

# Brooklyn Heights & Park Slope



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### Majestic Beauty and Relaxed Grace

The most heavily populated borough of New York City, Brooklyn consists of 81 square miles on the southwestern tip of Long Island. Officially designated a borough of New



*The proud borough of Brooklyn, NY lies just across the East River from Manhattan and maintains its own unmistakable identity, famous for everything from pizza to egg creams to “Dem Bums” of the 40s and 50s, the Dodgers.*

York City in 1898, Brooklyn sits on New York Harbor across the East River from Manhattan and was once an independent municipality and the nation’s third largest city. Today Brooklyn maintains a strong urban identity, with its own independent central business district and government center, industrial base, cultural and educational institutions, parks,

and miles of sandy beaches and shoreline. The neighborhoods of Brooklyn Heights and Park Slope each possess distinctive character and home-style appeal. These areas are popular residential centers that draw numerous New Yorkers to visit and live within their more spacious homes.

### Brooklyn Heights

Situated in northwestern Brooklyn, Brooklyn Heights is bounded to the West and North by Columbia Heights and the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, to the East by Court Street and Cadman Plaza West, and by Atlantic Avenue to the South. The neighborhood is one of New York’s best kept secrets, as its beauty and hometown atmosphere are a striking complement to the bustling metropolis right next door. Historians have called it New York’s first suburb, and many visitors cannot do without a walk down the Promenade to take in breathtaking sunset views of New York Harbor. The varied architecture of this neighborhood includes beautiful wood homes built long ago by sailing captains, brownstone mansions, and carriage houses.

### Park Slope

Named for its proximity to Prospect Park, Park Slope is a part of Brooklyn bound to the North by 4th and Flatbush Avenues, to the East by Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West, to the South by Prospect Park West and 15th Street, and to the West by 4th Avenue. It is a primarily residential area, made up of renovated row houses and apartment buildings. Many professionals love the area for its close proximity to Manhattan and economic housing options. Park Slope continues to be one of New York’s most desired neighborhoods, for not only is it a diverse community of varied residents and cultures,

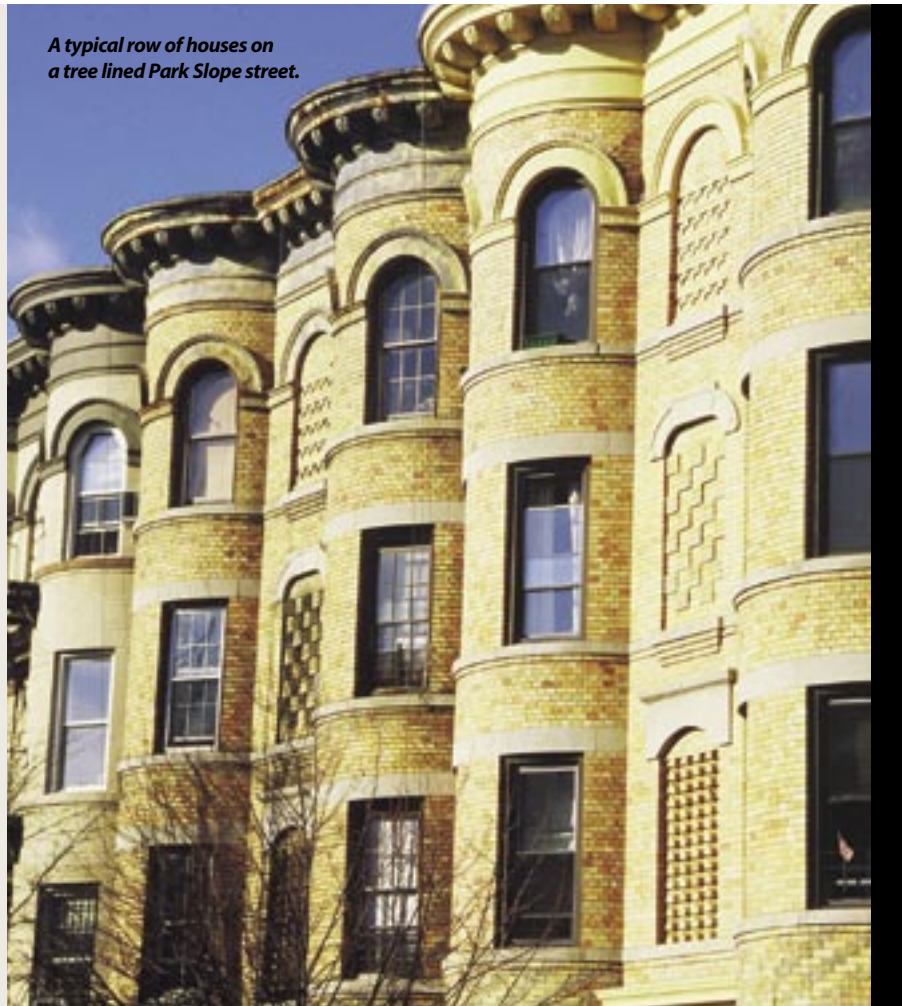
but also Park Slope is a continuation of the elegance and grace of a bygone era.

### Neighborhood History

Today's Brooklyn Heights was originally called Ihpetonga by Canarsee Indians who inhabited the bluffs above the East River. The area progressed as farmland that was serviced by ferries by 1642, the most famous of which was run from the foot of what is now Fulton Street to Peck Slip in Manhattan. While the village of Brooklyn thrived around the ferry landing and along Fulton Street, it wasn't until well into the nineteenth century that the land really became settled, starting with some factories cropping up along the wharves.

Once Robert Fulton's steam ferry began running a dependable schedule crossing the East River in 1814, speculative development began. When Brooklyn was incorporated as a village in 1816, streets were laid out and graded across the land. Merchants began recognizing the area as a retreat from lower Manhattan, and farmland was eventually divided into twenty-five by one-hundred-foot-lots. With the 1820s came a building boom, beginning at the northern end of the district. Two-and-a-half-story frame and brick structures in the Federal style became the standard, belonging to tradesmen, seamen, and waterfront workers.

By the 1830s and 40s, Greek revival buildings made of more substantial brick and brownstone were being built further south. As houses of wealthy merchants



*A typical row of houses on a tree lined Park Slope street.*

### Schools

**After School Activity Programs  
ASAP**, 441 5th Street

**Brooklyn Law School**,  
250 Joralemon Street

**Brooklyn School for Global  
Studies**, 284 Baltic Street

**Cobble Hill School of American  
Studies**, 347 Baltic Street

**Futures in Education Foundation**,  
310 Prospect Park West

**JHS266 Park Place Community  
Middle School**, 62 Park Place

**John Jay High School**,  
237 Seventh Avenue

**Polytechnic University**,  
6 MetroTech Center

**PS107 John W. Kimball School**,  
1301 Eighth Avenue

**PS124 Silas Dutcher School**,  
515 Fourth Avenue

**PS133 William Butler School**,  
375 Butler Street

**PS282 Park Slope School**,  
180 Sixth Avenue

**PS287 Dr. Bailey K. Ashford School**,  
50 Navy Street

**PS307 Daniel Hale Williams  
School**, 209 York Street

**PS321 William Penn School**.  
180 Seventh Avenue

**PS372 The Children's School**,  
512 Carroll Street

**PS54 Samuel C. Barnes School**,  
195 Sanford Street

**PS67 Charles Dorsey School**,  
51 St. Edwards Street

**PS39 Henry Bristow School**,  
417 Sixth Avenue

**PS8 Robert Fulton School**,  
37 Hicks Street

**PS10 Magnet School for Math,  
Science, and Technology**  
511 Seventh Avenue

**PS9 Teunis G. Bergen School**,  
80 Underhill Avenue

**Science Skills Center**,  
49 Flatbush Avenue Extension

**St. Francis College,**  
180 Remsen Street

### Restaurants/Bars

**Armando's Restaurant,**  
143 Montague Street, between  
Clinton Street & Sidney Place, is  
loved for its delicious Italian cuisine.

**Banania Café,** 241 Smith Street &  
Douglass Street, offers great French  
food with an international twist.

**The Bar,** 280 Smith Street & Sackett  
Street, is just what the name says – a  
homey neighborhood bar.

**Bar 4,** 444 Seventh Avenue & 15th  
Street, is an elegant bar/nightclub.

**Bonnie's Grill Ltd.,** 278 Fifth Avenue,  
between 1st Street & Garfield Place,  
serves great American food.

**Café Steinhof,** 422 Seventh Avenue  
& 14th Street, is an authentic  
Austrian café.

**Faan,** 209 Smith Street & Baltic  
Street, offers a positive vibe and  
superb Pan-Asian cuisine.

**Franny's,** 295 Flatbush Avenue  
between Prospect Place & St. Marks  
Avenue, is a delightful pizzeria  
serving thin, perfectly-crispy pies  
with fresh ingredients like meat  
cured by the chef in the basement.  
Its reliance on local ingredients and  
its commitment to sustainable agri-  
culture make this place truly unique.

**Geido,** 331 Flatbush Avenue  
between Prospect & Park Place. Sit at  
the sushi bar to watch owner Osamu  
Koyama whip up his delicious rolls  
at this local sushi institution. Large  
portions of fresh fish at affordable  
prices, with savory non-sushi  
Japanese combinations as well.

**Great Lakes,** 285 Fifth Avenue,  
between 1st & 2nd Streets, is an  
indie rock haven.

**The Grocery,** 288 Smith Street,  
between Sackett & Union Streets,  
offers a fresh American menu.

**Heights Café,** 84 Montague Street at  
Hick Street, is a favorite  
neighborhood joint serving a  
versatile menu.

*The Memorial Arch at Grand Army Plaza*



became larger, more experimentation occurred in revival styles, including Italianate, Second Empire, Victorian Gothic, Romanesque, neo-Grec, and Classical. The area enjoyed a period of unmatched elegance throughout the nineteenth century. With the opening of the Interborough Rapid Transit system (IRT) in 1908, Brooklyn Heights was no longer secluded, making it far easier to live there and work elsewhere in the city. Many mansions became divided into apartments and boarding houses, and artists flocked to the neighborhood. But by the Depression era, the middle class had disappeared, and boarding houses had deteriorated into slums.

Through the 1940s and 50s, the entire northwest portion of the neighborhood was cleared for the construction of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. Exquisite



*The Heights Cafe on Montague Street is a neighborhood hangout with a welcoming personality.*

rows of brownstones were demolished to make room for institutional dorms and apartment buildings. In reaction, local residents formed the Brooklyn Heights Association to plan an Esplanade of park space along the East River. In 1965, a local group of residents called the Community Conservation and Improvement Council succeeded in having the neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places and as the first Historic District in New York City. Later gentrification in the 1970s and 80s led to the transformation of boarding houses into middle-class residences and condominiums.

In the 1850s, what is now Park Slope was a plot of land owned by lawyer and railroad developer Edwin C. Litchfield. His villa and its adjacent area were purchased in the 1860s by the City of New York to form Prospect Park. The Park Slope neighborhood got its name as a result of the park, which was officially designed by Central Park architects Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux in the early 1880s.

Recognizing its distance from Brooklyn's busy 19th century ferry terminals, the pivotal event in Park Slope's development into a thriving neighborhood was really the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1883, allowing residents to commute easily to Manhattan. Mansions and modest row houses were built to accommodate professionals and entrepreneurs, as well as local factory workers. At this time, the area's Ansonia Clock factory was the largest clock factory in the world. As development moved further south and into parts of suburban Long Island following the First and Second World Wars, Park Slope became more of a working class neighborhood, largely populated by the Irish.

**Henry Street Ale House**, 62 Henry Street, between Orange & Cranberry Streets, is known for its outstanding beer offerings.

**La Traviata**, 139 Montague Street, between Henry & Clinton Streets, has popular family-style Italian food.

**Loki Lounge**, 304 Fifth Avenue & 2nd Street, offers several different moods in a bar/lounge, including swanky cocktails and comfy couches.

**Monty Q's**, 158 Montague Street, between Henry & Clinton Streets, is great for take-out.

**Palmira's Ristorante**, 41 Clark Street & Hick Street in the historic St. George Hotel, serves a live jazz brunch on Sunday.

**Patois**, 255 Smith Street, between Douglass & Degraw Streets, is loved for its flavorful French fare.

**Peter Luger Steak House**, 178 Broadway at Driggs Avenue. Since 1887 Peter Luger Steak House has been satisfying serious carnivores with a no-frills approach to décor.

**Quench**, 282 Smith Street & Sackett Street, is a club with a 70s vintage air.

**River Café**, 1 Water Street at Old Fulton Street, serves elegant seafood dishes to amorous couples.

**Saul**, 140 Smith Street & Bergen Street, serves fresh American fare.

**Savoia**, 277 Smith Street & Sackett Street, serves authentic Italian food.

**Sherwood Café**, 195 Smith Street, between Baltic Street & Warren Street, quadruples as a bar, café, gallery, and antiques shop.

**Tuk Tuk**, 204 Smith Street & Baltic Street, is a popular Thai restaurant.

**Zaytoons**, 283 Smith Street, between Sackett & Union Streets, is a local favorite serving Mid-East cuisine with an Italian flare.

## Parks

**Brooklyn Botanic Garden,** 1000 Washington Avenue, features 52 acres of gardens and 12,000 plant varieties, plus a renowned bonsai museum and tours.

**Brooklyn Heights Promenade,** at Columbia Heights, is a popular dating spot offering magnificent views of Manhattan's skyline. Lined with beautiful wood homes, brownstone mansions and carriage houses, the Promenade is a glorious place to take in the sunset.

**Prospect Park Wildlife Center,** 450 Flatbush Avenue. An interactive, state-of-the-art wildlife center for kids featuring more than 160 animals, including baboons, wallabies and prairie dogs in their naturalistic habitats.

**Prospect Park,** bounded to the West by Prospect Park West & Prospect Park Southwest, to the South by Parkside Avenue, to the East by Ocean & Washington Avenues, and to the North by Eastern Parkway. The 526-acre park was designed by landscape architects Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, whose notable achievements include Manhattan's Central Park. The Park's many popular destinations include the Picnic House overlooking the Long Meadow, the Carousel, the Lefferts Homestead Historic House Children's Museum, the Kate Wollman Center and Rink, the Boathouse located on the Lullwater, the Memorial Arch at Grand Army Plaza, the Nethermead, the Bandshell, five playgrounds, and NYC's last surviving forest. Prospect Park is host to hundreds of events annually, including concerts, sporting events, performing arts, festivals, and tours.

## Museums/Galleries/ Theaters

**651 ARTS,** 651 Fulton Street & Ashland Place, produces and shows culturally-diverse programming grounded in the African Diaspora.

**Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College (BCBC),** 2900 Campus Road & Hillel Place, is a major venue for top-name music, dance and children's programming.



Since the Park Slope Landmark District was designated in 1974, Park Slope has enjoyed a resurgence in desirability and popularity amongst professionals and those who are drawn to the neighborhood's convenience and historic beauty.

## Notables

**Brooklyn Bridge,** across the East River joining Manhattan & Brooklyn. This steel suspension bridge was opened for traffic in May 1883, and at the time, its 1595.5 foot span was the longest in the world. Engineer John Augustus Roebling, who invented wire cable, came up with the inspiration for its steel construction. Visitors initially paid a 1 cent toll on opening day, and 2 cents after opening day. It took about 13 years to build the bridge.

**Park Slope Historic District,** one of New York's largest landmarked neighborhoods, was officially designated in 1974 and is bounded by Flatbush Avenue, Prospect Park West, 14th Street, & 8th Avenue. The area contains approximately 1,600 hundred buildings, including the Montauk Club, designed in the style of the Ca d'Oro in Venice, and many Romanesque Revival and neo-Classical row houses. Several of the large Victorian brick and brownstone mansions lying on Prospect Park West and elsewhere in the historic district were built during the 1880s and 90s.



A sunny Park Slope streetscape

**Brooklyn Children's Museum**, 145 Brooklyn Avenue & St. Marks Avenue, is the world's first museum created expressly for kids. Offers a collection of over 27,000 objects including natural history pieces and an outstanding doll collection.

**The Brooklyn Historical Society**, 128 Pierrepont Street & Clinton Street, offers special programs and walking tours.

**Brooklyn Museum of Art**, 200 Eastern Parkway & Washington Avenue, offers the second largest collection in the U.S., including acclaimed Egyptian holdings, cutting-edge contemporary pieces, and other blockbuster exhibitions.

**The New York Transit Museum**, Boerum Place & Schermerhorn Street, houses 100 years of transit history and artifacts, including vintage cars and antique turnstiles, in a decommissioned 1930's subway station.

**The Old Stone House Historic Interpretive Center**, Fifth Avenue between 3rd & 4th Streets. This replica of a sturdy 1699 Dutch farmhouse is constructed from the stones of the original. It is a Brooklyn living connection to the American Revolution and the Battle of Brooklyn (1776).

**The St. George Hotel**, 100 Henry Street, between Clark & Pineapple Streets. Erected in 1884 by Captain William Tumbridge, this hotel grew to eight buildings by 1930 and contained the most rooms of any hotel in New York City – 2,632. While its busiest years were during and after WWII, the hotel eventually fell to disrepair, and it was converted into cooperative residential units in the 1980s.

**The Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM)**, 30 Lafayette Avenue, between Ashland Place & St. Felix Street. America's oldest performing arts center, BAM showcases innovative works of music, dance, drama and film. Built in 1908, the present building replaced the 1861 original on Montague & Clinton Streets that had been destroyed by a 1903 fire.

**Grand Army Plaza**, at the approach to Prospect Park, was originally called Prospect Park Plaza. Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux in 1870, the plaza was renamed in 1926 to honor the Union Army. Highlights of the plaza include an 1892 arch standing 80 feet high designed by John H. Duncan, a fountain designed in 1932 by Egerton Swartwout, and a bust of John F. Kennedy by Neil Estern installed in 1965.



**Rotunda Gallery**, 33 Clinton Street, between Montague & Clark Streets, exhibits work by contemporary Brooklyn-affiliated visual artists.

**The Waterfront Museum**, 699 Columbia Street, offers educational tours in marine history and programs in visual/performing arts aboard a historic barge.

## **Shopping**

**3r Living**, 276 Fifth Avenue

**Albert & Piccolo**, 276 L Fifth Avenue

**Astro Turf**, 290 Smith Street

**Bird**, 430 Seventh Avenue

**Community Bookstore**,  
143 Seventh Avenue

**Debbie Fisher**, 233 Smith Street

**Eidolon**, 233 Fifth Avenue  
**Hoyt & Bond**, 248 Smith Street

**Little Things Park Slope Toys**,  
145 Seventh Avenue

**Moda Vecchia**, 294 Fifth Avenue

**Park Slope Food Co-op Inc.**,  
782 Union Street

**Red, White and Bubbly**,  
211 Fifth Avenue

**RedLipstick**, 560 Vanderbilt Avenue

**Refinery**, 254 Smith Street

**Rowf**, 43 Hicks Street

**Tango**, 145 Montague Street

## **Health & Fitness**

**Brooklyn Body Control**,  
177 Smith Street

**Curves for Women**,  
375 Ninth Street

**Eastern Athletic Clubs Brooklyn Heights**, 43 Clark Street

**Energy Center**, 53 Wyckoff Street

**Gold's Gym**, 85 Livingston Street

**New York Sports Clubs**,  
179 Remsen Street, 324 Ninth Street

**Park Slope Sports Club**,  
330 Flatbush Avenue



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