



New York City (NYC) on a Budget

Economical ways to explore the Big Apple

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Think [New York City is too expensive?] You're not alone! **Considered by many** as the **financial** capital of the world, New York City **can** definitely **be** costly. But even **with** high prices, **millions** still **flock to** the Big Apple every year. **The question is**, can you still have fun without it **costing you an arm and a leg**? Of course! **I grew up** in New York but **moved away** 20 years ago. Now **I visit** often and **feel like** a tourist in my own hometown. **With** prices skyrocketing, **I'm** always **hunting** for ways to enjoy the city **without** **breaking the bank**.

The Staten Island Ferry

One of my favorite budget-friendly gems is the Staten Island Ferry. **Back when I lived** in the city, I used it to **commute** every day, so I **didn't think much** about it. But now, I've come to appreciate it **as** one of the best free experiences in New York. **Hop on at** Whitehall **Terminal** in Lower Manhattan. **The 30-minute ride** across New York Harbor **offers** incredible views of **the Statue of Liberty** and the **skyline**. Best of all? **It doesn't cost a cent!**



▲ Staten Island Ferry

Usage Tip

Considered by many as ... 本句使用表「被動」的過去分詞 **considered** 引出背景資訊，表達主要子句主詞 New York City 「被很多人認為」是世界金融中心。Consider 這動作是由 many (同 many people) 所做，因此以「by + 某人」的形式加在過去分詞後，說明很多人都這樣認為。本結構中的 **as** 可省略或替換為 **to be**。例句：Considered by many (as/to be) the greatest painter, Van Gogh created over 2,000 artworks.



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Names for New York City

The Big Apple
The City That Never Sleeps
The Empire City
Concrete Jungle
Gotham
Metropolis
The Greatest City in the World

The Public Theater

The Public Theater, which opened in 1967, has won many awards and Pulitzer Prizes. It has been the host of many excellent shows. Their landmark building includes five different theater venues.



▲ La Gran Manzana by the artist Enrique Cabrera with Mitsui Fudosan America

▼ Times Square

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Affordable theater experiences

(adj)經濟實惠的
I love the theater, but tickets (for) New York shows can be expensive. Thankfully, there is TKTS. TKTS booths in Times Square or Lincoln Center sell tickets from 30 to 50 percent off for same-day shows. Not all shows are available, but I've seen some great shows for half price by remaining flexible. In summer, The Public Theater offers free Shakespeare performances in Central Park, often with famous actors. Tickets are hard to come by, so you'll need to line up early, but it's worth the wait!

S V S (adv)慶幸地 "有"
V.可能是... (n)售票亭 (n)時代廣場 (n)林肯中心
S V.販售
S V.已經看過了... (adj)變通的
(介)藉由(v)保持 (n)沙士比亞 (n)表演
(介)附帶有... S
V (片)很難取得 S V.將需要... (v)排隊
*be worth + N/V-ing (值得...)

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Talk About It

- Is saving money important to you when you are traveling? Why or why not?
- Of all the different activities mentioned in the article, which would you be most interested in trying? Explain.

Usage Tip

worth, worthy, worthwhile 此三字均為形容詞，表「值得」，但用法不一。Worth 後常接名詞（如本句的 the wait）或動名詞 V-ing，表「某事值得做」，如 The book is worth reading. Worthy 常用於 worthy of N，N 多為表「高評價」的名詞，如 attention, praise, trust。Worthwhile 則可用於 It is worthwhile to V 或直接用來形容某 N/V-ing，表「某事值得投入時間和精力」。例句：It is worthwhile for you to explore different university programs before choosing a major.



TRAVEL



Central Park

The High Line



Scenic city walks

(adj) 風景優美的

Speaking of Central Park, it is my go-to place when I'm in need of a peaceful afternoon. Its lakes, paths and trees provide a welcome break from the city's hustle. The High Line is another of my favorite parks — walking above the streets offers unique city views. And for something that's always a thrill, a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge offers stunning waterfront views.

These are only the tip of the iceberg of low-cost activities you can enjoy in "The City That Never Sleeps." The city's magic is everywhere — you don't need to spend a lot to have a great time!

Key Points

Unscramble the sentences to find the key points.

from TKTS/exploring New York City/with free experiences/like a ride/on a budget/on the Staten Island Ferry/is possible/and discounted theater tickets ● _____

all at no cost/and the Brooklyn Bridge./scenic spots/ from the city./the High Line/offer stunning views/like Central Park./and peaceful escapes, ● _____

(Suggested answers on page 73)

Word Bank

financial (adj) [fəˈnænʃəl] 金融的，財務的

Many students struggle with **financial** burdens while trying to balance school and work responsibilities.

ferry (n) [ˈferi] 渡輪，渡船

The **ferry** carries passengers from one side of the river to the other.

commute (v) [kəˈmjut] 通勤

To save money, Jerry lives outside the city and **commutes** to work every day.

terminal (n) [ˈtɜːmənəl] 碼頭；航廈

Grandma is flying into the airport's **terminal** one at 5 a.m.

booth (n) [buθ] 小亭；小棚子

The local market has many **booths** selling fresh fruits and vegetables.

flexible (adj) [ˈfleksəbəl] 靈活的

The rain forced us to be **flexible** with our plans.

hustle (n) [ˈhʌsəl] 忙碌喧囂

Megan prefers the quiet of the country to the **hustle** of the city.

thrill (n) [θrɪl] 興奮；緊張感

Gemma loves the **thrill** of riding roller coasters.

Word Bank Review

economical (adj) [ˌekəˈnəmɪkəl] 省錢的

A small car is more **economical** to operate than a large one.

affordable (adj) [əˈfɔːdəbəl] 負擔得起的

This dress is more **affordable** than that one.

More Information

gem (n) [dʒem] 寶物；寶石

skyline (n) [ˈskaɪ.laɪn] 天際線

scenic (adj) [ˈsɪnɪk] 風景優美的

waterfront (n) [ˈwɔːtəˌfrʌnt] 濱水區

Focus on Phrases

the Big Apple 紐約市

break the bank 花太多錢

think much (of someone or something) 看重…

hard to come by 很難得到

line up 排隊

tip of the iceberg 明顯的一小部分