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Getting Around:

- Download the NYC subway app
- Get a MetroCard for easy subway/bus access
- Use Citibike for short trips
- Uber/Lyft for late nights or group travel

Must-Visit Areas:

1. East Village: Quirky bars & vintage shops
2. West Village: Charming streets & cozy cafes
3. Williamsburg: Hipster paradise & great views
4. Times Square: Tourist central (visit once, then escape!)
5. Central Park: Oasis in the city

Food Adventures:

- \$1 pizza slices: Joe's Pizza or 2 Bros
- Dumplings in Chinatown: Joe's Shanghai
- Bagels: Ess-a-Bagel or Russ & Daughters
- Halal food trucks: The Halal Guys
- Iconic burgers: Shake Shack

Nightlife Hotspots:

- Rooftop bars: 230 Fifth, Le Bain
- Dance clubs: House of Yes, Output
- Live music: Blue Note Jazz Club, Brooklyn Steel
- Comedy: Comedy Cellar, UCB Theatre
- LGBTQ+ friendly: Stonewall Inn, Henrietta Hudson

Cool Daytime Activities:

- Walk the High Line
- Visit MoMA (free on Fridays 4-8pm)
- Explore Chelsea Market
- Picnic in Prospect Park
- Take the Staten Island Ferry (it's free!)

Late-Night Eats:

- Veselka: 24/7 Ukrainian comfort food
- Empanada Mama: Open 24/7
- Wo Hop: Late-night Chinese in Chinatown
- L'Express: 24-hour French bistro

Safety Tips:

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Keep valuables close, especially in crowded areas
- Use official taxi stands or ride-share apps at night
- Trust your instincts

Local Etiquette:

- Walk fast or step aside
- Don't block the sidewalk for photos
- Tip 15-20% at restaurants
- Stand right, walk left on escalators

Hidden Gems:

- The Campbell Bar in Grand Central
- Sleep No More immersive theater
- Smorgasburg food market (weekends)
- The Elevated Acre secret garden