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50 REASONS TO TRAVEL THIS YEAR

Brooklyn, New York

From Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass (DUMBO) to Jamaica Bay, Brooklyn is a bustling hub of food and culture. There's so much to experience in Kings County, you may not want to leave the borough at all.



FAMILY EXPLORERS



WHERE TO STAY

The wellness-centric EVEN Hotel is already a favourite among fitness-conscious travellers, but families-on-the-go will love it, too. Along with a workout studio and a health-food market, you'll find a games room equipped with table tennis, televisions with kid-friendly channels and cribs for pint-sized guests.

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WHAT TO DO

A popular, year-round destination for locals and visiting families, Prospect Park is more than just playgrounds and sports fields. It is filled with must-see attractions including the Audubon Center—which houses interactive wildlife exhibits—Lefferts Historic House and beautifully restored carousels.

WHERE TO EAT

For a picnic in the park, grab some sandwiches and prepared foods from artisanal deli Bklyn Larder. Or, head to Morgan's BBQ for Texas-inspired dishes, followed by a sweet treat at nearby Ample Hills Creamery, where creative ice cream flavours include Fluffernutter Fudge and Ooey Gooney Butter Cake.



CULINARY FANATICS



WHERE TO STAY

With three on-site eateries, the Hoxton is a food-lover's dream. Its flagship restaurant, Klein's, serves up modern American cuisine, while Summerly and Backyard are the places to go for cocktails and people-watching. Plus, each of the hotel's retro-chic rooms comes with a complimentary bag of breakfast goodies.

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WHAT TO DO

Bring your appetite and delve into food culture at the Museum of Food and Drink, which explores culinary history through an experimental lab and exhibits. Its current display, *Chow: Making the Chinese American Restaurant*, looks at the evolution of Chinese-American cuisine and will likely leave you hungry.

WHERE TO EAT

Located inside a collection of 19th-century warehouses is Industry City, one of the city's best food halls. Go for tacos at Taco Mix or soup dumplings at Yaso Tangbao, and check out the Insta-worthy Avocaderia, an avocado toast café. There's also a sake brewery, Brooklyn Kura, and the sprawling Japan Village market.



MUSIC LOVERS



WHERE TO STAY

Sweeping views of the Manhattan skyline aren't the only reason people are drawn to the William Vale. The hotel regularly hosts a variety of cultural events. You won't have to go far from your modern room to catch some live music, as the rooftop bar, Westlight, hosts live jazz and funk on Monday nights.

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WHAT TO DO

Catch a show at the ornate Kings Theatre. In 2015, after years of restoration that included installing period-appropriate carpeting and seating, and renovating the original theatre lights, this historic gem was revived to its 1920s glory. It hosts a variety of live performances and is often a stop for touring musicians.

WHERE TO EAT

At Four Horsemen, a natural wine bar co-owned by LCD Soundsystem frontman James Murphy, both the musical acts and the drink lists are carefully curated. The bar's acoustics were built to resemble those of a recording studio, and the extensive wine list is heavy on fine French and Italian options.

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GETTING THERE

WestJet flies to LaGuardia 48 times a week from Toronto, and to JFK six times a week from Calgary.

WHERE TO STAY

Local art is featured throughout the 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge. The waterfront hotel tapped artists to create nature-inspired pieces as a nod to its eco-friendly ethos. Works include the reclaimed-wood banquettes used in the restaurant and the lush, greenery wall that dominates the hotel lobby.

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WHAT TO DO

You could easily spend a full day getting lost in the wings of the Brooklyn Museum. As you make your way through its diverse collection, keep your eyes open for works by celebrated painter Claude Monet, a Pierre Cardin fashion exhibit, and an extensive exhibit of Egyptian and African artwork.

WHERE TO EAT

DUMBO—the waterfront neighbourhood located underneath the Manhattan Bridge—is full of galleries and creative spaces. For a delicious break, swing by Butler bakeshop. Michelin-starred chef Ryan Butler opened the sunlit café and serves up Intelligentsia coffee and sweet and savoury pastries. —Patty Lee