, there are bargains to be had, if you know where to look!

Following extensive interviews with New York travel and tourism professionals, we have accumulated the following tips that will save you money!

If you are interested in:

- Seeing some of the world's greatest sites
- Residing comfortably at an economical price
- Traveling through the City with ease, avoiding expensive taxicabs
- Reducing your meal costs, and
- Purchasing half price tickets to the latest Broadway shows, then read on!

COUPONS FOR ATTRACTIONS

The New York Visitors and Convention Bureau (NYCVB) at 2 Columbus Circle, publishes the New York City Book of Bargains. Like the name says, it is full of special dollar(s)-off coupons, good at local restaurants, attractions, museums and retail shops.

To obtain a coupon booklet, stop by the New York Visitors and Convention Bureau, or stop by a tourist information stand. The stands are located in various areas of the city. Each stand is stocked with attraction, museum, and theatre brochures. The stand attendant usually speaks two to three languages including English.

The stands may be found throughout the Times Square area, at the Grand Central Station terminal on 42nd and Park Avenue, and in front of the Empire State Building at 34th Street and 5th Avenue.

Ask the stand attendant for a New York City Book of Bargains! And remember, the New York City Book of Bargains is free!

NEW YORK ATTRACTIONS NETWORK (NYAN) COUPONS

When you visit an attraction in New York City, be sure to ask them for a NYAN coupon booklet. Each attraction in the NYAN booklet will admit one person at half price when they are accompanied by a full paid admission. You can pick up and use your NYAN booklet at any of the following attractions.

The Empire State Building Observatory--34th Street at 5th Avenue
View New York City from the Observation decks of this world famous landmark.

Guinness World of Records Exhibition--34th Street at 5th Avenue in the Empire State Building
The exhibition brings to life the wonders of the Guinness Book of Records with videos, displays, models, and computers.

Madison Square Garden--Seventh Avenue at 32nd Street
See the inner workings of the breathtaking 20,000 seat Arena. Go from behind the scenes to an onstage tour of one of New York's premier concert theaters--The Paramount.

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts--Broadway at 66th Street

Tour the exciting theaters of America's first performing arts center. Glimpse rehearsals in action during backstage tours of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York State Theater, Avery Fisher Hall, the Vivian Beaumont Theater and the Mitzi Newhouse Theater.

Hayden Planetarium--Central Park West at 81st Street

See the stars and enjoy the spectacular sky shows, children's programming and special events.

Carnegie Hall--881 Seventh Avenue

Experience Carnegie Hall firsthand with a captivating tour that takes you through music history.

Snug Harbor Cultural Center--1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island

Discover a world of concerts, sculpture, contemporary art, family art workshops, and more, all set in 28 historic building on an 83 acre Park.

UN Visitor Center--First Avenue at 46th Street

An uncommon experience on common ground is waiting for you. You can take a tour in one of 20 languages, trace the course of world events, circle the globe in 60 minutes and visit the conference halls where nations gather.

Brooklyn Museum--200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn

See a renowned ancient Egyptian collection, cutting-edge contemporary art and works from Africa and Asia.

Museum of the Moving Image--36-01 35th Avenue, Long Island City, New York

Dedicated to film, television and video, the Museum of the Moving Image is the only museum of its kind. It is located 15 minutes from midtown in the historic Astoria Studios

New York Botanical Garden--Southern Boulevard, Bronx New York

See flowers from around the world in a breathtaking garden setting.

Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum--West 46th Street at 12th Avenue on the Hudson River

Step aboard the world's largest naval museum. Tour the 900 foot long aircraft carrier and visit five other vessels including the "Growler" nuclear missile submarine.

Guggenheim Museum--1071 5th Avenue

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the Guggenheim is the youngest building in history to be designated a New York City Landmark. It is also the home to one of the world's finest collections of modern and contemporary art.

The Queens Museum of Art--Flushing Meadow, Corona Park, Queens

See a panorama of New York City--the world's largest full scale architectural model. Participate in art workshops, and view works from the museum's permanent collection.

ACCOMODATIONS

New York City hotels range in price from \$75 to \$240 a night. But if you are looking for family or individual hotel accomodations, consider staying in a moderately priced hotel in the heart of the city. The following hotels cost about \$40 to \$150 a night and are visited by both overseas and domestic travelers.

Herald Square Hotel--19 West 31st Street
Hotel Stanford--43 West 32st Street
Hotel Wolcott--4 West 31st Street
The Roger Williams--28 East 31st Street
Best Western's Milford Plaza--
Hotel Consulate--224 West 49th Street (west of Broadway)
Days Hotel Midtown--West 48th Street (at 8th Avenue)
Hotel Edison--228 West 47th Street (west of Broadway)
Hotel Iroquois--49 West 44th Street (off 5th Avenue)
Mansfield Hotel--12 West 44th Street
Portland Square Hotel--132 West 47th Street (between 6th and 7th Avenues)
President Hotel--234 West 48th Street (between Broadway and 8th Avenue)
Quality Inn Midtown--157 West 47th Street (between 6th and 7th Avenues)
Hotel Remington--129 West 46th Street (between 6th and 7th Avenues)
Skyline Hotel New York City--725 Tenth Avenue (between 49th and 50th Streets)
Travel Inn Hotel-- 515 West 42nd Street (between 10th and 11th Avenues)
Hotel Wellington-- 871 Seventh Avenue (at 55th Street)
Hotel Wentworth-- 59 West 46th Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues)
The Westpark Hotel-- 308 West 58th Street

TRANSPORTATION TO SIGHTS OF INTEREST

The most economical way of traveling through the city is on a sightseeing bus. Unlike a bus tour, you can get on and off the bus as many times as you like.

There are many firms operating busses that circle Manhattan.

The New York Double Decker Tours, New York Apple Tours, Manhattan Double Decker Tours and the Grayline Trolley Tour, each have about 15 - 20 stops throughout the city. You can get on and off your original bus carrier as many times as like.

Your ticket is good for 2 -3 days. The busses stop at Times Square, Rockefeller Center, SoHo, World Trade Center, Greenwich Village, and the Empire State Building.

Once you have taken in all the sights at Empire State Building Center for example, go to the designated bus stop, and after a short wait, board your bus. You will then be on your way to the next sightseeing stop of your choice.

Most of the busses charge \$15 for the two or three day pass. The New York Double Decker Bus includes with their \$15 bus pass, a coupon book for attractions that are on their stops. So not only do you get economical transportation for a few days of sightseeing, when you get off the bus, you have discount coupons for the attractions in the area.

FOOD

Variety is the spice of life...and New York is the place to find it. In this multi-ethnic city, you can enjoy anything from Ethiopian to Burmese cuisine. There are many restaurants to choose from and prices range from very expensive to fairly reasonable.

Check your New York City Book of Bargains and your New York Double Decker Coupon Book for discounts on food as well as tours and attractions. Whether you are in the mood for Italian, Chinese, Brazilian or French, you will find discounts coupons in these source booklets for a number of different restaurants and cafes.

BROADWAY THEATER TICKETS

TKTS is located in Times Square. TKTS stands for tickets--discounted tickets to Broadway shows. There is always a line, but if you don't mind enjoying the visual excitement of Times Square, your wait on line will be well worth it. Most tickets are half the price that you would pay if you went to the theater box office. There is a small service charge. The seats vary from the balcony to the orchestra.

Note: All sightseeing busses stop at this location.

These suggestions should save you many dollars on your trip to New York City. If you have any further questions or need further assistance, E-Mail < MSING > on America Online.

Enjoy your trip.