



CITY GUIDE

NEW YORK CITY



EAT

Ellen's Stardust Diner

The food at this funky hangout is great, but it's the singing servers who make it a kid-favorite. Plus, the menu variety and availability is ideal if your kids crave pancakes at dinner or burgers for breakfast.

Donut Planet

I sometimes dream about their Creme Brulee donut! Sooo delicious (and I don't usually eat donuts). Kids love the chocolate-chocolate flavor and cinnamon sugar. The donuts are made without eggs, preservatives or, as the Donut Planet bakers like to say, "anything artificial." There are several locations around the city.

Kellogg's NYC

Shopping and eating in one! Yes, this is a store of cereal. Kids can fill their own bags and bowls with familiar flavors like Corn Pops, Cocoa Krispies, and Frosted Flakes, or, they can create their own mix from flavors like Birthday Cake or "store only" flavors created by some of the Big Apple's fanciest chefs.

STAY

Hotels aren't cheap so it's a great place to use reward points if possible. Opting to stay away from Time Square in someplace like Chelsea at Hyatt House or Marriott Courtyard usually offer cheaper rates and slightly quieter nights.

Radio City Apartments

A great value if you can keep your overall expectations in check and instead focus on the central location that's near Times Square and Central Park. And, every room has a kitchen. Bare bones travel for low-maintenance families.

La Quinta Manhattan

The hotel is conveniently located near Madison Square Garden and steps away from the Empire State Building and Macy's. All rooms have cable TV and free wireless internet, and guests get a complimentary continental breakfast with their room stay. There is also a bar on the roof of the hotel offering drinks and snacks.

Hampton Inn Manhattan

-35th St Empire State Building

A chain hotel that delivers on comfort, price, and location. On top of that, you get a free breakfast and free wi-fi.

SHOP

FAO Schwarz Toy Store

An obvious choice for a reason--kids love it! They can dance on the giant piano keyboard, shop at the pretend grocery store, and explore 20,000 square feet of fun.

Times Square

Come on, you know your kids want to go here, and maybe you too? It's one-stop shopping with a mammoth Disney Store, an M&M's World, and a mega location of the iconic Dylan's Candy Bar.

Tannen's Magic Shop

A tiny shop that appears, magically, much larger. It's filled with all kinds of cool tricks, and experts who can explain them. Even if your kids aren't budding magicians, they'll enjoy this peek into New York City originality.

PLAY

Central Park

The ultimate outdoor play area is a great escape when the busyness of the City gets overwhelming. Visit the Central Park Zoo, see the model boats in the Conservatory Water pond (featured in Stuart Little), see the Balto statue (read the book first), or climb Belvedere's Castle. You can also rent bikes to get around this giant-sized world of wonders.

American Museum of Natural History

Huge and awesome. See dinosaur bones up close, and a giant blue whale hanging over your head. You can spend the day here getting lost in the life-size dioramas. But that's okay since there are plenty of food options on site.

Intrepid Museum

A sea, air and space museum set on an aircraft carrier in the Hudson River. Full of aircrafts and exhibits that you can touch and experience. Some families like it even more than the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in D.C.—and that's saying something!

NYC Public Library on 42nd Street

Beyond the massive collection of books, go to see Christopher Robin's real Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Piglet, Kanga and Eeyore at the Children's Center.