

NYC's Best Holiday Markets

Take the stress out of holiday shopping by visiting one of the many holiday markets New York City has to offer. You'll be sure to find something different for everyone on your list—whether you're looking for clothing, jewelry, toys or some one-of-a-kind craft—without having to brave crowded stores. Bonus: most markets have food vendors, good for keeping your stamina level in line with your holiday spirit.



The Holiday Shops at Winter Village at Bryant Park. Photo: Malcolm Brown

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Bryant Park, Midtown West, Manhattan
October 31, 2019–January 5, 2020

More than 150 custom-designed glass kiosks line Bryant Park during the holiday season, giving these shops indoor-outdoor allure. The market attracts local and international artisans who come to sell apparel, artwork, home goods, beauty products and toys as well as a wide selection of food. In the center of the park is a rink where you can ice skate for free. Skate rental runs \$18–33; you can also bring your own.



Grand Central Holiday Fair. Photo: Patrick Cashin

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Grand Central Terminal, Midtown East, Manhattan
November 18–December 24

The indoor Grand Central Holiday Fair offers a warm alternative to outdoor markets. Half of Vanderbilt Hall is taken over by 40 vendors—including a number from NYC—who specialize in handcrafted products, use locally sourced goods and are socially responsible. Find clothing, accessories, home goods, artwork and toys. The location makes this market a no-brainer for commuters, and those looking to refuel can stop for a snack or meal at the Grand Central Market, Great Northern Food Hall or subterranean dining concourse.



Union Square Holiday Market. Photo: Molly Flores

Union Square Holiday Market

Union Square Park, Union Square, Manhattan
November 21–December 24

Nearly 200 local and national vendors come together at this alfresco event, selling things like leather goods, artisanal olive oil and skin care products. Special features include a “Little Brooklyn” section, a warming station, a kids’ crafts studio and live music. As with other markets, there’s food on hand. Check out the Urbanspace Provisions area with hot chocolate and apple cider available to keep you warm.



Columbus Circle Holiday Market. Photo: Molly Flores



Brooklyn Flea. Photo: Malcolm Brown

Brooklyn Flea + Smorgasburg Winter Market

25 Kent Ave., 8th fl., Williamsburg, Brooklyn
Through March 2020 (weekends only)

The Brooklyn Flea's Williamsburg location is the lone NYC winter outpost of the popular bazaar. Visit for vintage clothing, housewares, antiques, furniture, jewelry, art and crafts. Smorgasburg food vendors will be there as well.

TurnStyle Holiday Market

Columbus Circle Subway Station, Eighth Avenue between
57th and 58th Streets, Midtown West, Manhattan
November 15–December 31

This underground retail and restaurant space is home to roughly 40 eateries, shops and kiosks. For the holidays, another 18 seasonal vendors selling clothing, gifts and housewares will join in. Temporary stalls include Inaya, Me Oui and [New York Makers](#) who offer a selection of statewide maker made gifts such as handcrafted marshmallows, soy candles and Herkimer diamond necklaces.

Columbus Circle Holiday Market

Central Park West and West 59th Street (southwest entrance to
Central Park), Midtown West/Upper West Side, Manhattan
December 4–24

There's something delightful about Columbus Circle during the holiday season—the Christmas lights sparkling in the circle and carriage rides setting off through Central Park in the snow. Tucked in the southwest corner of the park is one of the City's most beloved holiday markets lined by aisles of jewelry, accessories, artwork home goods and food from local designers and artisans. Check off all the gifts on your list from one or more of the 100-plus vendors before you head into the park for a stroll.

Astoria Holiday Market

Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden, 29-19 24th Ave.,
Astoria, Queens
December 1, 8 & 15

For three Sundays this December, Astoria's Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden will transform into a holiday market populated by local Queens based crafters, bakers and artisans. Handmade and vintage items include toys, jewelry, accessories, clothing, soaps, artwork and chocolates. Participants are always changing at the mom-and-pop-style market, but one thing stays constant: the eclectic collection means your recipients are unlikely to be getting these gifts from anyone else.

Fort Hamilton Holiday Market

207 Sterling Dr., Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn
December 6

This one night only event at the Fort Hamilton military base just south of Bay Ridge, features a tree lighting ceremony, carousel rides, pictures with Santa and a holiday market. Local crafts people sell their creations, and there are food options as well. The event is free to enter but registration is required.

Holiday Handmade Cavalcade—Brooklyn

Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont St.,
Brooklyn Heights
December 7–8

Local artisans and small businesses have found a holiday home at the Cavalcade which has grown exponentially since it started north of NYC in 2008. The Brooklyn version will showcase and support vendors from the tristate area, who will be peddling goods like apparel, accessories, home wares, soaps and kids' stuff. This location (there's another in Manhattan) is open for one weekend only.

Holiday Handmade Cavalcade—Manhattan

Chelsea Market, 75 Ninth Ave., Chelsea, Manhattan
December 9–15

As at the Brooklyn Cavalcade, members from the NY Handmade Collective (formerly known as the Etsy NY Team) bring their products and handmade wares from around the tristate area. The group works to expand and strengthen its community by giving local artists a platform to develop their small businesses. Expect lovingly made handbags, jewelry, apparel, home goods and artwork.