



New York City Cruise Port Guide

The City That Never Sleeps – Your Gateway to an Unforgettable Cruise



Few cruise departures are as memorable as sailing away from **New York City**. As your ship glides past the Statue of Liberty, under the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, and alongside the iconic Manhattan skyline, you'll experience one of the most spectacular sail-aways in the world.

Whether New York is your embarkation port, a port of call, or the beginning of a New England & Canada adventure, there's no shortage of world-famous landmarks, museums, restaurants, shopping, and entertainment to explore.

If your schedule allows, arriving a day or two before your cruise is one of the best decisions you can make.



Cruise Terminals



Several cruise terminals serve the New York metropolitan area.

Manhattan Cruise Terminal

Located on Manhattan's west side.

Home to many sailings from:

- Norwegian Cruise Line
- Carnival Cruise Line
- Disney Cruise Line (select sailings)
- Oceania Cruises
- Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Brooklyn Cruise Terminal

Located in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

Often used by:

- Cunard
- Princess Cruises

Cape Liberty Cruise Port (Bayonne, New Jersey)

Just across the harbor from Manhattan.

Home to:

- Royal Caribbean
- Celebrity Cruises

Be sure to verify your departure terminal before traveling.



Top Things to See



Must-see attractions include:

- Statue of Liberty

- Central Park
- Empire State Building
- 9/11 Memorial & Museum
- Rockefeller Center
- Grand Central Terminal
- Bryant Park
- High Line

Even a short visit allows you to experience some of the city's most iconic landmarks.



Times Square & Broadway



No first visit is complete without experiencing:



Broadway



Times Square

Enjoy:

- World-famous theaters
- Bright lights
- Street performers
- Restaurants
- Shopping

If staying overnight, consider seeing a Broadway show before your cruise.



Explore by Neighborhood



Each neighborhood has its own personality.

Popular areas include:

- SoHo
- Greenwich Village
- Little Italy
- Chinatown
- Financial District
- Chelsea

Walking is one of the best ways to experience New York.



Food You Should Try



Don't leave without trying:



New York Pizza



Fresh Bagels



Pastrami Sandwich

- 🍰 New York Cheesecake
- 🌭 Hot Dogs
- 🍪 Black & White Cookies

The city offers incredible dining options for every budget.

🚗 Getting Around



Transportation options include:

- Subway
- Yellow taxis
- Ride-share services
- Ferries
- Walking

Traffic can be heavy, so allow extra travel time when heading to your cruise terminal.

🛍 Shopping



Popular shopping areas include:

- Fifth Avenue
- Macy's Herald Square
- Hudson Yards
- SoHo boutiques
- Rockefeller Center shops

Whether you're looking for luxury brands or unique souvenirs, New York has it all.



Best Photo Spots



Favorite photography locations include:

- Brooklyn Bridge
- DUMBO
- Top of the Rock
- Central Park
- Battery Park
- Empire State Building
- The High Line

And don't forget your camera during sail-away—the skyline views are unforgettable.



Cruise Day Tips

- Arrive at least one day before embarkation whenever possible.
- Verify which cruise terminal your ship uses.
- Allow extra time for city traffic.
- Keep your passport and cruise documents easily accessible.
- Pack essentials in your carry-on, including medications and valuables.



Premium Travel Group Tip

If your cruise departs from New York, try to book a cabin with a view during sail-away. Watching your ship pass the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the Manhattan skyline is one of the most iconic departures in cruising. Head to an outside deck well before departure so you don't miss a moment.



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Fun Facts

- New York City is home to more than **8 million residents**, making it the largest city in the United States.
 - The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France in **1886** and has welcomed millions of immigrants and visitors.
 - Central Park spans **843 acres**, making it larger than many small towns.
 - The Manhattan skyline features more than **300 skyscrapers**.
 - Sailing beneath the **Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge** is a favorite moment for many cruise passengers, with only a short clearance between the bridge and the ship's funnels on some vessels.
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Why Cruise from New York?

Few cities offer the excitement, history, and energy of New York. From world-famous landmarks and incredible restaurants to Broadway shows and unforgettable skyline views, it's the perfect place to begin or end a cruise vacation. Add one of the most scenic sail-aways in the world, and it's easy to understand why so many travelers choose New York as their cruise gateway.



Joe's Logbook

I've always believed that if you're cruising from New York, the vacation shouldn't begin when you board the ship—it should begin the moment you arrive in the city.

Even if you only have a day, you can walk through Times Square, grab a slice of authentic New York pizza, visit Central Park, and take in views of the skyline that you've seen in movies your entire life. Then, the next day, you board your ship and sail past the Statue of Liberty as the city slowly fades into the distance.

It's one of those cruise departures that never gets old. Whether it's your first visit or your tenth, watching the skyline disappear behind your ship is a reminder that the adventure has officially begun.

If you can, arrive early, explore the city, and let New York become part of your vacation—not just the place where your cruise starts.