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By Land, Air, and Sea: 9 Must-Do NYC Sightseeing Tours

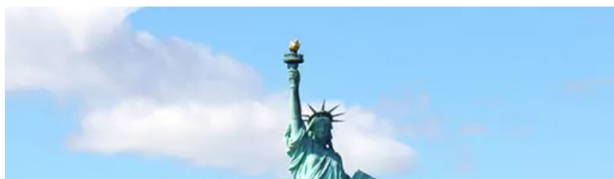
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Whether you've been to New York City hundreds of times or have never visited at all, the city that never sleeps always has something new to see. From historic roots to modern urban attractions, the Big Apple has it all. So we compiled a list of nine gotta-try NYC sightseeing tours and attractions. Some tours include the usual tourist destinations, while others allow you to see things more off the beaten path . . .

1. Skyline Princess Cruise





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Maybe you've already seen the New York City skyline, but chances are you have never seen it *up close and on a cruise*. This 3.5-hour tour features a buffet dinner as you soak in the sights of the New York City skyline and iconic landmarks like the Brooklyn Bridge, The Statue of Liberty, One World Trade Center and more.

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2. TopView Bus Tour



A hop-on, hop-off bus tour can be an efficient, easy way to see the city without having to drive or navigate the subway. Travel through Times Square, 5th Avenue and more as you see popular destinations up close like the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Little Italy, Wall Street and more. The double-decker busses run in a continuous loop throughout the day to make it easy to get on and off. Plus, this tour includes a two-hour bike rental and free admission to the Museum of the City of New York.

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[See our deal for TopView Bus tours.](#) ↗

3. New York City Helicopter Tour

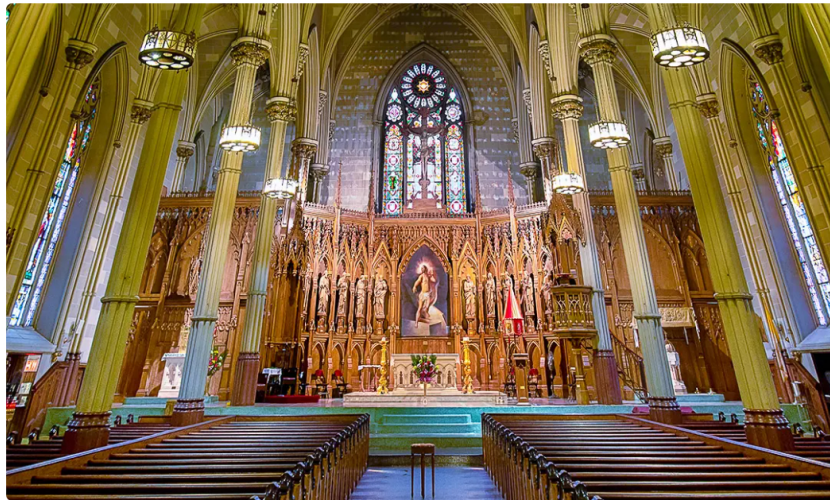


If you're looking to see Manhattan in a whole new way, perhaps an aerial view would do the trick? This 17- to 20-minute helicopter ride will give you a bird's eye view of some of the skyline and more, including the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, The Empire State Building, The Brooklyn Bridge, Central Park, Yankee Stadium and much more.

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4. Catacombs Under Basilica Of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral



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Here's one off the beaten path: Explore the underground catacombs of the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral (the one in Lower Manhattan, not the St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue). This 90-minute tour will take you through areas normally off-limits to visitors, like two walled cemeteries and the catacombs beneath the old cathedral.

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[Find a tour of the catacombs here.](#)

5. NYC Gangsters & Ghost Tour



This two-hour tour will walk you through some of New York City's most famous neighborhoods like Little Italy, The Five Points, Chinatown and West Village, where most of New York City's most-famous gangsters have done their "business dealings." Guided by local historians, you'll visit old crime scenes and learn all about NYC's criminal past . . . plus some spooky ghost stories, too.

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[See our deal for the NYC Gangsters & Ghost Tour here!](#)

6. Horse-Drawn Carriage Tour Through Central Park



Feeling romantic? Take one of New York City's famous horse-drawn carriages through Central Park.

through Central Park with your partner. During the ride, you'll pass lots of famous Central Park landmarks like Bethesda Fountain, Cherry Hill, and Strawberry Fields - all perfect locations to take memorable photos.

[Climb aboard](#)

[See our deal for a horse-drawn carriage tour.](#)

7. Brooklyn Sightseeing Tour



Why should Manhattan get all the attention? Any trip to New York City is incomplete without a visit to one of its other famous boroughs - Brooklyn! Take this private, six-hour guided tour through New York City's biggest borough (which would be the 3rd-largest city in America if it split from the rest of NYC). You'll stop at Brooklyn's biggest sites, including the Brooklyn Bridge, Coney Island, New York Harbor and more.

[No sleep till Brooklyn](#)

[Book a private, six-hour tour of Brooklyn here.](#)

8. Harlem Sightseeing & Apollo Theater Walking Tour



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New York City may have Broadway . . . but its most-famous theater might be the Apollo in Harlem. On this guided tour, you'll visit Harlem's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and learn about famous legends like Ella Fitzgerald and James Brown. The tour ends with a backstage tour of Apollo Theater and a mock "Amateur Night," where you can perform at the very spot where many famous legends have risen to stardom.

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9. The Edge Observation Deck



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This brand new NYC observation deck sits 1,131 feet above Tenth Avenue on the 100th floor of the 30 Hudson Yards building, making it the 2nd-highest outdoor observation deck in the Western Hemisphere. It features 360-degree views of just about every part of Manhattan as well as a 225-square-foot triangular glass opening that looks down at the streets below. This place is on-point to get some memorable photos and views most people haven't even seen yet.

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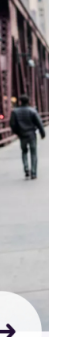
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