



NYC Travel Trade News - June 2023

Welcome to our June newsletter!

In this edition of our NYC Travel Trade newsletter, we invite you to join us on a journey through the diverse neighbourhoods and hidden gems of this extraordinary city. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a seasoned New York City enthusiast, get ready to uncover the magic that makes NYC an unrivaled destination for travelers around the globe.

But first, I'd like to address New York City's Air Quality Health Advisory, due to smoke from ongoing wildfires in Canada. We encourage you to follow the City's health and safety guidelines to limit risks—learn more <u>here</u>. The Governor's office is also distributing N95 masks - see this <u>press release</u> for details. Meanwhile, LaGuardia and Newark Airports continue to see ground delays, given reduced visibility. Up-to-date information from the Federal Aviation Administration can be found <u>here</u>, as conditions change.

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Celebrate Pride Month in NYC

New York City is the world's most welcoming LGBTQ+ destination. Here, Pride is a way of life—we delight in our differences; we seek out individuality; we thrive on self-expression. This vibrant community is woven into the fabric of the City through historic landmarks, art exhibitions, electrifying nightlife and the performing arts. Check out our LGBTQ+ travel page to help you celebrate Pride across all five boroughs.

Leading up to the Pride March on the last Sunday in June, a host of parties, protests and parades honoring the LGBTQ+ community takes place throughout the five boroughs. Find out where and when to join in over the month of June.

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Visit Roosevelt Island

Looking for a quick NYC adventure? Look no further than Roosevelt Island.

Set in the East River with sweeping views of Manhattan's East Side, the island was once the location of prisons, poor houses, and hospitals but now encompasses a residential community, parks and landmarks, a hotel, and the Cornell Tech campus.

A great way to visit is by taking the Roosevelt Island Tramway. The cable car glides over the East River offering spectacular views to and from the island and Manhattan. Simply swipe your MetroCard for access. Fun fact: The Roosevelt Island Tramway is the only commuter aerial cable car in North America.

Top tip: Visit at sunset and have a drink at <u>Graduate Hotel's Panorama Room</u> for unforgettable views!

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Explore Brooklyn by Bike

Experience Brooklyn like a local on a cycling tour through the borough's hippest neighborhoods, including tough-to-reach areas that visitors often miss. Avoid the stress of navigating on your own as you follow guide Tony to popular landmarks and hidden gems. Choose from Pizza Tour in Brooklyn, Best of Brownstone, A Bite of Brooklyn and many more. Photo stops and complimentary tastings along the way make this a popular choice for active New York visitors.

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Catch Spring Performances in NYC

The arts come alive every spring in New York City—at museums, on stages, in gardens and, in one case, across a rooftop overlooking Central Park. That last one is the annual commission for the Met's outdoor space, this year courtesy of Los Angeles artist Lauren Halsey; other highlights include a dance festival celebrating the African diaspora, an exhibition focused on paper as fashion material and an exploration of contemporary themes on the grounds of the New York Botanical Garden. Click through for details on these and more.

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What's New & Upcoming in NYC

Hotel AKA NoMad now open!

Formerly known as The Roger New York, this new boutique hotel on Madison Avenue has been reimagined and elevated to luxury accommodations by architect and designer Piero Lissoni. Comprising 178 accommodations, the new property includes a seasonal, private outdoor cinema, wine bar, luxurious amenities and more.

Multimillion-dollar renovation complete at The Gansevoort

The Gansevoort recently unveiled a multimillion-dollar, top-to-bottom renovation, nearly two decades after the hotel opened its doors in the Meatpacking District. The renovated property now includes a new lobby, rooms, check-in, corridors, rooftop

and four lounge spaces along with three new food and beverage concepts debuting this fall.



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 <u>HERE</u>.

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