



## NYC Travel Trade News - May 2023

Welcome to our May newsletter!

May in NYC marks the unofficial start of the City's summer cultural season. As we look ahead to the summer travel period, we're excited to share that New York City topped Condé Nast Traveler's Global [2023 Hot List](#), in the Where to Travel Next category.

For the week ending April 23, occupancy rates rose to 82.1%, which was the highest occupancy rate among the top 25 destinations in the US for the week. With an overwhelming demand for 716,684 rooms, it is clear that visitors from around the world are drawn to the unrivaled allure of New York City.

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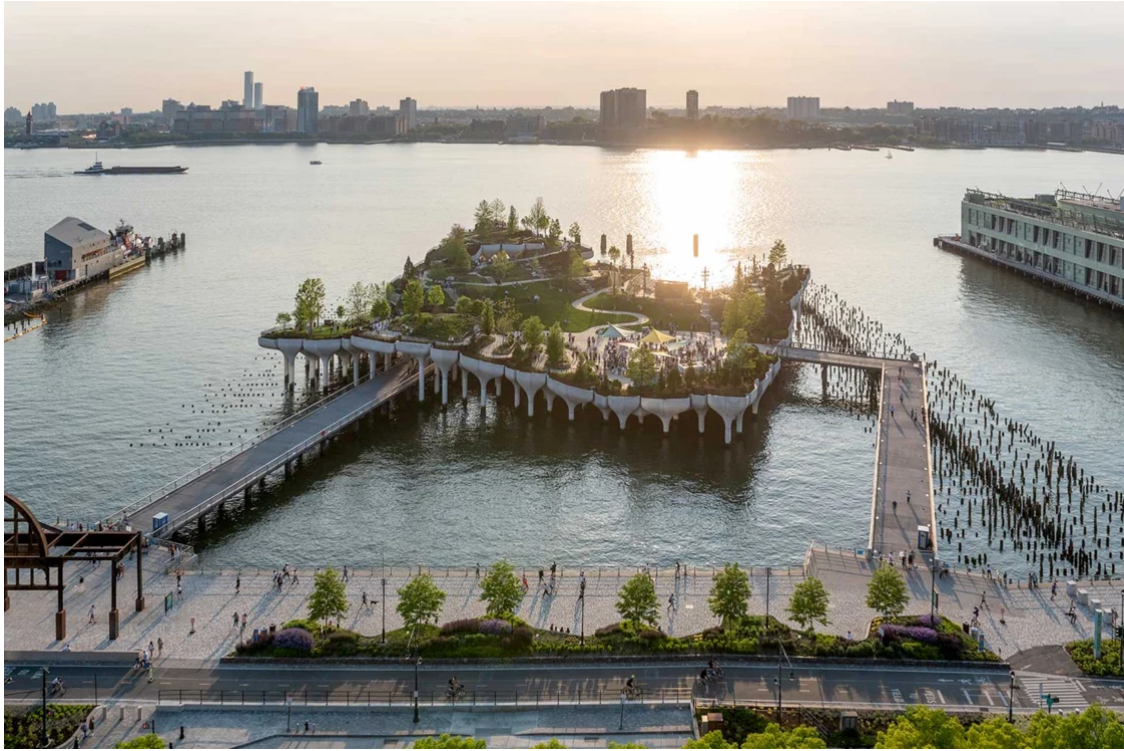


## Top NYC Walking Tours in all 5 Boroughs

Embark on a journey through the bustling streets of New York City with captivating walking tours that unveil the city's rich history, diverse culture, and architectural marvels. From the towering skyscrapers of Manhattan to the hidden gems of Brooklyn, these immersive experiences offer a unique perspective on the City.

Guided by knowledgeable local experts, you'll traverse iconic landmarks as well as delve into lesser-known neighbourhoods teeming with character and charm. Whether you're a history enthusiast, an architecture aficionado, or simply a curious traveller, these walking tours provide a captivating and immersive way to connect with the heart and soul of New York City, one step at a time.

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## Free Events at Little Island for Summer 2023

Little Island, New York City's award-winning public park in Hudson River Park by W. 13th Street, announced today our 2023 line-up of free summer events. Since opening in May 2021 Little Island has welcomed over 3 million visitors and hosted over 572 free performances. This third summer will feature free performances from an extraordinary group of artists for intimate performances.

Little Island will once again host Creative Breaks, free artmaking activities (dance, music and visual art), for all ages, every Wednesday through Saturday beginning Wednesday, June 7 through Saturday, September 2. This season will also include the return of Teen Night on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

No tickets or timed entry reservations are required to attend any events.

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## Explore Pier 57

At historic Pier 57, you can explore food, art, music, hands-on environmental education and more — always with spectacular views. Transformed from its original maritime industrial use through an award-winning historic restoration, Pier 57 features ample indoor and outdoor public space for year-round enjoyment.

Here you will find a rooftop park, a waterfront food market that celebrates NYC's independent food culture, City Winery, community spaces, and an interactive gallery and classroom focused on local wildlife and waterways. This pier is one of several locations in Hudson River Park where limited commercial uses are permitted to support the Park's overall care and operations.

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## What's New & Upcoming in NYC

### Century 21 is now open

Century 21, the classic department store has returned to the [Tribeca Tribune](#). Situated in the same spot as its predecessor, just across from the World Trade Center, the flagship store has recently reopened its doors. Before the pandemic, it attracted a staggering 12,000-15,000 daily shoppers, making it a true shopaholic's paradise. The store boasts an impressive lineup of brands, including Fendi, Chloe, Kenzo, Givenchy and many more. It also features emerging and New York-based designers, such as Blank, Suburban Riot, and DH New York. And the best thing is, every item in the store is discounted!

### Harlem Bazaar

From the producers of [Uptown](#), [Bronx](#), and [Brooklyn Night Markets](#), comes [Harlem Bazaar](#) for its second season. The true open-air market that celebrates Uptown's finest creators, designers, inventors, artists, and visionaries arrives on the first Sunday of the month from May to October. Mark your calendars for the return of [Harlem Bazaar](#) starting 7th May 2023, until October from 11 am to 5 pm. Best of all, admission is completely free at [125th & Adam Clayton Powell - St. State Plaza](#).



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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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