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Activity Key



FOOD/DRINK



EVENT



SPORT



MUSEUM



STORE



OUTDOORS



CHEAP/FREE



GAMES



MONTH



OTHER



Letter from the Editor

Ever **notice how tourists** look up when wandering the streets of our fine city? After years of annoyance with their slow shuffle and skyward gaze, something funny happened: I decided to join them. Well ... I looked up with them and I'll save you the suspense ... it was fun!

No really, checking out the skyline from street level might be the single funnest, cheapest, most accessible thing you can do in all of New York. But when was the last time you stepped outside of whatever hustle and bustle had you hustling and bustling, and took in what was going on above? If you're anything like me, it's probably been a while.

That thought was the catalyst for this list. Consider it a reminder, a call to action, and a little bit of inspiration all rolled up into one. Please also consider it a gift. It was paid for out-of-pocket using the profit made from Zoomdoggie's first tangible product: Buckyballs (GETBUCKYBALLS.COM). If you bought Buckyballs in the past year, or plan on buying a set in the near future, you made this possible. Thanks a billion :)

Hopefully the **Zoomdoggie Fun List NYC** will become an annual thing, with tens of thousands of free copies given away on the streets of New York City over the course of a single day, just like we did with this first issue. Or, maybe it'll be a one time thing (read: *collectors edition*. Hang onto it). Either way, don't forget to look up like a tourist from time to time. If nothing else, you'll probably wind up with rosier cheeks, even in the off-season. How fun is that?

—jakehimself

ps: Got a friend who you think would like a copy? Point 'em toward Zoomdoggie.com for a downloadable version, free of charge of course.

01

AMATEUR NIGHT AT THE APOLLO

☐ I DID IT!


The stars of tomorrow take the stage here today. Cheer or boo at will. Both are encouraged.

APOLLOTHEATER.ORG; 253 W 125TH ST



02

☐ I DID IT!


The Astor Place Cube

That giant cube spins. Easily. Give it a push.

CORNER OF LAFAYETTE ST & ASTOR PL

03

☐ I DID IT!


Superhero Supply Co.

*Brooklyn purveyor of capes, secret identities, and gallon jugs of antigravity. Super bonus: All proceeds go to tutoring kids. **SECRET FACT:** It's owned by Dave Eggers.*

SUPERHEROSUPPLIES.COM; 372 5TH AVE, BROOKLYN

04



NIGHT- COURT

☐ I DID IT!


It's free. It's like that sitcom. And it's more real than anything you're likely to see on The Real Housewives. The show begins at 5:30 PM and ends at 1 AM.

NYCOURTS.GOV; 100 CENTRE ST

05

Roller Jam USA

☐ I DID IT!


The city's last roller rink rolls on! How fun is that?

ROLLERJAMUSA.COM; 236 RICHMOND VALLEY RD, STATEN ISLAND

06

Chelsea Piers Driving Range

☐ I DID IT!


*Fore!**

CHELSEAPIERS.COM; PIER 59, 23RD ST & THE HUDSON RIVER

07

Nude Beaches

☐ I DID IT!


It's just like it sounds, nothing like you thought, but freeing nonetheless. Beware of shrinkage.

LIGHTHOUSE BEACH ON FIRE ISLAND; ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK, EAST OF PARKING LOT 5, IN FRONT OF THE FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

08

Christies & Sotheby's

09

Don't be scared, it's not like they check your credit at the door. Pretend you're rich and wave it at expensive stuff.

CHRISTIES.COM; 20 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA /
SOTHEBYS.COM; 1334 YORK AVE

☐ I DID IT!


*The ball comes out of the ground.

That means all you've got to is yell and swing.

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NYU's ITP SHOW

☐ I DID IT!


Twice a year, NYU's Interactive Telecommunications Program—the birthplace of Dodgeball among others—opens its doors to the public and shows off the latest bunch of student-built wonders. Smart has never been so fun.

ITP.NYU.EDU; 721 BROADWAY

11

National Corn Dog Day

☐ I DID IT!


Parties sanctioned by the day's governing body always include meat-on-a-stick, tater tots, and beer.

CORNDOGDAY.COM

12

New York Jedi

☐ I DID IT!


Battle classes teach you how to swing a light saber like Luke Skywalker (or Yoda if you're short).

NEWYORKJEDI.COM; 520 8TH AVE

13

Dylan's Candy Bar

☐ I DID IT!


The closest thing to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory the world has ever known.

DYLANSCANDYBAR.COM; 1011 3RD AVE

14

Lulu and Mooky's

☐ I DID IT!


Make your own ice cream flavor instantly with liquid nitrogen.

129 ALLEN ST

15

Watson Adventures

☐ I DID IT!


They've got scavenger hunts for every nook and cranny of this town. Sign-up, follow along, or have them organize a private poke around.

WATSONADVENTURES.COM/NEW_YORK.HTML

16

Laughter Yoga

☐ I DID IT!


Achieve inner peace through giggling.

BETTERLAUGH.US; 825 7TH AVE / YOGALAFF.COM; 1430 BROADWAY

17

Coney Island Polar Bear Club

☐ I DID IT!


Hard nips and shrinkage aren't side effects, they're the point.

POLARBEARCLUB.ORG; CONEY ISLAND BEACH; (NOV-APR)

18

Ninth Avenue International Food Festival

☐ I DID IT!


Sample all the delights Hell's Kitchen has cooking.

NINTHAVENUEFOODFESTIVAL.COM; 9TH AVE BETWEEN 42ND & 57TH ST

19

FUN FACT

☐ I DID IT!

The world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses are in Brooklyn Heights at COLUMBIA HEIGHTS AND VINE ST. Turn the tables by knocking on their door. Gotcha!

20

New Year's Eve Midnight Run

☐ I DID IT!


End the old year with a dance party and costume parade. Start the new one with a four-mile run through Central Park as fireworks explode overhead.

NYRR.ORG/RACES; CENTRAL PARK

21

SonicVision at the Hayden Planetarium

☐ I DID IT!


Get your Laser Floyd on with an amazing light show featuring music picked by Moby.

AMNH.ORG/ROSE/DOME; 5 W 81ST ST

22

Surprise Industries

☐ I DID IT!


Sign up for an unknown adventure with a company that won't tell you what you're doing until you're doing it. Surprise!

SURPRISEINDUSTRIES.COM

23

The Inwood Astronomy Project

☐ I DID IT!


Tour the night's sky with NASA's New York City Ambassador.

MOONBEAM.NET/INWOODASTRONOMY

24

I DID IT!



FUN FACT

You've heard about them in your favorite songs, behold, the names and addresses of the projects from which your favorite rappers originate.

JAY-Z MARCY HOUSES

648 PARK AVE, BROOKLYN

NAS & MOBB DEEP

QUEENSBRIDGE HOUSES

1006 41ST ROAD, QUEENS

RZA & Ghostface Killah

STAPLETON HOUSES

210 BROAD ST, STATEN ISLAND

Method Man, Raekwon & Inspectah Deck

PARK HILL APARTMENTS

240 PARK HILL AVE, STATEN ISLAND

BIG PUN

SOUNDVIEW HOUSES

1720 SEWARD AVE, BRONX

Fat Joe FOREST HOUSES

1010 TRINITY AVE, BRONX

Welcome to



HOUSES

WONDERFUL COMMUNITY

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

25

I DID IT!



Bronx Soundwalk Tours

Audio tour the birthplace of hip hop guided by Jazzy Jay aka the man who introduced Rick Rubin to Russell Simmons and created the first single for Def Jam. Graffiti and Yankees tours also available.

SOUNDWALK.COM/#/TOURS/BRONXHIPHOP

26

The Battle of Brooklyn

☐ I DID IT!


Break out your musket and blousy shirt, and help show the Brits their way out of America as part of this annual reenactment.

GREEN-WOOD.COM; 500 25TH ST, BROOKLYN

27

Superheroes Anonymous

☐ I DID IT!


A support group for those who dress up as superheroes, Kick-Ass style. Monthly meetings. Costumes suggested.

SUPERHEROESANONYMOUS.COM

28

Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest

☐ I DID IT!


Watch history in the making as mouths get stuffed, stomachs stretched, and thousands cheer.

NATHANSFAMOUS.COM; 1310 SURF AVE, BROOKLYN

29

Steinway & Sons Factory Tour

☐ I DID IT!


Edutainment at it's best. Watch Steinway artisans as they craft grand pianos. The factory tour is ranked as one of the highest in the entire country.

STEINWAY.COM; 1 STEINWAY PL, QUEENS

30

Celeb4aDay

☐ I DID IT!


Wanna feel famous? This band of Paparazzi is available to stalk you for a fee. Makes a great gift!

CELEB4ADAY.COM

31

The ImaginAsian Theater

☐ I DID IT!


Watch Bollywood Baby. It's priced like a regular movie, but it's bigger, brighter, and the dancing sometimes lasts for, like, nine hours!

US.BIGCINEMAS.COM; 239 E 59TH ST

32

Bodies: The Exhibition

☐ I DID IT!


Behold, the amazement that is your insides exploded.

BODIESNY.COM; 11 FULTON ST

33

Staten Island Ferry

☐ I DID IT!


It's a free boat ride and they sell beer on board. What more do you need to know?

SIFERRY.COM; WHITEHALL TERMINAL, 4 SOUTH ST

34

Manhattan Island Marathon Swim

☐ I DID IT!


Swim all the way around Manhattan with your fellow fanatics, then run to your doctor solo just to play it safe.

NYCSWIM.ORG

35 Downtown Boathouse

☐ I DID IT!



What's more amazing: The views from the water or the fact that they'll lend you a Kayak to paddle the Hudson for free?

DOWNTOWNBOATHOUSE.ORG; PIER 96 AT 56TH ST
AND PIER 40 AT HOUSTON ST



36

SURFING

☐ I DID IT!



Only in New York can you ride a subway to a surfing lesson year-round. Head to Beach 90 in the Rockaways. Your instructors will be the dudes of the surf shop, Boarders.

BOARDERSSURFSHOP.COM; 192 BEACH 92ND ST, QUEENS

37

☐ I DID IT!



Watergun Assassin

Join a citywide game of tag. Try to stay dry (read: alive) for as many days as possible. It starts when you get your target and ends when all but one have been hosed.

STREETWARS.NET

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BROOKLYN BOULDERS

☐ I DID IT!



A whole gym featuring NYC's biggest collection of rock climbing walls.

BROOKLYNBOULDERS.COM; 575 DEGRAW ST, BROOKLYN

39

Mason Dixon

☐ I DID IT!


Ride the bull. Even better, watch women ride the bull. They've got both.

MASONDIXONNYC.COM; 133 ESSEX ST

40

Medieval Times

☐ I DID IT!


Holy crap, those guys are sword fighting while you're eating! In reality, more fun than gross.

MEDIEVALTIMES.COM; LYNDHURST, NJ

41

Amsterdam Billiard Club

☐ I DID IT!


We're just saying the country's top-ranked nine-ball player, Mika "The Ice Man" Immonen, hangs out at the Amsterdam Billiard Club. However much money you want to lose with that knowledge is up to you.

AMSTERDAMBILLIARDCLUB.COM; 110 E 11TH ST

42

Westside Pistol & Rifle Range

☐ I DID IT!


Rent some heat and get your Yosemite Sam on.

WESTSIDEPISTOLRANGE.COM; 20 W 20TH ST

43

New York Golden Gloves

☐ I DID IT!


Fight! Fight! Fight!

GOLDENGLOVES.COM

44

Bryant Park Summer Film Festival

☐ I DID IT!


The movies are great (and free), but the people watching is greater (also free).

BRYANTPARK.ORG/CALENDAR/FILM-FESTIVAL.PHP

45

Gleason's Gym

☐ I DID IT!


Learn how to punch at the gym that once trained LaMotta, Tyson, and some guy named Clay.

GLEASONSGYM.NET; 77 FRONT ST, BROOKLYN

46

Trapeze School

☐ I DID IT!


It's all the fun of swinging, without creeping out friends and coworkers.

NEWYORK.TRAPEZESCHOOL.COM; 518 W 30TH ST & PIER 40

47

Harrison St Regatta

☐ I DID IT!


Join the floatilla as 50 boats race up the Hudson—the Downtown Boathouse will lend you the boat!

DOWNTOWNBOATHOUSE.ORG; PIER 96, 56TH ST & THE HUDSON RIVER

48

MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE BALLOON INFLATION

☐ I DID IT!


*All the parade's amazing balloons.
All inflating in one place.*

77TH & 81ST ST BETWEEN COLUMBUS AVE & CENTRAL PARK WEST



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FUN FACT

☐ I DID IT!

Macy's moved to its Herald Square location in 1902, but its original location was on 14TH ST BETWEEN 5TH & 6TH AVES. To find remnants, loop around to 13TH ST and look at what is now the New School's Arnhold Hall. See those old stone friezes decorated with faded red stars? That's the Macy's logo, which, incidentally, was inspired by a tattoo that the original Mr. Macy got while he was a sailor. Fun!

50

☐ I DID IT!


RINGLING BROS. ELEPHANT WALK

To get their elephants into Manhattan, the circus has to march them in from Queens. How often do you see elephants walking down 34th St at midnight?

RINGLING.COM; ELEPHANTS ENTER THROUGH THE MIDTOWN TUNNEL AND TRUNDLE TO MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

51

☐ I DID IT!


RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS: ILLUSCINATION

The circus parks their version of Cirque Du Soleil at the beach all summer long.

RINGLING.COM; SURF AVE AT W 21ST ST, BROOKLYN

52

☐ I DID IT!


NEW YORK CIRCUS ARTS

Classes in all the skills you need to run off and join the show.

NYCIRCUSARTS.COM; 5321 VERNON BLVD, QUEENS

XXX ADULT



SEX CLUBS

A great place to meet other perverts.

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■ I DID IT!

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

BCD-NYC.COM

54

■ I DID IT!

LE TRAPEZE

LETRAPEZE.ORG

55

■ I DID IT!

CLUB AMANTE

CLUBAMANTES.COM

56

■ I DID IT!



Cinema Kings Highway

Visit New York's last operating porn theater! Bring a tarp or something to cover your seat.

711 KINGS HWY, BROOKLYN

57

■ I DID IT!



Tantric Sex

Get private lessons from nationally-recognized extend-a-bone experts Mark Michaels and Patricia Johnson. (Yes, her last name is Johnson.)

TANTRAPM.COM

58

■ I DID IT!



Shag Brooklyn

This sex shop will clone your bone for that personalized dildo experience.

WELOVESHAG.COM; 108 ROEBLING ST, BROOKLYN

59

■ I DID IT!



Museum of Sex

When you look at kink in a museum it's not porn, it's art.

MUSEUMOFSEX.COM; 233 5TH AVE

60

■ I DID IT!

FUN FACT

Want to cram all the fun of a one-night stand into a lunch break? The Liberty Inn at 51 TENTH AVE rents rooms by the hour.

61

CENTRAL
PARK ZOO☐ I DID IT!

*Not too big, not too small,
located centrally.*

CENTRALPARKZOO.COM; 5TH AVE AT E 64TH ST

62 ...

bronx
ZOO☐ I DID IT!

The biggest urban zoo in the country.

BRONXZOO.COM; 2300 SOUTHERN BLVD, BRONX

63

☐ I DID IT!Prospect
Park Zoo

Smaller animals perfect for children and short friends.

PROSPECTPARKZOO.COM; 450 FLATBUSH AVE, BROOKLYN



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NEW YORK

AQUARIUM

☐ I DID IT!

Walruses, otters, penguins and fishes.

NYAQUARIUM.COM; 602 SURF AVE, BROOKLYN

65

Empire State Building Run-Up

☐ I DID IT!


That's 86 flights, 1,576 steps, bragging rights for a lifetime.

NYRR.ORG/RACES; 350 5TH AVE

66

World Record Appreciation Society

☐ I DID IT!


Set a world record in whatever you want at a monthly show.

URDB.ORG

67

Scratch DJ Academy

☐ I DID IT!


Take courses. Scratch records. Founded by Jam Master Jay.

SCRATCH.COM; 434 6TH AVE

68

Papercutting by Ming

☐ I DID IT!


You know that guy who's always on the L platform in Union Square and will cut your portrait from a piece black paper for \$8? That guy is amazing.

69

International Pillow Fight Day

☐ I DID IT!


Thousands of pillows meet thousands of strangers. Every year you don't go is another year the terrorists win.

PILLOWFIGHTDAY.COM

70

Water Taxi Beach

☐ I DID IT!


Concerts, booze, volleyball, and sand. Lots and lots of sand.

WATERTAXIBEACH.COM; GOVERNORS ISLAND, SOUTH STREET SEAPORT AND 2 BORDEN AVE, QUEENS

71

Grand Opening

☐ I DID IT!


First this rotating LES storefront housed a one-car drive-in theater. Then a quickie wedding chapel. Then a dining room throwing fake dinner parties. What will they think of next?

GRANDOPENING.ORG; 139 NORFOLK ST

72

Urban Glass

☐ I DID IT!


Take a class in glass blowing; play with fire, bring home a vase.

URBANGLOSS.ORG; 647 FULTON ST, BROOKLYN

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Race Tracks: Aqueduct & Belmont Park

☐ I DID IT!


Enjoy the sun as you bet on how fast an animal will run.

NYRA.COM/INDEX_AQUEDUCT.HTML /
NYRA.COM/INDEX_BELMONT.HTML

75-76

☐ I DID IT!


Offshore Sailing School at Chelsea Piers & New York Sailing Center and Yacht Club

Learn to sail with the city as your backdrop.

OFFSHORESAILING.COM; PIER 62, 23RD ST & THE HUDSON RIVER / STARTSAILING.COM; 140 CITY ISLAND AVE, CITY ISLAND

77

☐ I DID IT!


Atlantic Avenue Tunnel Tour

This hidden tunnel is 150-years old, abandoned, and tours enters through a manhole in the middle of Atlantic Ave.

BROOKLYNRAIL.NET/BHRA_EVENTS.HTML; ATLANTIC AVE & COURT ST, BROOKLYN

78

☐ I DID IT!


Nuyorican Poets Café

You haven't heard poetry until you've heard it slammed. Even better, slam it yourself at the open mic battle.

NUYORICAN.ORG; 236 E 3RD ST

79

☐ I DID IT!


Toys "R" Us

As if the giant, indoor ferris wheel wasn't fun enough, for \$30 they'll take your picture and post it with a message on their giant Times Square screen.

WWW5.TOYSRUS.COM/TIMESSQUARE; 1514 BROADWAY

80

☐ I DID IT!


FAO Schwarz

Jump on the piano. Custom design your own Muppet. Relive the childhood you never had.

FAO.COM; 767 5TH AVE

81

☐ I DID IT!


Flushing Meadows Golf Center

Pitch & Putt is all the joy of a full 18-hole golf course, less the drive (pun intended). They'll rent you the clubs and even bring beer to you on the course.

GOLFNYC.COM; 100 FLUSHING MEADOWS PARK, QUEENS

82

☐ I DID IT!


Blkmarket Membership

Roving dance parties that go past sunrise.

BLKMARKETMEMBERSHIP.COM

83

☐ I DID IT!

FUN FACT

The actual original Ray's Pizza, the one which spawned all the NYC clones, can be found at 27 PRINCE ST. The restaurant was first opened in 1959 by Ralph "Ray" Cuomo, a member of the Luchese mob family. The pizza has always been delicious, but the secret sauce was sold from the basement where the mob ran a multi-million dollar heroin operation.

FUN with cameras!

84

☐ I DID IT!

Ever wanted to look like the Donald? Onion Loaf yourself and others by cutting out this paper hairpiece and holding in between the camera and your intended target. It takes some doing to line it up right, but once you get it, the final product will look like a million—nay, billion—bucks. Now that's classy!



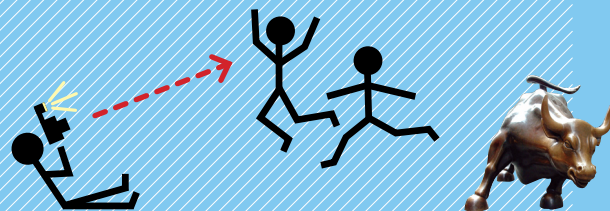
Cut out this gorilla, line it up right, and boom, a hum-drum shot of the Empire State Building just became a classic!

☐ I DID IT!

85

86

☐ I DID IT!



HOW HIGH CAN YOU JUMP? If you have a friend take the picture from down low, pointing the camera up with the flash on, the answer is "very." Do it in front of a landmark like the Wall St bull and you've got a remarkable photo.



Hit the Batting Cages at...

87

CHELSEA PIERS

CHELSEAPIERS.COM; PIER 59, 23RD ST & THE HUDSON RIVER

☐ I DID IT!

88

RANDALL'S ISLAND GOLF CENTER

RANDALLSISLANDGOLFCENTER.COM; 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND

☐ I DID IT!

89

ASTORIA SPORTS COMPLEX

ASCSPORTS1.COM; 3438 38TH ST, QUEENS

☐ I DID IT!

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SAFARI AMUSEMENT PARK

SAFARIAMUSEMENT.COM; 855 ARTHUR KILL RD, STATEN ISLAND

☐ I DID IT!


Play Chess NYC Style...

91

Against hustlers...

IN WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

☐ I DID IT!

92

Against nerds... VILLAGE CHESS SHOP

CHESS-SHOP.COM; 230 THOMPSON ST

☐ I DID IT!

93

Against masters... MARSHALL CHESS CLUB

MARSHALLCHESSCLUB.ORG; 23 W 10TH ST

☐ I DID IT!

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Do Something Random

Unsure of what to do? Leave it up to chance. Write 10 of your favorite things from the FUN LIST in the boxes below. Cut 'em out, fold 'em up, and the next time you're bored, pick one at random.

☐ I DID IT!

☐ I DID IT!

☐ I DID IT!

☐ I DID IT!

☐ I DID IT!

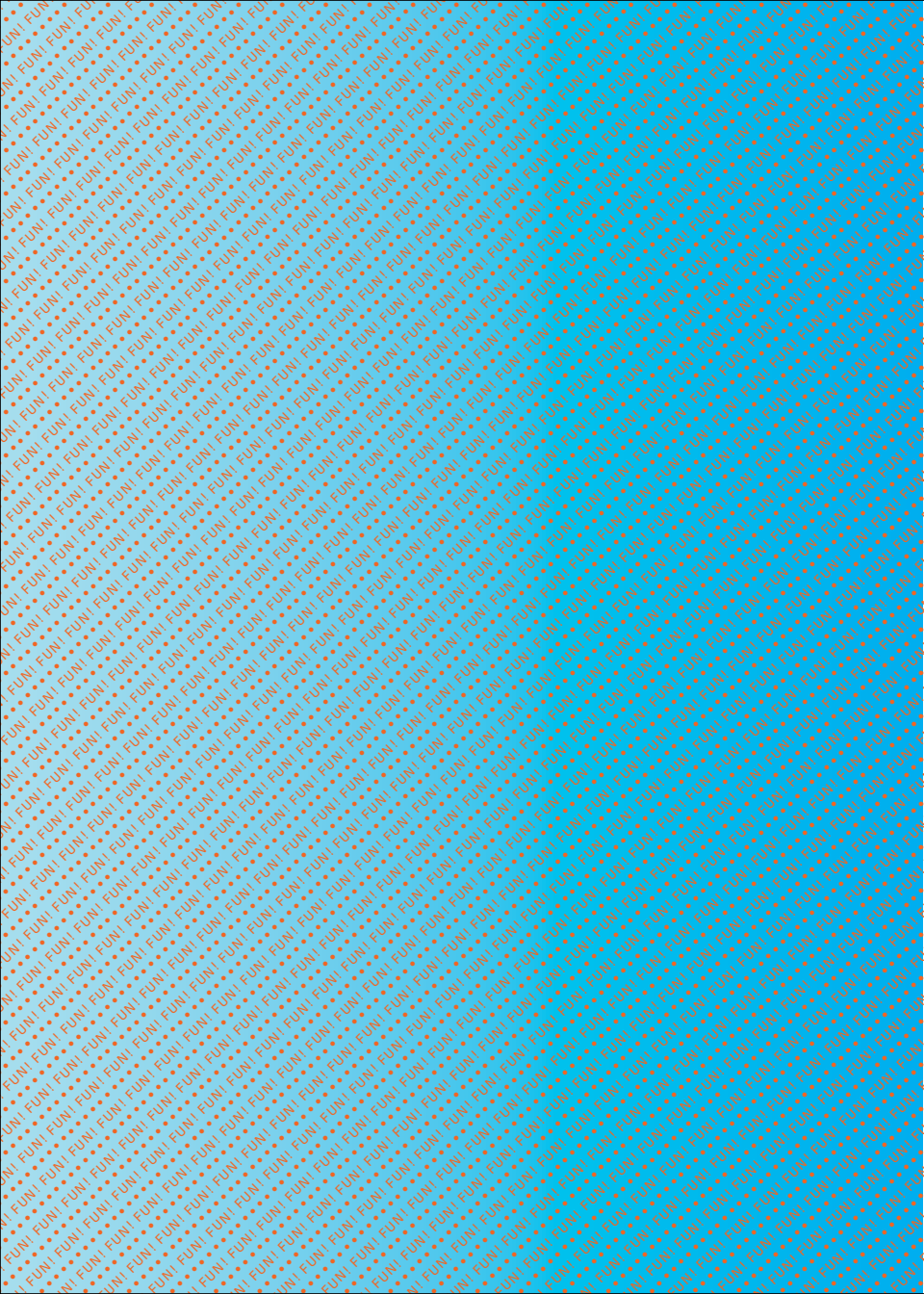
☐ I DID IT!

☐ I DID IT!

☐ I DID IT!

☐ I DID IT!

☐ I DID IT!



95

☐ I DID IT!



Rent a bike

All the joy of riding around town, none of the fear of losing it to lock snippers.

NYCCENTURY.ORG/BIKE_RENTAL

96

☐ I DID IT!



Roosevelt Island Tram

Ride a gondola high above the avenues. Turn around and repeat.

RIOC.COM/TRANSPORTATION.HTM; 59TH ST & 2ND AVE

97

☐ I DID IT!



Cousins Paintball

Yeah, paintball.

COUSINSPAINBALL.COM; 2727 ARTHUR KILL RD, STATEN ISLAND

98

☐ I DID IT!



The No Pants Subway Ride

Thousands of riders. Zero pairs of pants.

IMPROVEVERYWHERE.COM/MISSIONS/THE-NO-PANTS-SUBWAY-RIDE

99

☐ I DID IT!

FUN FACT

At the SARA DELANO ROOSEVELT PARK IN CHINATOWN, you'll find the Hua Mei Bird Garden. Hua Mei is actually the name of the most popular songbird in China. Local collectors will bring their caged birds to the park so they can all warble together.

JOIN THE TV AUDIENCE OF...

100

The Daily Show

☐ I DID IT!

THEDAILYSHOW.COM/TICKETS

101

THE COLBERT REPORT

☐ I DID IT!

COLBERTNATION.COM/TICKETS

102

Late Night w/ David Letterman

☐ I DID IT!

LATESHOWAUDIENCE.COM

103

LATE NIGHT WITH JIMMY FALLON

☐ I DID IT!

CALL: 212-664-3056

104

saturday night live

☐ I DID IT!

EMAIL: SNLTICKETS@NBCUNI.COM IN AUGUST TO ENTER A LOTTERY FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON

105

The Dr. Oz Show

☐ I DID IT!

DOCTOROZ.COM/GET-SHOW-TICKETS

106

The Martha Stewart Show

☐ I DID IT!

MARTHASTEWART.COM/GET-TICKETS

107

THE WENDY WILLIAMS SHOW

☐ I DID IT!

WENDYSHOW.COM/TICKETS

108

the people's court

☐ I DID IT!

EMAIL: TICKETS@PEOPLES COURT.COM

109

THE RACHEL RAY SHOW

☐ I DID IT!

RACHAELRAYSHOW.COM/SHOW-INFO/AUDIENCE-TICKETS

110

Juilliard

☐ I DID IT!

*Free concerts (hundreds annually) from the world's most talented juniors.*

JUILLIARD.EDU/CALENDAR

111

New York City Transit Museum

☐ I DID IT!

*Old cars parked in what used to be a subway station. You even enter by walking down a subway entrance.*

MTA.INFO/MTA/MUSEUM;

CORNER OF BOERUM PL & SCHERMERHORN ST, BROOKLYN

112

New York Comic Con

☐ I DID IT!

*Get your geek on.*

NEWYORKCOMICCON.COM

113

FUN FACT

☐ I DID IT!

Houdini is buried in the run-down Machpelah Cemetery at 8230 CYPRESS HILLS ST IN RIDGEWOOD, QUEENS. At least we think he is.

Anyplace, Anytime...

114 Play Jello

☐ I DID IT!



Get in the back of a cab. Let your body go completely limp (it helps to imagine you've got no bones) and play Jello. Expect to bang around some, the fun is in the turns.

115 Boner Bill

☐ I DID IT!



Write the letters "B" and "R" on opposite ends of the back-side of a one-dollar bill. Shove your boner anywhere you like, makes a great tip!

116 Drunk Guy Jenga

☐ I DID IT!



With so many bars in this town, you're bound to watch a stranger pass out every now and then. When it happens in the establishment, take turns with a friend gently piling coasters on their face. First one to wake 'em loses. Jenga!

117 FUN FACT

☐ I DID IT!

NYC cabbie Ahmed Ibrahim runs a matchmaking service out of his taxi, setting up people who have ridden in his cab. Bizarre? Yup. Fun? Yupper. Only one way to get in on the action though. Taxi!

118 Pintchik Oracle

☐ I DID IT!



Pick up the antique phone outside Pintchik's hardware store in Brooklyn. Ask a question. The billboard above the store door will answer. If it feels like it.

478 BERGEN ST, BROOKLYN

119 The Brooklyn Brewery

☐ I DID IT!



Tour it. Drink it. Love it.

BROOKLYNBREWERY.COM, 79 N 11TH ST, BROOKLYN

120 Socrates Sculpture Park

☐ I DID IT!



Who turned a former landfill into a sculpture park packed with giant cupcakes and other wonders? Awesome people, that's who.

SOCRATESSCULPTUREPARK.ORG; BROADWAY & VERNON BLVD, QUEENS

121 Night of a Thousand Gowns

☐ I DID IT!



A giant drag ball in Times Square. It's like the Met's annual costume ball, only less gay and more judgemental.

ICNY.ORG; MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL, 1535 BROADWAY

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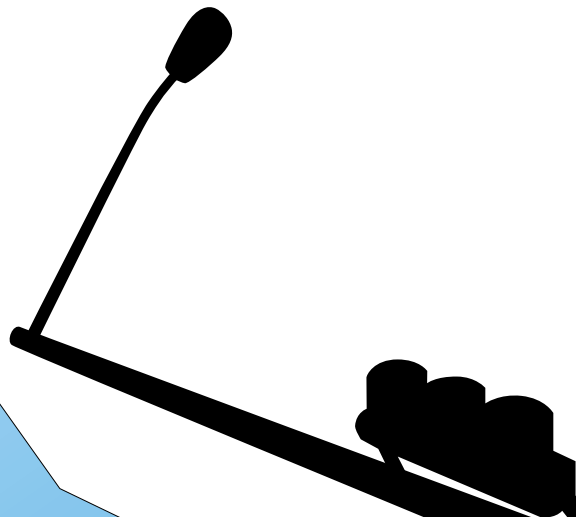
LOOK UP



☐ I DID IT!



*When was the last time you did it?
Don't be scared, it's not just for tourists.*



123

☐ I DID IT!


Queens Archery Range

Bow rental plus a private lesson, only \$18.

ARCHERY-NYC.COM; 170-20 39TH AVE

124

☐ I DID IT!


The Idiotarod

A mad dash through the city on home-decorated shopping carts. Good times.

CARTSOFBROOKLYN.COM

125

☐ I DID IT!


Brooklyn Kitchen Butcher Classes

Butchering as a hobby? Why, not. The one-night pig chopping lesson comes with free pork!

THEBROOKLYNKITCHEN.COM; 100 FROST ST, BROOKLYN

126

☐ I DID IT!


Stickball

Competitive stickball! Appropriately the best games in NYC go down on Stickball Blvd.

STICKBALL.COM; STICKBALL BLVD, BRONX

127

128

☐ I DID IT!


Little Italy in the Bronx / Chinatown in Brooklyn

What will the outer boroughs think of next?

ARTHURAVENUEBRONX.COM; ARTHUR AVE & E 187TH ST, BRONX / NYCHINATOWN.ORG; 8TH AVE & 59TH ST, BROOKLYN

129

☐ I DID IT!


The Secret Garden

Over a drawbridge and through a maze at the Staten Island Botanical Garden lies a walled plot modeled after the one in the children's book The Secret Garden. How fun is that?

SNUG-HARBOR.ORG; 1000 RICHMOND TERR, STATEN ISLAND

130

☐ I DID IT!


Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

9,000 acres of marshes, fields, and woods to remind you what nature actually looks like.

NPS.GOV/GATE; BROAD CHANNEL, QUEENS

131

☐ I DID IT!


St Francis Day at St John Divine

It's the one day of the year the priests will bless your house pets. Bring 'em in, let 'em see the light.

STJOHNDIVINE.ORG; CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, 1047 AMSTERDAM AVE

132

☐ I DID IT!

FUN FACT

Author A.A. Milne began writing stories based on his son's stuffed animals in 1921. His son's name was Christopher Robin and the kid's favorite animal? A plushy Pooh he called Winnie. The rest is history. The original toys are now on display at the Children's Center of the main branch of the public library. 476 5TH AVE

133

☐ I DID IT!



DEC

SantaCon

Celebrate Christmas by drinking with thousands of Santas. It's just like Jesus intended.

NYCSANTACON.COM

134

☐ I DID IT!

DEC

I Smile In New York Productions

Christmas carolers for hire. Bring them to an apartment, bar, or office and feel the yuletide pour in.

ISMILEINNEWYORKPRODUCTIONS.COM/CAROLGROUPS.HTM

135

☐ I DID IT!



DEC

Major League Dreidel

Only one city hosts the majors. Join the fun. Laheim!

MAJORLEAGUEDREIDEL.COM

136

☐ I DID IT!



DEC

Dyker Heights

Tour Brooklyn's craziest Christmas lights; this twinkle is off the grid.

THE AREA BORDERED BY 83RD TO 86TH ST
AND 11TH TO 13TH AVE IN BROOKLYN

137

☐ I DID IT!



DEC

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine

Big voices. Bigger space. Now that's what I call a Christmas concert.

STJOHNDIVINE.ORG; 1047 AMSTERDAM AVE

138

☐ I DID IT!



DEC

The World's Largest Menorah

Guinness certified at 32-feet tall. Now that's what I call Chanukah.

59TH ST & PARK AVE

139

☐ I DID IT!



NOV DEC

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Rockettes? Sure. But did you know they also bring live camels onto stage? Now that's what I call Christmas camels!

RADIOCITYCHRISTMAS.COM; 1260 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

140

☐ I DID IT!



DEC

Matzo Ball

On Christmas Eve the chosen people party hard.

MATZOBALL.ORG

141

☐ I DID IT!



DEC

Holiday Windows

No other city on earth goes to town on window decorations the way this one does. Enjoy some of the more well-known spectacles.

MACY'S 151 W 34TH ST

LORD & TAYLOR 424 5TH AVE

SAKS FIFTH AVENUE 611 FIFTH AVE

BERGDORF GOODMAN 754 5TH AVE

BARNEYS 660 MADISON AVE

BLOOMINGDALE'S 1000 THIRD AVE

142 Open House New York

☐ I DID IT!



A weekend of open houses let you peek inside usually off-limit boardrooms, factories, crypts, mansions, and skyscrapers.

OHNY.ORG

143 Russian Supper Club

☐ I DID IT!



More Russian food than you can eat, more Russian vodka than you can drink, and more kitschy Russian entertainment than you even knew existed.

TATIANARESTAURANT.COM; 3152 BRIGHTON 6TH ST, BROOKLYN /
RASPUTINNY.COM; 2670 CONEY ISLAND AVE, BROOKLYN

144 NYC Police Museum

☐ I DID IT!



Not every city builds a museum like this: Confiscated weapons, NYPD motorcycles, and a wall for you to take your very own mugshot.

NYCPOLICEMUSEUM.ORG; 100 OLD SLIP

145 Museum of American Finance

☐ I DID IT!



Ogle a real \$10,000 bill along with newspapers saved from various stockmarket crashes.

MOAF.ORG; 48 WALL ST

Volunteer



It's fun for the goose and the gander. Behold, some fun ones to get you started:

146

☐ I DID IT!

Dig in the dirt for the **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

NYCGOVPARKS.ORG

147

☐ I DID IT!

HOUSE A SERVICE-DOG *in training for the weekend*

PUPPIESBEHINDBARS.COM

148

☐ I DID IT!

COOK MEALS *for the hungry*

FOODBANKNYC.ORG

149

☐ I DID IT!

Deliver food to those who can't get out for take out at **CITYMEALS ON WHEELS**

CITYMEALS.ORG

150

☐ I DID IT!

Find other programs that need you the most

NEWYORKCARES.ORG

151



The Westminster Dog Show

■ I DID IT!



It's the Super Bowl of dogs. Fun.

WESTMINSTERKENNELCLUB.ORG

152

■ I DID IT!



Hotel Pennsylvania

Why bother with the actual show when you can stake out the hotel where the pooches stay instead? Watch them parade through the lobby, visit the dog spa downstairs, and giggle as they pee in a woodchip pit equipped with toy fire hydrants!

HOTELPENN.COM; 401 7TH AVE



153

Ride The Beast

☐ I DID IT!

Speed around Manhattan on a mega boat with teeth!

CIRCLELINE42.COM



154

Graffiti walls

☐ I DID IT!

*NYC practically invented graf. Hit up the city's Meccas of aerosol art before someone whitewashes history.*GRAFFITI WALL OF FAME: 106TH ST & PARK AVE /
5 POINTZ: 23RD ST & JACKSON AVE, QUEENS

155

Hot Nude Yoga

☐ I DID IT!

Be advised, it's hot, it's nude, it's yoga. Depending on your point of view, this is either very good, or a very bad.

NAKEDYOGANYC.COM



156

P.S.1's Warm Up parties

☐ I DID IT!

Live music and hundreds of hipsters drinking under outdoor art installations.

PS1.ORG/WARMUP; 4601 21ST ST, QUEENS



157

FUN FACT

☐ I DID IT!

On The Cosby Show, the Huxtables lived in Brooklyn Heights, but the building shown as their exterior actually sits in the West Village at 10 LEROY ST.

158

NYC Bees

☐ I DID IT!

There are people in this town keeping bee hives on fire escapes. Become one of them.

NYC-BEES.ORG



159

Rock N' Roll Walking Tours

☐ I DID IT!

East Village? Punk Rock? Dylan or the Beatles? There's a tour for each. St Marks Place didn't always have a Chipotle.

ROCKJUNKET.COM



160

Sheepshead Bay Fishing Boats

☐ I DID IT!

Bay fishing boats The bay has a whole fleet solely dedicated to taking out urban anglers.

SEAQUEENVII.COM / CAPTDAVEONLINE.COM / BROOKLYNVIFISHING.COM



161

Green Meadows Farm

☐ I DID IT!

Pet farm animals. In Queens. On a farm.

VISITGREENMEADOWSFARM.COM; 7350 LITTLE NECK PKWY, QUEENS



162

Urasenke Chanoyu Center

☐ I DID IT!

Try a Japanese Tea Ceremony—it's fun—and helpful guides explain what the hell's going on.

URASENKENY.ORG; 153 E 69TH ST



CONEY

163

The Mermaid Parade

☐ I DID IT!



You don't need fishtails or coconuts over your boobs, anyone can march. It wouldn't hurt though.

CONEYISLAND.COM/MERMAID.SHTML

164

Brooklyn Cyclones

☐ I DID IT!



Minor league baseball right off the boardwalk.

BROOKLYNCYCLONES.COM; 1904 SURF AVE, BROOKLYN

165

Shoot the Freak

☐ I DID IT!



Fire paintballs at a living human freak.

CONEY ISLAND BOARDWALK

166

The Cyclone

☐ I DID IT!



Woooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!

CONEYISLANDCYCLONE.COM; 834 SURF AVE, BROOKLYN

167

Wonder Wheel

☐ I DID IT!



Whoooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!

WONDERWHEEL.COM; 3059 W 12TH ST, BROOKLYN

ISLAND!

168

Coney Island Sideshow

☐ I DID IT!



Watch people breathe fire, stand on glass, and generally make their moms proud.

1208 SURF AVE, BROOKLYN

169

Coney Island Sideshow School

☐ I DID IT!



Watching people breathe fire, stand on glass, and generally make their moms proud is fun. To make your own mom proud you're going to have to learn to do it yourself though.

CONEYISLAND.COM/SIDESHOW_SCHOOL.SHTML; 1208 SURF AVE, BROOKLYN

170

Luna Park

☐ I DID IT!



A whole new park with 19 new rides!

LUNAPARKNYC.COM; 1000 SURF AVE

171

FUN FACT

☐ I DID IT!

In 2005 Steve Powers (aka world famous artist ESPO) invited dozens of his famous arty friends to join him in updating many of Coney Island's signs, facades, and even the cars of the Cyclone to their original hand-painted glory. Keep an eye out on your wanders.

172

USS INT'REPID MUSEUM

☐ I DID IT!


It's a decommissioned aircraft carrier. On its deck sit 30 fighter planes, plus a Concorde. Parked next door is a tourable nuclear sub. That's fun.

INTREPIDMUSEUM.ORG; PIER 86, 46TH ST & THE HUDSON RIVER



173

water for dogs

☐ I DID IT!


Wanna go swimming with your dog in December? Water 4 Dogs has an indoor pool specially designed for owners and their pooches.

WATER4DOGS.COM; 77 WORTH ST

174

☐ I DID IT!


Manhattan Marriage Bureau

Get married in two minutes at Manhattan's fancy new hitching post.

CITYCLERK.NYC.GOV; 141 WORTH ST

175



US AIR GUITAR CHAMPIONSHIPS

☐ I DID IT!


Regionals take place regionally. Only one city gets the championships. Vie to be one of the country's greatest imaginary rock stars.

USAIRGUITAR.COM



Go ice skating at...

176

☐ I DID IT!

ROCKEFELLER CENTER

PATINAGROUP.COM/EAST/ICERINK

177

☐ I DID IT!

WOLMAN RINK *and* LASKER RINK

in Central Park WOLLMANSKATINGRINK.COM

178

☐ I DID IT!

THE POND *at Bryant Park*

THEPONDATBRYANTPARK.COM

179

☐ I DID IT!

THE POLAR RINK *at the Natural History Museum*

AMNH.ORG/MUSEUM/POLARRINK

180

☐ I DID IT!

SEAPORT ICE *at the South Street Seaport*

SEAPORTICE.COM

181

☐ I DID IT!

SKY RINK *at Chelsea Piers*

CHELSEAPIERS.COM



Or bowling at...

182

☐ I DID IT!

LEISURE TIME BOWL *at the Port Authority*

Bus Terminal LEISURETIMEBOWL.COM

183

☐ I DID IT!

BROOKLYN BOWL *in Williamsburg*

BROOKLYNBOWL.COM

184

☐ I DID IT!

THE GUTTER *in Williamsburg*

THEGUTTERBROOKLYN.COM

185

☐ I DID IT!

BOWLMORE LANES

BOWLMOR.COM

186

☐ I DID IT!

300 NEW YORK *at Chelsea Piers*

3HUNDRED.COM

187

☐ I DID IT!

LUCKY STRIKE

BOWLLUCKYSTRIKE.COM

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY



Check out Lady Liberty by...

188

☐ I DID IT!

SEA: CIRCLE LINE CRUISE

CIRCLELINEDOWNTOWN.COM

189

☐ I DID IT!

AIR: LIBERTY HELICOPTER TOURS

LIBERTYHELICOPTERS.COM

190

☐ I DID IT!

LAND: STATUE CRUISES

STATUECRUISES.COM



cupcakes

*The only pastry worth standing in line for.
We didn't invent 'em, but we did make them famous.*



191

☐ I DID IT!

MAGNOLIA BAKERY

MAGNOLIABAKERY.COM; 401 BLEEKER ST

192

☐ I DID IT!

BILLY'S BAKERY

BILLYSBAKERYNYC.COM; 75 FRANKLIN ST

193

☐ I DID IT!

BUTTERCUP BAKE SHOP

BUTTERCUPBAKESHOP.COM; 973 2ND AVE

194

☐ I DID IT!

SUGAR SWEET SUNSHINE

SUGARSWEETSUNSHINE.COM; 126 RIVINGTON

195

☐ I DID IT!

CRUMBS BAKE SHOP

CRUMBS.COM; 110 W 40TH

196

☐ I DID IT!

BAKED

BAKEDNYC.COM; 359 VAN BRUNT STREET, BROOKLYN

197

☐ I DID IT!

CUPCAKE CAFE

CUPCAKECAFE-NYC.COM; 545 9TH AVE





Central

198

☐ I DID IT!

RENT A MODEL SAILBOAT *It's a moister version of racing RC cars.* CONSERVATORY WATER; FOR RENTALS CALL 917-796-1382; EAST SIDE OF PARK NEAR 72ND ST

199

☐ I DID IT!

BORROW A BAG OF FUN *A photo ID will get you a wealth of bats, balls, Frisbees and hula hoops. Just ask for it!* NORTH MEADOW RECREATION CENTER; 212-348-4867; MID-PARK AT 97TH ST

200

☐ I DID IT!

EAT CENTRAL PARK *Take a tour of the park's plants that are safe to stick in your mouth.* WILDMANSTEVEBRILL.COM

201

☐ I DID IT!

CLIMB UMPIRE ROCK *You'll find other rock shim-miers congregating at the city's most climbable boulder.* MID-PARK AROUND 63RD ST, JUST WEST OF HECKSCHER PLAYGROUND

202

☐ I DID IT!



WATCH SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK *Celebrities get Shakespearean. Tickets are free if you wait in line.* PUBLICTHEATER.ORG; DELACORTE THEATER, MID-PARK AT 80TH ST

203

☐ I DID IT!

RELAX IN STRAWBERRY FIELDS *Forever. It is not unlikely that you'll encounter someone playing a Beatles song.* WEST SIDE AT 72ND ST

CENTRALPARK.COM

Park!

204

☐ I DID IT!

RIDE A HORSE IN CENTRAL PARK
RIVERDALERIDING.COM

205

☐ I DID IT!

ENJOY SHEEPS MEADOW *The lawn with 30,000 of your closest friends.* WEST SIDE AT 66TH ST

206

☐ I DID IT!

DANCE THE ROLLER SKATE
Disco Dancers on wheels! CPDSA.ORG; MID-PARK AT 70TH ST

207

☐ I DID IT!

SLED AT PILGRIM HILL
A steep slope with a gentle ending makes for the best sledding in Manhattan. EAST SIDE AROUND 72ND ST

208

☐ I DID IT!

BEHOLD BELVEDERE CASTLE *Named for the famed butler. Great view of Turtle Pond and beyond.* MID-PARK AT 79TH ST

209

☐ I DID IT!

THE CENTRAL PARK BOATHOUSE
Rent a Row Boat in Central Park. Does it get any more romantic? THECENTRALPARKBOATHOUSE.COM

210

☐ I DID IT!

FISHING *At the main lake and Harlem Meer inside Central Park you can catch bass in the middle of Manhattan. The Charles A Dana Discovery Center by the Meer will even spot you poles and bait!* CENTRALPARKNYC.ORG/VISIT/THINGS-TO-DO/SPORTS/FISHING.HTML



Public Pools

211

☐ I DID IT!

ASSER LEVY RECREATION CENTER

23RD ST & FDR DR

212

☐ I DID IT!

TONY DAPOLITO RECREATION CENTER

3 CLARKSON ST

213

☐ I DID IT!

JOHN JAY POOL

77 CHEROKEE PL

214

☐ I DID IT!

RED HOOK POOL

155 BAY ST, BROOKLYN

215

☐ I DID IT!

ASTORIA POOL

21ST ST & HOYT AVE, QUEENS



Private Pools (All are indoor)

216

☐ I DID IT!

LE PARKER MERIDIEN \$75 for pool, sundeck and fitness center. PARKERMERIDIEN.COM

217

☐ I DID IT!

CROWNE PLAZA TIMES SQUARE \$75 for pool, sauna and New York Sports Club fitness center.

CPMANHATTANTIMESSQUARE.COM

218

☐ I DID IT!

CHELSEA PIERS \$50 for pool, sundecks, sand volleyball court and fitness center.

CHELSEAPIERS.COM

219

☐ I DID IT!



The Floating Pool

A barge that's been transformed into a floating pool. You're swimming in water on top of other water. How very New York.

FLOATINGPOOL.ORG; ANCHORED NEAR TIFFANY ST & VIELE AVE, BRONX

220

☐ I DID IT!



Atlantic City

Leave the city around dusk and get back around dawn. Depending on when you go, some casinos will even pay you—in cash—for coming.

ACADEMYBUS.COM

221

☐ I DID IT!



Hoboken

Travel to the next state for the price of a subway ride. Then come back. Once you've checked out the view of Manhattan from across the river, you've pretty much seen the best they have to offer.

222

☐ I DID IT!

FUN FACT

The Hall of Fame of Great Americans at the Bronx Community College at UNIVERSITY AVE & W 181ST ST IN THE BRONX was built in 1890 and became the world's very first Hall of Fame. It's the Hall of Fame that created the whole idea of Halls of Fame!

223 Play NYC Bingo

☐ I DID IT!



*Sometimes the city feels like a game.
It will even more if you walk around with these cards.*

ny HIPSTERS				
WHITEBOY FRO	CHUCKS	COMPUTER AT COFFEE SHOP	VINTAGE ANYTHING	STAR TATTOO
5 O'CLOCK SHADOW	PBR	MAC ANYTHING	T-SHIRT/BLAZER COMBO	DAVID CROSS
PHOTO BLOGGER	ANYTHING WITH SCULLS	FREE SPACE	ARMS LENGTH PHOTO	BEDHEAD
KICKBALL	MESSENGER BAG	BEL BIV DIVOE ON IPOD	HOODIE	UNREGISTERED VOTER EAGER TO TALK POLITICS
SILLY NECKLACE	TANK TOP WHILE AT WORK	STACHE	ANYTHING AMERICAN APPAREL	FIXED-GEAR BIKE

224 - 226 Play bingo in an actual bingo hall ...

WEST SIDE HALL

212-662-4646; 309 W 125TH ST

BRONXDALE BINGO

718-792-6665; 2028 WHITE PLAINS RD, BRONX

FIFTH HALL

718-788-1691; 416 5TH AVE, BROOKLYN

☐ I DID IT!



227 Photobooths

☐ I DID IT!



ACE HOTEL 20 W 29TH ST

AMERICAN TRASH 1471 1ST AVE

BUBBY'S PIE COMPANY 120 HUDSON ST

DAFFY'S HERALD SQUARE 1311 BROADWAY

LAKESIDE LOUNGE 162 AVE B

LEMON RESTAURANT 230 PARK AVE SOUTH

MANHATTAN MALL SIXTH AVE & 3RD ST

OPALINE 85 AVE A

OTTO'S SHRUNKEN HEAD 538 E 14TH ST

THE DOOR LOUNGE 508 9TH AVE

THE FAT BLACK PUSSYCAT 130 W 3RD ST

THE LIVING ROOM 154 LUDLOW ST

THE SMITH 55 3RD AVE

TRAILER PARK 271 W 23RD ST

228

Kew Motor Inn

☐ I DID IT!


Fantasy-themed motel rooms for fantasy-fueled motel stays. How fun is that?

KEWMOTORINN.COM; 13901 GRAND CENTRAL PKWY, QUEENS

229

Heavy Metal Karaoke

☐ I DID IT!


Bang your head with a live band backing you up.

PUNKMETALKARAOKE.COM

230

Economy Candy

☐ I DID IT!


All the candy you in the world and then some... sold by the pound, pile, or truck-load.

ECONOMYCANDY.COM; 108 RIVINGTON ST

231

Cricket

☐ I DID IT!


A lot of city parks have cricket fields. Lots of people wear white and like playing. Van Cortland Park is the hotbed.

NYCGOVPARKS.ORG/FACILITIES/CRICKET

232

FUN FACT

☐ I DID IT!

Who's buried in Grant's Tomb? Find out for yourself, it's at 122ND ST & RIVERSIDE DR.

233

Etsy Labs Craft Night

☐ I DID IT!


Make something crafty among other Etsy-ites.

ETSY.COM/STORQUE/SEARCH/TITLE/ETSY-LABS-CRAFT-NIGHT;
55 WASHINGTON ST, BROOKLYN

234

Crazy Blind Date

☐ I DID IT!


This site picks who you'll date, but gives you nothing more than a meeting time and a blurry photo of your match. It's a New York thing. Good luck!

CRAZYBLINDDATE.COM

235

Brooklyn Botanical Garden

☐ I DID IT!


Make sure to hit the Fragrance Garden—the first US garden designed for the blind!

BBG.ORG; 1000 WASHINGTON AVE, BROOKLYN

236

Dr Sketchy's Anti-Art School

☐ I DID IT!


How could you not have a good time drinking and sketching nearly-nude models?

DRSKETCHY.COM

237

Esquires of Wall Street

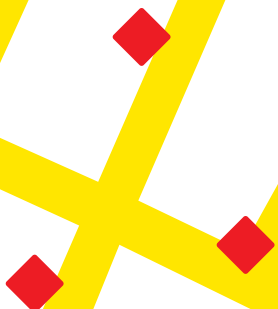
☐ I DID IT!


Get a straight-razor shave at knife-point; Nothing is manlier than a giant blade scraping across your throat.

ESQUIRESOFWALLST.COM; 14 WALL ST

GIGGLE AT CHINATOWN'S FUNNY SIGNS

 *Can you
find...*



238

☐ I DID IT!

BIG WONG

?

239

☐ I DID IT!

NEW BIG WANG RESTAURANT

?

240

☐ I DID IT!

Mei Dick Barber Shop

?

241

☐ I DID IT!

*We spotted these from our office
window. Take a stroll and find some of
your own*

242

Grow a mustache

☐ I DID IT!


Then join hundreds of other hairy dudes at one of the city's best mustache parties. (Embarrassingly bare-lipped females also welcome.)

MOVEMBER: US.MOVEMBER.COM /

EL DIA DEL MUSTACHE: ELDIADELMUSTACHE.COM

243

Naked Painting Parties

☐ I DID IT!


Strip down at the door. Apply paint to other people's bodies. And marvel at how fast NY strangers become NY friends when arty and sexy collide.

FACEBOOK.COM/EVENT.PHP?EID=495433290505

244

Spa Castle (Inspa World)

☐ I DID IT!


Put on the uniform provided, scrub in like a doctor, and enjoy feeling like a foreigner amongst the five floors of Korean spas, saunas, and snack spots.

NYSPACASTLE.COM; 131-10 11TH AVE, QUEENS

245

Corduroy Appreciation Club

☐ I DID IT!


The social club dedicated to the appreciation of corduroy fabric. They meet on 11-11 (the date looks like corduroy). They have a secret handshake and celebrity guests, but a more or less open door policy.

CORDUROYCLUB.COM

246

All Night Milonga

☐ I DID IT!


Join the city's top tango dancers and sashay till dawn.

MYSFACE.COM/ALLNIGHTMILONGA

247

Gotham Girls Roller Derby

☐ I DID IT!


You might not understand the rules, but it's impossible to miss the mayhem.

GOTHAMGIRLSROLLERDERBY.COM

248

The Brooklyn Bridge

☐ I DID IT!


Walk it. Bike it. Shoot it. It's a good time any way you do it.

URL.COM/NEW_YORK.HTML

249

The George Washington Bridge

☐ I DID IT!


Also beautiful, even though you end up in Jersey. It's a much more energizing stroll (no, really, you can walk it).

250

FUN FACT

☐ I DID IT!

You've heard of a Baked Alaska. Find out what one actually tastes like at the restaurant that first invented it: Delmonico's AT 56 BEAVER ST.

251

I DID IT!



double decker tour bus

*Do it like the tourists do. See the world from a new angle.
Being on top is like riding in a bus that's a convertible!*

NEWYORKSIGHTSEEING.COM



252

CHINATOWN ICE CREAM FACTORY

I DID IT!



*Flavors include avocado, ginger, green
tea, lychee, red bean and, um, chocolate.*

CHINATOWNICECREAMFACTORY.COM; 65 BAYARD ST

253

RUCKERS PARK

I DID IT!



*The holy temple of street basketball.
You can always watch it if you can't
bring it. Fat Jo fields a team annually.*

155TH ST & FREDERICK DOUGLASS BLVD



254

I DID IT!



The High Line

*How did they fit so much awesome into something so
narrow and high off the ground? Donations and
foresight probably. The least you can do is promenade.*

THEHIGHLINE.ORG; GRANSVORT TO 34TH ST BETWEEN 10TH & 11TH AVE

Eat at a one-dish

Manhattan only masterpieces that have mastered a single dish.

255

RICE TO RICHES *Rice pudding*

RICETORICHES.COM; 37 SPRING ST

☐ I DID IT!

256

S'MAC *Mac 'n cheese*

SMACNYC.COM; 345 E 12TH ST

☐ I DID IT!

257

PEANUT BUTTER AND CO *PB and sometimes J*

ILOVEPEANUTBUTTER.COM; 240 SULLIVAN ST

☐ I DID IT!

258

POMMES FRITES *French fries*

POMMESFRITES.WS; 123 2ND AVE

☐ I DID IT!

259

DUMPLING MAN *Dumplings*

DUMPLINGMAN.COM; 100 SAINT MARKS PL

☐ I DID IT!

260

CRIF DOGS *Hot dogs*

CRIFDOGS.COM; 113 SAINT MARKS PL

☐ I DID IT!

261

THE MEATBALL SHOP *Meaty balls*

THEMEATBALLSHOP.COM; 84 STANTON ST

☐ I DID IT!

262

FUN FACT

Even fast food is fancier in the financial district. The McDonalds at 160 BROADWAY features a chandelier, a door-man and a tuxedoed pianist playing a grand piano.

☐ I DID IT!

Secret Menu Items

Taste the exhilaration of ordering something that isn't even on the menu.

263

LE BERNARDIN *Hot chocolate crème in an eggshell.*

LE-BERNARDIN.COM; 155 W 51ST ST

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264

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265

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266

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TELEPAN-NY.COM; 72 W 69TH ST

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267

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ALDEARESTAURANT.COM; 31 W 17TH ST

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268

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269

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280
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281
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NYPHIL.ORG

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282
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283
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284
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285
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286

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287
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288

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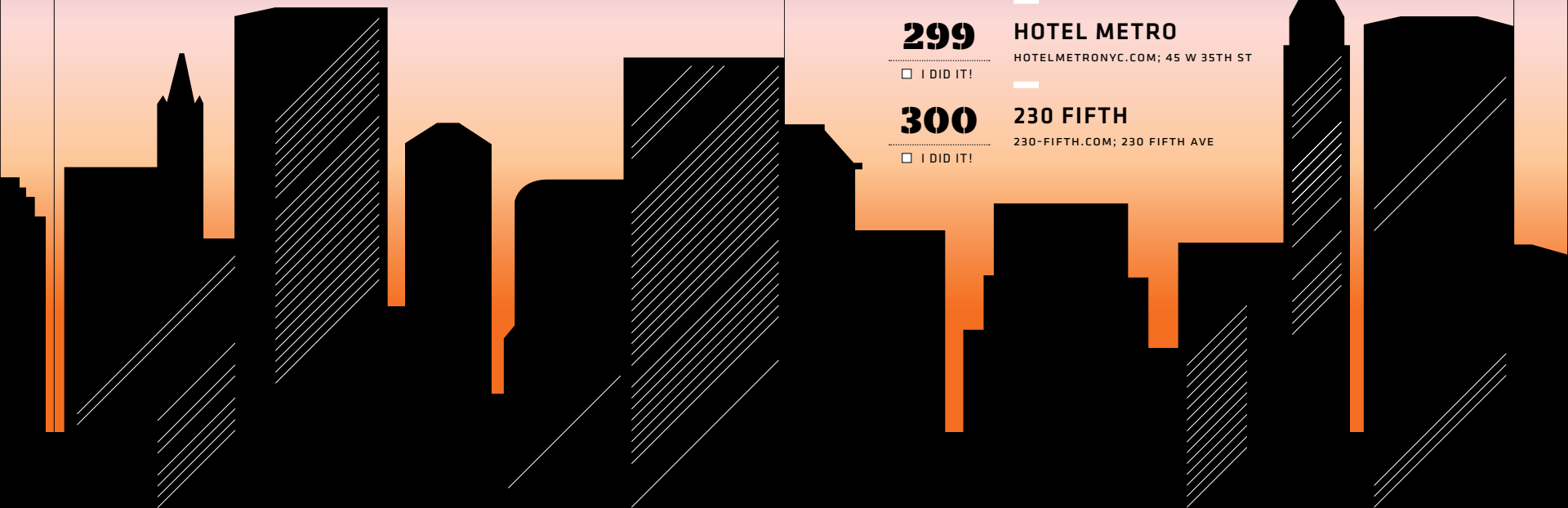
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294

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295

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297

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300

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EMPIREFLIGHTACADEMY.COM; FARMINGDALE, NY

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FANTASYFLIERS.COM; MIDDLETOWN, NY

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311

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