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Still New York Strong

Despite rumors to the contrary, New York City is open for business. The energy of the city is alive. It beckons, it fills you, and it makes you remember the wonder that secures the Big Apple as one of the top tourist destinations in the world. Here are some things to keep in mind as you plan your exploration of everything New York.

When you arrive in New York City, you can feel how the pandemic has affected this vibrant and electric city. But thanks to Governor Cuomo's leadership, New York has one of the lowest infection and transmission rates in the country. As we continue to move forward, we must stay diligent with our efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Our small businesses, Broadway community, restaurants and attractions depend on us to survive and return stronger than ever.

Masks are Required or Highly Recommended

Public transportation is still the best way to travel in the city. Subways are not as crowded, and all forms of public transit require you wear a mask. That includes when you're walking through subway stations, waiting at bus stops and in bus shelters, and traveling on the trains and busses themselves. You must wear a mask in a taxi or car service. For added protection, sit near an open window to breathe in the fresh air. In New York City parks, masks are required. That's true even when you're exercising, cycling or running. Dining establishments recommend that you remove your mask only while eating or drinking.

Precautions to Ensure Your Safety

Help us enforce social distancing by avoiding crowds of people not wearing masks and when taking an elevator, wait for one with fewer than four people. Ideally, wait for one for your own bubble or pod. And take note of place markers on the floor that recommend you stay six feet apart at minimum.

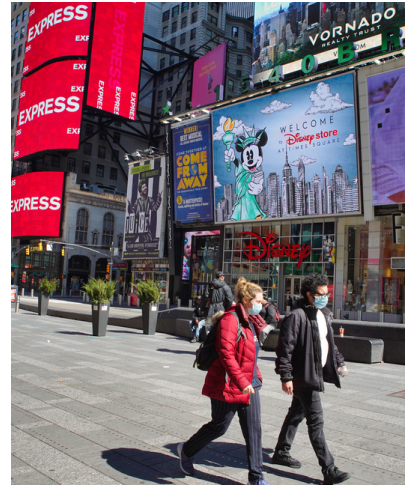
We also recommend you carry a bottle of hand sanitizer or a package of wipes with you in addition to your mask. Use them on tables, door handles and other surfaces as well as your hands. Remember to use sanitizer after you've exited any public transit; use a restroom; and before and after you dine at a restaurant, whether indoors or outdoors. Given that New York City does not have many public bathrooms, use the ones at restaurants where you dine or museums you visit so you can wash your hands properly.

Have Fun While Being Safe

New York in the fall is breathtaking, so walk wherever you can. Think about visiting Brooklyn, for instance, by walking over the Brooklyn or Manhattan bridges rather than taking the subway. The slower pace will allow you to soak in the city's magnificent vistas. Take advantage of the city's vast Citi Bike network and breathe in the city's clean air.

Outdoor dining has always been popular in the city. But due to COVID-19, many restaurants have added new or additional outdoor seating to stay in business. And New Yorkers have adopted it with gusto. With many restaurants adding heaters to their café spaces, opt for a meal outside—it's better for people watching too.

We at WhereTraveler want you to have a safe, enjoyable visit to New York City. With the many new protocols and rules in place to keep you healthy, it's important to know that we're watching out for you. And your family. And our families.



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

New York City Loves You

Welcome back! Eat out, tip well, go to museums, check here for up-to-date information about outdoor (and indoor) activities that will add to your experience. There's still a lot to do, like taking classes outdoors, and we want you to be as informed about it as we are. For more detail about specific quarantine requirements when visiting New York City as well as daily updates, visit coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory.

For more up-to-date information visit wheretraveler.com/new-york-city

Upon Arrival at the Airport

Please note that disembarking passengers at New York airports must complete a State Department of Health traveler form. If you're arriving from designated states by car, train or other means of transport, the form must be filled out online.

New Protocols for Indoor Attractions

Museums have limited capacity with reserved time slots. Take advantage of the uncrowded rooms to enjoy New York City's masterpieces of art and sculpture. Book your reservations online, so you won't be disappointed when the day you plan to visit or the time slot isn't available. Museums require that you wear masks at all times.

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PLAN A RELAXING RETREAT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

 MERYL PEARLSTEIN

The holidays are a special time in the Hamptons. Picture-perfect towns are dressed up in their holiday finest, with homes and trees adorned with shimmering lights. Beaches take on a different cast, with the icy-blue sky and ocean making a vivid contrast to the white sand and dunes. And art galleries and museums put on events to excite even the most casual viewer. The Hamptons are especially conscious of the safety and health of its visitors. Masks are required in restaurants, shops and during tours and are requested to be worn in all public places. Be sure to check changing requirements and schedules when making reservations.

Holiday Eats

The pandemic has extended the variety of Hamptons restaurants staying open through the fall and winter seasons. Many have created indoor and outdoor dining experiences and additional

takeout options where seasonal menus are enhanced with local beer and wines. **Baron's Cove** (31 W. Water St., 844.227.6672) Sag Harbor the Harborview restaurant at Baron's Cove resort offers a "Chef's Table" culinary series with holiday-themed dinners. Part of an all-inclusive three-day hotel package, each meal features what is seasonally best from local farms and purveyors, with personal attention from Chef Nick Vogel. **Bistro Été** (760 Montauk Hwy., 631.500.9085) in Water Mill is year-round go-to for Hamptonites, Bistro Été goes all out for the holidays with seasonally inflected dishes and homemade desserts. Chef Arie Pavlou's smoked pork chop is a sculptural feat, topped with a pumpkin cup filled with greens. Seasonal pumpkin flavors also appear in homemade ice cream. Cocktails similarly reflect the season – try the truffle martini if it's available.

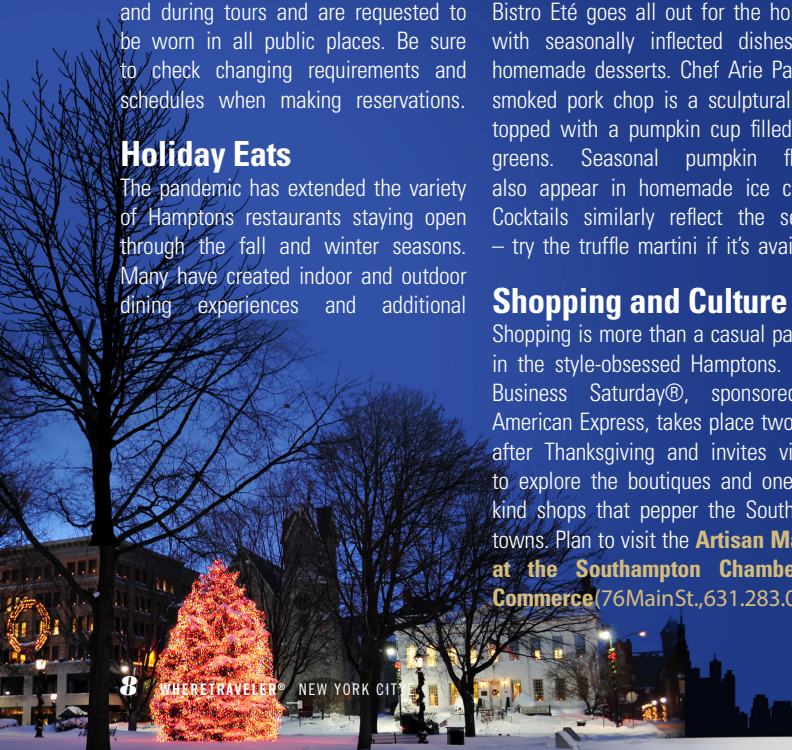
Shopping and Culture

Shopping is more than a casual pastime in the style-obsessed Hamptons. Small Business Saturday®, sponsored by American Express, takes place two days after Thanksgiving and invites visitors to explore the boutiques and one-of-a-kind shops that pepper the South Fork towns. Plan to visit the **Artisan Market at the Southampton Chamber of Commerce** (76 Main St., 631.283.0402)

for handcrafted works from locals. On December 12 and 13, the By Hand Artisan's 22nd Annual Holiday Gift Show invites you to enjoy more handmade gift options including knits and felted wool, sea glass art, skincare and soaps, mosaics, wooden toys, original jewelry and ceramics in East Hampton's historic Ashawagh Hall. **28th Annual Hamptons B&B Inn, Restaurant & Attraction Holiday Tour** (members.easthamptonchamber.com/events/) for two days on December 5 and 6, a privileged few are invited to enter some of the most popular destinations in The Hamptons. All tours are guided and limited in number. Tickets are required and can be purchased online. **Southampton Arts Center (SAC)** (25 Jobs Ln., 631.283.0967) benefit for The Collectors Sale presents art pieces donated by more than 180 artists. For the little ones, SAC offers Zoom Bedtimes Stories, read by the authors themselves through December 20.

Breezy Resorts

Bring the whole gang to the **Southampton Inn** (91 Hill St., 631.283.6500) for a Thanksgiving mini-holiday with a special overnight package and a four-course turkey dinner at Claude's Restaurant. You may want to extend your stay at the family-friendly inn, which offers the personal attention of a bed and breakfast with a hotel's services. The 90 guest



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rooms each have a slightly different décor. The inn's restaurant is popular for its signature weekend brunch which features locally sourced ingredients. The elegant **Baker House 1650** (181 Main St., 631.324.4081) in East Hampton embraces the winter season with 'Intimate Moments at Baker,' focusing on togetherness and family. A striking bed and breakfast with architecture inspired by 17th-century Cotswolds, the Baker House was originally built in 1648 and has a storied history. It also provides a mix of refinement and comfort with indulgent amenities including an onsite spa. Popular during the colder months, Baker House's fire pit is a go-to for guests to enjoy hot beverages while wearing inn-provided pashminas.

The Berkshires

The Berkshire Mountain area of western Massachusetts is a prime getaway during the holidays, starting with striking foliage and pumpkin festivals and continuing with sparkling Christmas lights. While many of the Berkshires' popular attractions are closed due to COVID, there's plenty to do to satisfy all ages. Be sure to pack your cold-weather gear and some sturdy walking shoes.

Holiday Dining

At **Café Boulud at Blantyre** (16 Blantyre Rd., 413.637.3556) Michelin-

starred Chef Daniel Boulud continues his successful residency at the luxurious Blantyre country manor. Using fresh and local ingredients, Boulud offers seasonal French classics with a New England twist. Dress your best for one of the area's finest dining experiences. On Thanksgiving, the restaurant's three-course prix fixe dinner includes pumpkin soup with gruyère espuma (foam) and Berkshire turkey with shallot-rosemary gravy. In a setting marked by woods and landscaped gardens, **John Andrews Farmhouse Restaurant** (224 Hillsdale Rd. (Route 23), 413.528.3469) is a Berkshires delight. The restaurant sits in a structure dating from the late 1700s on the original farmstead. An outdoor fire pit invites diners to enjoy a relaxing cocktail even in the coldest of temperatures. The menu epitomizes the farm-to-table concept, with seasonal ingredients sourced from local farms and food artisans. Chef Dan Smith's focus is one of taste-of-place dining, ensuring that you have a truly Berkshires experience with a menu built around regional producers of the moment.

Family Fun in the Berks

There's no shortage of activities to fill your days and nights over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. An annual sellout, **Winterlights at Naumkeg** (5 Prospect Hill Rd., 413.298.8138) is an illuminated wonderland of thousands of lights at Stockbridge's Naumkeag, a 44-room Gilded Age "cottage" with stepped gardens. Trees are covered with shimmering holiday lights of many colors and overhead balloons and other lit designs wow visitors of all ages. Timed tickets are required for the outdoor experience and must be purchased in advance. Pittsfield's living history museum **Hancock Shaker Village** (1843 W. Housatonic St., 413.443.0188) is beautiful in the winter months. The twenty historic buildings

and numerous walking trails offer a deep dive into the simplicity and quality of Shaker life from the 1780s to the mid-20th century. Some seasonal events include: Enjoy *Thanksgiving on the Farm* on November 27 and 28 with some woodworking and blacksmithing demos, Turkey Walk & Talk (registration required), hikes and children's activities like smashing pumpkins and feeding them to the farm's hungry pigs. On Saturday, December 12, the annual *Village Family Day* invites visitors to decorate cookies and make ornaments. Artisan demos, a gingerbread contest, storytime with Santa (registration required), a visit with the animals in the barn, caroling and Shaker talks are scheduled throughout the day.

Where to Stay

Newly opened in the Berkshires, **Miraval Resort & Spa** (55 Lee Rd., 413.881.1234) is known for its fitness and wellness focus. Activities including aerial yoga, hiking, biking and snowshoeing make for a diverse and indulgent experience at the expansive property. Spa programming is an integral part of the Miraval journey, combined with a culinary emphasis on balance. When the cold weather hits, the historic **Red Lion Inn** (30 Main St., 413.298.5545) looks like it stepped out of Norman Rockwell's painting of Main Street in Stockbridge, *Home for Christmas*. One of only a few American inns operating continuously since before 1800, The Red Lion appeals to Americana buffs with its decorated Rockwell-esque front porch and holiday carolers regaling guests on the steps. Indoors, live Christmas trees, Christmas kissing balls, poinsettias, yards of garland and handmade wreaths on every guestroom door create the holiday mood. For much of December pianists and harpists play holiday favorites in the lobby.

Broadway Road Trip Series

DERRICK DAVIS

Derrick Davis has been a professional actor for the last 12 years and has taken on some of the most iconic roles in the musical theatre pantheon. He has embodied characters like both Mufasa and Scar in *The Lion King* and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in *I Dream*. He has also had leading roles in *Carousel* and *Dreamgirls* before moving on to play the title character in the national tour of *The Phantom of the Opera*. Since touring musicals are on hiatus for the time being, Davis helped *Where Traveler* plan a road trip set to one of his favorite Broadway cast albums. Give Derrick a follow in Instagram and Twitter @dreamclimber. Make sure to check out new Broadway road trips every week at wheretraveler.com/Broadway-Road-Trip”

MERYL PEARLSTEIN



Where: What city do you reside in these days?

Davis: New York. Astoria.

Where: What tour were you working on before the pandemic started:

Davis: The Phantom of the Opera where I played the titular role of The Phantom. I was the first person of color to play The Phantom in the U.S. touring company and the third in the 31-year history of the production. It was an honor to play this iconic role, but also to be a POC doing so in my country at this time. It was the first musical I saw with my family and the role my mother always said that I was going to play.

Where: If you were to take a road trip from New York today, what cast album would you listen to along the way?

Davis: I would listen to the original The Lion King soundtrack.

Where: And where would you head listening to The Lion King?

Davis: The cast recording is only about an hour long and so I'd likely not be able to get very far, but I love to escape upstate into the mountains and,

believe it or not, it doesn't take very long to leave the city behind. I would head up to Bear Mountain and along the way, I'd like to take a detour to sightsee at the Palisades Park where you can get great views across the Hudson River. I could also take a moment to visit the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. But even if I skip those 2, you can bet your bottom dollar that I'll be making a stop on my way back at the Rockland Bakery for fresh bread and cakes.

Where: Why did you choose The Lion King for your road trip playlist?

Davis: I chose this album because I connect with it on a deep level after being a part of the company for eight years. It feels like family is singing when I listen to it. Also, I know every word of every song and would be able to roll down the windows, open the sunroof, and sing as long and as loud as I'd like. I love to sing different voice parts on it from bass right up to soprano...only alone in the car, of course.

Where: Which songs would you say, are your favorites?

Davis: I love them all but if I had to choose one song that might get me to press the repeat button it would be



"The Stampede." The choral work on this piece is so intense and emotional. I also have fond memories of recording this number with the original Lion King Las Vegas company.

Where: On the way back when you stop at Rockland Bakery, which treats are not be missed?

Davis: Any of their bread but more specifically the challah and bagels.

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