

Explore NYC! Guide

Lower Manhattan: Battery Park City, Financial District, South Street Seaport

This guide centers Lower Manhattan and features Battery Park City and the Financial District. Please note that many of these activities are in within a walking distance to one another.

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The Financial District and South Street Seaport

Accessible via the [2/3](#), [4/5](#) trains

Activity 1: Visit the historic cobble stone streets to see the [New York Stock Exchange](#) building and the [Federal Hall National Memorial](#)

About the Federal Hall National Memorial

Here on Wall Street, George Washington took the oath of office as our first President, and this site was home to the first Congress, Supreme Court, and Executive Branch offices. The current structure, a Customs House, later served as part of the US Sub-Treasury. Now, the building serves as a museum and memorial to our first President and the beginnings of the United States of America.

Activity 2: Visit South Street Seaport village and [Pier 17](#)

With its perch over the East River, Pier 17 has front-row seats to the Brooklyn Bridge and NYC skyline. From music and art to food, cocktails and beyond, this is a place where magic happens, day and night.

Dining Options: [Industry Kitchen](#)

Battery Park City

Accessible via the **1**, **4/5**, **R/W** trains

Activity 1: Visit the [9/11 Memorial and Museum](#)

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum is the country's principal institution concerned with exploring 9/11, documenting its impact, and examining its continuing significance. Honoring those who were killed in the 2001 and 1993 attacks is at the heart of our mission.

Please Note: Free admission with ICOM card is **not** guaranteed

Activity 2: Visit the [Oculus](#)

The Oculus was positioned as part of the World Trade Center masterplan by Daniel Libeskind and designed by Santiago Calatrava. The structure's white metal-clad steel ribs reach up and out in a monumental move symbolic of a hand releasing a dove. The structure's orientation serves as a lasting reminder of the attacks of September 11, 2001. It is in alignment with the sun's solar angles on each September 11, from 8:46 am, when the first plane struck, until 10:28 am, when the second tower collapsed. Its central skylight fits this alignment and washes the Oculus floor with a beam of light.

Activity 4: Visit the [Irish Hunger Memorial](#)

The Irish Hunger Memorial is designed to raise public awareness of the events that led to the famine of 1845-52 and to encourage efforts to address current and future hunger worldwide. One and a half million Irish were lost through famine related death and the Diaspora. The design expresses a desire to react and respond to changing world events without losing its focus on the project's commemorative intent.

Public Transportation Information

Navigating the Subway and Bus

Download or use the following applications on your personal device to navigate NYC.

- Apple Maps (Recommended)
- Google Maps (Recommended)
- MYmta (Available on [IOS](#) and [Android](#))