

Suggested Itinerary: New York City & the Northeast

New York City, New York, is a vibrant, world-class city – a must-see for international travellers to the U.S. It's also an excellent gateway to other Northeast destinations where, just a short drive from NYC, you'll find beautiful beaches, rich history and entertaining attractions.

New York City

Suggested: 4 days

Filling four days (or even a lifetime) with exciting things to do in New York City is ridiculously easy. Head to Broadway to take in a show (buy online well ahead of your trip – or try your luck with 'day of show' half-price tickets at the TKTS booth in Times Square). Stretch your mind at enriching museums both large (Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art) and small (The Frick Collection, Morgan Library and Museum). Take an elevator up 86 floors to enjoy panoramic views of midtown Manhattan from the Empire State Building's open-air observatory or head to One World Observatory's 100th floor for stunning views of the harbour and the entire city. Many of New York City's neighbourhoods boast an ethnic identity – and authentic food to match. Enjoy Greek food from Astoria in Queens or dim sum in Manhattan's Chinatown – or dig into a hearty Russian dinner in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn (work it off with a stroll on the boardwalk). Immerse yourself in iconic New York City: watch the Yankees play in the Bronx, see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island from the (free) Staten Island Ferry, walk across the Brooklyn Bridge and relax on the Sheep Meadow or walk around the reservoir in Central Park.

Jersey Shore and Atlantic City, New Jersey

Suggested: 2 days

Head south from New York City to the Jersey Shore, which is lined with charming beach towns, lively boardwalks, lighthouses, amusement parks and sandy beaches. Try your luck at Atlantic City casinos, ride a Ferris wheel in Wildwood and stay in a Victorian inn in quaint Cape May.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Suggested: 3 days

You could happily spend a week eating and drinking your way through vibrant Philadelphia's abundant restaurants, food markets and craft breweries. The Reading Terminal Market (the USA's oldest farmers' market and so much more) is also the city's most popular attraction. In addition to the Liberty Bell and Constitution Center, Philadelphia is home to an astounding collection of museums, artistic venues and historical attractions. Visit the Ben Franklin Museum to learn about this 'founding father', see masterpieces at The Barnes Foundation, and enjoy the outdoors at beautiful Longwood Gardens or Fairmount Park.

Lancaster and Hershey, Pennsylvania

Suggested: 1 - 2 days

Embark on a cultural excursion of a different sort by taking a trip to the Amish countryside of Lancaster County. Here, enjoy a horse-drawn buggy ride, buy homemade crafts and try authentic Amish cooking (save room for some of the world's best pies) or enjoy a farm stay. Visit Hershey's Chocolate World in Hershey to learn about the iconic candy brand and make your own chocolate bar at the end of the tour.

Berkshire Mountains, Massachusetts

Suggested: 2 - 4 days

In this picturesque, pastoral region of western Massachusetts, small villages and towns are sprinkled among forested mountains and valleys. In summer, attend a concert at the renowned Tanglewood Music Center or a performance at the world-famous Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival. In autumn, the foliage in the mountains is stunning. Winter turns the area into a snowy playground - try skiing, sledding, tubing or snowshoeing.

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