

# EXPLORING NEW YORK



*The Big Apple is the most famous city on the planet. It is home to many famous neighbourhoods, statues, and buildings. Read the article and explore the city that never sleeps.*

## Central Park

Probably one of the most beautiful and relaxing places in the chaotic city of New York is Central Park. Located in the centre of Manhattan, Central Park is an 843-acre paradise of trees, gardens, bridges, and rivers, sculptures and statues. The place can be visited during any period of the year, as each season offers a unique experience to the visitor: The fresh snowfall and white trees of winter, the flowers coming back to life in the spring, the hot and green summers, and the beautiful changing colours of autumn. While at Central Park, you can **partake** in many activities, such as, hiking, biking, aerobics, and ice-skating.

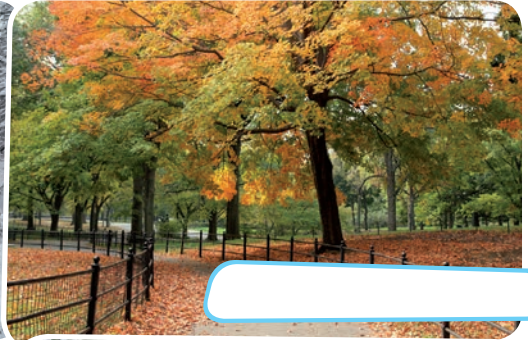


## GLOSSARY

**partake**: prendere parte.  
**dropping**: far cadere.

## SEASONS

Write the season above each photo of Central Park.



## Times Square

Times Square, nicknamed “The Crossroads of the World” and “The Centre of the Universe”, is a major commercial intersection in the centre of Manhattan. The intersection is one of the busiest pedestrian crossings in the world, as about 300,000 pass through here every day. While at Times Square you can visit famous stores like *Toys “R” Us* and museums such as *Madame Tussaud’s Wax Museum*. Times Square is also home to the annual New Year’s Eve ball drop. The tradition of **dropping** a giant ball at Times Square began on December 31, 1907. The first New Year’s Eve party at Times Square had about 150,000 people. Today, over two million people come to watch the famous ball drop.



## The New York City Skyline and Empire State Building

The best spot to see the incredible panoramas of New York City is on top of the Empire State Building. Take the elevator all the way up to the 86th-floor observation deck of the Empire State Building to see a completely unobstructed, 360-degree view of the city below. Atop the Empire State Building you will see all the fantastic bridges, monuments, parks, and buildings this amazing city has to offer.



## The Brooklyn Bridge

John Roebling's created his masterpiece in 1883 and was the longest suspension bridge in the world when it was completed. The bridge has appeared in so many movies and television shows that it has become one of New York's most recognisable landmarks. The bridge was originally the first land passage between Manhattan and Brooklyn, and represents a critical piece of New York City history. The best place to see the bridge and its spectacular views is on its pedestrian walkway. Here, visitors from around the world walk the bridge and enjoy views of downtown Manhattan and New York Harbour on every step of the 5,989-foot traverse.



### K E T True or False

After reading the article, decide if the following statements are True (T) or False (F).

- 1) Each season offers something new to see at Central Park.
- 2) Times Square is a major residential area in Manhattan.
- 3) Only about 150,000 people come to watch the ball drop on New Year's Eve.
- 4) The Brooklyn Bridge is the longest suspension bridge in the world.
- 5) The best way to experience the bridge is to walk across it.
- 6) You can see all of New York on the 360th floor of the Empire State Building.

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