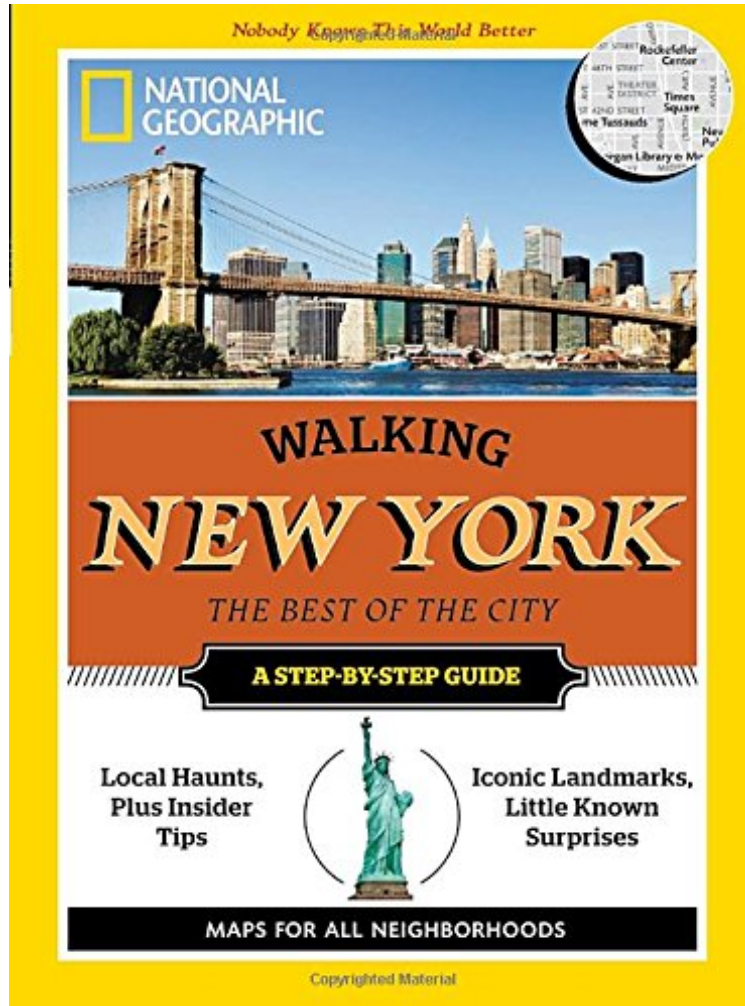


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See the best of New York with this streamlined, itinerary-driven guide, created in a handy, take-along format. Part of a brand-new series from National Geographic that showcases the world's great cities, *Walking New York* is divided into the following sections: The Whirlwind Tours section shows you how to see the entire city in a day or a weekend; what sights will interest kids most; plus, a hedonist's tour that's pure pleasure from dawn to midnight and beyond. The Neighborhoods section of the book presents the city broken down into 15-odd itineraries that lead you on a step-by-step tour to the best sights in each of the city's greatest neighborhoods--from Lower Manhattan and The Villages to Central Park, Harlem, and the Outer Boroughs. Travel Essentials provides information on how to get to the city and how to get around, as well as hand-picked hotels and restaurants. Each itinerary includes the following features: Distinctly New York: Explore the city through 2-page features that showcase the quintessential aspects of the city, such as Ethnic Eating, Art Deco New York, and the Harlem Renaissance. Here you'll get intriguing background information to help you understand why this city is one of the world's greatest. Best of: Specific thematic groupings of sights are described, such as beach getaways, historic homes mansions, and jazz clubs. In-depth: These spreads take a deep dive into a major museum or other sight--for example, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island; the Met; and the Cloisters--providing step-by-step guidance on what to see and how to plan your visit. Sidebars throughout give you the low down on shopping, eating, and going out on the town, and offer insider tips and interesting asides.

Ill take Manhattan, and Staten Island, too. Publishers Weekly What better season for walking?...Accompanied by neighborhood maps and illustrations, the pocket-size book includes local haunts as well as iconic landmarks. New York Times Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Neighborhood Walk: The Villages 1. East Village: Once an immigrant neighborhood, the East Village acquired its distinctive feel in the 1960s as the haunt of artists, musicians, and hippies, and as the center of Americas counterculture. Gentrification has erased some of the areas grittiness, but the neighborhoods artsy vibe is still evident in the graffiti-covered walls and independent stores. Street artist Jim Power has decorated almost all of the 80 lampposts with ceramics, mirrors, and glass: a new streetscape known as the Mosaic Trail. At the heart of the village is St. Marks Place, where vintage shops help keep the alternative spirit alive. One of the most famous, Trash and Vaudeville, has been dressing rock stars and teenage rebels since 1975. St. Marks Place ends at Tompkins Square, the scene of the first labor demonstration in 1874 and a performance space for Jimi Hendrix, The Grateful Dead, and other 1960s legends. Punk rock arrived in the 1970s, with bands such as the Ramones and Blondie regularly playing at the (now defunct) CBGB nightclub on the Bowery, once the slummiest area of the city. The streets name derives from the bouwerij or farm belonging to the Dutch governor Peter Stuyvesant in the 17th century. He is buried at nearby St. Marks Church in-the- Bowery, one of New Yorks oldest churches. The East Villages Avenues A, B, C, and D known as Alphabet City have become a trendy enclave, with a nightlife that draws many uptowners. If you feel in need of refreshment in your wanderings, drop in at Venieros Pasticceria Caff, or McSorleys Old Ale House, which dates to 1854. 2. Merchants House Museum: A wealthy merchant family, the Tredwells, owned this Federal-style row house, built in 1832 the citys only 19th-century home that retains its original interior and exterior. Displayed in eight rooms over three floors are the familys fixtures and furnishings, decorative arts, and personal possessions. Occasionally, one or two items from the Tredwell Dress Collection are on display. The museum is also reportedly Manhattans most haunted house. Every October it presents Candlelight Ghost Tours; Gertrude Tredwell, the last owner, who died in 1933, is summoned from the great beyond. 3. Greenwich Village: New Yorks regular street pattern breaks up around Washington Square, home of New York University since 1835 and hub of Greenwich Village. Known to locals as the Village, the world-famous neighborhood originally really was a village. By the late 19th century, literary salons, art clubs, and cutting-edge theaters were flourishing; by the end of World War I, residents and visitors included avant-garde figures such as Marcel Duchamp. As you walk the streets, catch up with the Villages vibrant music and intellectual scene, past and present. 4. Union Square Park: Marking Greenwich Villages northeastern tip, Union Square lies at the intersection of Broadway and Fourth Avenue. Its 6.5-acre park has a popular farmers market, where you can sample local bread, cheese, wine, and crafts on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. During November and December, the Union Square Holiday Market takes center stage, with stalls selling everything from jewelry and candles to ornaments and Christmas dcor. Among the famous sculptures dotting the park is a bronze equestrian statue of first U.S. President George Washington. Cast in 1814, it is the oldest sculpture in New York Citys park collection. Be sure to look up at the surrounding buildings to spot the newest sculpted addition: the kinetic Metronome designed by artists Kristin Jones and Andrew Gizel. The piece features a digital clock and releases a continuous plume of steam. 5. Meatpacking District: Once the home of the meat trade, this cluster of streets has transformed itself into Manhattans trendiest quarter. Now it plays backdrop to some of the citys coolest restaurants, most exclusive clubs, and most expensive shopping. As you stroll the streets youll see a few

meatpacking houses surviving among the modern glass architecture, snapshots of the areas past. Along 14th Street you can window-shop at the high-end boutiques of Matthew Williamson, Jeffrey New York, and Yigal Azroul. The tasty treats of Chelsea Market lie just to the north of the district. Its 28 upscale food shops include Lucys Whey for handcrafted American cheeses, and Elenis for hand-painted cookies. 6. The High Line: This unusual, slimline park, 30 feet (9 m) above the ground, was created around 1.45 miles of disused freight track. Miniature landscapes, such as wildflower meadows and tree plantings, adorn the walking trail from Gansevoort to West 30th Streets; en route you can pause on wooden loungers and viewing platforms, and peruse temporary art installations. With views of the Hudson River, the streets below, and surrounding neighborhoods, the High Line is a special place to watch the sun set over the city.