

New York in the winter: Our suggested family itinerary

New York can be enjoyed by all ages, and the magic of the lights at Christmas will be loved by the little ones in particular!

HIGHLIGHTS

Statue of Liberty • 9/11 Memorial Museum • Central Park • SUMMIT One Vanderbilt • Broadway • Metropolitan Museum of Art

DAY 1:

- You're sure to be up early with the little ones, so make the most of the quiet streets and find somewhere to enjoy some pancakes for breakfast!
- Take a subway ride up to the Upper West Side and visit the American Museum of Natural History. A museum might not be your first thought with children, but there's so many exhibits to explore, from the planetarium to the dinosaurs.
- You're well positioned now for an afternoon enjoying frosty Central Park. There are multiple playgrounds, the carousel and the ice skating rink so take your pick of activity and burn off some steam.
- Warm up as the night comes in with a classic burger in one of the restaurants in Midtown, before you get an early night ahead of another busy day.

DAY 2:

- Start your day off with breakfast at Ellen's Stardust Diner – famous for the singing waiters! Fun for all the family as you enjoy your waffles whilst singing along to some Broadway classics.
- Make your way south (try the subway again, it's so easy when travelling in a larger group!) and take a trip to the Statue of Liberty. Make sure you wrap up warm for that ferry ride.
- After the visit you're close to Battery Park, which has lots of family friendly lunch options to enjoy.
- Take your pick between the Empire State Building or the SUMMIT One Vanderbilt for the afternoon. No matter the weather outside you will enjoy the breathtaking views whilst all staying nice and warm. Top tip - book your time slot 30/45 minutes before sunset to get the best view.
- When you're back on the ground, take in the sight of the famous Rockefeller Christmas tree and enjoy ice-skating as a family under it.
- You'll be tired after a busy day, so grab a quick slice of pizza on your way back to the hotel to enjoy in the room!

DAY 3:

- Mornings are a great time to see the museums, as they're less crowded and overwhelming. We recommend the Children's Museum of Manhattan – there's so many hands-on exhibits and interactive activities for the kids.

- Head to Times Square after this so the kids can enjoy the bright lights and grab some fun souvenirs from the M&M store. There's plenty of places to eat around here, with classics such as the Hard Rock Café and Bubba Gump being hits with all ages.
- Finish off the final day with a family friendly show on Broadway – The Lion King is our favourite!

LOOKING TO STAY A BIT LONGER?

If you're staying for a few more nights, here are a few other options for you to enjoy:

- There are other great museums that have interactive areas for kids to enjoy, including Brooklyn Children's Museum, Staten Island Children's Museum, and the New York Hall of Science
- Take a trip over to Brooklyn to explore a new area, you'll get some great family pics on the bridge on the way too!
- Visit Bryant Park for the Winter Village. Whilst the kids ice skate and browse the market stalls, you can enjoy a drink at the pop-up bar!