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## IN NEW YORK

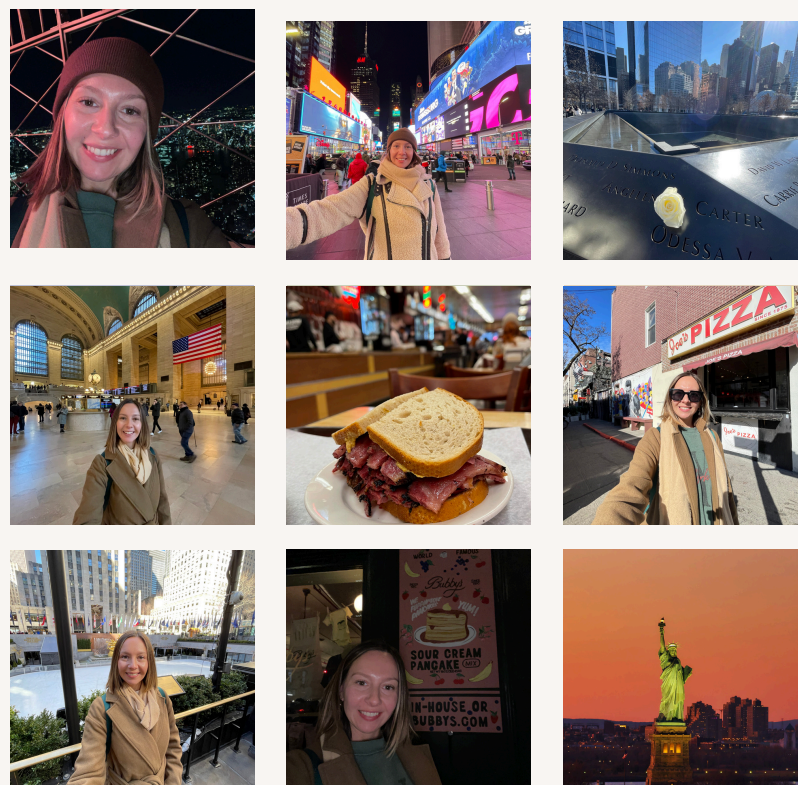
### Day 1

On my first day in the city I activated full tourist mode. Starting at Times Square, walking to Rockefeller, Grand Central Station, stopping in at the Public Library to ogle over the architecture and having a quiet moment at St Patrick's cathedral all before midday.

This is always the pace required in NYC so wear comfortable shoes! Personally, I prefer to walk between these areas, not only is it closer than you think but you'll end up stumbling across places that weren't on the plan and I can bet they'll be your faves of the trip!

I took a little detour to have the infamous Katz Deli experience. I won't lie, this is in a neighbourhood that wouldn't make the 1-2 day itinerary so it was a special effort but it was WORTH IT! I would do it all over again.

After lunch I headed down to the Financial District (Uber if you want to take in the sights on the way but it will be expensive). My first stop and somewhere I visit every time I'm in the city is the 9/11 Memorial. It's breathtaking, overwhelming and, well, mandatory. I've done the museum before and I also believe everyone should go but for me, after going through those emotions, I feel once is enough. From there I walked towards Wall Street to see the Stock Exchange building and the Bull. Don't forget to say Hi to the Fearless Girl statue looking at the NYSE - she's easy to miss!! When you're here you're also very close to Alexander Hamilton's resting place if you want to visit that!



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Then just a 5 minute walk from the Wall Street Bull is the Staten Island Ferry Terminal! If you have time to take a \*FREE\* round trip to Staten Island and back to wave at Lady Liberty takes around 90 minutes and is so straightforward. The ferries go out regularly...literally every 15-30 minutes, and it's the best free view you'll get!

During this trip I stayed at The Hotel on Fifth Avenue which was a little dated but the rooms were very comfortable, spacious and seriously affordable for the area!! So, before heading back to the hotel for the night I visited Ellen's Stardust Diner for dinner. I am NOT your musical girly but this place came highly recommended and it was a fab experience! The concept of this restaurant is it's staffed by performers that are between gigs and out auditioning for various positions in the entertainment industry (mostly Broadway but not all). They perform at the same time as waiting tables and it's really a lot of fun, and the meatloaf was delicious.





## Day 2

My second and final full day in the city I decided to venture across to Brooklyn. I walked across Brooklyn Bridge at around 9am and it was stunning and peaceful. Further than you think! When you come to the other side it splits into two lanes and I took the left side down a few steps to drop straight into the DUMBO neighbourhood.

This is a spot you'll recognise from Instagram - but most stores were closed on a weekday morning! I was bummed I went to a coffee shop 5 minutes before I stumbled across Time Out Market which would be my number 1 recommendation in this area. So many food options, even at breakfast, and a stunning rooftop to sit and look over the water. I also walked by Jane's Carousel and along Brooklyn Bridge Park and it was a beautiful quiet morning, not even close to the pace and bustle of Manhattan. Loved it.

That afternoon I ventured deeper into Brooklyn landing in Williamsburg, stopped in at the famous Joe's Pizza for a slice at lunch (I've had better, and cheaper) contemplated getting some piercings but bottled out and wandered happily in and out of vintage stores and boutiques for hours. I really fell in love with Brooklyn and can't wait to get back there when the weather is more favourable; to explore all of the parks and nature nestled amongst the industrial chic neighbourhoods.

When I got back across the bridge I ended my trip with an exceptional dinner for one at Bubby's (MUST GO) and an after dark trip up the Empire State Building, just around the corner from my hotel. I felt the same way as I felt after I went up in the daytime...there are better viewing platforms in the city!

This was a jam packed 48 hours in New York and I was so happy to visit some spots that I hadn't already been to! Let me know what I missed for next time!

## LINKS

[Manhattan Vlog](#), [Brooklyn Vlog](#), [My Hotel](#), [Bubby's](#), [Empire State](#), [Katz Deli](#), [Time Out Market](#), [Joe's Pizza](#)

