

Tired of museum lines, overcrowded brunch spots, and being on the island of Manhattan? Want to check out a historic waterfront neighborhood that's artsy and edgy while also family-friendly? Spend a day in DUMBO for fresh perspectives and new experiences!

It's a sunny weekend morning, so break out of your routine and put off doing your laundry for another day. Get a new take on urban transportation with a trip on a **water taxi** from East 35th St. to **Fulton Ferry Landing** (click here for a complete schedule <http://www.nywatertaxi.com/commuters/east-river-line/>). This scenic crossing by boat affords you the convenience of the subway and the views of ... well ... not the subway. Take an hour to appreciate the exquisite cityscape of Manhattan as you travel into the very heart of DUMBO with a stroll, of course, along the waterfront in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

At Fulton Ferry Landing, you find yourself in the middle of both the beautifully redesigned Brooklyn Bridge Park and the historic site of Old Fulton St. Wander around the park's converted piers while delighting in a landscape framed by the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges. Stop into **Barge Music**, New York's floating concert hall, for tickets to that night's performance (Fulton Ferry Landing, next to the Brooklyn Bridge). Be it jazz or classical, chamber music or contemporary, Barge Music is certain to have the tunes you're looking for in a unique venue you'll love. But if you prefer a night of cutting-edge theater, head over to **St. Ann's Warehouse** where you'll find plenty of shows from all over the world that will do the trick. More music and theatre can be found at **Music-Theatre Group** (10 Jay St, 9th Floor) and the **Underwater Lounge** (66 Water St).

After picking up your concert or theater tickets, head over to **Grimaldi's Pizza** for a taste of the pie everyone is raving about (19 Old Fulton St). Or, if you're still up for some exploring before lunch, head under the Brooklyn Bridge and down Water St to the **Tobacco Warehouse** and **Empire Stores**, 19th century structures that recall DUMBO's industrial past. Then, further down the block, pop into **Almondine Bakery** for a delicious cappuccino and the best homemade bread and pastries around (85 Water St). Relax at a small café table and take in the distinctly European feel of this authentic patisserie. Cross the street to **Jacques Torres** where you can grab a sensational cup of hot chocolate to go (66 Water St).

Pass **Galapagos Art Space** in a charming former horse stable and see what's on for late night entertainment (16 Main St). Across the street, you'll see **powerHouse Arena**, the bookstore and publishing house that always boasts happening photo exhibits, book launches and literary readings (37 Main St). Browse through their impressive collection of art books while reclining on their indoor amphitheatre—you'll see that the name *powerHouse Arena* is no joke. Interested in other literary happenings? Visit **Cave Canem** (20 Jay St) for poetry readings; **Zakka** (155 Plymouth St), **VII** (28 Jay St), and **Melville House** (143 Plymouth St) for books, photography, special events and more. Don't miss **Bose Pacia Gallery** on the same block (163 Plymouth St) and wander over to **White Wave Dance** to see if any performances are going on (25 Jay St, Suite 101).

Next, head over to **DAC** and **Smack Mellon** to continue your stimulating afternoon of art and culture, where you're sure to be inspired by the views, the architecture, the history and, of course, the art (Washington St between Water St & Plymouth St). Next, check out the galleries at **111 Front St** (or enter

at 55 Washington St). Here you'll find ten noteworthy and strikingly diverse galleries all conveniently located on the same floor (the 2nd). Check out **Klompching Gallery** and **+ Kris Graves Projects** if you're looking for contemporary photography; **A.I.R. Gallery** for probing installation and multi-media work often prompted by feminist concerns; **Giacobetti Paul** for photographic light boxes; **Almacen Unlimited Art** for sensational, large-scale abstractions; **Umbrage** and **Central Booking** for a new take on art book publishing; and **Amos Eno Gallery**, **Henry Gregg Gallery**, and **The Brooklyn Arts Council** for a wide variety of paintings, photographs, and sculpture.

Perhaps on your way out of 111 Front St, you'll stop into **Nos Boutique** (117 Front St) for a peek at those beautiful leather boots you've been eyeing. If you catch the shopping bug, you might just want to stop into **Zoe** (68 Washington St) for the ultimate in men and women's fashion, **Spring Gallery** (126a Front St) for an exciting line of contemporary art and design certain to complement your apartment, and **Trunk** (68 Jay St) for a fabulous variety of fashion-forward apparel and accessories. While you're at it, you might want to pop into Jay Street's furniture design studios such as **City Joinery** (20 Jay St) and **Eric Manigian** around the corner (61 Pearl St). **Halcyon Records** is worth dropping by, too, if you want to catch up on the latest beats and coolest tunes (57 Pearl St). And if the kids need some sugar, there's always **Dewey's Candy Store**—a candy wonderland (141 Front St).

Now it's time for a bite to eat before your show. Head to **reBar** for a menu that features a wide variety of small plates and main dishes, an extensive beer list, and an aesthetic inspired by DUMBO's use of industrial steel (147 Front St). If you're looking for something a bit lighter, head across the street to **Superfine** (126 Front St). There you'll find a lengthy specialty cocktail menu and Mediterranean-inspired dishes, featuring only the freshest ingredients (126 Front St). Stop in for Sunday brunch (11a-3p) and have your meal accompanied by live bluegrass. If you're looking for café fare and a more casual vibe, head to the **Dumbo General Store** for a refreshing drink and a delicious sandwich. If you're there for breakfast or brunch, be sure to ask about the omelet of the day.

Last, but not least, make sure to walk through the **Archway under the Manhattan Bridge**—the iconic piece of architecture for which DUMBO is named (Pearl and Water St).

You've taken in the sights, sounds, and unique energy of DUMBO and now it's time to head on home. If you're close to Fulton Ferry Landing, maybe you want to hop back on your water taxi. If not, you're still only a stone's throw from the A/C subway line at High St or the F train at York St. You can also choose to hail a cab or call a car service instead. And there's always the option of a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge.