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THE INSIDER'S GUIDE TO
YOUR EXTENDED STAY IN
Brooklyn, NY



Congratulations! You are traveling to New York City for an extended stay, but that means being in a city you know nothing about for a few months or even longer. No matter how long your stay is, you want a place that you can call your own .

Don't worry. Finding the right place to stay for an extended period of time is easier than you think when you decide on one of **Brooklyn Suites'** furnished extended stay apartments. Yes, that says "apartment". Why should you stay in an extended stay apartment versus the extended stay hotels you've seen on TV and what can you do during your free time? Read on.

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All Work & No Play...

When you're living in the city that never sleeps, it's silly to not spend your free time enjoying everything that Brooklyn and Manhattan have to offer!

NYC

No matter where you're looking for something to do in New York City, you'll always find something going on. There's concerts, restaurants, museums, sporting events and more. New York City has something for everyone! Check out these sites for the latest happenings and places to visit:

- **Time Out New York** -- This also features guides to New York neighborhoods
- **Museums in New York City** -- A very detailed list
- Sporting Events in New York City -- Includes a link to buy tickets for NYC sports events
- **Broadway Shows & Tickets** -- Also covers off-Broadway
- **OpenTable for Restaurants** -- You can read reviews and also reserve a table here
- **Central Park** -- You can stroll (or jog) through the park, but there's also quite a bit to do, including the Central Park Zoo
- **Tips for Getting Hot Tickets** -- A concierge spills her secrets

Brooklyn

Even if you don't feel like commuting into Manhattan, there's plenty to do in Brooklyn. Check out these fun, beautiful and entertaining options:

- **Brooklyn Botanic Garden** -- Absolutely gorgeous!
- **Brooklyn Flea Market** -- Includes a Fort Greene location
- **Brooklyn Museum** -- Features a 4,000-piece Egyptian collection
- **Coney Island Cyclone** -- Get ready for a thrilling jolt of nostalgia
- **New York Transit Museum** -- Step back into history
- **Great Places to Eat in Brooklyn**

GETTING AROUND NYC

Getting around Brooklyn or Manhattan, or any of the other “Five Boroughs” (Queens, the Bronx, or on Staten Island) can seem difficult, but once you understand how everything is set up, you’ll feel like a life-long New Yorker. First, make sure that you have a great pocket map, **Google Maps**, Siri and other mapping tools that will show you where you are and what’s around you.

The main thing to remember about Manhattan is that avenues run North and South while streets run East and West. You also need to know that venues can either have numbers or names, and you’ll find that the streets go in sequential numbers, as Manhattan is one big grid. This can make it quite easy to figure out how long it will take you to get from Park Avenue and 33rd Street to Park Avenue and 52nd Street, for example. The Financial District, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island are a bit tougher to navigate, but you can become easily accustomed to doing so by scoping out the location you’re heading to ahead of time and taking a few minutes to become familiar with a local map.

MTA Subways and Buses

As detailed in the Neighborhoods section, the **Metropolitan Transportation Authority** (MTA) subways and buses, which travel to every corner of the city, are easily accessible from each of the Brooklyn Suites' properties. The subways are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Many buses are also available around the clock, but make sure you check the route schedule to see if your bus offers overnight service.

Make sure you purchase a **Metrocard** to save money on the MTA fares. Plus, you'll feel like less of a tourist and it's far easier to swipe your card than having to dig through your pockets or purse for change when you get on the train or bus. During rush hours, you'll find that the card machines get crowded, so refill your Metrocard when you can late in the morning or early afternoon.

Bicycles

When traveling in NYC, on a nice day, rent a bike. Bike sharing from a company like **Citi Bike** makes it possible to get from one place to another without having to cram into the subway. Follow bike paths, wear a helmet, and always use hand signals. If you are riding and someone rings their bell, it means steer to the right and get out of the way of faster riders. For information, the NYC Department of Transportation publishes a downloadable **bike map** and a **guide to biking in the City**.

Taxi Cabs

If you've had a long day at the office and can't stomach the thought of taking a bus or train home, or you need to get across town to a meeting in a hurry, consider the convenience of one of the City's fleet of yellow taxi cabs, which are regulated by the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

When you're hailing a cab, it's not as simple as it looks on TV and in the movies. You can't just step out into the middle of the street, whistle loudly, and have 10 cabs stop all at once. Stay on the curb and raise your arm out high into the air, which will alert the driver to pull over and let you board curbside.

All taxicabs accept cash and most have a credit card machine to use. You'll find that the minimum metered fare is \$2.50, which increases 50 cents every fifth of a mile or every minute, depending on how fast you're traveling. There is also a New York State tax surcharge of 50 cents per ride. Make sure you tip 15-20% of the fare cost at the end of your trip when you're paying to be polite.



Car

If you bring your car with you when you relocate, be aware that parking isn't exactly plentiful in Manhattan nor Brooklyn. To make things easier on yourself, use **SpotHero** to search, find and reserve parking in NYC online, whether you're looking for a parking space for a month or a year. With SpotHero, you'll know that you have a spot and just how much it can cost you.

For a less expensive way to get around by car than bringing your own, check out **Uber** and **Zipcar**. With the help of the Uber app, all you have to do is select your pickup location and that you need a ride. An Uber driver will accept, come to pick you up and bring you to your location. With the Uber app, you can also get an estimated fare quote before your trip.

For Zipcar, you are literally in the driver's seat. You just have to create a Zipcar account and be approved for a Zipcard. Once you have that, book the use of a Zipcar for a couple of hours or the whole day -- it's up to you. You'll then get the information about where the car is, unlock it with your Zipcard, and you're good to go.

When you're driving in any of the five boroughs, make sure you use Google Maps or the **Waze** travel app so you don't get lost or run into unexpected traffic. The Waze app keeps you up to date on what traffic looks like and will even alert you when something is in the road or a car is off to the side of the road. Also, keep an ear out to **1010 WINS** to learn about any unplanned traffic delays or blocked roads.



Packing: What to Bring & What to Toss

Clothing

If you're anything like me, traveling for just an overnight getaway means packing four outfits and three pairs of shoes. If I was moving to a new city for an extended period of time, I'd want to bring my entire closet, but it's far better to use this as a reason to finally go through your closet and see what you actually wear and what can put in storage or donate to charity.

Make sure your clothing is prepared for changing temperatures. This will especially be a shock to your system if you're moving from the West Coast. Winters in New York City are cold, damp, with a typical temperature being 32.6 degrees Fahrenheit. However, temperatures can also drop to 10 degrees with wind chills making it feel even lower. On the other end of the spectrum, summers are either warm, with an average temp of 76.5 degrees, or hot and humid, with daytime temperatures exceeding 90 degrees and sometimes topping 100 degrees. The Spring and Fall are very unpredictable -- there have been Halloweens where it's been a warm 68 degrees and where it's been snowing. Be prepared for anything. Dressing in layers is your best bet no matter the season.



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

You may be working in the heart of Manhattan, but that doesn't mean you have to live there. Get away from the hustle-and-bustle in the city that never sleeps just over the bridge. Find a relaxing, welcoming community in Brooklyn. Brooklyn Suites has rentals available in four sections of Brooklyn. You're sure to find one that

Boerum Hill

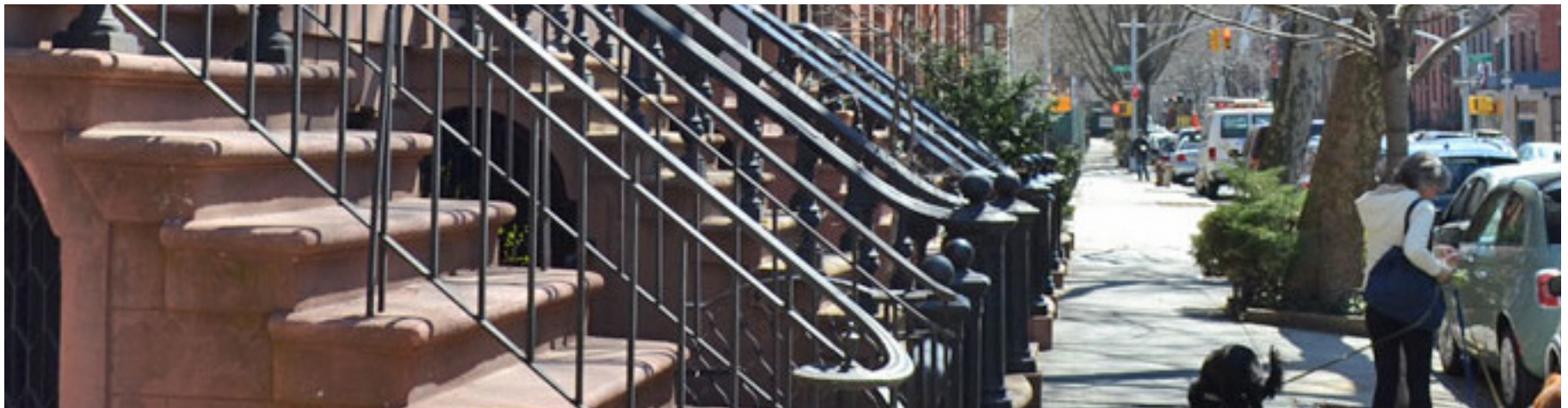
Boerum Hill is home to many artists and young families. It's popular for its boutiques, restaurants and rows of brownstones. When you want to eat at home, you can stock up at the super-sized **Brooklyn Fare** supermarket, less than a block away from Brooklyn Suites' Boerum Hill locations. From fresh produce and meat to deliciously prepared food and in-house pastry, no craving will remain unsatisfied. When you want to eat out, Smith Street's restaurant row is just a quick stroll away.

When you're living in Boerum Hill, you will be only a short two-block walk from the **Hoyt-Schermerhorn** A, C, G train station, which will get you into Manhattan in less than 10 minutes. A number of other subway lines can also be reached within a 5-10 minute stroll from your apartment.

Clinton Hill

Stay in the quiet, residential **Clinton Hill**. Find small cafes, bars, shops and restaurants at every corner. In no time at all, you'll feel like you're home. For shopping, there's a corner store right across the street from Brooklyn Suites' property, but you will also find a number of larger food stores, including **Met Supermarket** and **Mr. Melon** on Fulton Street, which are five short blocks away.

For commuting into Manhattan, the Clinton Hill property is located between the Franklin Avenue and the Clinton/ Washington Ave C train stations and near the Classon Ave G train station. When you take the C train, which connects to the express A train, you will be in Manhattan in about 20 minutes. The G train will also take you to Park Slope or Williamsburg in about the same time.



Fort Greene

Brooklyn Suites' Fort Greene property is just steps away from **Fort Greene Park**, making it the perfect location for nature lovers, joggers, dog walkers and families with children. Enjoy the park's farmers' market and also explore the enticing flavors of the area's popular restaurants. For grocery shopping, you have a number of small, intimate food stores to choose from including Greene Grape Provisions, which specializes in upscale and specialty foods, and **M & H Grocery Store**, which covers the basics and is easier on the wallet. While you're living in Fort Greene, make sure you visit **Atlantic Mall & Terminal**, **Barclays Center**, and marvel at the beautiful **Brooklyn Academy of Music** with its turn-of-the-century charm.

When you're commuting into Manhattan, the 2, 3, 4, 5 and B, Q, R train stations are only four blocks away from the Fort Greene residence. On the B and Q express trains, you can reach Canal Street in Manhattan in just one stop! Other subway lines, including the A, C, F and G trains are just a 10 minute walk from the house.

South Slope

South Slope has stunning brownstones and a truly thriving local restaurant scene. You'll find lines out to the curb in front of the 7th Avenue restaurants every weekend night due to the celebrity chefs. This neighborhood is perfect for low-maintenance young families, professionals and academics who prefer substance over flash and glitter. **Earth's Basket**, a bright and attractive supermarket with a great selection of fresh and prepared foods is located just half a block away from Brooklyn Suites' property. Head over one block to 5th Avenue and you will find more supermarkets and a wine store.

For commuting ease, the Prospect Avenue R-train station at 17th Street and 4th Avenue is literally steps from the South Slope house. Take it to Lower Manhattan or you can cross the platform to hop on the N express-train at Atlantic Station. Next stop is Canal Street in Manhattan!



VALUE

Often, you'll see utilities mentioned as a reason to choose a hotel over an extended stay apartment. Not with Brooklyn Suites. Utilities are included in your monthly rent. This makes staying in an apartment even more of a bargain because you'll typically be staying in a space twice the size of a hotel room.

Plus, with a full kitchen -- rather than a hotel kitchenette -- you will save money by making home cooked meals in the comfort of your own apartment. With numerous grocery stores within walking distance, you can stock up and plan ahead for your meals, instead of grabbing take-out or eating out daily.

Safety

Safety is a top concern, whether you are living by yourself, or with family. That's why all of the Brooklyn Suites' properties are located in safe, low crime, thriving parts of Brooklyn and why all guests must pass a background or credit check.

Just like an apartment, you can also rest assured that the only other person who can enter your apartment besides you and your family is your landlord, and that's on an as-needed basis – no hotel employees.

No more worrying about the possibility of lost or stolen keys. You are supplied with a unique code, which you enter at the front door, and the door of your apartment to gain access.

Amenities

When you rent from Brooklyn Suites, you're provided with all of the necessary comforts of home. This includes toilet paper, towels and linens; closet hangers; tableware (from placemats to plates; flatware to coffee mugs); kitchenware (pots, pans, measuring cups, mixing bowls, and more); and a full kitchen including a refrigerator, toaster, gas stove, coffee maker, blender and microwave oven. The windows are already furnished with blinds, but you can personalize with your own curtains to give the rooms your personal style.

Internet

When you're sending an important email or attending a virtual conference, the last thing you want is to worry about shoddy Internet speeds. Brooklyn Suites' extended-stay apartments offer robust, 24/7 high-speed wireless Internet access. You won't find that in a hotel, where the Wi-Fi speeds are unreliable and have very limited bandwidth. Pet Friendly

For some, a place doesn't truly feel like home if they can't have their pet. You'll find that when you rent from Brooklyn Suites, the ability to have a pet in your apartment is decided on a case-by-case basis, but is typically allowed and comes with a one-time fee.

Cleanliness

When you lease from Brooklyn Suites, you move into a clean, modern apartment. If you don't have the time to clean, and would like someone else to clean your apartment for you, Brooklyn Suites can also recommend a number of third party cleaners. We also offer optional weekly linen and bi-weekly towel service for an additional fee.

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