



NYC Lifestyle

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Explore New York

Step off the beaten path and explore the hidden gems of New York with our selection of local tours and events. From the mysterious Bannerman Castle in Beacon to the haunted landmarks of Greenwich Village, NYC Lifestyle includes some of the most unique tours in our area.

Gilded Age Mansions

Experience New York's Gilded Age on [a two-hour walking tour](#) past Fifth Avenue's historic mansions. You'll learn about the city's wealthiest families and hear stories about their extravagant lifestyles. Tickets are \$30 for children and \$40 for adults.

Bannerman Castle

Explore [Bannerman Castle](#), an early 20th-century fortress on Pollepel Island in Beacon, NY. They offer walking and kayaking tours, boat cruises, and theatrical events. The castle is a 90-minute train ride from NYC, followed by a short boat trip to the island. [See their FAQ for details.](#)

Night Kayaking

Paddle along the Hudson River in glowing kayaks built for beginners. This [90-minute guided tour](#) starts at Hudson River Park and moves at a leisurely pace for stunning views of the illuminated Manhattan skyline. Tickets start at \$65.

Green-Wood Cemetery

As the site of a Revolutionary War battle and home to several ongoing art exhibitions, [Green-Wood Cemetery's Trolley Tour](#) offers a look at "478 acres of art, history, and nature" in Brooklyn. The two-hour tours take place every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and tickets are \$30 for children and adults.



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The Noguchi Museum

[The Noguchi Museum](#) in Queens houses artwork from sculptor and architect Isamu Noguchi. [Tours are free with admission](#) and available daily at 2:00 p.m. Tours in Spanish and Japanese are available on select dates. The museum is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and tickets start at \$16.

Architectural Explorations

On September 28, the Municipal Art Society of New York will host a [walking tour of Stuyvesant Heights](#) featuring insights on the neighborhood's rich architectural and cultural history. The event will run from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and tickets start at \$35.

Brooklyn Chocolatiers

Indulge in Brooklyn's finest chocolates on a [four-hour bus tour](#) visiting local chocolatiers. Enjoy samples as you watch chocolate-making demonstrations and learn about the confection's rich history. Tours are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$70 for children and \$80 for adults.

Ghosts of Greenwich Village

Explore the haunted and mysterious history of Greenwich Village on the [Ghosts and Ghouls Walking Tour](#). This one-hour tour tells the story of the area and its most notorious spirits. Tours are held daily and tickets are \$40 per person.