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DUMBO

AN ACRONYM FOR **D**OWN **U**NDER THE **M**ANHATTAN **B**RIDGE **O**VERPASS, DUMBO is a neighborhood of cobblestone streets and spacious buildings that were once a hub of industry in Brooklyn. Known for its views of Manhattan, DUMBO is now home to artists and families as well as to exciting art galleries and performance spaces.

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FULTON FERRY LANDING



MANHATTAN BRIDGE

Where is DUMBO?

Situated between the Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges in Western Brooklyn, DUMBO is bordered by the East River, Brooklyn Heights, Vinegar Hill and Downtown Brooklyn.

About DUMBO

Until the late 1890s, the neighborhood was known primarily for its ferry terminal that connected Brooklyn to Manhattan. After the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge, the neighborhood developed into a manufacturing district of warehouses and factories that produced paper boxes and Brillo pads. As the area became less industrialized in the 1970s, artists and young homesteaders became attracted to the large, inexpensive loft apartments. The acronym “DUMBO” was coined in 1978.

It's Easy to Get to DUMBO

M BY SUBWAY: F train to York Street station. A or C trains to High Street-Brooklyn Bridge station.

BY BUS: Bus lines that service DUMBO include the **B25, B67, B69** and **B75**.

BY WATER TAXI: Water Taxis run from the Wall Street Pier 11 and South Street Seaport Pier 17 on the East River in Manhattan to the DUMBO-Fulton Ferry Landing stop. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.nywatertaxi.com>.

GREETER'S SECRET

The Tobacco Warehouse, originally built by the Lorillard family, sits on the upland of Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, just north of the Brooklyn Bridge, and just south of the Empire Stores. Together, these landmark 19th century warehouses are vivid reminders of the shipping activity that once defined the downtown Brooklyn waterfront.

Things to See

and Do in DUMBO

1 EMPIRE-FULTON FERRY STATE PARK at 26 New Dock Street on the East River between the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges is a 9 acre urban oasis with unbeatable views of Manhattan and New York Harbor. The perfect place for a

stroll and some serious photography, the park becomes an outdoor sculpture garden in the summer.

2 Where Old Fulton Street meets the East River is the **FULTON FERRY LANDING** where in 1776, George Washington massed 9,500 troops for evacuation from the Battle of Long Island. This is also the spot where Robert Fulton launched the first steamboat. The restored pier is marked by plaques that commemorate its history and the railing is inscribed with verses from Walt Whitman's "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry." Fulton Ferry Landing is now home to **BARGEMUSIC**, the floating concert hall. Near the entrance to the pier, there are two historic buildings. **1 FRONT STREET** was built in 1869 for the Long Island Safe Deposit Company which closed in 1891. The building is known for its distinctive white front and is a registered landmark. Next door at **5-7 FRONT STREET** is a Greek Revival building dating to 1834. This structure is considered the oldest surviving office building in the city and now houses a restaurant.

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Every summer, DUMBO is home to "Movies with a View", a free outdoor movie series, in **Empire Fulton Ferry State Park**.



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SCULPTURE GARDEN



GO GALLERY HOPPING

3 FRONT, MAIN, JAY and WASHINGTON STREETS are dotted with art galleries, many of them housed in the old Gair Buildings, leftovers from DUMBO's industrial era. Take a leisurely stroll and drop in where your fancy suits you. To learn more, see the website at <http://www.safetgallery.com/FrontStreetGalleries/index.html>. Gallery walks are also sponsored by the Brooklyn Art Project on the first Thursdays of the month. To learn more, see the website at <http://www.brooklynartproject.com/events/1st-thursday-gallery-walk>.

4 BAC GALLERY at 111 Front Street near Washington Street in Suite 218 allows local artists to display their works for viewing and sale. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.brooklynartscouncil.org/documents/41>.

5 A.I.R. GALLERY at 111 Front Street near Washington Street in Suite 228 is a not-for-profit gallery for women artists in the United States. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.airgallery.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.page&pagename=Home&pageid=141>.

6 DUMBO ARTS CENTER at 30 Washington Street near Water Street is a gallery and performance space that offers year-round exhibitions,

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The Brooklyn Bridge weighs 60,000 tons and is 5,989 feet long. Opened in 1883, it was the first bridge to link the then independent cities of Brooklyn and New York. Long considered one of the most beautiful bridges in the world, if someone offers to sell it to you, just keep walking!

including art festivals and workshops. Their annual "Under the Bridge Festival" includes visits to artists' studios. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.dumboartscenter.org>.

7 THE CLOCKTOWER BUILDING

at 1 Main Street at Plymouth Street was built in 1915 as a cardboard box factory by industrialist Robert Gair. The building is now condominiums, but it remains one of the most distinctive buildings in Brooklyn.

Shopping

8 JACQUES TORRES CHOCOLATE at 66 Water Street between Old Dock and Main Streets is the source for all things chocolate from their renowned hot chocolate to pain au chocolate. Having the feel of a small European specialty shop, you will certainly find something to satisfy your sweet tooth. Large windows give you a view into the factory where all the goodness is being created. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.mrchocolate.com/dumboLocation.aspx>.

9 And right next door at 62 Water Street is the **JACQUES TORRES ICE CREAM** store, where you can try the justly popular waffle cones and their famous sandwich cookies. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.mrchocolate.com/dumbolceCreamLocation.aspx>.

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The Manhattan Bridge is 6,855 feet long and connects Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn to Chinatown in Manhattan.



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10 ALMONDINE BAKERY at 85 Water Street near Main Street offers superb classic French pastries, justly famous croissants and baguettes. Specialty items are available during the holiday season and this is a great place to pick up a quick sandwich. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.almondinebakery.com>.

11 POWERHOUSE BOOKS at 37 Main Street near Water Street is an independent bookstore, art gallery and performance space that boasts an outstanding collection of art books and a large section devoted to children's literature. Be sure to see the sculptural pieces on the mezzanine level. To learn more, see their website at <http://powerhousebooks.com>.

12 P.S. BOOKSHOP at 76 Front Street at Washington Street offers used, rare and out-of-print books in an old-time bookstore atmosphere. The collection is extensive and the staff is knowledgeable and helpful. This is the kind of shop you can meander through all day.

13 ZOE at 68 Washington Street near Front Street is an eclectic designer showcase that features women's fashions by such style luminaries as Lanvin, Marc Jacobs and Stella McCartney. Offering a wide selection

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If you have the time, be sure to walk across the **Brooklyn Bridge**. The views from the top are memorable. A staircase at Prospect Street between Cadman Plaza East and West leads to the pedestrian entrance. For a real treat, walk from the Brooklyn side back to Manhattan at sunset!

of clothing and shoes (including Jimmy Choos), Zoe also hosts trunk sales and events. To learn more, see their website at <http://shopzoeonline.com/shop/index.php>.

14 THE FORAGERS MARKET at 56 Adams Street near Front Street offers organic produce and foodstuffs with an emphasis on small farm communities. Tastings are offered on Tuesday evenings. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.foragersmarket.com>.

15 HALCYON at 57 Pearl Street between Anchorage Place and Plymouth Street is a record store that caters to DJs and also hosts art exhibits. Indoor landscaping with Astroturf and rock gardens plus ample seating makes this the place to sample music at your leisure. If you prefer vinyl, this is the place to be. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.halcyonline.com>.



When It's Time to Eat

16 THE RIVER CAFÉ at 1 Water Street on the East River is considered one of the finest restaurants in the city. This romantic venue boasts some of the best views to be had of Manhattan and has been the site of many a marriage proposal. To learn more, see their website at <http://www.rivercafe.com>.



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SCENIC DINING



BARGEMUSIC

17 **PETE'S DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT** at 2 Water Street near Old Fulton Street has been a landmark since 1894 offering exceptional Italian food and friendly service. Plentiful meals at fair prices make this a popular dining spot. And the views of Manhattan are the icing on the cake. To learn more, see their website at <http://petesdowntown.com>.

18 **GRIMALDI'S PIZZERIA** at 19 Old Fulton Street near Front Street is a New York institution offering authentic coal-fired brick oven pizza. Popular with local politicians and celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, the lines at Grimaldi's are long, but worth the wait. Don't forget to try the antipasto! To learn more, see their website at <http://www.grimaldis.com/2/Index.htm>.

19 **THE BROOKLYN ICE CREAM FACTORY** at 1 Water Street offers classic, all-natural ice cream with homemade toppings and syrups.

20 **BUBBY'S BROOKLYN** at 1 Main Street at Plymouth Street offers magnificent views of Manhattan, wonderful service and top-notch American cuisine. Their weekend brunches are not to be missed. To learn more, see their website at <http://bubbys.com/index.php/DUMBO>.

Culture

21 **St. Ann's Warehouse** at 38 Water Street near Old Dock Street offers multi-artist concerts and ground-breaking music and theatre collaborations. Highly acclaimed, St. Ann's Warehouse has become one of the city's most important performance destinations. For more information, see their website at <http://www.stamswarehouse.org/index.php>.

22 **BargeMusic** at the Fulton Ferry Landing near Old Fulton Street presents chamber music in a floating concert hall at the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge. An intimate space with a beautiful interior, the barge offers professional concerts along with a spectacular view of Manhattan. For more information, see their website at <http://www.bargemusic.org>.

About Big Apple Greeter

Founded in 1992, Big Apple Greeter's mission is to enhance New York City's worldwide image while enriching the city experience for its visitors. Connecting with business and leisure travelers from all over the US and the world, Greeters take visitors on informal, unscripted walks through one or more neighborhoods in any of the five boroughs, promote tourism throughout the city, and help visitors discover the ease of using public transportation. Over 300 volunteer Greeters speak collectively almost 25 languages and enjoy giving their time and energy back to their hometown. Since its founding, Big Apple Greeter—a free public service—has welcomed over 90,000 visitors and been featured in thousands of newspapers, magazines, and television and radio programs all over the world, reaching an audience of over one billion potential visitors to New York City. Big Apple Greeter is proud to partner with NYC & Company, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Metro New York.

About the Global Greeter Network

Big Apple Greeter is proud to be part of the Global Greeter Network, a voluntary association of welcoming programs around the world, all based on the Big Apple Greeter model: free and open to all visitors; offer greeter services as an individual or very small group experience (no more than 6 visitors); and are characterized by enthusiastic, local residents who love their home city, love to meet people from around the world, and volunteer to conduct these visits.

The Global Greeter Network currently spans seven countries on four continents and includes the following members: Cicerones de Buenos Aires in Argentina; Adelaide Greeters and Melbourne Greeter Service in Australia; Tap in TO! (Toronto) in Canada; VisitBrighton Greeters and Kent Greeters in England; Paris Greeter, Les Greeters de Nantes, Greeters62 (Pas-de-Calais), Lyon City Greeters and Marseille Provence Greeters in France; Den Haag Greeters in the Netherlands; Big Apple Greeter (New York City), Chicago Greeter, and Houston Greeters in the United States.

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