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3 Days in New York City for $202

My real three-day New York City work-trip itinerary with Central Park, Midtown, Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Museum, Brooklyn Bridge, the Met and Broadway, with $202 in confirmed personal spending.

3 days	$202 personal spend	New York	3 days
TRIP	BUDGET	DURATION	GUIDE

What this guide includes

Actual or planned costs, a readable day-by-day itinerary, practical food and accommodation notes, and public transport station pairs where available.

Important: Historical costs are budgeting references. Verify current prices, route numbers, opening times and entry rules before travel.

Budget and transport

Expense	What I paid
Marriott accommodation — company paid	$0
Cabs — company paid	$0
Empire State Building	$22
Statue of Liberty ferry	$35
9/11 Museum	$15
Metropolitan Museum of Art	$30
Broadway show — company paid	$0
Office meals	$0
Dinners across 3 days	$100
Confirmed personal total	$202

Bus, train, tram and ferry route card

Mode	Service	Board at	Get down at	Approx. fare	Note
Subway	A/C or 1 lines	Nearest Midtown /downtown station	59 St–Columbus Circle	About US$3	South-west entrance to Central Park.
Subway	4/5	Grand Central–42 St	Bowling Green	About US$3	For Battery Park and Statue of Liberty ferries.
Subway	E	Midtown corridor	World Trade Center	About US$3	For the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.
Subway	4/5/6	Downtown / Midtown	86 St	About US$3	Walk west for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
Subway	A/C	Manhattan	High St	About US$3	For Brooklyn Bridge Park and a bridge walk.

Checked October 2026: confirm live schedules and disruptions in the official operator planner.

Day-by-day itinerary and practical notes

I spent three days exploring New York City during a work-linked trip. My office covered my Marriott stay, cabs and Broadway show, while office meals reduced my food costs. My confirmed personal spend was $202: $102 on four paid attractions and $100 on dinners across the three days.

Prices are historical rather than live quotations. Use them as a budgeting reference and verify current fares, entry fees and booking conditions before travelling.

My New York City budget at a glance

Where I stayed and how I got around

I stayed at a Marriott paid for by my office, so accommodation cost me $0. My cabs were also company covered. Those savings are specific to my work trip; a normal visitor should add their own hotel and local transport costs.

Day 1 — Central Park, Fifth Avenue, Rockefeller Center, Times Square & Empire State Building

My first day concentrated on Midtown Manhattan, combining free walks with one paid skyline attraction.

I walked through Central Park. My recorded sightseeing cost: $0.

I continued along Fifth Avenue. My recorded sightseeing cost: $0.

I stopped at Rockefeller Center. My recorded sightseeing cost: $0.

I visited Times Square as part of the Midtown route. My recorded sightseeing cost: $0.

I chose the Empire State Building for my skyline attraction and paid $22.

Day 1 confirmed attraction spend: $22.

Day 2 — Statue of Liberty, Financial District, 9/11 Museum & Brooklyn Bridge

Day 2 moved to Lower Manhattan, combining the harbour, the Financial District, the 9/11 site and a sunset-style walk across Brooklyn Bridge.

I took the paid ferry rather than the free Staten Island Ferry. I paid $35.

I walked through the Financial District and saw Wall Street and the Charging Bull. My recorded sightseeing cost: $0.

I visited the outdoor memorial. My recorded cost for the memorial itself: $0.

I also went inside the museum and paid $15.

I walked across Brooklyn Bridge. My recorded sightseeing cost: $0.

Day 2 confirmed attraction spend: $50.

Day 3 — High Line, Chelsea, SoHo, Greenwich Village, the Met & Broadway

My third day combined neighbourhood walking, an art museum and a Broadway show.

I walked the High Line. My recorded sightseeing cost: $0.

I explored Chelsea Market as part of the day. I am not adding an admission charge because I did not record one.

I explored SoHo. My recorded sightseeing cost: $0.

I also visited Greenwich Village. My recorded sightseeing cost: $0.

I visited the Met and paid $30.

I finished with a Broadway show. The ticket was paid by my company, so my personal cost was $0.

Day 3 confirmed attraction spend: $30.

Food during the three days

Meals were available at the office during the work trip, which kept my daytime food spend down. I recorded $100 total for dinner across all three days. I am keeping that as one confirmed trip total rather than inventing a restaurant-by-restaurant breakdown.

How my confirmed New York total reached $202

My paid attractions came to $22 + $35 + $15 + $30 = $102. Dinners across the three days added $100.

$102 attractions + $100 dinners = $202 confirmed personal spend.

The Marriott, cabs and Broadway show cost me $0 personally because my company paid for them. Airfare is not included because I have not recorded a personal New York flight cost in this trip budget.

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Compare tip-based walks covering Lower Manhattan, Midtown and Brooklyn. Check each tour’s meeting point and duration.

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Budget traveller's quick summary

Length: 3 days

Accommodation: Marriott — company paid, $0 to me

Transport: Cabs — company paid, $0 to me

Day 1: Central Park → Fifth Avenue → Rockefeller Center → Times Square → Empire State Building ($22)

Day 2: Statue of Liberty ferry ($35) → Wall Street & Charging Bull → 9/11 Memorial → 9/11 Museum ($15) → Brooklyn Bridge

Day 3: High Line → Chelsea Market → SoHo → Greenwich Village → Metropolitan Museum of Art ($30) → Broadway show (company paid)

Dinner: $100 total across three days

Confirmed personal total: $202

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Before you travel

Reconfirm every fare, stop, timetable, visa or entry requirement, baggage rule and food-import restriction with the responsible provider.