

THREE THINGS TO DO IN ... NEW YORK

There are so many things to see and do in New York, sometimes it's difficult to know where to start. In this week's guide, we look at three things you can't miss when you visit the city.



Start by spending some time in Central Park. With over 25,000 trees and lots of different types of birds, it's easy to forget you're in a big city. Relax and enjoy the fresh air or go for a tour in a horse and carriage. In summer you can go out on the lake in a boat or kayak, and in winter you can go ice-skating! After all that activity you'll be hungry, so have lunch at the famous Tavern on the Green. Great concerts take place in Central Park, too. Every year the New York Philharmonic Orchestra gives a free open-air concert and there's also the New York Shakespeare Festival at the theatre in the park.

They say that Paris has the Eiffel Tower, London has the London Eye and New York has the Empire State Building. But many people think the best views of the

city are from the 'Top of the Rock' – the top floor of the GE (General Electric) building, a skyscraper in the middle of the city. At 260 metres high, it's the fourteenth tallest building in New York, and from the top you can have a fantastic view of the city.

Many people visit the famous Statue of Liberty by ferry, but also on the way is the Immigration Museum on Ellis Island. This was the place where people first arrived from 1892 to 1954, many after a long and difficult journey from other countries. Most of the island is closed to the general public, but you can visit the museum and find out about the many people who arrived here. You can also go on a tour with a guide to visit some of the old, unused buildings on the island. A very interesting day out for everyone.

READING

4 A Read the article and complete the sentences with a name or a number.

- 1 There are more than _____ trees in Central Park.
- 2 The famous restaurant in Central Park is called the _____.
- 3 Every year, the New York _____ Festival has plays in the park.
- 4 The top floor of the GE building is called the '_____':
- 5 On Ellis Island you can visit the _____ Museum.
- 6 People from other countries started arriving on Ellis Island in _____.

B Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why is it 'easy to forget you're in a big city' when you visit Central Park?

- 2 What can you do in Central Park in winter?

- 3 What is the GE building?

- 4 How do you get to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty?

- 5 What else, apart from the museum, can you visit on Ellis Island?

WRITING

INVITATIONS

5 Find and correct eight grammatical mistakes in the messages.

Hi Mike,
I'm playing
I-play football later with a
few of the boys from work.
Would you like to coming?
Dan

Dan,
I'm sorry, but I busy
tonight. I take Leila out
for a meal. Wish me luck!
Thanks anyway.
Mike

Hi guys,
A few of us is going out for a curry on
Friday night. Do you want come with us?
We're meet at the Indian Tree at 8p.m.
Emma

Hi Emma,
I love to. See
you there.
Jan

6 A Complete the invitations using the prompts.

1 (I / have / party) at my
house on Saturday.

2 (you / want / come)?

3 (we / go / have / music) and
plenty of food. Bring your
friends too. Just let me know.
Kristoph

4 (Julie / get / tickets / for / theatre)
next Wednesday.

5 (we go / see / Shakespeare's Hamlet).

6 (would / like / come)? The tickets
are £17.50.
Becca