New York City’s City Guide for Elon Alumni

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New York City Insiders Guide for Elon Alumni

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- **New York City Area Alumni Chapter** – Holds social events 5 or 6 times per year. The events are a great place to meet new alumni, network to find a new job, or catch up with old friends.
- Email hbmnyc@netscape.net to get on the email list for events or to get involved with the chapter.
- Sign up on E2 and join our group for updates on upcoming events.
- Also join: Facebook and MySpace pages
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**Job Guides**

- **New York Times**: New York’s main newspaper with a robust job section.  
  http://jobmarket.nytimes.com/pages/jobs
- **Wall Street Journal**: A newspaper offering job postings specific to Wall Street.  
- **Nonprofits**: a great website for those interested in the non-profit world  
  www.nycnonprofits.org
- **New York City Search**: offers information on jobs and other city information.  
  http://newyork.citysearch.com
- **Monster**:  
  www.monster.com
- **Craig’s List**: offers information on jobs and other city information.  
  http://newyork.craigslist.org

**Relocation Website**

- **Chambers of Commerce**: website for relocating to New York City and outlying areas. Includes information on house options, job options, schools, tourism, business listings, and much more.
Areas to Live & Cost of Living

- **Manhattan**: Manhattan is a major commercial, financial, and cultural center of the United States and, to some extent, the world. It’s home to some of the most extensive art collections, both contemporary and historical, in the world including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), the Whitney Museum of American Art, and the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Guggenheim Museum. For more information, you can visit: www.manhattancc.org

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- **Brooklyn**: The borough of Brooklyn maintains a character of its own, characterized by cultural diversity, an independent art scene, distinct neighborhoods, and a unique architectural heritage. Brooklyn contains the most of every group from every culture, ethnic, and racial background. For more information visit: www.ibrooklyn.com

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- **Queens**: Queens is the home of the New York Mets baseball team, the U.S. Open tennis tournament, and Aqueduct Racetrack. Being the most diverse county in the nation, Queens is home to restaurants from all cultures. For more information about queens visit: www.queenschamber.org
- **Long Island**: Long Island is known for its affluence and high quality of life. Long Island is also known for its schools' music programs. For more information about Long Island visit: [www.ontheisland.net/chamber.html](http://www.ontheisland.net/chamber.html)

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- **Bronx**: One of New York City's "must see" communities. It's a place of world-famous attractions, diverse artistic expression, miles of parks, and over 60 landmarks and historic districts. It's where people like Edgar Allan Poe and Mark Twain lived -- and break dancing and salsa music were born. For more information about the Bronx visit: [www.bronxchamber.org](http://www.bronxchamber.org)

- **Staten Island**: Staten Island offers a range of cultural activities such as museums, Staten Island Zoo, Theatre, and Fine arts. For more information visit: [www.sichamber.com](http://www.sichamber.com)

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**Areas Close to New York City**

- Westchester: [www.westchesterchamber.org](http://www.westchesterchamber.org)
- New Jersey: [www.njchamber.com](http://www.njchamber.com)
- Connecticut: [www.2chambers.com/connecti2.htm](http://www.2chambers.com/connecti2.htm)
General Apartment Search Engines

- Craigslist: http://newyork.craigslist.org
- Sublet.com: www.sublet.com
- Ardor Realty: www.ardorny.com
- City Crib: www.citycribs.com
- Rent Direct: www.rent-direct.com
- Citi Habitats: www.citi-habitats.com
- New Jersey: www.gardenstateapartments.com
- 5 Boroughs: www.nyvacancies.com/
- Long Island: www.liapartmentfinder.com/index.html
- Connecticut: www.ctapartments.net/home.cfm
- Westchester: www.rent-direct.com/Westchester_Apartments.html

General Guides to New York City and the Outlying Areas


Newcomers and Social Clubs

- Central Park Softball: http://www.centralparksoftball.com
Places to Go Out

- **Bryant Park**: An outdoor park behind the NY Public Library. Great dining, concerts, happy hours and other events are held here. [http://www.bryantpark.org](http://www.bryantpark.org)
- **South Street Seaport**: Great shopping, entertainment and dining on the East River. [http://www.southstreetseaport.com/html](http://www.southstreetseaport.com/html)
- **Time Warner Center**: A large complex at Columbus Circle with restaurants, shopping, live music and other entertainment, grocery stores, etc. [http://www.shopsatcolumbuscircle.com/scs/user/index.aspx](http://www.shopsatcolumbuscircle.com/scs/user/index.aspx)
- **Times Square**: Crossroads of the world. [http://timessquare.com](http://timesquare.com)
- **Connecticut**: A great commuter state just north of NYC. [http://www.clubct.com/nightlif.htm](http://www.clubct.com/nightlif.htm)

- Visit the following websites for more information on entertainment:
  - **Shecky’s Guide**: [www.sheckys.com/newyorkcity/nightlife](http://www.sheckys.com/newyorkcity/nightlife)
  - **Zagat’s Guide**: [www.zagat.com](http://www.zagat.com)
  - **Murph Guide**: [www.murphguide.com](http://www.murphguide.com)
  - **Time Out NYC**: [www.timeout.com/newyork](http://www.timeout.com/newyork)
Parks and Outdoor Activities

- **Jones Beach**- Jones Beach State Park is a world-class swimming destination. The park offers surf bathing along its 6.5 miles of ocean beach, one-half mile of bay beach for still-water bathing, and two swimming pools.
- **Central Park**- Central Park covers 843 acres, which is 6% of Manhattan. Its hours of operation are from 6:00 am until 1:00 am. The park features a carousel and multiple dining areas.
- **Bronx Zoo**- With award-winning, cutting-edge exhibits featuring over 4,000 animals, there is no other zoo in the world that offers the diversity, superb viewing, and world-renowned expertise that assures a rewarding experience and the knowledge that visitors can make a difference in the world around them.
- **New York Aquarium**- The only aquarium in New York City with part of the largest network of metropolitan wildlife parks in the country. The aquarium hosts several exhibits featuring over 8,000 animals.
- **Brooklyn Botanical Garden**- BBG is a 52-acre living museum where beauty, romance, and fun blossom among world-class plant collections and specialty gardens. Admired as an urban horticultural and botanical resource, BBG inspires visitors to discover that plants are essential to life.
- **Statue of Liberty**- Located on a 12 acre island, the Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States and is a universal symbol of freedom and democracy.
- **Circle Line Cruises**- Whether you are exploring New York for the first time, rediscovering your hometown or seeking a mini-vacation, a Circle Line cruise is a relaxing and fun way to see the world's most famous skyline.

Museums and Cultural

- Museum of Modern Art
- Museum of Natural History
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- The Frick
- Guggenheim Museum
- Whitney Museum of American Art
- Museum of Television and Radio
- Broadway and Concerts: [http://www.broadway.com](http://www.broadway.com)
- Sightseeing: [http://www.nyctourist.com/topten_alltime.htm](http://www.nyctourist.com/topten_alltime.htm)
Annual Events

- Hoboken St. Patrick’s Day
- NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- Greenwich Village Halloween Parade
- Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Barbeque Festival: a barbeque block party. www.bigapplebbq.org
- Restaurant Week: Restaurants participating generally offer three-course meals for a set price. www.nycvisit.com/restaurantweek
- Spa Week: local spas offer services for $50. April 14-20, 2008 in NYC www.spaweek.org
- Tribeca Film Festival: annual film festival held in lower Manhattan. www.tribecafilmfestival.org
- The Feast of San Gennaro: Annual Feast that brings over one million people to the streets of Little Italy, NYC in the annual salute to the Patron Saint of Naples. www.sangennaro.org
- New Year’s Eve in Times Square: Each year, hundreds of thousands of people descend upon Times Square to experience this free event. If you are planning to join the festivities, get there early and be prepared
- The Belmont Stakes: As a Triple Crown jewel to accompany the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, Belmont Stakes action takes place at Belmont Park in Elmont, Long Island.
- U.S. Open Tennis: The U.S. Open is the final Grand Slam event of the season, drawing top competitors for singles, doubles and mixed doubles.
- Tree Lighting at Rockefeller Center: The city's holiday season kicks off with Rockefeller Center’s annual tree lighting and ice skating show.
- Fleet Week: Events celebrating the US Navy. There is a parade of ships and ship tours - sponsored by the Commander Navy Region Northeast.
Sports Teams & Venue Information

- **New York Yankees- MLB**
  Yankee Stadium 161 Street & River Avenue
  Tickets range from $14 for bleachers to $95 for field boxes
  [http://newyork.yankees.mlb.com](http://newyork.yankees.mlb.com)

- **New York Mets- MLB**
  Shea Stadium (Last Season) Roosevelt Ave
  Tickets range from $20 for Mezz. Back rows and $117-$67 for inner Loge box
  [http://newyork.mets.mlb.com](http://newyork.mets.mlb.com)

- **New York Giants- NFL**
  Super Bowl Champions
  Giants Stadium East Rutherford NJ 07073
  Currently 2008 Tickets Sold Out
  [www.giants.com](http://www.giants.com)

- **New York Jets- NFL**
  New York Jets Stadium on Stadium Club Rd
  [www.newyorkjets.com](http://www.newyorkjets.com)

- **New York Knicks- NBA**
  Madison Square Garden on 7th Avenue
  between 31st and 33rd Streets
  Tickets available through Ticketmaster.com
  [www.nba.com/knicks](http://www.nba.com/knicks)

- **New York Nets- NBA**
  Continental Airlines Arena
  Tickets range from $10-$200 based on seating preference
  Tickets available through ticketmaster.com
  [www.nba.com/nets](http://www.nba.com/nets)

- **New York Rangers- NHL**
  Madison Square Garden on 7th Avenue
  between 31st and 33rd Streets
  Tickets available through website or Ticketmaster.com
  [http://rangers.nhl.com](http://rangers.nhl.com)

- **New York Islanders- NHL**
  Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
  1255 Hempstead Turnpike Uniondale, NY 11553
  Tickets available through Ticketexchange by [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

- **New Jersey Devils- NHL**
  Prudential Center
  165 Mulberry St Newark, NJ 07102
  Tickets range from $10-$200 based on seat preference
  [http://devils.nhl.com](http://devils.nhl.com)
New York City Facts and Figures

- Population (5 boroughs): over 8 Million
- New York was briefly (1789-90) the U.S. capital and was the state capital until 1797. By 1790 it was the largest U.S. city, and the opening (1825) of the Erie Canal, linking New York with the Great Lakes, led to even greater expansion. In 1898 a new charter was adopted, making the city Greater New York, a metropolis of five boroughs.
- New York City is located on the Eastern Atlantic coast of the United States, at the mouth of the Hudson River. The city center resides at the exact location of 40 degrees, 42 minutes, 51 seconds N latitude, and 74 degrees, 0 minutes 23 seconds W longitude. New York City is made of five boroughs, each of which is a county. Brooklyn (Kings Co.) and Queens occupy the western portion of Long Island, while Staten Island (Richmond Co.) and Manhattan are completely on their own land masses. The Bronx, to the north, is attached to the New York State mainland.
- The Dutch supposedly bought Manhattan from its Native American inhabitants for about $24 worth of trinkets
- Broadway, originating from Lower Manhattan at Bowling Green and ending in Albany, is one of the world's longest streets at 150 mi (241 km). The official name of this street is Highway 9.
- The island of Manhattan is largely a protrusion of granite, rising a few hundred feet from sea-level. The southern tip and center of the island are virtually solid granite, while areas in Greenwich Village and Chelsea are composed of softer soil. As a result of this geologic arrangement, Manhattan's tallest buildings are located in these two large "rocky" areas.
- Manhattan is flanked on its west side by the Hudson River, and on the east side by the Harlem River (on the north) and the East River (on the south).
- Manhattan's street layout consists primarily of avenues and streets. The space between avenues is typically much larger than the space between streets (roughly 3x).
  - Avenues run North-South, starting with 1st Avenue on the East Side, and going westward to 12th Avenue.
  - Streets run East-West, starting with 1st Street in Greenwich Village, and increase in value up to 220th Street at the north tip of Manhattan.

Transportation

- Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA): www.mta.info, transportation information for NYC Subways, Buses, Long Island Rail Road, New Jersey Transit, Metro North, Express Buses. Also has information on major stations like Penn Station, Grand Central Station and Port Authority
- HopStop: a great guide to navigating the city. www.hopstop.com/?city=newyork
- Airports: LaGuardia, JFK, and Newark are the major airports servicing our city. Use the web address for detailed information and maps for each airport. www.nyctourist.com/newyorkcity/transportation.htm