

## Sight Seeing Suggestions for Monday, May 12, 2008

### DOWNTOWN/LOWER MANHATTAN:

#### **Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Immigration Museum**

Both attractions are on islands in New York Harbor and must be reached by ferry from Battery Park on the southern tip of Manhattan.

Subway: Take 1 to South Ferry, 4/5 to Bowling Green, or R/W to Whitehall St.

Ferries run every half hour starting at 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Last return ferry leaves Liberty at 5 p.m. and Ellis Island at 5:15 p.m.

Security opens at 9 a.m. Allow 3–4 hours for whole experience.

Admission: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors 62+ (covers ferry ride, islands are free)

Once you are on the ferry, you can get off at Liberty for a while, get back on the next ferry to the Ellis Island, get off for a while, and get on the next ferry back to Battery Park. Since September 11, 2001, Liberty's crown has been closed to the public. The highest you can go up is in the pedestal for which you need a timed reserved ticket from [www.statuecruises.com](http://www.statuecruises.com). The pedestal pass does not cost extra, but must be reserved because they sell out. The view of Manhattan and the harbor from both islands is lovely without going up into the pedestal.

#### **Ground Zero/World Trade Center site/St. Paul's Chapel**

The World Trade Center site is bounded by Church, Liberty, West and Vesey streets in lower Manhattan. It can be viewed at any time of day or night from the surrounding sidewalk and from the PATH train station below the street level. Prepare yourself because it can be overwhelming to imagine that within this gap used to stand six buildings, two of which were more than twice as tall as any nearby buildings.

If you want to learn more, you can take a tour from a guide with a September 11 connection (survivor, family member, recovery worker) through the Tribute WTC Visitor Center [www.tributewtc.org](http://www.tributewtc.org) at 120 Liberty St. at 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm and 3 pm. Arrive one hour before desired tour time to buy your \$10 ticket. Tour is 1 hr, 15 min.

Subway: E to World Trade Center, R/W to Cortlandt St, 2/3/4/5/J/M/Z to Fulton St., A/C to Broadway–Nassau

Adjacent to Ground Zero is St. Paul's Chapel, an Episcopal church that was home to an extraordinary eight-month volunteer relief effort after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. "Unwavering Spirit," a free interactive exhibit, honors that ministry. Built in 1766, the church is Manhattan's oldest public building in continuous use. George Washington attended church there. See [www.saintpaulschapel.org](http://www.saintpaulschapel.org).

St. Paul's Chapel: 209 Broadway b/w Fulton and Vesey; (212) 233-4164

Chapel Exhibit Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Free Concert Series: Mondays from 1–2 p.m.

Prayers for Peace: Daily at 12:30 p.m.

#### **SoHo/Greenwich Village/Chinatown**

You can spend hours wandering around the shops, galleries and restaurants of these colorful neighborhoods. Great people watching! Just walk around and see what you can find. SoHo is known for its shopping and art galleries now; it used to be home to warehouses and manufacturing, which were then taken over by starving artists. Then,

because the artists had made the neighborhood cool, it became too chic for them to afford to live there anymore. This happens over and over in NYC neighborhoods. A good place to get off the subway in SoHo is Prince St. (N/R/W) Greenwich Village is the home to New York University (NYU), which is centered around Washington Square Park. You can always catch some impromptu performance art, protest or religious proselytizing there, often all going on at the same time. Again, the Village was home to hippie culture, but now it is too expensive for real hippies to live there! Take the N/R/W to 8th St–NYU or the A/C/E/B/D/F/V to West 4th St. Obviously, Chinatown is home to Chinese immigrants, stores and restaurants. Subway: N/R/W/Q/6 to Canal St

## **MIDTOWN MANHATTAN:**

### **Fifth Avenue/Rockefeller Center/St. Patrick's Cathedral**

Rockefeller Center is the famous complex of buildings that includes Radio City Music Hall; an outdoor ice skating rink; studios for the Today Show, Saturday Night Live, and Conan O'Brien; interesting outdoor and indoor sculptures; and lots of shopping. The 19 buildings are between 48th and 51st Streets and Fifth and Seventh Avenues. The centerpiece is the 70–story GE Building, with the Top of the Rock observation deck on the 67–70th floors, open 8 a.m.–11 p.m.

Top of the Rock Admission: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors 62+

Directly across Fifth Avenue is the Saks Fifth Avenue department store and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Other famous Fifth Avenue stores are Tiffany's and FAO Schwarz. Subway: B/D/F/V to 47–50 Sts–Rockefeller Center station.

### **Empire State Building**

350 Fifth Ave (between 33rd/34th Streets); 212–736–3100

Open daily 9:30 am–midnight. Admission: \$19 adults, \$17 seniors 62+

Advance tickets can be purchased at [www.esbnyc.com](http://www.esbnyc.com) for a \$2 service charge. This saves you some time waiting in line at the building. However, you still have to go through security line before you go up.

From the 86th floor observatory on a clear day, you can see four states: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. This is the best way to get a perspective on how massive and dense this city really is. Once you are up top, you can stay as long as you like. It's nice to go before sunset and watch the sun go down over the city as the lights come on. It's also a nice place to pray for the city of New York.

Subway: B/D/F/V/N/R/Q/W to 34th St–Herald Square or 6 to 33rd St.

## **UPPER WEST SIDE/UPPER EAST SIDE:**

### **American Museum of Natural History**

Central Park West b/w West 77th and 81st Streets; (212) 769–5100

Open Daily: 10 a.m.–5:45 p.m.

Admission fee is suggested: \$15 for adults, \$11 for seniors/students but you can pay what you want – even just a quarter!

This is the place featured in the movie, Night at the Museum, with all the dinosaur bones and a cool planetarium.

Subway: B/C to 81st St.–Museum of Natural History, but also walking distance from Manhattan Church of Christ and Hotel Belleclaire.

### **Museum of Modern Art**

11 West 53rd Street, between 5th and 6th Aves; (212) 708-9400

Monday hours: 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Admission: \$20 for adults, \$16 for seniors, \$12 for students with ID

Examples of the famous works here are Van Gogh's Starry Night and Monet's Reflections of Clouds on the Water-Lily Pond. Renoir, Picasso, Cezanne, Matisse, Warhol and Pollack are also well represented. Salvador Dali's The Persistence of Memory is not currently on view. The wonderful thing about the modern art museum is that these famous trailblazing older works are alongside current works that always provoke thought.

Subway: E/V to 5th Ave-53rd St, N/R/W to 5th Ave-59th St, B/D/E to 7th Ave.

### **Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum**

1071 Fifth Avenue, at 88th Street; (212) 423-3500

Monday Hours: 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m.

Admission: \$18 adults, \$15 seniors/students with ID

This is the famous round building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Note: Thannhauser and Kandinsky galleries are temporarily closed due to restoration, and the exterior is also being renovated, so it doesn't look very impressive right now.

Subway: 4/5/6 to 86th St, and walking distance from Manhattan Church of Christ.

Please feel free to contact Malissa Endsley of the conference planning committee if you have any questions, get lost, etc. She'll help you get there!

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