## Central Park Tour New York City





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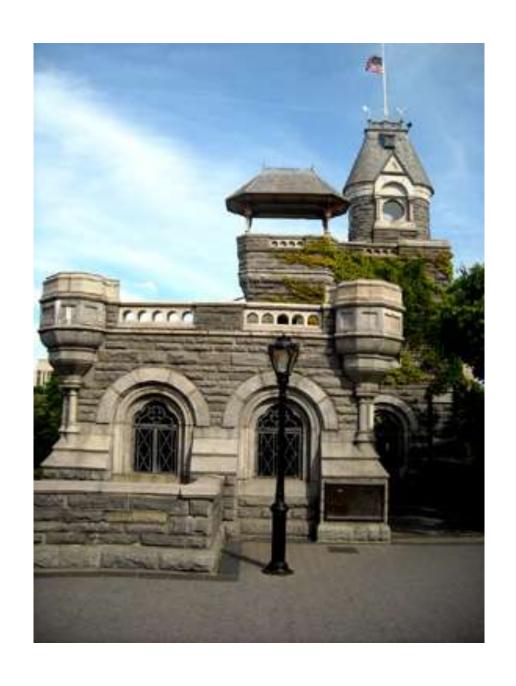
## **Tour Summary**

Located in the urban heart of New York City, Central Park is 2.6 miles long by a half mile wide, covers 843 acres, and comprises 6% of Manhattan. As one of the most visited city parks in the United States, Central Park is world famous, appearing in many movies and television shows. Since planning started in the mid-19th century, Central Park has inspired American civic architects to include museums and other public attractions in their park designs. Wild and landscaped, scenic and cultural, housing the Natural History and MET museums, Central Park is a genuine New York City landmark.

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## The Mother of USA Parks





Central Park can be described as "The Mother of all American Urban Parks" because it was one of the first designed in a large U.S. city. That inspired many other

cities to follow. It contains lakes, waterfalls, open areas, woodlands, and it also has many famous structures such as the Belvedere Castle. We'll leave visit every area as we explore this magnificent urban oasis.

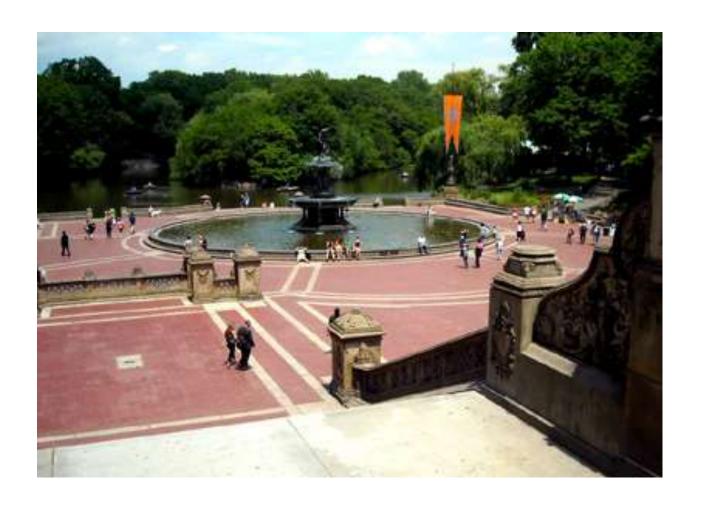


Central Park is a large and rectangular urban parkland centrally located in the Borough of Manhattan. New York City and Central Park have a reputation for eccentric

people, such as this man dressed up as the Statue of Liberty, posing for tourist pictures.



We will explore Central Park from south to north, zigzagging across it while taking in all the major attractions. Similar to most urban parks, Central Park is more developed on the side where the city is the oldest. West 59<sup>th</sup> Street is in Midtown Manhattan, one of the most-densely populated places in the world ....



... but just cross the street and you are immersed in an urban oasis. As we make our way to the middle of the park we'll explore the Bethesda Terrace, one of the most photographed areas of Central Park.



Also in the middle of Central Park is the famous Strawberry Fields, dedicated to the musician John Lennon who was gunned down in front of his home called the Dakota across the street. Every year on the anniversary of his death a large crowd gathers to memorialize the Beatle and sing

songs such as "Imagine All the People Living Life in Peace."



Completely within the confines of Central Park is the famous Metropolitan Museum of Art, one of the largest and finest art museums in the United States. We'll explore this world-class museum from in our tour of Central Park.



One of the most famous wings of the Met is the Temple of Dendur, a complete Egyptian temple reassembled brick by brick in a sunny atrium extension of the museum overlooking Central Park.



Almost directly across Central Park on the west side is another world-class museum, the American Museum of Natural History. President Theodore Roosevelt was

instrumental in creating this museum, and is thus featured inside and out.



The Natural History Museum is the featured location in Ben Stiller's "Night at the Museum" movies which imagine all the artifacts coming alive at night. This T-Rex skeleton is a central feature in the entrance foyer called the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Hall.



This large reservoir of water for New York City is located in the middle of the park. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis used to jog around the encircling running track, and it was named after her.



Central Park was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and architect Calvert Vaux. While much of the park looks natural, it is in fact almost entirely landscaped. Some parts of the park give the feeling that you are far out in the wilderness somewhere, especially the northern section.



As we arrive at West 110<sup>th</sup> Street we are at the beginning of the Harlem neighborhood and the end of this tour through Central Park, but not before a complete exploration.

Let's go see this verdant gem in the heart of New York City!

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