

TURNSTILE TOURS

EXPLORE HOW NYC WORKS

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We specialize in:

- STEM and social studies itineraries
- Business, entrepreneurship, and career pathways
- Architecture, infrastructure, and sustainability
- Unique food experiences with street vendors, markets
- Behind-the-scenes access to industrial, technology, and creative spaces

We work with:

- Private Group Tours • FITs
- Technical Travel, Academic & Student Groups
- Custom Itineraries

Turnstile Tours are built around in-depth research, community and industry partnerships, and interactive experiences. As a social enterprise, we are deeply invested in the communities in which we work, and our tours support a variety of non-profit partners. We offer both public and private tours that focus on the inner-workings of New York City, from markets, food trucks, and public parks, to factories, shipyards, and creative spaces.

With our unique expertise and professional team, we deliver the highest-quality programs that appeal to a range of audiences, from young learners to high-level professionals. Whether you're looking for a unique lunch from Manhattan street vendors, a visit to artists and makers at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and Army Terminal, or an exploration of the iconic sites of Brooklyn, we can craft a tour that will wow your visitors.



Official Tour Partners

BROOKLYN NAVY YARD



BROOKLYN ARMY TERMINAL

WATERFRONT INDUSTRY & INFRASTRUCTURE



FOOD CART TOUR MIDTOWN



ESSEX MARKET

FOOD CART TOUR FiDi

DUMBO WATERFRONT

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Working dry dock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard



Students visiting artists and designers

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WATERFRONT HISTORY, INDUSTRY, INFRASTRUCTURE

Our tour programs explore the past and present of how New Yorkers live, work, and play along the waterfront. Brooklyn Navy Yard Tours go inside this former naval shipbuilding facility, once one of the world's leading shipyards and today a home for over 450 private businesses in manufacturing, technology, and the arts. Visit the Brooklyn Army Terminal, a gargantuan relic of World War I that is also a city-owned industrial park that supports small manufacturing businesses. Or explore DUMBO, once an industrial neighborhood that is today a thriving arts and commercial district, on our programs with Brooklyn Historical Society.

- Waterfront industry and history tours at the Brooklyn Navy Yard & Brooklyn Army Terminal
- DUMBO Museum and Neighborhood Tours with Brooklyn Historical Society
- Studio & Factory Tours with artists, manufacturers, and startups



Olive oil tasting at Essex Market



Having a kati roll on a Food Cart Tour

FOOD CARTS, MARKETS, MANUFACTURERS

Sample an international buffet from New York City's best food carts, trucks, markets, and manufacturers. Our Food Cart Tours and Public Market Tours include generous tastings ranging from Korean barbecue to Moroccan olive oil, Bengali kati rolls to Belgian waffles. We also tour food manufacturing facilities, including the Wafels & Dinges Factory and the Brooklyn Navy Yard's Food Manufacturing Hub. Along the way, listen to the stories of hard-working food entrepreneurs, learn how the city's vast food distribution system works, and understand the daily challenges of running a small food business in this bustling city.

- Food Cart Tours of Midtown & Financial Dist.
- Lower East Side Essex Market Tours
- Wafels & Dinges Factory Tour
- Great for groups interested in immigration, entrepreneurship, and culinary arts
- Food tours include generous tastings and are a great lunch option



Lullwater Bridge in Prospect Park



Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm

PROSPECT PARK & URBAN ECOLOGY

Created by Central Park designers Olmsted and Vaux, Prospect Park is an oasis in Brooklyn, and a great site for learning about public lands, forest, water, and wildlife conservation, and NYC history. We also offer nature-themed programs at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where our tours take a deep look at what's growing in this waterfront industrial park, including oyster restoration and the 1.5-acre Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm.

- Tour "Brooklyn's Backyard"
- Urban Ecology Tours explore rooftop farming, habitat restoration, and green architecture
- Package visit with Prospect Park Zoo, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn Museum