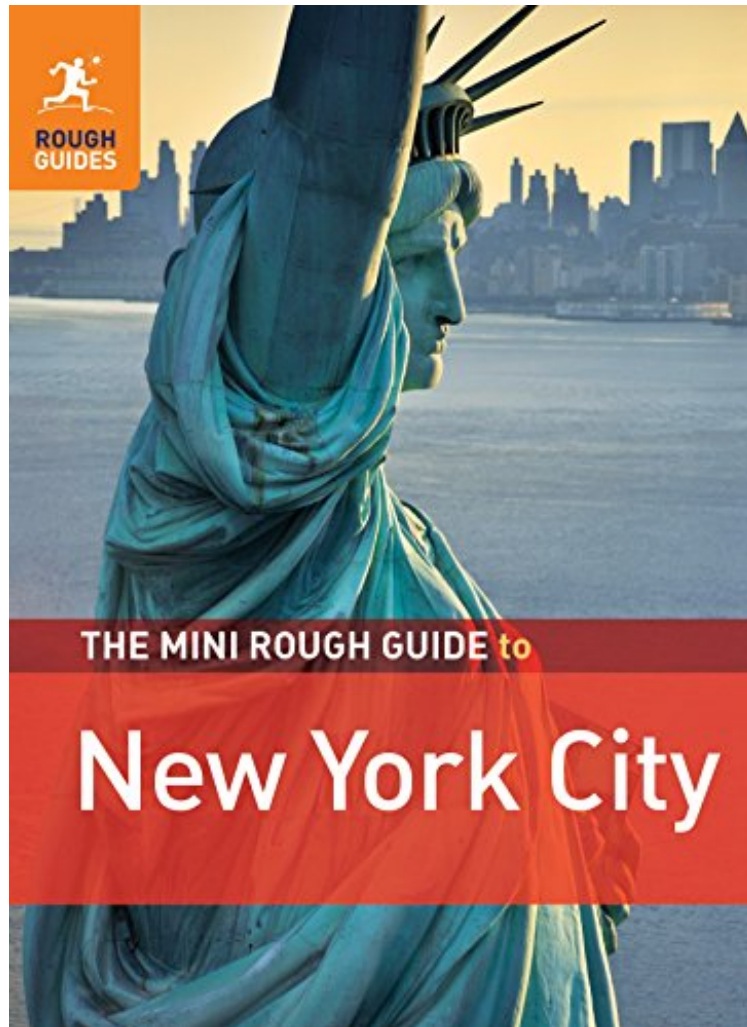


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Martin Dunford, Stephen Keeling, Andrew Rosenberg : The Mini Rough Guide to New York City (Rough Guide Mini (Sized)) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Mini Rough Guide to New York City (Rough Guide Mini (Sized)):

12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Great content, could have been easier to use By Matthew T. Phillips I just returned from NYC guided by this book. The content on places discussed is wonderful, but the neighborhood organization leaves you flipping back and forth sometimes, as another reviewer describes. I can't imagine how anyone purchases a tour book on-line (I have to browse at a physical store and then come here to buy!), but here are a couple of things I noticed: 1. This guide, while it advises travelers to use the subway, does not provide

suggested stops for individual attractions. The exception is in the museum section. As a result, I had to walk around always having this book and a subway map on hand, with my companion and I shuffling through the two to figure out which stops lined up with which street addresses the best.² The restaurant section was not very helpful because of its organization. I would have preferred to have restaurants listed with things they are near in the neighborhood sections. For example, most of our days were organized by going to the things as listed in a neighborhood section of the book, but when we wanted to know what to eat, we had to stop and find the appropriate section way in the back of the book under restaurants and then cuisine headings.³ As the editors suggest in the introduction, this book does a great job of suggesting bargain options for getting to, getting around, and getting entertained in New York City, but it still presents other options as well. People who like to travel on a budget but also like to splurge every now and then will be well-informed on both fronts.⁴ The authors do a wonderful job of providing background information about sites listed in the book, which we found to increase our appreciation of places visited greatly. It also made it easier to decide ahead of time which places we wanted to see and which we could do without. This is a great guide, but be sure you find a tour book that fits your style, especially for a city as daunting as New York.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. New York: Neighborhood by Neighborhood By James Paris The Rough Guide series is one of the consistently best collections of tour literature available anywhere. Previous guides I have used have been for France and Scotland, and both were excellent. On the plus side, I was pleasantly surprised by the high quality of the restaurant recommendations (though I did not have the opportunity of staying at any hotels this time) and I liked the organization of the beginning as a neighborhood-by-neighborhood tour of New York. Many guides are so Manhattan-centric as to leave a false impression of the Big Apple: This one was remarkably even-handed throughout. Curiously, the main problem was that, at times, the authors did not know whether to describe a particular tourist sight in terms of the neighborhood chapter or in terms of the museums chapter. At times, such as in the description of the Fraunces Tavern, one is sent scurrying between chapters. Other than this, I felt that this guide deserved five stars. The numerous black and white maps are of high quality, and the index is particularly useful given the book's organization. This one's a winner.⁷ of 7 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful and detailed By A Customer This was my first trip to NYC and I found the Rough Guide very helpful. There were detailed maps of the bus system, the subway system, lodging and places to see. There was also information on the outer boroughs, useful for my trip into Brooklyn. The one thing I didn't like was that restaurants weren't listed in the index. You had to go to the restaurant section of the book and look in the neighborhood, then under the type of cuisine. Which meant when my friend recommended a specific place, I couldn't look it up in the book easily, or even be sure it was listed.

The Mini Rough Guide to New York City is your essential companion to one of the world's most dynamic cities. It covers all the major sights and attractions in NYC, plus the practical, nitty-gritty information you'll need to make the most of your visit. The guide's introduction offers a lively city overview and a selection of 'things not to miss' - museums, architecture, green spaces, nightlife, cuisine and more. Then discover New York City by neighbourhood; from bustling Chinatown and once-bohemian Greenwich Village to the beautifully refurbished Lincoln Centre on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Find snappy reviews of hotels, restaurants and bars for every budget and taste, plus shops, clubs, galleries and more. Pocket-sized and portable, it'll help you get around with clear, readable maps - grid referenced with all the top attractions and recommendations. Entertaining, engaging and opinionated, this guide is unbeatable. Make the most of your break with The Mini Rough Guide to New York City.

The holiday-makers' favourite guidebook series * The Sunday Times Travel Magazine * About the Author Written by a team of resident up-daters giving the latest insiders' knowledge, a crucial quality in such a dynamic city. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. SOME ORIENTATION AND HIGHLIGHTS New York City comprises the central island of Manhattan along with four outer boroughs Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island. Manhattan, to many, is New York. Certainly, whatever your interest in the city it's here that you'll spend the most time, and, unless you have friends elsewhere, are likely to stay. Understanding the intricacies of Manhattan's layout, and above all getting some grasp on its subway and bus system, should be your first priority. Most importantly, you should realize that New York is very much a city of neighborhoods, and one that is best explored on foot a fact reflected in the chapters of this guide, which we've divided to reflect the best walking tours. For an overview of each neighborhood, and what to see and do there, turn to the introduction of each chapter. The guide starts at the southern tip of the island and moves north: The Harbor Islands comprises the first section of New York (and America) that most nineteenth-century immigrants would have seen the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the latter recalling its history in its excellent Museum of Immigration. The Financial District takes in the skyscrapers and historic buildings of Manhattan's southern reaches, although the most famous aspect of the skyline down here, the World Trade Center, sadly no longer exists, and the area immediately around was still off-limits at the time of writing. Just east is the area around City Hall, New York's well-appointed municipal center. North of here, Chinatown is Manhattan's most populous ethnic neighborhood, a vibrant locale that's great for Chinese food and shopping. Nearby, Little Italy bears few traces of the once-strong immigrant presence, while the Lower East Side is the city's traditional gateway

neighborhood for new immigrants originally German, then Jewish, now Hispanic and increasingly Chinese and is nowadays scattered with some interesting and often trendy bars and clubs. To the west, SoHo is one of the premiere districts for galleries and the commercial art scene, not to mention designer shopping much like its even swankier neighbor TriBeCa, just to the south, on the edge of the Financial District. North, the West and East Villages form a focus of bars, restaurants and shops catering to students and would-be bohemians and of course tourists. Chelsea is a largely residential neighborhood that is now mostly known for its gay scene and art galleries and borders on Manhattans old Garment District. Murray Hill contains the citys largest skyscraper and most enduring symbol, the Empire State Building. Beyond 42nd Street, the main east-west artery of midtown, the character of the city changes quite radically, and the skyline becomes more high-rise and home to some of New Yorks most awe-inspiring, neck-cracking architecture. There are also some superb museums and the citys best shopping as you work your way north up Fifth Avenue as far as 59th Street, where the classic Manhattan vistas are broken by the broad expanse of Central Park, a supreme piece of nineteenth-century landscaping, without which life in Manhattan would be unthinkable. Flanking the park, the mostly residential and fairly affluent Upper West Side boasts Lincoln Center, Manhattans temple to the performing arts, the American Museum of Natural History and Riverside Park along the Hudson River. On the other side of the park, the Upper East Side is wealthier and more grandiose, with its nineteenth-century millionaires mansions now transformed into a string of magnificent museums known as the "Museum Mile," the most prominent being the vast Metropolitan Museum of Art. Alongside is a patrician residential neighborhood that boasts some of the swankiest addresses in Manhattan, and a nest of designer shops along Madison Avenue in the seventies. Immediately above Central Park, Harlem, the historic black city-within-a-city whose name was for a long time synonymous with racial tension and urban deprivation, has today a healthy sense of an improving go-ahead community a trend not hindered at all by former President Clinton deciding to set up his offices on 125th Street, Harlems main drag. Further north still, Washington Heights, a largely Hispanic neighborhood that few visitors ever venture to visit, features the unusual Cloisters, a nineteenth-century mock-up of a medieval monastery, packed with great European Romanesque and Gothic art and (transplanted) architecture in short, one of Manhattans must-sees. Its a fact that few visitors, especially those with limited time, bother to venture off Manhattan Island and out to the outer boroughs, which is a pity, because each of them Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island has points of great interest, both from an historical and a contemporary point of view. Some of the citys best ethnic neighborhoods, and consequently best food, is to be found in the outer boroughs. The more frequented destinations include the picturesque streets of Brooklyn Heights, just across the Brooklyn Bridge from Manhattan, and the old-world charm of Coney Island and the nearby Russian enclave of Brighton Beach. But get out too, if you can, to sample the Greek seafood restaurants of Astoria in Queens, the Italian restaurants of the Bronxs Belmont section or the hip nightlife of increasingly trendy Williamsburg in Brooklyn to name just a few options. WHEN TO GO New Yorks climate ranges from the stickily hot and humid in mid-summer to well below freezing in January and February: deep midwinter and high summer (many people find the city unbearable in July and August) are much the worst time you could come. Spring is gentle, if unpredictable, and usually wet, while fall is perhaps the best season: come at either time and youll find it easier to get things done and the people more welcoming. Whatever time of year you come, dress in layers: buildings tend to be overheated during winter months and air-conditioned to the point of iciness in summer. Also bring comfortable and sturdy shoes youre going to be doing a lot of walking.