

**LONG ISLAND CITY, QUEENS, NEW YORK****QUEENS**

Home to more than two million New Yorkers, Queens is perhaps the most ethnically diverse 115 square miles in the world, with significant Greek, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Colombian, Asian Indian, Puerto Rican, Israeli, and Maltese populations, among others. This rich mix of cultures creates a unique opportunity to experience the arts, food, music, and languages of many nations within one borough. Queens lies just across the East River from Manhattan and borders the borough of Brooklyn. Visitors arriving by plane often get their first New York experience in Queens, home to both LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy airports.

LONG ISLAND CITY

MoMA QNS is located in Long Island City, one of more than 60 distinct neighborhoods in Queens. In addition to spectacular views of Manhattan's skyline, Long Island City hosts a wide variety of art communities and educational institutions. The neighborhood's flourishing art scene and close proximity to Manhattan make it a haven for artists. Long Island City is located in the area of Queens closest to Manhattan, just a 10-minute ride on the number 7 Local subway from Grand Central Terminal in midtown. It is also easily accessible by car, bus, the E and V trains, and the Q32 and Q60 buses. MoMA QNS is located on 33 Street at Queens Boulevard, across the street from the 33 Street station on the number 7 Local subway.

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

The rich mixture of cultures found in Queens is evident in a wide variety of offerings, including numerous museums and galleries, dance organizations, live music venues, orchestras, and theater companies. Many of these cultural destinations are located close to one another in Long Island City, and some of them are listed below. For more information on the wide range of cultural offerings in Queens, visit www.queens.nyc.ny.us.

American Museum of the Moving Image (AMMI), 35 Avenue at 36 Street, (718) 784-0077, www.ammi.org

Dedicated to educating the public about the art, history, technique, and technology of film, television, and digital media and to examining their impact on culture and society, AMMI maintains the nation's largest permanent collection of moving image artifacts and offers exhibitions, film screenings, lectures, seminars, and other educational programs.

Fisher Landau Center (by appointment only), 38-27 30 Street, (718) 937-0727

The 25,000-square-foot facility is devoted to the exhibition and study of the contemporary art collection of Emily Fisher Landau. The core of the 1,000-work collection is art from 1960 to the present, including key works by artists such as Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, and Cy Twombly, among others. Visitors are welcome by appointment, Monday through Thursday.

Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum, 36-01 43 Avenue at 36 Street, (718) 204-7088, www.noguchi.org

Artworks by the Japanese-American sculptor and designer Isamu Noguchi (1904–1988) are now on view in a temporary home while the Long Island City exhibition space that he created for them undergoes renovation. Noguchi worked in stone, metal, wood, and clay, and also designed models for public projects and gardens, dance sets, and his famed Akari light sculptures.

Museum for African Art, 36-01 43 Avenue at 36 Street (opening September 2002)

Opening in September 2002, the Museum for African Art will relocate from its current location in the Soho neighborhood of Manhattan to Long Island City while its new permanent home is completed. Exhibitions and public and school programs will continue in the 12,500-square-foot space on the third floor of the same building that houses the Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum until early 2005 when the Museum will move into its new building on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan.

P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, 22-25 Jackson Avenue at 46 Avenue, (718) 784-2084, www.ps1.org

A MoMA affiliate, P.S.1 is one of the largest and oldest arts organizations devoted to contemporary art. Housed in a former elementary school, its mission is to promote the study, knowledge, enjoyment, and appreciation of modern and contemporary art through a collaborative program of exhibitions, research, special projects, and other educational and curatorial activities.

Queens Museum of Art, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, (718) 592-9700,

www.queensmuseum.org

The Queens Museum of Art is located in the New York City Building, the only surviving building from both the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs. Within the next few years, the museum will expand into the other half of the building, doubling its size. The museum is the home of the Panorama of The City of New York, the world's largest scale model. Also on view are a collection of Tiffany glass on permanent loan from the Newstadt Museum of Tiffany Art and ongoing contemporary art exhibitions.

SculptureCenter (opening late fall 2002), 44-19 Purves Street, (718) 361-1750, www.sculpture-center.org

SculptureCenter, a nonprofit art space committed to experimentation and excellence in contemporary sculpture, will relocate this year from Manhattan to a larger, more flexible facility in Long Island City. Beginning in late fall, exhibitions will be held in the industrial steel and brick structure originally built in 1908 as a trolley repair shop.

Socrates Sculpture Park, Broadway at Vernon Boulevard, (718) 956-1819, www.socratessculpturepark.org

Socrates Sculpture Park was an abandoned riverside landfill and illegal dump site until 1986, when a coalition of sculptors and community members, under the leadership of sculptor Mark di Suvero, transformed it into an open studio and exhibition space for sculptors and a neighborhood park for local residents. Today it is an internationally renowned outdoor museum and sculptor residency program that also serves as a vital New York City park offering a wide variety of public services.

PARKS and RECREATION

Queens has more public parkland than any other borough in New York City, totaling 7,106 acres with more than 400 parks, playgrounds, triangles, and malls throughout the borough. The 1,255-acre Flushing Meadows/Corona Park, the second largest park in the City, was the site of the 1939–40 World's Fair and hosts the USTA-US Open Tennis Tournament. Other major recreational sites include Shea Stadium (home of the New York Mets baseball team), New York Hall of Science, Queens Theatre in the Park, Queens Zoo, and the Queens Botanical Garden. Queens also has 7½ miles of oceanfront beaches on the Rockaway Parkway peninsula.

EDUCATION

In addition to its many public and private elementary, secondary, and high schools, Queens is the home of the College of Aeronautics, City University of New York Law School, LaGuardia Community College (next to MoMA QNS), Queens College, Queensborough Community College, St. John's University, and York College.

RESTAURANTS

Suggested restaurants in the MoMA QNS / P.S.1 area:

Café Bar

32-90 36 Street

(718) 204-5273

Sandwiches, salads, soups, and more.

Dazie's

39-41 Queens Boulevard at 39 Place

(718) 786-7013

Northern and southern Italian.

Hemsin Turkish Restaurant

39-11 Queens Boulevard

(718) 482-7998

Bakery and restaurant serving authentic Turkish cuisine.

Jackson Avenue Steakhouse

12-23 Jackson Avenue at 47 Road

(718) 784-1412

Steaks and other hearty fare.

Manducatis

13-27 Jackson Avenue at 47 Avenue

(718) 729-4602

Family-run Italian restaurant.

Mombar

25-22 Steinway Street between 25 and 28 Avenues

(718) 726-2356

Southern Egyptian cuisine.

Piccola Venezia

42-01 28th Avenue at 42 Street

(718) 721-8470

Longstanding Italian restaurant with extensive menu.

S'Agapo

34-21 34 Avenue at 35 Street

(718) 626-0303

Greek fare with outdoor terrace.

Ubol's Kitchen

24-42 Steinway Street between Astoria Boulevard

and 25 Avenue

(718) 545-2874

Authentic Thai food in a low-key setting.

Van Dam Diner

45-55 Van Dam Street at 47 Avenue

(718) 392-1686

Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner at any time of day, this casual hangout is a favorite of MoMA staff.

Water's Edge

44 Drive and East River at Vernon Boulevard

(718) 482-0033

Upscale American dining with a panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline.

Waterfront Crabhouse

2-03 Borden Avenue

(718) 729-4862

One of Long Island City's oldest seafood restaurants.