



NYC Travel Trade News - End of Year 2022

Welcome to our end of 2022 newsletter!

It's been just over a year since the United States' borders reopened for international travel and we continue to see tremendous momentum. From hotels to business meetings and big events to the countless new and iconic attractions, Broadway shows, restaurants and cultural exhibits across all five boroughs, there is much to be bullish about. Hotel demand recovered 97 percent of the 2019 benchmark—the highest percentage we have seen since the beginning of the pandemic—with over 751,000 room nights sold. Amazing results!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and wish you a wonderful and relaxing holiday season.

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More Flights to NYC

[Qantas](#) will recommence flights to New York, with a new service from Australia to the Big Apple via Auckland from 14 June next year allowing for a seamless connection between Australia and New York via New Zealand.

[Delta Air Lines](#) have increased flights from Sydney to Los Angeles to 10 times a week from 16 December with great flight options onwards to NYC.

[Air New Zealand](#) started offering direct flight services to New York via Auckland 3 times weekly with easy connections to and from Australia from September 17 this year.

[United](#) is the largest carrier from the U.S. across the Pacific and will serve 20 transpacific routes at the beginning of 2023, with more returning throughout the year. United was the only airline to operate continuously between the U.S. and Australia during the pandemic and will have more flights connecting Australia and the U.S. than any other airline.

[American Airlines](#) are back and restarted their direct flights from Australia to Los Angeles and onwards to NYC in October this year.



More Things to Discover

Experience the multisensory celebration of the newly opened [Hall des Lumieres](#) with a themed penthouse suite at the [Conrad New York Downtown](#). Now through March 31, 2023, guests can book the Conrad Gold in Motion Suite and enter a world of gold. The suite is adorned with some of Gustav Klimt's most iconic art, more than 10,000 dried, gold florals and plants, gold-accented furnishings and more.

[The Bronx Children's Museum](#) is now open. Located at the Harlem River, the museum's new, permanent home includes exhibitions including The Woods, a space where children can explore and learn more about animals and wildlife. The museum is free and as of now open to the public only on Saturdays; starting in January, it will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

[The McKittrick Hotel's](#) seasonal winter rooftop is officially open. The Hideout at Gallow Green, a mountainside chalet-inspired bar and restaurant located on the roof of the hotel features a new French Alps-inspired menu. Guests can also enjoy handcrafted cocktails and decadent desserts, all while cozying up by the fire.

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A more accessible NYC

New York City is on a mission to make the destination more accessible to all. Some of the biggest Broadway shows including The Lion King, Aladdin and Come From Away have implemented [autism-friendly performances](#), with adjustments such as reducing any jarring sounds and eliminating strobe or spotlights that shine into the audience.

[Contento](#), a restaurant that opened in East Harlem last June, was designed to be accessible for all. Accommodations include lower bar counters for those using wheelchairs, a QR code on the menu that people with visual impairments can scan with their phones to have the menu read out loud to them, and the bathroom on the same floor as the restaurant.

The [Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum](#) offers many free access programs for visitors with developmental disabilities, taking place on select Sundays throughout the year, alternating each month between virtual and in-person programming.

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What's New in NYC

Moxy Lower East Side is now open!

The [Moxy Lower East Side](#) is an eclectic yet stylish hotel in the heart of the neighborhood that defines New York cool.

Designed by Rockwell Group and UK-based design firm Michaelis Boyd, the hotel features 303 bedrooms and five dining and drinking concepts by Tao Group Hospitality (including restaurant Sake No Hana, which hosted Heidi Klum's iconic Halloween bash this year).

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Covid Information and Resources

While New York City is fully open and vaccinations have been a boon to everyday life and local business, Covid-19 remains a reality for all of us. You'll find the most useful and current information for navigating the five boroughs, plus plenty of resources for planning ahead [HERE](#).

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