

2021 - NYC: SCRUMPTIOUS BITES - PREVIOUSLY UNEXPLORED & OLDIES BUT GOODIES

GENERAL ITINERARY

23-Jun	Day 1	Wednesday	Manhattan with spouse: Immersive Van Gogh, Financial District
13-Jul	Day 2	Tuesday	Bronx & Queens: City Island, Ganesh Temple
14-Jul	Day 3	Wednesday	Brooklyn: Red Hook
15-Jul	Day 4	Thursday	Brooklyn: Industry City
19-Jul	Day 5	Monday	Queens: Astoria
21-Jul	Day 6	Wednesday	Manhattan: Fort Green, Washington Heights, Upper West Side
22-Jul	Day 7	Thursday	Manhattan: Midtown
26-Jul	Day 8	Monday	Manhattan: below 23rd St
27-Jul	Day 9	Tuesday	Bronx: Botanical Garden, Bronx's Little Italy, drive through Riverdale
28-Jul	Day 10	Wednesday	Jersey City, NJ: Jersey City and Liberty State Park
30-Jul	Day 11	Friday	Manhattan: East Village, Kips Bay, Murray Hill, Lenox Hill, Central Park (up to 86th St)
2-Aug	Day 12	Monday	Manhattan: Upper East Side, East Harlem, Central Park (above 86th St)
4-Aug	Day 13	Wednesday	Manhattan with mom: Immersive Experience Van Gogh Exhibit, walk up to Little Island
24-Aug	Day 14	Tuesday	Manhattan: East, West, South, and Central Harlem
4-Sep	Day 15	Saturday	Manhattan & Jersey City with family: Alex's first time in Manhattan
6-Sep	Day 16	Monday	Governor's Island with family
8-Sep	Day 17	Wednesday	Manhattan & Bronx: Inwood Park, Spuyten Duyvil, Fieldston, North Riverdale, Wave Hill
19-Sep	Day 18	Sunday	Manhattan with family: Financial District, Little Italy

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1	23-Jun	Wednesday	Manhattan with spouse: Immersive Van Gogh, Financial District
			- Subway F-line Ave X, Brooklyn to Fulton St, Manhattan (A line)
			- Immersive Van Gogh exhibit at Pier 36
			- spend day walking around Financial District
			- take subway back home
Day 2	13-Jul	Tuesday	Bronx & Queens: City Island, Ganesh Temple
			- drive to City Island, Bronx and eat fried food at Johnny's Reef
			- drive to Ganesh Temple in Flushing, Queens and eat Dosa in its cafeteria (downstairs)

Day 3	14-Jul	Wednesday	Brooklyn: Red Hook
			- explore Red Hook area of Brooklyn (waterfront and Piers)
Day 4	15-Jul	Thursday	Brooklyn: Industry City
			- explore Industry City buildings in Industry City, Brooklyn (shops and restaurants)
Day 5	19-Jul	Monday	Queens: Astoria
			- Socrates Park
			- Athens Square
			- walk Ditmars Blvd and lunch at Taverna Kyclades (Greek)
			- walk Steinway Blvd and dessert at Boulis Café (Loukoumades)
			- spend an hour in Astoria Park
Day 6	21-Jul	Wednesday	Manhattan: Fort Green, Washington Heights, Upper West Side
			- Subway F-line Ave X, Brooklyn to 192nd St, Manhattan (A line)
			- 191st St Subway entrance at 1-line (longest graffiti tunnel - 3min walk 1 way)
			- walk to High Bridge connecting Manhattan and Bronx (173rd St and East River)
			- cross High Bridge and walk back (High Bridge had enormous historical importance and served as part of Croton Aqueduct)
			- lunch at Salento Bakery (Colombian) - Yucca Bread, Arepa with Sausage, Colombian Cake
			- walk to Sylvan Terrace at 161st St
			- Morris Jumel Mansion (oldest house in Manhattan)
			- cross Manhattan to West Side and walk up to George Washington Bridge (Washington Heights)
			- walk down to Fort Washington park under G. Washington Bridge to Little Red Lighthouse
			- Fort Washington Park
			- Sisyphus Stones (rock sculptures assembled initially by artist Uliks Gryka)
			- continue walking to Riverbank State Park
			- walk to Ulysses Grant Memorial (122nd St) - largest mausoleum in North America
			- on Riverside Drive, stop by Shinran Sculpture (from near Hiroshima with signs of Atomic blast) at Buddhist Church (106th St)
			- in Riverside Park, stop by Dinosaur Playground (at 96th St) - location of movie shoot "The Warriors" (Conclave Meeting)
			- Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument at 89th St (commemorating Union Army who served in American Civil War)
			- continue walking in Riverside Park to 72nd St
			- 72nd St and Broadway Subway entrance (also movie location in "The Warriors")
			- back to Brooklyn via B/Q Subway line: exit at Gravesend Neck Road
			- it is one of the locations in the movie "The Bronx Tale" (Gravesend Neck Road and East 16th St)
Day 7	22-Jul	Thursday	Manhattan: Midtown
			- Subway F-line Ave X, Brooklyn to 34th St (Manhattan)
			- Reach (34th St Subway station N/R line platforms) - sound exhibit
			- Herald Square Owls on the Harald Monument

			- Nicolas Tresla memorial plaque on New Yorker Hotel
			- giant Button & Needle on 7th Ave and 39th St
			- most beautiful public bathroom in NYC (Bryant Park on 42nd st bet 5th and 6th Ave)
			- Wizard on clocks on the building (Park Ave and 32nd St)
			- lunch at Sarge's Deli (omelets with Deli meats)
			- giant Chess Board on 3rd Ave and 48th St
			- walk to Riverside Park South (entrance on 68th St and River Drive)
			- walk along Hudson River to 14th St (pass by "Private Passage" (huge bottle at 56th St), Intrepid, Circle Line Cruises, Chelsea Piers, Little Island)
			- walk to F-train and take it back home
Day 8	26-Jul	Monday	Manhattan: below 23rd St
			- F-train to 14th St
			- walk to Hudson River to "Little Island"
			- Little Island
			- Chelsea Market
			- Ear Inn (Oldest Bar in NYC - 1817; Historical Place) - near Holland Tunnel (326 Spring St)
			- Eduardo Kobra Murals:
			Chelsea ("Tolerance" at 110 10th Ave; Ghandi & Mother Teresa - 2 persons of tolerance)
			Chelsea ("We Love NY2" at 200 West 21st St; Einstein paints his love for NY, squared)
			Chelsea ("Mount Rushmore" at 22nd St and 10th Ave; Andy Warhal, Frida Kahlo, Keith Haring, Jean-Michel basquiat)
			West Village ("Stop Wars" at 391 Christopher St, West Side Hwy)
			West Village ("Ellis Immigrants" at 16 Clarkson St)
			Lower East Side ("Stop Guns" at 231 Eldridge St; calls attention to mass shooting in schools)
			Lower East Side (??? At 46 Rivington St)
			- Chinatown Ice Cream Factory (65 Bayard St). Tried: Taro, durian, chocolate flavors
			- Sugar House Prison Window (near City Hall)
			- stay on 6-train to circle around after last stop to pass by old "City Hall" subway station
			- walk Financial District and Battery Park City Espanade
			- Irish Hunger Memorial
			- "Pavilion" park of figurines by Demetri Porphyrios
			- A-train from Fulton St station to Hoyt-Schemerhorn station in Brooklyn
			- unused (abandoned) platform (prime location for numerous movies: M. Jackson's "Bad" video, The Warriors, Crocodile Dundee I and II, Coming to America...)
			- F-train back home
Day 9	27-Jul	Tuesday	Bronx: Botanical Garden, Bronx's Little Italy, drive through Riverdale
			- drive to Astoria, Queens for Brazilian Pao de Quejo for breakfast (at Pao de Quejo)

			- drive to New York Botanical Garden in Bronx
			- 2.5hrs in Botanical Garden
			- walk to Arthur Ave (at 187th St) - original Little Italy in the Bronx
			- drive to Riverdale neighborhood, passing by Cortland Park; drive around Riverdale
			- drive home via Hudson River Drive
Day 10	28-Jul	Wednesday	Jersey City, NJ: Jersey City and Liberty State Park
			- F-train to Fulton St (Manhattan), then, PATH train to Exchange Place, Jersey City
			- Jersey City Piers and waterfront (Katyn Memorial, WTC memorial, Organon Building, Colgate clock)
			- walk to and then around Historical Jersey City district
			- Morris Canal Park and Korean Memorial
			- walk to Jersey Avenue along Morris Canal basin and then other streets
			- walk along Jersey Avenue to Liberty State Park
			- 3 hours to walk the perimeter of the Park:
			boat marina
			views of Downtown Jersey City and Island of Manhattan (esp. Downtown)
			Empty Sky Memorial (Ground Zero)
			Central Railroad of NJ Terminal (railroad not used; central building is a museum)
			Liberty State Park walk-way with close views of Elis Island & Liberty Island; also views of Governor's Island, Manhattan and Brooklyn
			Liberation Monument
			- return to PATH train via Jersey Ave and along Jersey City streets
			- PATH train and then subway back home
Day 11	30-Jul	Friday	Manhattan: East Village, Kips Bay, Murray Hill, Lenox Hill, Central Park (up to 86th St)
			- F-train to Manhattan, switch to 6-Line, exit at Astor Place
			- Astor Place - sealed door (Clinton Station) - place of "Shakespearean" riots
			- Eduardo Kobra mural "Black or White" (Michael Jackson) at 400 East 11th St (corner of 1st Ave)
			- Eduardo Kobra mural "Walk this Way" (run-DMC) - 191 Ave A (corner 12th St)
			- Union Square Metronome (displaying climate change)
			- Eduardo Kobra mural "Peace" at 225 East 4th St
			- Eduardo Kobra mural "Genius on a bike" (Albert Einstein) at 776 3rd Ave and 47th St
			- Eduardo Kobra mural "Firefighters" at 780 3rd Ave and 48th St
			- Central Park (enter at 6th Ave and 59th St)
			Randel's metal bolt at approx 6th Ave and 65th St
			Central Park Promenade with bronze sculptures including one of only 2 women monuments (recently added)
			Strawberry Fields with John Lennon memorial; also Dakota Building (where Lennon lived with Yoko Ono)
			Shakespeare Garden and whispering bench
			Belvedere Temple
			Site of Seneca Village

			Summit Rock (highest elevation point in Central Park)
			Cleopatra's Needle (Ancient Egyptian Obelisk - 3500 years old - gift to NYC)
			Alice in Wonderland monument
			Lamp posts in the park with unusual marking on them (street number (first 2 digits) and East/West side (next 2 digits - odd/even)
			exit park at the Columbus Circle
			- A-train and then F-train back home
Day 12	2-Aug	Monday	Manhattan: Upper East Side, East Harlem, Central Park (above 86th St)
			- F-train to 63rd Street in Manhattan
			- walk around Upper East Side up to 63rd to 86th St (from East River to Central Park)
			- Central Park (86th St to 110th St)
			look for Randall's Marble Post markers throughout park intersecting streets and avenues (unsuccessful)
			J. Kennedy Onassis Reservoir
			Huddlestone Arch
			waterfalls
			Fort Clinton
			Conservatory Garden with fountains
			Harlem Meer
			The Blockhouse
			- exit the park at 110th St and walk to East Harlem
			- walk down to 96th St (neighborhood drastically changes from poor to elite; can even see on the ground pavement)
			- walk back to Carl Schurz Park (upper East Side)
			- walk down to 42nd St via East End Ave, York Ave, 2nd Ave, 3rd Ave, Lexington Ave, Park Ave
			- F-train back home
Day 13	4-Aug	Wednesday	Manhattan with mom: Immersive Experience Van Gogh Exhibit, walk up to Little Island (9-10 miles of walking)
			- walk to Vessey St by Hudson to Van Gogh Immersive Experience (best part is Virtual Reality - 10-12min)
			- walk along Hudson and Battery City to Water St, Pearl St, Stone St, Wall St...
			- walk along City Hall to Brooklyn Bridge, then along courts to Chinatown
			- walk via Mulberry St to East Houston St; pass by Russ & Daughters, Katz, and eat ice cream at Il Laboratorio del Gelato
			- walk via Ave A, 1st Ave, 2nd Ave to St Mark's place
			- cross East Village to West Village and Greenwich Village (via St Mark's St, Washington Square Park)
			- walk through West Village
			- walk to East 14th St and Hudson River Drive to Little Island
			- The Little Island
			- walk back to F-train on 14th St and 6th ave and take subway home
Day 14	24-Aug	Tuesday	Manhattan: East, West, South, and Central Harlem (14 miles of walking)
			- F-train then A-train to 125th St, Manhattan

			- Morningside Park (with "Reclining Liberty" and "Bear and Faun" statues)
			- St John the Divine Cathedral
			- Bagels at "Absolute Bagels"
			- "Tom's Restaurant" (as Seinfeld's restaurant)
			- Columbia University campus
			- walk across town via 116th St from Amsterdam Ave to 1st Ave
			- walk to Marcus Garvey Park (with watchtower)
			- walk to 145th St via 125th St, Malcolm X Blvd, Adam Clayton Powel Jr Blvd, and various cross streets
			- walk to Jackie Robinson Park
			- walk to St Nicholas Park (with Alexander Hamilton's House)
			- City College of New York campus
			- walk down to 125th St
			- cross town via 125th St from St Nicholas Ave to Lexington Ave (stop by legendary Apollo Theater)
			- walk back to Morningside Park via various street, including Frederick Douglas Blvd
			- matcha crepe and fruit smoothie at "Crepe Master"
			- catch B-train back home on Frederick Douglas Blvd and 110th St
Day 15	4-Sep	Saturday	Manhattan & Jersey City with family: Alex's first time in Manhattan
			- drive from home to Bay Ridge (Owls Head), take NYC Waterways ferry to Downtown Manhattan
			- walk to East Side via Wall Street, Memorial Pools, One World Trade Center
			- take NY-NJ waterways ferry to Jersey City
			- walk around waterfront and then walk to Historic Jersey City Town and eat ice cream at Torico
			- take Path train back to Financial District
			- take NYC water ferry back to Bay Ridge and then drive home
Day 16	6-Sep	Monday	Governor's Island with family
			- drive from home to Red Hook and take a water ferry to Governor's Island
			- spend whole day on the island
			- return home: water ferry to Red Hook and drive home
Day 17	8-Sep	Wednesday	Manhattan & Bronx: Inwood Park, Spuyten Duyvil, Fieldston, North Riverdale, Wave Hill
			- F-train then A-train to 207th St, Manhattan
			- walk to Henry Hudson Bridge via Inwood Park
			- cross Spuyten Duyvil Creek via Henry Hudson Bridge
			- walk around Spuyten Duyvil neighborhood (Henry Hudson Park, Half Moon Overlook, Villa Charlotte Bronte)
			- walk around Fieldston neighborhood (mostly via Fieldston Ave)
			- walk around North Riverdale neighborhood
			- walk around Riverdale neighborhood (incl. Bell Tower, JFK Childhood home)
			- Wave Hill

			- walk to 1-train (Broadway and 242nd st), then walk back to 207th St via Broadway to A-train
Day 18	19-Sep	Sunday	Manhattan with family: Financial District, Little Italy
			- drive from home to Bay Ridge (Owls Head), take NYC Waterways ferry to Downtown Manhattan
			- walk around Financial District (including Elevated Acre, Battery Park, Tom Otterness Sculptures...)
			- walk to Little Italy for San Gennaro Festival
			- walk back to water ferry crossing Chinatown, courts, pass by Brooklyn Bridge
			- take NYC water ferry back to Bay Ridge and then drive home