If you love the theater, have always dreamed of Broadway, and you’re heading to New York for the weekend to see a show, this is the guide for you.

Here’s a perfect two-day trip for theater lovers, capturing the essence of Broadway, and taking in the can’t-miss sights of the city along the way.
DAY 1

For your first day, get right into the deep end of the Theater District. Are ready to belt out your finest Gene Kelly impression as you take to the sparkling sidewalk by day? Stupendous! Later this evening you’ll be hitting Broadway, so pack a glitzy outfit because it’ll be a night of glam to remember.

1. Breakfast at Brooklyn Diner
155 West 43rd Street, NYC 10036
Visit Website
212-265-5400

Up and at ’em! You’ve got an action packed day ahead, so first, breakfast. This quirky joint receives rave reviews from tourists and locals alike. It’s right in the heart of the Theater District, so you can start to soak up that Broadway energy as you nibble on strawberries and pancakes (the best!).

2. Sightseeing at Rockefeller Center
45 Rockefeller Plaza, NY 10111
Visit Website
212-332-6868

Since you’re in the Theater District, you’ll want to pop by Rockefeller Center (especially around Christmas time; the Christmas tree is one of the most beautiful sights in the city). The center features an array of attractions, so depending on your preference, you can indulge in some retail therapy or appreciate the sights of the city from the Top of the Rock Observatory Deck. This should surely prepare you for a star-studded evening.

3. Lunch at Sardi’s
234 West 44th Street, NY 10036
Visit Website
212-221-8440

And the award for the best Broadway lunch goes to… Sardi’s! This restaurant is where the idea for the Tony Award was born—so, a true toast to Broadway. While you relax and refill, you can also appreciate the hundreds of caricatures of show-biz celebs that decorate the walls.
4. Walking Tour of the Theater District

Times Square Alliance Info Center, 1560 Broadway, NY 10036
Visit Website
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Soak up some culture with an afternoon history lesson. Walk in the footsteps of your favorite theater performers and learn about what put Broadway on the map. Expect lively guides— many of which are actors themselves—who are ready to give you the inside scoop on New York’s theater scene.

5. Dinner at the legendary Joe Allen

254 West 47th Street, NY 10036
Visit Website
212-730-4800
As excitement builds before the show and the pre-theater menu calls your name, think Joe Allen. This legendary restaurant has been serving stars and theater-goers since the sixties. Choose from a range of dishes, from hamburgers and fries to fennel-seed encrusted swordfish. You may even bump into a star or two!

6. The main event: A Broadway Show

And now, the moment we’ve all been waiting for: the cherry on top of the day. Can you hear that? The stunning harmonies, the whishing sound of a high kick, the rustling of costumes. That, ladies and gentlemen is Broadway!
There are a whole range of shows to choose from and it can be overwhelming. That’s why you should check out the top 10 selling shows of 2016.

You can view the shows on the next page.

7. After-show drinks at the Glass House Tavern

252 West 47th St, NY 10036
Visit Website
212-730-4800
It’s been a long day, and you might think after-show drinks are a tad ambitious. Trust us, you’ll not be ready for sleep just yet. If you want to catch a glimpse of some Broadway stars, head down to the Glass House Tavern for a hand-crafted cocktail—it’s one of the favoured hangout spots. Remember most of them will have just finished performing, so try and keep autograph requests to a minimum (unless you see Idina Menzel, in which case make sure to get one made out to us).
Aladdin
A stunning stage adaption of the Disney love story between Princess Jasmine and Aladdin.
New Amsterdam Theater, 214 West 42nd Street, New York, 10036

An American in Paris
Based on the Academy Award winning film of the same name, this delightful tale is set in post-war Paris and looks at the love story between an American soldier and a local girl.
Palace Theater, 1564 Broadway near 48th Street, New York, 10036

Beautiful: Carole King
The inspiring story of songstress Carole King, and her quest to write the soundtrack of a generation.
Stephen Sondheim Theater, 124 West 43 Street, New York, 10036

Chicago
A multi-Tony Award winner, this razzle-dazzler, set in the 1920s has been quoted as the best adult entertainment in the city.
Ambassador Theater, 219 West 49th Street, New York, 10019

Cats
Andrew Lloyd Weber’s feline inspired Broadway Hit finally returns to the New York stage.
Neil Simon Theater, 250 W 52nd St, New York, 10036

Kinky Boots
Based on a true story, this heart-warming musical looks at an unlikely pair and their enterprising idea to make women’s shoes for men.
Al Hirschfeld Theater, 302 West 45th Street, New York, 10036

The Lion King
Award-winning Broadway must-see, based on the 1994 Disney Film. Expect hypnotic costumes and magical puppetry.
Minskoff Theater, 200 West 45th Street, New York, 10036

The Color Purple
A masterpiece adaption of Alice Walker’s classic novel. The Color Purple is the 2016 Tony Award winner for Best Musical Revival and boasts several big stars with even bigger voices.
Bernard B. Jacobs Theater, 242 West 45th Street, New York, 10036

Wicked
The untold tale of the two witches from the Wizard of Oz—The Wicked Witch of the West and Glenda the Good.
Gershwin Theater, 222 West 51st Street, New York, 10019
DAY 2

We’re not limiting ourselves to Broadway today. These recommendations involve attractions that are somewhat unusual. In the evening you’ll experience a more intimate off-Broadway show, so be daring, let your hair down and prepare for something new.

1. Breakfast at The Bagel Store
   754 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211
   Visit Website
   +1 718-782-5856

   We promised day 2 would be different, which means starting the day sampling 2016’s most-hashtagged bagel, the Rainbow Bagel. Although a little further outside Manhattan, the store is in Williamsburg, which is only a short subway ride away, and these bagels are definitely worth venturing off the path for. Tasty New York bagels with psychedelic coloring? Uhh, you can’t miss that!

2. City views from the High Line
   The High Line, NY
   Visit Website
   NA

   Depending on how late last night went, you may need to freshen yourself up with a nice brisk walk. You’ll also want to catch some views of the city before time runs out. The best way to get both is to head to the High Line. This retired rail line has been renovated into an elevated park that winds from the heart of downtown, through Chelsea and NYC’s trendy Meatpacking District. The fact that it towers above the streets means you can catch a unique perspective on the city sights.

3. Lunch at Smokey Burger
   339 West 44th Street, NY 10036
   Visit Website
   212-245-5700

   We’ve had pancakes, bagels, lunch with caricatures and star-studded meals; now it’s time for some burgers. This local joint is favored for their use of organic ingredients and exotic meat options. With a laid back atmosphere and tasty milkshakes, it’s a great option for a grab-and-go midday meal.
4. Afternoon culture fix at the Triton Gallery

630 9th Avenue, NY 10036
Visit Website
212-765-2472

OK, so it’s back to theater and film-themed activities, but we couldn’t leave this one off the list. The Triton Gallery has housed the largest collection of film and theater posters in the world for nearly five decades. Take a look at the impressive vintage poster collection, including the ‘Lost Posters’ that were missing for 40 years.

5. Dinner at Ellen’s Stardust Diner

254 West 47th Street, NY 10036
Visit Website
212-730-4800

Time to dust off the dancing shoes and prepare for a second night of musical fun. If you didn’t catch any stars last night, now might be your chance. This fun eatery is known for its singing wait staff. Enjoy your meal amongst the future stars of Broadway while they belt out classic musical numbers. With a super lively atmosphere, this place is exactly what Broadway is all about.

6. Evening show Off-Broadway

And now for something completely different. Take in a smaller, more avant garde production Off-Broadway. These shows are known for being a little more intimate, and certainly more daring. The praise for big hits like Avenue Q and Stomp have barely cooled down since opening night, and are sure fire bets. Or, you can take a gamble on Drunk Shakespeare, the play that’s never the same two nights running. There’s a range of shows available, so take your pick.

7. After-show drinks at The Press Lounge

Kimpton Ink48 Hotel, 653 11th Avenue, NY 10036
Visit Website
212-757-2224

As your trip comes to a close, you may be feeling a shade of blue. It’s been one hell of an experience, and your cheeks are still hurting from all the laughing and giggling, but you have one last night to soak up the city buzz. Make the most of it with a Cosmo and city sights at The Press Lounge. The rooftop bar boasts incredible 360-degree views of the skyline, so you can take a moment to relax and reminisce on the past 48 hours. NOTE: This trip definitely deserves a dedicated photo album.
Avenue Q
Gut-busting puppet comedy about a young college grad trying to make it in the city.
New World Stages, 340 West 50th Street, New York, 10019

Blue Man Group
Unique, family-friendly show combining innovative music, technology, and comedy in an audio-visual extravaganza.
The Lounge at the Roy Arias Stages, 300 West 43rd Street, New York, 10036

Stomp
A high energy dance show set to the thumping, clashing sounds of unconventional instruments.
Orpheum Theater, 126 2nd Avenue, New York, 10003

Drunk Shakespeare
A group of actors attempt to perform Shakespeare after several shots of whiskey. Anything could happen.
The Lounge at the Roy Arias Stages, 300 West 43rd Street, New York, 10036