

Explore the Streets of Chinatown

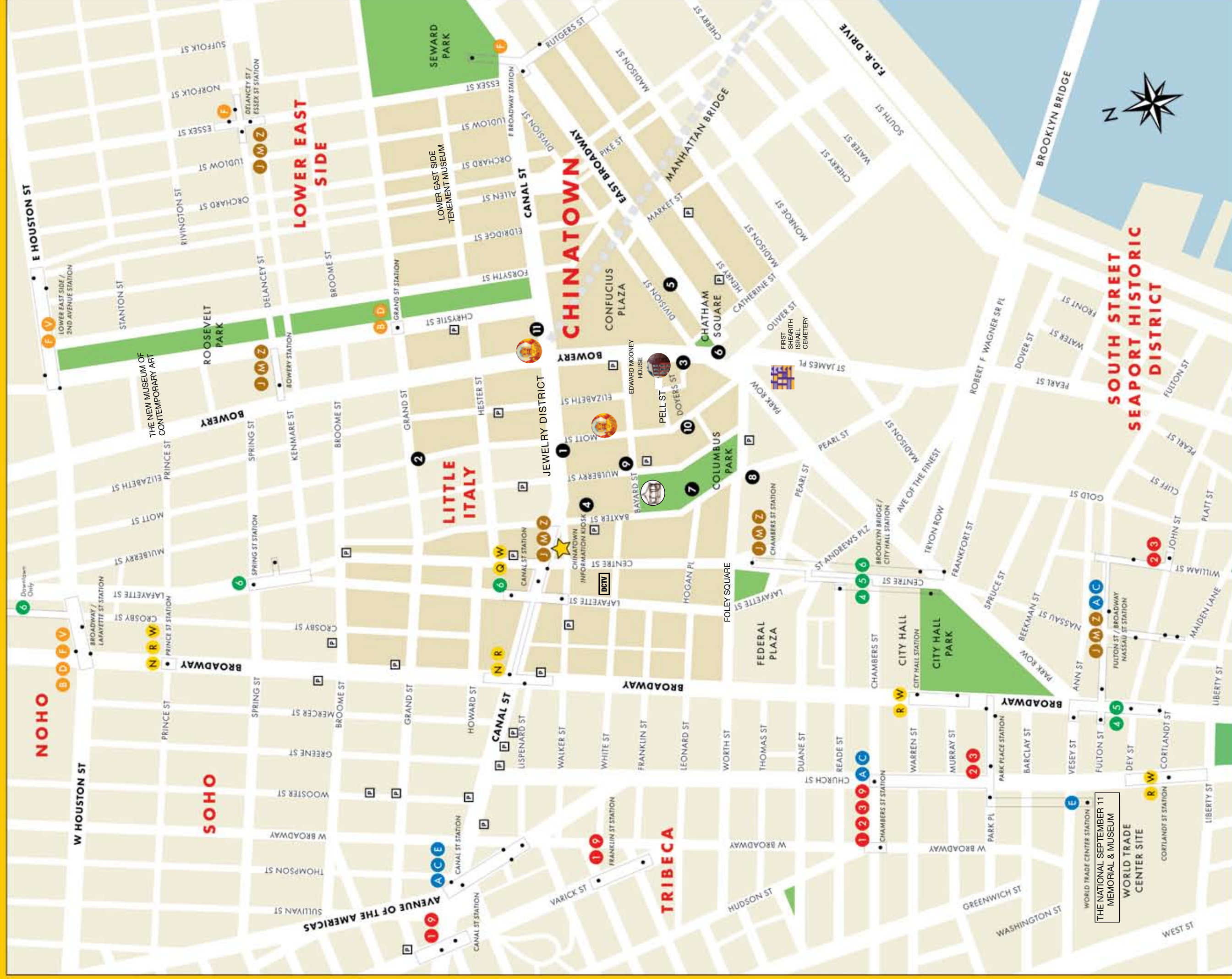
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Explore the Streets of Chinatown

Each street in Chinatown possesses its own distinctive personality. Whether characterized by their stores and restaurants or their unique size and shape, the streets of Chinatown provide a fascinating cultural experience on every block.



1 MOTT STREET & CANAL STREET

The two streets considered by many to be the heart of Chinatown. Walk downtown on Mott Street and experience the culinary delights of Asia. You'll come upon the Eastern States Buddhist Temple of America and the Church of the Transfiguration, one of the oldest churches in Manhattan. Canal Street is known for its jewelry stores and shopping bargains.

2 MOTT STREET & GRAND STREET

This is where you should stop if you're shopping for fresh ingredients. You'll find rows of fish and seafood markets, as well as grocery stores stocking all kinds of Asian spices and sauces. For those looking to eat rather than to cook, there are many restaurants and specialty food stores.

3 DOYERS STREET

Off Mott Street, running between Pell Street and Chatham Square, this unusual street features a 90-degree turn. You may recognize it from movies and TV shows. According to legend, the merchants built the street crooked so that straight-flying ghosts couldn't move through it. Today Doyers Street is home to the local post office, one of Chinatown's first dim sum restaurants, and lots of barber shops.

4 BAXTER STREET BETWEEN CANAL & BAYARD STREETS

A slice of Saigon, this is where you'll find a row of restaurants specializing in Vietnamese cuisine, known for its healthy abundance of fresh herbs and vegetables, minimal use of oil, and treatment of meat as a condiment rather than a main course.

5 EAST BROADWAY

The neighborhood of Chinatown's newest immigrants, East Broadway is largely the home of the Fujianese, from China's southeastern coast. Find street markets and dining choices in the hustle and bustle of endless commerce.



Explore the History of Chinatown

Often overlooked, Chinatown is the site of a rich history that not only tells the story of the Chinese-American experience, but also that of early Irish, Jewish and Italian immigrants. Today, remnants of the neighborhood's European-American ancestry stand side-by-side with more recent Asian-inspired landmarks.

6 CHATHAM SQUARE

This is the site of the Kim Lou Memorial Arch, erected in 1962 in memory of the Chinese Americans who died in WWII, and of a statue of Lin Ze Xu, a 19th-century anti-drag hero in China. East of the Square, on Division Street, is Confucius Plaza, where a statue of Confucius stands near the tallest residential building in Chinatown.

7 COLUMBUS PARK

Between Mulberry and Baxter Streets and below Bayard Street, is Chinatown's largest park, where you can see people practicing Tai Chi or relaxing with their pet song birds. Created in the 1890's to improve the Five Points neighborhood, it is a major recreational facility used for sports, festivals and outdoor events.

8 FIVE POINTS

Located at the intersection of today's Mosco, Worth and Baxter Streets, Five Points was named for the intersection of the five streets that converged at the south end of what is now Columbus Park. As the site of the city's first tenements, it was built to accommodate the massive immigration of the Germans and the Irish.

9 MUSEUM OF CHINESE IN THE AMERICAS

Housed in a late 19th-century schoolhouse at 70 Mulberry Street, 2nd floor, the museum holds one of the most important national archives of Chinese history in America.

10 CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Located on Mott Street at Pell Street, this church of New York immigrants since 1801 stands unchanged in the midst of restaurants and gift shops.

11 MAHAYANA BUDDHIST TEMPLE

The largest Buddhist temple in Chinatown stands across from the Manhattan Bridge. You can find the golden Buddha, perhaps the largest in New York, seated serenely on a lotus.



Explore the Culture of Chinatown

Chinatown features a unique culture that blends Chinese customs with Pan-Asian and American influences. From the decor (Chinese calligraphy and neon signs) to the traditions (lincense and leng thui), Chinatown is a community shaped by a 5,000-year-old cultural heritage and a 100-year-old history.

DIM SUM

In Chinatown and in Chinese communities all over the world, one of the most popular meals is dim sum (which means "a little bit of heart") - small appetizer dishes such as dumplings, rice rolls and pastries. Most Chinatown restaurants serve dim sum from morning until the afternoon.



BUBBLE TEA

Created in Taiwan and a phenomenon throughout Asia, bubble tea is a fun and refreshing drink made with sweetened tea, milk, ice and chewy tapioca pearls (that resemble little bubbles). You can find bubble tea at many cafés, tea parlors and bakeries in Chinatown.



NIGHTLIFE

In recent years, an exciting nightlife has emerged that provides a new dimension to the Chinatown experience. Trendy bars and lounges featuring lychee martinis, live music, karaoke and even stand-up comedy offer an array of late night fun.

SHOPPING

Chinatown is a haven for Asian products from around the world. Whether you are looking for Japanese dishware, Korean ginseng or Chinese lanterns, the stores of Chinatown provide thousands of gift ideas and Eastern alternatives to the mundane.

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Walker & Baxter Streets

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From the Courthouses/Centre Street
Walk east on Worth Street one block to Columbus Park.

Walk east.

From World Trade Center Site (corner of Church Street & Vesey Street)
Walk uptown on Church Street or Broadway to Canal Street. Turn right and

From South Street Seaport or Wall Street
Walk uptown on Pearl Street (which becomes St. James Place) to Chatham Square.

From Little Italy
Walk downtown on Mulberry Street to Canal Street.

From Tribeca
From Broadway, walk east on Canal Street or Worth Street.

From SoHo
Walk downtown on Broadway, turn left on Canal Street.

From East Village (Cooper Square, below St. Marks/8th Street)
Walk straight down 3rd Avenue (which becomes Bowery) to Chatham Square.

BY BUS
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WALKING

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Getting There

experience - Chinatown!

Located on the east side of Lower Manhattan, Chinatown is

easily accessible by subway and bus, and is within walking

distance from SoHo, South Street Seaport, Tribeca, Little Italy,

Wall Street, City Hall and the courthouses. Come explore

the neighborhood at the center of the downtown

experience - Chinatown!

Experience the sights, feel the pulse, challenge your senses -

there is something for everyone. An endless array of

restaurants, tea houses and bakeries to sample. Gift, fashion

and jewelry shops for you and your family. Supermarkets,

fresh produce and fish markets for the gourmand. Arts,

antiques, landmarks and cultural treasures for collectors and

cultural experience not found anywhere else in the world.

Chinatown New York City, the largest Chinatown

in the United States, is located in one of the oldest

neighborhoods in Manhattan. Founded in the late 1870's by

Chinese immigrants, Chinatown offers a unique historical and

cultural experience not found anywhere else in the world.