Big Apple Greeter welcomes you to New York City!

IN 2011, TRAVEL AND LEISURE MAGAZINE selected Brooklyn Heights as one of “America’s most beautiful neighborhoods”—the only one selected in New York City. The magazine recognized what most residents have long known. Although minutes from Manhattan, Brooklyn Heights has always had the low density and friendliness of a small town. There is no neighborhood quite like Brooklyn Heights.
Where is Brooklyn Heights?
Located in northwestern Brooklyn, Brooklyn Heights is bordered on the south by Atlantic Avenue, on the north and west by the East River and Old Fulton Streets and on the east by Court Street and Cadman Plaza West.

About Brooklyn Heights
George Washington maintained his headquarters at the foot of Montague Street which today is the main shopping street for the neighborhood. Once primarily farmland, Robert Fulton’s regular steam ferry service created the first group of commuters to Manhattan in 1814. At that time, many wealthy families built brownstones and named streets after themselves. More changes came when the Brooklyn Bridge was opened in 1883 and subway service began in the early 1900s. In the 1940s, local civic groups defeated a proposal to route the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway through the heart of the Heights. The resulting new route helped to create the pedestrian esplanade known as the Promenade. Brooklyn Heights was designated the City’s first Historic District in 1965 which has helped the neighborhood maintain its architectural beauty.

It’s Easy to Get to Brooklyn Heights

**BY SUBWAY:** A and C trains to High Street. 2 and 3 trains to Clark Street. R, 2, 3, 4 and 5 trains to Court Street-Borough Hall.

**BY BUS:** Bus lines that service Brooklyn Heights include the B25, B41 and B52.

**BY WATER TAXI:** Water taxis run from Wall Street Pier 11 and South Street Pier 17 on the East River to Fulton Street Landing and Atlantic Avenue. To learn more, see their website at nywatertaxi.com.

**Attractions**

1. **THE EAST RIVER PROMENADE** that runs along the East River offers one of the most spectacular panoramas in the world – views of the Verrazano and Brooklyn Bridges, the Statue of Liberty and lower and midtown Manhattan. This romantic location has been the site of many television and movie productions including Annie Hall and Moonstruck. To learn more, see the website at nyharborparks.org/visit/brhe.html.

**GREETER’S SECRET:**
Take a look at 7 Middagh Street where W.H. Auden, Carson McCullers and Gypsy Rose Lee all lived at the same time!

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A visit to 108-112 Willow Street will reveal beautiful Queen Anne style houses decorated with terra cotta storks and cherubs. For a completely different style, see the houses at 43-49 Willow Place – Brooklyn’s last row of Greek Revival colonnade homes.
2 BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK on the East River consists of adjacent piers. Pier 1 between Clark Street and the Brooklyn Bridge features tree-lined pathways and a set of dramatic granite steps. Pier 6 near Atlantic Avenue features a large playground and three regulation-sized sand volleyball courts. Both sections have seasonal food stands. To learn more, see the website at brooklynbridgepark.org.

3 THE BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY at 128 Pierrepont Street at Clinton Street is a distinctive four-story Queen Anne style building designed by architect George B. Post. Completed in 1881, its façade is adorned with busts of heroic figures from history. Inside is a spectacular library and changing exhibits and programs on Brooklyn history. For a calendar of upcoming events, see the website at brooklynhistory.org.

4 PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS at 63 Orange Street near Hicks Street was completed in 1859 and became known as Brooklyn’s “Grand Central Depot” because of its participation in the underground railroad to help escaping slaves. Abraham Lincoln visited the Church when he was running for President. Its charming garden has a bronze statue depicting abolitionist preacher Henry Ward Beecher at a mock slave auction to show his contempt of slavery. To learn more, see the website at plymouthchurch.org.

5 GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH at 254 Hicks Street at Grace Court is an impressive brownstone Gothic Revival house of worship built by Richard Upjohn in 1847.

6 ST. ANN & HOLY TRINITY CHURCH at 157 Montague Street at Clinton Street is a National Historic Landmark originally built by Brooklyn paper manufacturer Edgar Bartow. Designed by architect Minard LaFever and completed in 1848, this brownstone church is known for its suite of 54 still-existing stained glass windows designed by William Jay Bolton. The church offers regular music programs. To learn more, see the website at stannholytrinity.org.

7 OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH at 113 Remsen Street at Henry Street is a Roman Revival edifice built by Richard Upjohn in 1846. Be sure to see its doors which are from the ocean liner Normandie that burned and sank in the Hudson River.
Shopping

**8. BROOKLYN WOMEN’S EXCHANGE** at 55 Pierrepont Street near Hicks Street dates back to before the Civil War era. This consignment shop features handcrafted jewelry, adult and children’s clothing, home décor and holiday items. Be sure to drop by for one of the monthly craft demonstrations. To learn more, see the website at brooklyn-womens-exchange.org.

**9. TANGO** at 145 Montague Street near Henry Street is a stylish boutique with lovely window displays. They feature fashionable women’s clothing, shoes and accessories.

**10. BROWNING FRAMES & PRINTS** at 37A Cranberry Street near Hicks Street offers handmade and custom picture frames and vintage prints. To learn more, see their website at browningframes.com.

**11. DARA ETTINGER** at 218 Hicks Street near Montague Street offers innovative custom jewelry. Be sure to drop by their jewelry bar where you can design your own necklace.

When It’s Time to Eat

**12. NOODLE PUDDING** at 38 Henry Street between Cranberry and Middagh Streets is a neighborhood favorite featuring wonderful Italian food. Be sure to check out the nightly specials. Be sure to get there early as no reservations are taken, as well as no credit cards. Dinner only. Closed Mondays.

**13. RIVER DELI** at 32 Joralemon Street near Columbia Place features the bread and pasta from the island of Sardinia. Dinner only.

**14. IRIS CAFE** at 20 Columbia Place near Joralemon Street is a coffee house with a warm, cozy décor. Don’t miss the ham and cheddar biscuits or the snickerdoodles. To learn more, see their website at iriscafenyc.com.

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Drop by 24 Middagh Street to see a Federal style wooden frame house with a separate carriage house. This is one of the oldest existing houses in Brooklyn Heights.
### HANCO's at 147 Montague Street between Henry and Clinton Streets

is a casual dining place offering bubble tea, Vietnamese sandwiches and the wonderful noodle soup called pho.

### TERESA'S at 80 Montague Street between Hicks Street and Pierrepont Place offers

Polish specialties such as stuffed cabbage and pierogis as well as top notch diner food. Be sure to try the orange ricotta pancakes.

### Night Life

**JACK THE HORSE TAVERN** at 66 Hicks Street between Cranberry and Middagh Streets is a friendly tavern with custom cocktails and local beer on tap. The restaurant in the back features American cuisine with an emphasis on comfort food. Be sure to try the mac and cheese. To learn more, see their website at jackthehorse.com.

**BROOKLYN HEIGHTS WINE BAR** at 50 Henry Street between Middagh and Cranberry Streets offers a nice selection of wine and seasonally-changing small plate menus. Noted for its gracious service, the large windows offer the perfect spot for people-watching. To learn more, see the website at brooklynheightswinebar.com.

### Culture

**HEIGHTS PLAYERS** at 26 Willow Place near Joralemon Street has been producing plays and musicals, many child-friendly, since 1956. For a schedule of productions, see their website at heightsplayers.org.

**BRIC ROTUNDA GALLERY** at 33 Clinton Street between Cadman Plaza West and Pierrepont Street features contemporary art exhibits and related programs. To learn more, see the website at bricartsmedia.org.

### About Big Apple Greeter

Founded in 1992, Big Apple Greeter’s mission is to enhance New York City’s worldwide image while enriching the city experience for its visitors. Connecting with business and leisure travelers from all over the US and the world, Greeters take visitors on informal, unscripted walks through one or more neighborhoods in any of the five boroughs, promote tourism throughout the city, and help visitors discover the ease of using public transportation. Over 300 volunteer Greeters speak collectively almost 25 languages and enjoy giving their time and energy back to their hometown. Since its founding, Big Apple Greeter—a free public service—has welcomed nearly 110,000 visitors and been featured in thousands of newspapers, magazines, and television and radio programs all over the world, reaching an audience of over two billion potential visitors to New York City. Big Apple Greeter is proud to partner with NYC & Company, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Metro New York.

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