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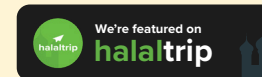
NEW YORK CITY WELCOMES YOU

Home of the electric, the eclectic, the historic and the world famous, there's something exciting around every corner in each of the five boroughs of New York City—whatever you're looking for, you can find it here.

Stand in awe of historic skyscrapers and marvel at cityscapes from observation decks; stroll through outdoor wonders like Central Park and exquisite museums like The Met; sample award-winning cuisine from fine dining establishments and halal food carts that dot the streets. Once you've come to NYC, you'll never want to leave.

Find Halal Food in NYC

Halal food can be easily found all throughout the five boroughs. You'll find a range of price points as well as regional cuisines, including Yemeni, Pakistani, Uzbek and Thai.



The restaurants listed in this guide have been featured by HalalTrip. We have made reasonable efforts to verify their halal status at the time of publication. However, verification and clarification should be sought from these restaurants to ensure they meet your halal requirements.



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Visit nycgo.com/halal-travel-guide to learn more about our travel influencers, halal dining in NYC and Muslim-friendly featured hotels.



Getting Around NYC

Be it by subway, bus, taxi, tram or ferry, there are many convenient ways to get across NYC. This guide will help you easily navigate the major transit systems.



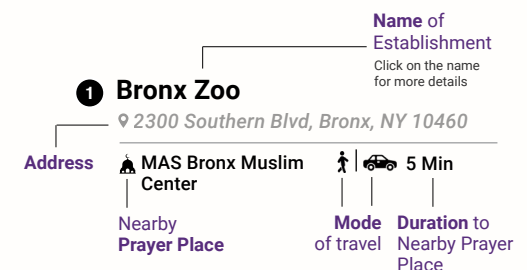
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Navigating the Guide

The places featured in this travel guide are marked with these icons to indicate the nearest prayer space.



What is a Borough?

Each of NYC's five boroughs—the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island—is essentially its own city within the larger metropolis. Only by experiencing each borough's unique culture can travelers truly enjoy all that NYC has to offer.

Not sure where to start? We can help:

The Bronx

The proud birthplace of hip-hop and home to the New York Yankees, the Bronx is NYC's northernmost borough. Family-approved activities include a day at the Bronx Zoo or the New York Botanical Garden. Visit the borough's own Little Italy for world-class dining and authentic delicacies.

Manhattan

The neon lights of Times Square and Broadway await you in Manhattan, NYC's commercial and cultural epicenter—but there's so much more to this borough. World-class art and history museums, awe-inspiring observation decks and delightful halal eateries represent just a sliver of the borough's offerings.

Brooklyn

History meets contemporary art and fashion in New York's most populous borough; industrial-chic architecture and waterfront views make this urban hot spot an unlikely paradise. Discover the borough's rich Muslim history at the Center for Brooklyn History or through the tight-knit Pakistani community in Coney Island. Bring a camera and a sense of adventure to uncover the most of Brooklyn's eclectic charm.

Queens

Queens is a culinary gem offering food from all over the world: savor indulgent Mexican birria tacos for one meal and smoky Indian tandoori chicken the next. Explore cultural enclaves like Little Egypt in Astoria and Chinatown in Flushing. In the summer, take the ferry to Rockaway Beach for surfing or swimming.



Staten Island

Board the (free) Staten Island Ferry—an NYC attraction on its own—for a breath of fresh air and views of Lady Liberty and the City's skylines. Once you arrive on Staten Island, explore Snug Harbor's timeless charm, feast on Italian food and pastries, catch a show at the St. George Theatre or immerse yourself in the vibrancy of Little Sri Lanka.

THE BRONX

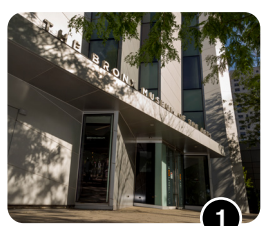
Must See & Do

1 The Bronx Museum of the Arts

📍 1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10456

This stunning art museum along Grand Concourse, a thoroughfare spanning several Bronx neighborhoods, features contemporary works by a range of artists from diverse cultural backgrounds. Free to visit, the museum presents bold exhibitions and amplifies the urban experience.

🕌 Masjid Nur Al-Islam 🚶 6 Min



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3 New York Botanical Garden

📍 2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10458

Treat your senses at the borough's famed "living museum," which is home to over 1 million plants as well as world-class art displays. One major highlight is the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, the largest Victorian-style glasshouse in the nation.

🕌 MAS Bronx Muslim Center 🚗 8 Min

2 Bronx Zoo

📍 2300 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10460

With over 6,000 animals representing some 700 species of wildlife, this state-of-the-art zoo is one of the largest in the US. Snap a photo of the elusive snow leopard at the Himalayan Highlands or watch Magellanic penguins bob for fish. Plan to spend a large part of the day here and make use of the zoo shuttle (seasonal) to navigate the grounds with ease.

🕌 MAS Bronx Muslim Center 🚗 5 Min



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4 Yankee Stadium

📍 1 E 161st St, Bronx, NY 10451

Home to 27-time World Series champion baseball team the New York Yankees, Yankee Stadium also hosts international soccer matches and concerts. Visitors can literally get their hands on historic baseball artifacts like Babe Ruth's bat and jersey through a special add-on experience.

🕌 Masjid Nur Al-Islam 🚶 14 Min

More to Explore

1 The Bronx Walk of Fame

The Bronx's famous residents are honored with a plaque on the borough's own Walk of Fame, which starts at East 161st Street and runs along Grand Concourse. Inductees are added each year and include The Chiffons and activist Tarana Burke.

2 Bronx | Historical Tours

3 SusanSez | NYC Walkabouts

Where to Shop



Arthur Avenue

📍 Arthur Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458

Take a self-guided food tour along Arthur Avenue, also known as the Bronx's Little Italy, which is lined with specialty markets and Italian eateries. Take home authentic pastas from the Arthur Avenue Retail Market or coffee beans from Cerini Coffee & Gifts, and watch cheese get made at Casa Della Mozzarella.

🕌 Masjid Al-Fawzaan 🚶 15 Min



The Lit. Bar

📍 131 Alexander Ave, Bronx, NY 10454

The borough's first independent bookstore, this woman-owned shop celebrates diversity and inclusivity in its atmosphere and book collections. Browse the unique inventory for your next read, or enter simply for the vibes—they're pretty lit.

🕌 Masjid Ebn Abass 🚶 8 Min

Halal Dining



1 Arth Aljanathain

📍 700 Rhinelander Ave, Bronx, NY 10462

🕌 MAS Bronx Muslim Center 🚶 1 Min

Nestled in East Bronx's Little Yemen, this humble Middle Eastern spot serves freshly baked breads, creamy and garlicky hummus and full-bodied fahsah (Yemeni lamb stew). The main attraction is their aromatic rice with flavor-packed grilled lamb that will melt like butter on your tongue. After your meal, enjoy a cup of complimentary mint tea.



2 Al-Aqsa Restaurant

📍 2107 Starling Ave, Bronx, NY 10462

🕌 The Bronx Islamic Society 🚗 6 Min

This Bangladeshi eatery is known for their flavorful goat biryani, tender kala bhuna, tasty singara and beef tehari, to name a few dishes. Don't skip dessert: indulge in an array of sweets and zesty malai chai.

Prayer Places

MAS Bronx Muslim Center
(Muslim American Society of Upper New York)

📍 702 Rhinelander Ave, Bronx, NY 10462

Masjid e Hamza

📍 3417 Knox Pl, Bronx, NY 10467

The Bronx Islamic Society

📍 1726 E 172nd St, Bronx, NY 10472

Masjid Nur Al-Islam

📍 215 McClellan St, Bronx, NY 10456

Masjid Ebn Abass

📍 333 Alexander Ave, Bronx, NY 10454

BROOKLYN

Samia Butt & Syed Adnan @adnansamia

"Growing up in Brooklyn, there was one local restaurant we ordered from. Over the years, halal food has taken over Brooklyn. Foster Avenue is a miniature Pakistan; Bay Ridge has an array of Arabic food; Brighton Beach has people praising Uzbek and Turkish eats."

Samia Butt has a background in special education, while Syed Adnan comes from a criminal justice and law enforcement background. They love traveling and giving back to those who are less fortunate through a nonprofit called Act of Goodwill.



Must See & Do

1 Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM)

📍 30 Lafayette Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Located in Downtown Brooklyn, this Renaissance Revival performance venue hosts indie film screenings, gripping plays and electrifying performances. DanceAfrica, for example, is the largest annual African dance festival in the nation and features traditional and contemporary performances, film screenings and an outdoor bazaar. Throughout the rest of the year, enjoy BAMcafé Live's free performances.

🕌 Masjid Al-Ihsan 🚗 3 Min



3 Brooklyn Bridge and Brooklyn Bridge Park

📍 Brooklyn Bridge: Tillary St (at Adams St), Brooklyn, NY 11201
📍 Brooklyn Bridge Park: 334 Furman St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

The 20-minute walk from Brooklyn to Manhattan beneath the limestone and granite arches of this historic landmark will delight and inspire with views of the boroughs' skylines. Explore the surrounding Brooklyn Bridge Park, packed with activities along its six piers including kayaking, live concerts, skating and carousel rides.

🕌 Islamic Mission of America/Dawood Mosque 🚗 5-7 Min

2 Brooklyn Botanic Garden

📍 990 Washington Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225

The garden's collection of 18,000 types of plants captivates visitors no matter the season. Immerse yourself in a sea of bluebells and ephemeral cherry blossoms on an esplanade of more than 75 trees; stroll through greenhouses filled with spiny cacti or 100-year-old bonsai trees; then, end your day in the serene Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden.

🕌 Masjid At-Taqwa 🚗 5 Min



4 Brooklyn Museum

📍 200 Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11238

This striking museum on the edge of Prospect Park houses centuries-old artifacts including ancient Egyptian art, medieval Islamic ceramics, Ottoman Turkish textiles and a historic Qajar dynasty painting of the Battle of Karbala. For modern art, Judy Chicago's *The Dinner Party*, now a permanent installation, displays porcelain place settings commemorating 39 women, like Sojourner Truth and Virginia Woolf, which visitors can walk around and observe up close.

🕌 Masjid At-Taqwa 🚗 5 Min

5 Domino Park

📍 River Street, Brooklyn, NY 11249

Overlooking the East River, this park is named after the former Domino Sugar Refinery. Salvaged artifacts from the refinery, some now painted in pastel blue, lend to the park's whimsy. Grab halal gyros nearby for a picnic on the grass or join a game of beach volleyball or bocce ball on warm days. At the playground, kids can climb and slide down structures modeled after sugar refinery components. At sunset, head to the elevated walkway to take in the views.

🕌 Greenpoint Islamic Center 🚗 8 Min

7 Prospect Park

📍 95 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215

Brooklyn's 585-acre park is full of wildlife, natural wonders and activities. Scout out the mini waterfall at the Ravine, ogle at the mystical Camperdown Elm tree or ride the park's vintage carousel. Anglers can partake in catch-and-release fishing, and kids and animal lovers can feed alpacas at the Prospect Park Zoo. The Lena Horne Bandshell hosts a summerlong concert series with rising and established acts.

🕌 Masjid At-Taqwa 🚗 5 Min



6 Coney Island

📍 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224

Brooklyn's beachside neighborhood, Coney Island is home to an aquarium, boardwalk and the rides and games at Luna Park. Hop on the century-old Wonder Wheel for stunning views or brave epic rides like the Phoenix and the Thunderbolt. Save time for the Cyclone, a landmark roller coaster taking passengers up and down 12 harrowing drops at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour.

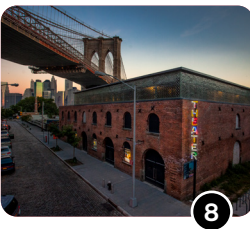
🕌 American Turkish Eyup Sultan Cultural Center 🚗 5 Min

8 St. Ann's Warehouse

📍 45 Water St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

St. Ann's Warehouse is known for staging thrilling, avant-garde theatrical productions like *4:48 Psychosis*, *Dollhouse* and *A Streetcar Named Desire* (starring Gillian Anderson). The industrial space, formerly a tobacco warehouse in the 1860s, is notable for its great acoustics, spacious seating, industrial chic exterior and waterfront views.

🕌 Islamic Mission of America/Dawood Mosque 🚗 5 Min



Prayer Places

Brooklyn Islamic Center

📍 2015 64th St, Brooklyn, NY 11204

Greenpoint Islamic Center

📍 602 Leonard St, Brooklyn, NY 11222

Islamic Mission of America/Dawood Mosque

📍 143 State St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Islamic Society of Bay Ridge

📍 6807 5th Ave a1, Brooklyn, NY 11220

Masjid At-Taqwa

📍 1188 Fulton St, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Masjid Al-Ihsan

📍 977 Fulton St, Brooklyn, NY 11238

American Turkish Eyup Sultan Cultural Center

📍 2814 Brighton 3rd St, Brooklyn, NY 11235

Where to Shop



Brooklyn Flea
📍 80 Pearl St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

On Sundays, blend in with the locals at the Brooklyn Flea in Dumbo (an acronym for Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass); shop for one-of-a-kind jewelry, artwork, vintage clothing and antiques. Also in the waterfront neighborhood is the Time Out Market and Jane's Carousel, and the photo-op hot spot on Washington Street, where brownstones frame the Manhattan Bridge and Empire State Building.

🕌 Islamic Mission of America/Dawood Mosque 🚗 7 Min



Brooklyn Navy Yard
📍 63 Flushing Ave, bldg 292, unit 300 (main office), Brooklyn, NY 11205

Spanning 300 acres of Brooklyn waterfront, this center for urban manufacturing supports the economic growth of New York City. Once a naval facility that launched World War II warships, it later incorporated Steiner Studios (the largest film studio outside of Hollywood) and continues to expand as a design and tech hub. Visitors can access the stunning yard by ferry, bus or bike, and join guided tours of the facilities.

🕌 Islamic Mission of America/Dawood Mosque 🚗 6 Min



Williamsburg's Bedford Avenue
📍 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Bedford Avenue is a treasure trove of vintage shops and brand-name favorites. Shop for original and eclectic jewelry at a variety of charming boutiques; find specialty items like handwoven Turkish bath towels at Berlyn 65; or browse kitschy gifts at the Bedford Avenue Mini Mall. Vinyl junkies can get their fix at Earwax Records, while art lovers will be thrilled by the rare coffee table editions at Spoonbill & Sugartown Books.

🕌 Masjid At-Taqwa 🚗 7-11 Min

History of Muslims in Brooklyn

Home to one of the oldest mosques in the US, Brooklyn has grown alongside its Muslim residents for roughly 400 years. In true NYC fashion, the borough boasts one of the most diverse Muslim communities in the world, with descendants from every continent. Today, they are the City's doctors, artists and activists, as well as beloved taxi drivers and street food vendors.

Hear their oral histories on the Brooklyn Historical Society's Muslims in Brooklyn website.

More to Explore: Brooklyn Historical Society

Halal Dining



1 Halalbee's
📍 378 Myrtle Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11205
🕌 Masjid Al-Ihsan 🚗 5 Min

Halalbee's is devoted to premium quality burgers, fries and shakes. Consider the Mile High burger, with beef and mushroom patties, cheddar and maple beef bacon. If you're not sure what to order, try the "Confused Much?," a choice of three different sides.



2 Milk & Honey Cafe
📍 1119 Newkirk Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11230
🕌 Brooklyn Islamic Center 🚗 10 Min

This inviting halal coffee shop in Brooklyn is a cozy spot to grab brunch with friends. The cafe offers healthy grain bowls, breakfast platters, egg dishes cooked in a cast iron pan and a selection of sweets and pastries.



3 Qahwah House
📍 162 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211
🕌 Greenpoint Islamic Center 🚶 13 Min

Owned by a Yemeni family, this coffee shop's specialty is its organic coffee, which is grown in Yemen. Soak in the atmosphere as your coffee is made to order at the open coffee bar. Couple it with their signature sabaya pastry, a flaky, layered pastry made with Yemeni butter and honey.



4 AYAT NYC
📍 8504 3rd Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11209
🕌 Islamic Society of Bay Ridge 🚗 6 Min

Run by a husband-and-wife duo, Ayat NYC serves authentic Palestinian dishes that will have you wondering if you're still in NYC. Treat yourself to a Palestinian feast: mansaf, a hearty lamb stew with fermented yogurt sauce served over fresh saj bread, or fattat lahma, a six-layer dish including meat, rice and herbs.



5 Bagel Point
📍 699 Manhattan Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11222
🕌 Greenpoint Islamic Center 🚶 2 Min

A visit to New York would be incomplete without sampling their iconic New York bagels. Bagel Point's handcrafted bagels, made with organic ingredients, are baked fresh daily. You can choose between 20 varieties of house-made cream cheeses to spread on your bagel or crogel (croissant bagel). All items in the restaurant are halal but they may offer non-halal items on their delivery menu.

6 Birdies Hot Chicken
📍 810 Grand St, Brooklyn, NY 11206
🕌 Greenpoint Islamic Center 🚗 10 Min

7 Black Nile
📍 592 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, New York 11216
🕌 Masjid At-Taqwa 🚶 8 Min

8 Yemen Cafe
📍 7130 5th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11209
🕌 Islamic Society of Bay Ridge 🚶 3 Min

📍 176 Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11201
🕌 Islamic Mission of America/Dawood Mosque 🚶 3 Min

MANHATTAN

Rida Ali @freespirtida

"To me, New York City is a place where you can travel the world within the bounds of one city. You can visit your homeland in Queens, read one of the oldest copies of the Qur'an at The Met or visit Yemen via a coffee shop in Brooklyn. I love that anything and everything is possible, and I am always relearning and reimagining all the possibilities that are available to me in NYC."

Rida Ali is a student at New York University, double majoring in global studies and media & communications. She loves reading, traveling, exploring NYC and sharing her travel tips on TikTok.



Must See & Do

1 9/11 Museum & Memorial

📍 *World Trade Center (museum: 180 Greenwich St), Manhattan, NY 10007*

The National September 11 Museum and Memorial honors the victims of the devastating terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and February 26, 1993. Names of the victims are inscribed on bronze parapets surrounding reflecting pools where the Twin Towers once stood; the site also encompasses oak trees and cascading waterfalls. The museum documents the lasting impact and significance of the attacks.

🕌 Masjid Manhattan 🚶 11 Min

2 Central Park

📍 *Between Fifth Avenue and Central Park West*

This urban oasis, which spans from 59th to 110th Streets, is a world-famous park and home to historic monuments and family-friendly activities, including hiking, ice-skating, gondola rides and a petting zoo. Marvel at the architecture of the Bethesda Terrace and its Minton-tiled arcade ceiling; look up at Cleopatra's Needle, a 3,500-year-old Egyptian obelisk; and pay homage at John Lennon's memorial, Strawberry Fields.

🕌 Islamic Cultural Center of New York 🚗 5-10 Min



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The High Line and Whitney Museum of American Art

📍 *99 Gansevoort St, Manhattan, NY 10014*

Lined with plant life, coffee stands and art installations, this elevated 1.45-mile repurposed train track allows visitors to take a respite from the urban bustle below (though the walkway itself can be crowded, especially on weekends). Stretching from Hudson Yards through Chelsea and the Meatpacking District, the High Line leads to the entrance of the acclaimed Whitney Museum, the site of contemporary American art exhibitions.

🕌 Islamic Center at NYU 🚗 8 Min



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Wall Street and The Battery

📍 *Enter on State Street or Battery Place, Manhattan, NY 10004*

At the southern tip of Manhattan, you can get a sense of old-world New York City. The narrow eight-block stretch of Wall Street is where you'll find the New York Stock Exchange. Nearby Battery Park is where you can catch a ferry to Liberty Island or ride the one-of-a-kind SeaGlass Carousel.

🕌 Masjid Manhattan 🚶 6 Min



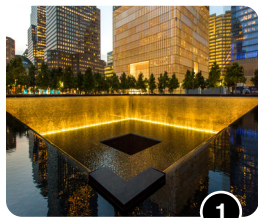
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Washington Square Park and West Village

📍 *Washington Square, Manhattan, NY 10012*

Pass under the white-marble Washington Arch into Washington Square Park, where musicians and performance artists, locals and visitors congregate around the fountain. Families, canines, food vendors and NYC's signature spontaneity can all be found here. Beyond the park are the charming cobblestone streets of the West Village. Stroll through and stop in at indie bookstores and film houses, French perfumeries and the historic Cherry Lane Theatre.

🕌 Islamic Center at NYU 🚶 1 Min



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3 Observatories: Edge, Empire State Building, One World Observatory, Summit One Vanderbilt, Top of the Rock

📍 3.1 | *Edge: 30 Hudson Yards, Manhattan, NY 10001*

📍 3.2 | *Empire State Building: 20 W 34th St, Manhattan, NY 10118*

📍 3.3 | *One World Observatory: 117 West St, Manhattan, NY 10007*

📍 3.4 | *Summit One Vanderbilt: 45 E 42nd St, Manhattan, NY 10017*

📍 3.5 | *Top of the Rock: 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Manhattan, NY 10112*

Manhattan is known for its skyscrapers—and the views afforded at the top of them. Ascend NYC towers to see the sights from the Empire State Building Observatory, One World Observatory and Top of the Rock. Feel the wind at Edge, the highest outdoor sky deck in the Western Hemisphere, and don't miss the glass- and mirror-walled Summit One Vanderbilt: part art installation, part observation deck.

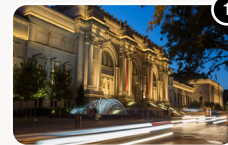
🕌 Masjid Ar-Rahman 🚗 2-12 Min

Museums

📍 *Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, NY*

🕌 Masjid Malcolm Shabazz

🚗 6 Min



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The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met)

The Met holds over two million pieces of art and artifacts. Its Egyptian art collection, derived from 35 years of archaeological work in Egypt, contains sphinxes, hieroglyphs and a restored 2,000-year-old temple (the Temple of Dendur). Also on view is Islamic art, including reconstructed homes and a dazzling blue mihrab. A highlight is the Costume Institute, which houses 33,000 pieces representing fashion from the 15th century to today.



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Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

Weave through the works of impressionist masters, cubist pioneers and surrealist practitioners at MoMA. The permanent home of Van Gogh's *The Starry Night* (1889) and Dali's *The Persistence of Memory* (1931), this contemporary art museum also features rotating design-forward collections with no limits on medium.

3 American Museum of Natural History

4 New Museum

Where to Shop



Designer Brands on Madison and Fifth Avenues

Splurge or simply window shop along NYC's most notable shopping districts on Madison and Fifth Avenues. Flagship department stores like Saks Fifth Avenue are known for ornate holiday window displays. You'll recognize luxury brands like Gucci, Versace, Prada, Hermès—the list goes on.



The Seaport

📍 19 Fulton St, Manhattan, NY 10038

At the scenic and historic Seaport, shop mod looks at Mûre + Grand and complete it with heels from SJP by Sarah Jessica Parker. Christian Benner Custom will leave you looking like a rock star, while services at PimpNYC will leave you feeling like one. Bookworms will love McNally Jackson, which takes up two floors of an 1800s Schermerhorn Row building, the area's signature architectural style.

🕌 Masjid Manhattan

🚶 3 Min

Entertainment & Experiences



Apollo Theater

📍 253 W 125th St, Manhattan, NY 10027

The legendary Apollo Theater in Harlem is an NYC cultural mainstay. Greats like Ella Fitzgerald, the Jackson 5, James Brown and Lauryn Hill have all launched careers from its stage. Today, you can expect world-class shows in an intimate performance hall. Wednesday is the wildly popular Amateur Night—a competitive live show with a rowdy audience.

🕌 Masjid Malcolm Shabazz

🚶 15 Min



Times Square, Broadway and the Theatre District

📍 Broadway, Manhattan, NY 10036

No trip to New York City is complete without a visit to this crossroads of the world—with upscale dining on Restaurant Row, world-class shopping and thrilling Broadway productions. Buy tickets to shows in advance or try to snag same-day passes for less at the TKTS booth. Brand-new shows and beloved classics will not disappoint, all featuring stunning sets and costumes, not to mention the world's top performers on historic stages.

🕌 Islamic Society of Mid Manhattan

🚗 6 Min

Muslim History Tour NYC

Conducted several times a year, the Muslim History Tour NYC is a fascinating foray into the 400 years of Muslim history in the City. This free tour invites you to explore historical sites in Harlem or Wall Street and learn about the accomplishments and contributions of Muslims in NYC, from the first arrivals of Muslims in the City to the extensive influence of Malcolm X.

NOTE: Public tours have been temporarily suspended, but small private groups can be accommodated.



Halal Dining



1 Village Creperie

📍 445 E 9th St, Manhattan, NY 10009

Village Creperie offers a taste of France in the heart of the East Village. Choose from a wide variety of sweet and savory crepes, sandwiches and acai bowls. Notable mentions include the apple walnut crepe and the spicy smoked turkey sandwich with pico de gallo, Gruyère cheese and a chipotle spread on multigrain bread.

🕌 Islamic Council of America (Madina Masjid)
🚶 4 Min



2 The Halal Guys

📍 Sixth Ave & W 53rd St, Manhattan, NY 10019

The Halal Guys' famous food cart, popular among locals and visitors, still stands in its original Midtown West location. Many line up to taste the chicken, gyros, rice, pita and secret sauce. Today, The Halal Guys have 100 stores worldwide (and hundreds more in development), but the Manhattan food cart is still a must-try.

🕌 Islamic Society of Mid Manhattan
🚶 13 Min



3 Junoon

📍 19 W 24th St, Manhattan, NY 10010

Junoon, which means "passion" in Urdu, offers a modern twist on traditional Indian dishes. Highlights include the ghost chili murg tikka, shahi lamb shank and lobster moilee. The Indian fine dining restaurant was awarded the Michelin Star for eight consecutive years and offers a partially halal menu.

🕌 Masjid Ar-Rahman 🚶 10 Min



4 Fauzia's Heavenly Delights

📍 Broadway & W 131st St, Manhattan, NY 10027

Savor the smoky, spicy and mildly sweet flavor of Jamaican jerk chicken at Fauzia's Heavenly Delights. The fragrant dish offers tender meat and the wholesomeness of a home-cooked meal. The chef's warm personality has been known to win hearts too. Head over for fresh vegetable dishes, deliciously smoky meats and a vegetarian entrée, served daily at this precious halal Jamaican fusion food cart.

🕌 Masjid Malcolm Shabazz
🚗 7 Min

Note: Fauzia's Heavenly Delights is located on Broadway & W 131st St every Wednesday.

5 Meat and Bread

📍 201 Allen St, Manhattan, NY 10002

🕌 Islamic Council of America (Madina Masjid) 🚶 12 Min

6 Farida

📍 498 Ninth Ave, Manhattan, NY 10018

🕌 Masjid Awliya of Allah 🚶 3 Min

Prayer Places

Masjid Manhattan

📍 30 Cliff St, Manhattan, NY 10038

Islamic Cultural Center of New York (ICCN)

📍 1711 Third Ave, Manhattan, NY 10029

Islamic Council of America (Madina Masjid)

📍 401 E 11th St, Manhattan, NY 10009

Islamic Society of Mid Manhattan

📍 154 E 55th St, Manhattan, NY 10022

Islamic Center at NYU

📍 238 Thompson St #4, Manhattan, NY 10012

Masjid Ar-Rahman

📍 15 W 29th St, Manhattan, NY 10001

Masjid Malcolm Shabazz

📍 102 W 116th St, Manhattan, NY 10026

Masjid Awliya of Allah

📍 327 W 36th St, Manhattan, NY 10018

QUEENS

Must See & Do

1 Flushing Meadows Corona Park and Unisphere

📍 111th Street to Van Wyck Expressway, Queens, NY 11375

The site of the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs, Flushing Meadows Corona Park is the largest park in the borough. Expand your mind at the Queens Museum, and marvel at the stunning Unisphere. Here you'll also find the Queens Zoo, home to wildlife of the Americas like the bald eagle.

🕌 Masjid Al-Falah

🚗 6 Min



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3 Museum of the Moving Image

📍 36-01 35th Ave, Queens, NY 11106

Come face to face with Kermit, Elmo and other Jim Henson creations at this museum dedicated to television and movie magic, including the technology, art and history behind the screen. Interact with modern and historic film equipment; visitors will get a chance to record voice-overs or film stop-motion animations, play vintage video arcade games or catch one of more than 400 films screened each year.

🕌 Alamin Jame Masjid

🚶 3 Min

2 MoMA PS1

📍 22-25 Jackson Ave, Queens, NY 11101

Discover experimental and thought-provoking contemporary works at MoMA PS1, a former public school turned art institution in Long Island City. Engage in masterful pieces like *James Turrell. Meeting. 1980-86* for which he literally removed the ceiling, allowing the sky to meet the interior space.

🕌 Bosnian-Herzegovinian Islamic Center of New York

🚗 9 Min



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4 Queens Museum

📍 NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens, NY 11368

The Queens Museum is home to an extensive collection of World's Fair artifacts, exquisite Tiffany glass and roving exhibitions from artists of diverse backgrounds. The museum's stunner is unquestionably the *Panorama of the City of New York*, a 9,335-square-foot scale model of the entire City, including detailed replicas of every NYC building built before 1992.

🕌 Masjid Al-Falah

🚗 7 Min

Jiniya Azad, Sameen Choudhry & Tahira Baksh

@muslimfoodies

"Of all the places we've traveled to, Queens is our favorite borough to visit since it is the world's borough. You can find a plethora of ethnic cuisines just in one block. The food scene is phenomenal and halal food choices seem more prominent. Visiting Muslims can try a variety of cuisines—options are endless!"

MuslimFoodies is a trio of content creators who travel around NYC, Long Island and New Jersey for halal eats, then rate their experience to shed light on the restaurants.



Where to Shop



Astoria Boutiques

📍 31-29 31st St, Queens, NY 11106

Shop for quirky couture or vintage items at the boutiques along Steinway Street or Broadway in Astoria. Dive into the lovable, kitschy world of Lockwood, browse chic pieces from Astoria Boutique or Loveday 31 and complete the retro vibe with a visit to HiFi Records & Café for some vinyl.

🕌 Shahjalal Masjid (Astoria Islamic Foundation Inc.) 🚶 9 Min



New World Mall

📍 136-20 Roosevelt Ave, Queens, NY 11354

At New York City's largest indoor Asian mall (famous for its eclectic food court), sample Chinese, Korean, Thai and Malaysian fare. Try halal Uyghur eats from Tarim Uyghur Food or Mojoilla Fresh, then head to JMart for an extensive selection of East Asian, Indonesian and Filipino groceries. Before you leave, sing (or scream) your heart out at the Real KTV, the mall's prized karaoke lounge.

🕌 Masjid Hazrati Abu Bakr Siddique

🚗 8 Min

Halal Dining



1

Eatzy Thai

📍 33-09 Broadway, Queens, NY 11106

Don't let the name mislead you—Eatzy Thai offers more than just Thai food. Officially the first of its kind in NYC serving halal Korean barbecue and hotpot, this patioed Astoria spot offers the best of both worlds. Try their basil fried rice or popular beef pad kee mao: stir-fried rice noodles with slices of beef and vegetables in a spicy sauce.

🕌 Alamin Jame Masjid 🚶 11 Min



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MUM Feteer

📍 25-48 Steinway St, Queens, NY 11103

Chef Ahmed Saber wants you to experience Egyptian feteer, a pastry-like pie handmade and stretched, like the ones he makes back home in Alexandria. Choose sweet or savory toppings and sample other specialties like Sausage Iskandarny, Alexandrian-style beef sausage cooked in a special sauce.

🕌 Al-Iman Mosque 🚶 2 Min

Prayer Places

Masjid Al-Falah

📍 42-12 National St, Queens, NY 11368

Alamin Jame Masjid

📍 35-19 36th Ave, Queens, NY 11106

Al-Iman Mosque

📍 24-30 Steinway St, Queens, NY 11103

Masjid Hazrati Abu Bakr Siddique

📍 14147 33rd Ave, Queens, NY 11354

Bosnian-Herzegovinian Islamic Center of New York

📍 37-46 Crescent St, Queens, NY 11101

Shahjalal Masjid (Astoria Islamic Foundation Inc.)

📍 25-67 31st St, Queens, NY 11102

STATEN ISLAND

Must See & Do

1 Historic Richmond Town

📍 441 Clarke Ave, Staten Island, NY 10306

Be transported to 18th-century America at Historic Richmond Town, Staten Island's living history village. Rub shoulders with an old-timey carpenter or blacksmith and weave through quaint brick houses or a general store, each restored and decked out with preserved artifacts.

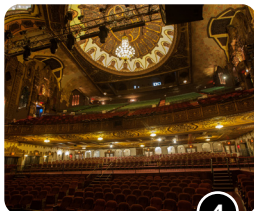
🕌 MAS New York (Staten Island Center) 🚗 14 Min

2 Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden

📍 1000 Richmond Terr, Staten Island, NY 10301

This restored 19th-century home for retired sailors is now a botanical garden, park and arts center. Discover the harbor's nautical history at the Noble Maritime Collection, wander past koi ponds and waterfalls at the Chinese Scholar's Garden—modeled after authentic Chinese gardens of the Ming dynasty—and engage with art exhibits by local and international artists.

🕌 Masjid Al-Ihsan 🚗 7 Min



3 Staten Island Ferry

📍 Between St George Terminal and Whitehall

Kick-start your Staten Island adventure with a free 25-minute ride on the Staten Island Ferry from Whitehall Terminal in Lower Manhattan. Along the way, snap stunning pics of the Manhattan skyline. The Brooklyn Bridge and the Hudson River are visible at port side; head over to the starboard side to spot the Statue of Liberty.

4 St. George Theatre

📍 35 Hyatt St, Staten Island, NY 10301

Having hosted performers like Ringo Starr, Gladys Knight and Tony Bennett, St. George Theatre, steps from the Staten Island Ferry, is one of the borough's most beloved performance spaces. You'll be awestruck by its red-and-gold Spanish and Italian baroque-style interior, plush velvet seats and near-perfect acoustics.

🕌 Masjid Al-Ihsan 🚶 3 Min

Where to Shop



Empire Outlets

📍 55 Richmond Terr, Staten Island, NY 10301

At NYC's only outlet destination, find all the latest styles at major brand-name stores. Grab a bite to eat, take in views of the city skyline or occasional live performances and meet the adopted honeybees.

🕌 Masjid Al-Ihsan 🚶 10 Min

Halal Dining



1 Al Humza Restaurant

📍 629 Richmond Rd, Staten Island, NY 10304

Al Humza serves Pakistani delights with full-bodied flavors that pack a punch, like their savory chicken biryani on fragrantly spiced basmati rice or fresh garlic naan and rich butter chicken.

🕌 MMSI - Muslim Majlis of Staten Island - Masjid Un Noor 🚶 3 Min



2 Taheni Mediterranean Grill

📍 L2 Staten Island Mall, Staten Island, NY 10314

Treat your taste buds to homemade baba ghanoush, fluffy pita bread and Taheni's signature falafels—a family recipe. Build your own platter, wrap or salad with fresh ingredients like hummus, tabbouleh and taheni sauce balancing out the rich, aromatic flavors of the grilled chicken or lamb. Top it off with delicious sides, like red pepper hummus or crisp za'atar fries, and sweet baklava.

🕌 Islamic Center of Staten Island 🚗 11 Min

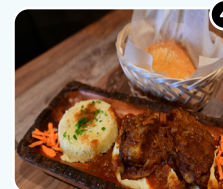


3 Zara Cafe Grill

📍 1995 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306

Known for their Turkish fare and friendly service, Zara Cafe & Grill is a Staten Island favorite. From succulent, melt-in-your-mouth beef shish kebabs to tangy char-grilled eggplant salads, it's hard to say no to anything on the menu. Their lamb gyro, mixed grill and falafel wraps are great choices; their nutty, syrup-coated baklava is a must. Wash it down with some refreshing Turkish tea.

🕌 MAS New York (Staten Island Center) 🚗 3 Min



4 Alba

📍 1880 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10305

Alba offers a selection of authentic Albanian cuisine, including generous portions of smoky, tastefully seasoned proteins. The lamb gyro plate, hummus and chicken kebabs are popular options. Top it all off with the sweet, creamy trileqe.

🕌 MAS New York (Staten Island Center) 🚗 4 Min

More to Explore

The Staten Island Greenbelt

National Lighthouse Museum

Prayer Places

MMSI - Muslim Majlis of Staten Island - Masjid Un Noor

📍 104 Rhine Ave, Staten Island, NY 10304

MAS New York (Staten Island Center)

📍 180 Burgher Ave, Staten Island, NY 10304

Islamic Center of Staten Island

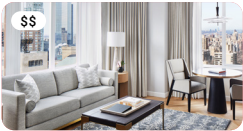
📍 365 Veterans Rd W, Staten Island, NY 10309

Masjid Al-Ihsan

📍 406 St Marks Pl, Staten Island, NY 10301

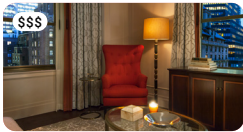
MUSLIM-FRIENDLY HOTELS

Get a good night’s sleep and peace of mind at these seven Muslim-friendly hotels, centrally located in Midtown Manhattan. The seven hotels listed on this page have been featured by HalalTrip.



Conrad New York Midtown
📍 151 W 54th St, Manhattan, NY 10019

Broadway fans and art aficionados will love a stay at this all-suite hotel in walking distance to the Theatre District and museums. Plush, spacious rooms offer sweeping views of the NYC skyline and Central Park.



InterContinental New York Barclay
📍 111 E 48th St, Manhattan, NY 10017

Conveniently located near Grand Central Terminal, this property dates back nearly a century. The hotel retains charming historic details after its massive renovation, blending Federalist-style touches with contemporary luxury.



Lotte New York Palace
📍 455 Madison Ave, Manhattan, NY 10022

Enter this property through the 19th-century Villard Mansion via a fabulous courtyard. The hotel itself is a modern, luxurious 55-story tower directly behind the mansion. This Madison Avenue gem is the perfect hideaway in Midtown East.



New York Hilton Midtown
📍 1335 Sixth Ave, Manhattan, NY 10019

Just steps from the Museum of Modern Art, this property offers sweeping skyline views from the guest rooms. It’s a great choice for both families and solo travelers after a fun-filled day about the City.



Park Hyatt New York
📍 153 W 57th St, Manhattan, NY 10019

This luxury five-star hotel, just a block from Central Park, towers above the heart of Manhattan. From its floor-to-ceiling windows, guests can enjoy stunning views of the City.



The Pierre, A Taj Hotel, New York
📍 2 E 61st St, Manhattan, NY 10065

This 1930s era property is a landmark of the Upper East Side. All rooms are classically and ornately furnished, some with views of Central Park. Stars like Coco Chanel, Audrey Hepburn and Barbra Streisand have graced its halls.



The Plaza Hotel
📍 Fifth Avenue at Central Park South, Manhattan, NY 10019

Featured in movies and on television since the 1950s, The Plaza Hotel, an NYC landmark, offers a timeless and luxurious stay. Its one-of-a-kind suites range from the elegant Fitzgerald Suite, a tribute to the Jazz Age and writer F. Scott Fitzgerald, to the fully pink Eloise Suite, in honor of the children’s book character who lived in the storied hotel.



Each hotel offers a range of Muslim-friendly services on request. They include providing, on request, a qibla compass, prayer timetable, list of nearby mosques and halal restaurants. We have made reasonable efforts to verify the availability of those services as of press time. However, verification and clarification should be sought from these hotels to ensure they meet your requirements.

HOTEL DIRECTORY

The hotels featured in this guide have been chosen to represent a range of price points and locations throughout the five boroughs. For more lodging options in NYC, visit our hotels page.

Manhattan

AKA Central Park 📍 42 W 58th St, Manhattan, NY 10019 \$\$	AKA Sutton Place 📍 330 E 56th St, Manhattan, NY 10022 \$	AKA Times Square 📍 123 W 44th St, Manhattan, NY 10036 \$
Andaz Fifth Avenue 📍 485 Fifth Ave, Manhattan, NY 10017 \$\$\$\$	Evelyn Hotel 📍 7 E 27th St, Manhattan, NY 10016 \$\$	Hotel Beacon 📍 2130 Broadway, Manhattan, NY 10023 \$\$
Hotel Belleclaire 📍 250 W 77th St, Manhattan, NY 10024 \$	Hotel Edison 📍 228 W 47th St, Manhattan, NY 10036 \$	InterContinental New York Times Square 📍 300 W 44th St, Manhattan, NY 10036 \$\$\$
Iroquois New York 📍 49 W 44th St, Manhattan, NY 10036 \$\$	JW Marriott Essex House New York 📍 160 Central Park South, Manhattan, NY 10019 \$\$	Loews Regency New York 📍 540 Park Ave, Manhattan, NY 10065 \$\$\$
M Social Hotel Times Square New York 📍 226 W 52nd St, Manhattan, NY 10019 \$	New York Marriott Marquis 📍 1535 Broadway, Manhattan, NY 10036 \$\$	Renaissance New York Times Square Hotel 📍 2 Times Square (714 Seventh Ave), Manhattan, NY 10036 \$
Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel 📍 811 Seventh Ave, Manhattan, NY 10019 \$	The Frederick Hotel 📍 95 West Broadway, Manhattan, NY 10007 \$	The Langham, New York, Fifth Avenue 📍 400 Fifth Ave, Manhattan, NY 10018 \$\$\$
The Marmara Park Avenue 📍 114 E 32nd St, Manhattan, NY 10016 \$\$\$	Thompson Central Park New York 📍 119 W 56th St, Manhattan, NY 10019 \$\$\$	Washington Jefferson Hotel 📍 318 W 51st St, Manhattan, NY 10019 \$

Bronx

Opera House Hotel 📍 436 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455 \$

Queens

The Parc Hotel 📍 39-16 College Point Blvd, Queens, NY 11354 \$

Staten Island

Fairfield Inn & Suites Staten Island 📍 290 Wild Ave, Staten Island, NY 10314 \$
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Holiday Inn Brooklyn Downtown 📍 300 Schermerhorn St, Brooklyn, NY 11217 \$

The TWA Hotel 📍 John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, NY 11430 \$

Hilton Garden Inn New York/Staten Island 📍 1100 South Ave, Staten Island, NY 10314 \$
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The William Vale 📍 111 N 12th St, Brooklyn, NY 11249 \$
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MUSLIM-FRIENDLY NEW YORK CITY IN 5 DAYS

New York City offers a nearly endless number of attractions, shopping and dining destinations, and sightseeing opportunities across the five boroughs—but experiencing them all would require more than one visit. If you have five days to spend in the City, here's how you can make the most of your time.

DAY 1 MANHATTAN



- Stroll through **Central Park** P12
- See masterpieces at **The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met)** P13
- Splurge or window shop on **Madison and Fifth Avenues** P14
- Catch a **Broadway** show P14

DAY 2 LOWER MANHATTAN & STATEN ISLAND



- Admire the views at **One World Observatory**
 126th Street and Roosevelt Avenue, Queens, NY 11368
 One World Trade Center, built after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, symbolizes the resilience and unbreakable spirit of NYC. The tallest building in the Western Hemisphere, this tower, with its prismatic glass facade, offers 360-degree views of the five boroughs from the top.
 - Masjid Manhattan** 11 Min
- Pay your respects at the **9/11 Museum & Memorial** P12
 (located at the base of One World Trade Center)
- Take in skyline views from aboard the **Staten Island Ferry** P18
- Shop at **Empire Outlets** P19
- Discover **Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden** P18

DAY 3 BROOKLYN



- Learn more about **Muslim History in Brooklyn** P10
- Find photo ops at the **Brooklyn Bridge and Brooklyn Bridge Park** P8

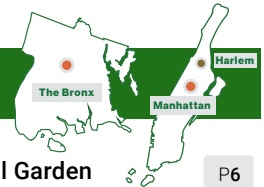
- Dine and shop on **Bedford Avenue** P10
- See works by acclaimed artists at the **Brooklyn Museum** P8

DAY 4 QUEENS



- Explore **Jackson Heights**
 This historic NYC neighborhood is home to one of borough's most diverse food scenes—with halal options. Many restaurants specialize in South Asian and Southeast Asian food, but you can find cuisine from all over the world here.
 - Al-Iman Mosque** 7 Min
- See the *Panorama of the City of New York* at the **Queens Museum** P16
- Unwind at **Flushing Meadows Corona Park** P16
- Root for the home team at **Citi Field**
 126th Street and Roosevelt Avenue, Queens, NY 11368
 Home to the New York Mets, this state-of-the-art ballpark is where you can experience true orange, white and blue pride—NYC's official colors. Check out the Mets Hall of Fame & Museum on a guided tour, as well as restricted areas like the dugout, the press box and Mets clubhouse.
 - Masjid Al-Falah** 6 Min
- Discover dynamic **Flushing**
 Flushing in Queens (home to one of NYC's several Chinatowns) is bustling with Asian restaurants and markets. Also home to the Queens Botanical Garden and Queens Zoo, Flushing features a diverse range of attractions and cultural experiences.
 - Masjid Hazrati Abu Bakr Siddique** 6 Min

DAY 5 THE BRONX & HARLEM



- Surround yourself with nature at the **New York Botanical Garden** P6
- Shop and dine on **Arthur Avenue** P7
- See a show at the **Apollo Theater** in **Harlem** P14
- See how classic meets new in **Harlem**
 Located in upper Manhattan, spanning 110th to 155th Streets, Harlem is a lively neighborhood that features a wide array boutiques, restaurants, theaters, museums and galleries—and plenty of history. End your day here by taking in the sights of the Harlem Meer and the sounds of late-night jazz at Minton's Playhouse.
 - Masjid Malcolm Shabazz** 15 Min

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