

bike shops along the tour

- Tony's Bicycle: 35-01 23rd Ave / 718-278-3355
- Bike Stop: 37-19 28th Ave / 718-278-2453
- Bill's Cycle: 63-24 Roosevelt Ave / 718-335-1906
- Cigi Bicycle Shop II: 91-07 37th Ave / 718-457-1093
- Cigi Bicycle Shop: 42-20 111th St / 718-271-1473
- Flushing Bicycle: 45-70 Kissena Blvd / 718-358-0986
- Spokesman Cycles: 49-04 Vernon Blvd / 718-433-0450
- Bicycle Repairman: 40-21A 35th Ave / 718-706-0450



GENERAL DIRECTIONS

This 18 mile bike tour is designed to start at the eastern end of Queens in Flushing, near the end of the 7 subway line. Cyclists can also start the tour at the western end in Astoria and Long Island City or at any number of points along the route.

RIDE LENGTHS

Riding the entire length of the tour at a slow to medium pace with only a few stops could take approximately 5-7 hours. Riders can also enjoy shorter rides of about 1-3 hours in four discrete segments:

- Ride 1 - Flushing, Kissena, Flushing Meadows Corona Park (Points 1-18)** is approximately 6 miles.
- Ride 2 - Corona, Jackson Heights, Woodside, Sunnyside (Points 19-35)** is about 7 miles.
- Ride 3 - Astoria, Steinway, Ditmars (Points 36-52)** is about 6 miles.
- Ride 4 - Long Island City, Hunters Point (Points 53-57)** is about 2 miles.

the most ethnically diverse county in the nation



1 Flushing Main Street Shopping District: The 2nd largest Chinatown in the City, this area is a great cultural destination and place to shop for books, music, fashions, and food from many Asian countries.



2 The Friends Meeting House: Built for the Religious Society of Friends or Quakers, this building is seen as a victory for religious freedom in the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam in 1663. The oldest house of worship in the state. 137-16 Northern Blvd.

3 Flushing Town Hall: From the 1860's, the landmark former courthouse building built in the Romanesque Revival Style, has gone from civic center to art center with a performance space, theater, garden, and gallery. 137-35 Northern Blvd., 718-463-7700



4 Lewis H. Latimer House: American inventor, electrician, self-made intellectual, and the son of slaves, he designed and contributed to the telephone and the carbon filament. 34-41 137th Street (house front on Leavitt St), 718-961-8585



5 Masjid Hazrati Abu Bakr: Mosque with blue domed minaret. 141-47 33rd Avenue



6 Hanmaum Korean Buddhist Temple: Pagoda roofed Temple. 145-20 Bay-side Avenue

7 The Queens Historical Society & Kingsland Homestead in Weeping Beech Park: The Homestead, the 2nd oldest house in Queens, was built in 1785 and is the current location of the Queens Historical Society and museum. 143-135 37th Ave., 718-939-0647

8 Bowne House and George Fox Stone: Built in 1661 by John Bowne he allowed Quakers to hold services in his home. 37-01 Bowne Street, 36-40 Bowne Street



9 Ganesh Temple: Dedicated to the Hindu deity Ganesha, the temple was constructed and designed by artisans from India according to sacred scriptures. Get a snack at the Dosa Hut next door. 45-57 Bowne St. (Temple); 45-63 Bowne St., 718-961-5897 (Dosa Hut)



10 Kissena Park Velodrome: Parsons Avenue & Booth Memorial Ave

11 Buddhist Temple: 46-36 Kissena Boulevard



12 The Queens Botanical Garden: Enjoy an incredibly diverse plant population that aims to educate patrons on the biological and cultural significance of plants. 43-50 Main Street; 718-886-3800

13 Flushing Meadows Corona Park: Ride the carousel, go to the zoo, see a New York Mets baseball game, watch a local soccer game, or visit Arthur Ashe Stadium the largest outdoor tennis-only venue in the world.



14 The Unisphere: The world's largest global structure at 140-foot tall, it was built for the 1964-1965 World's Fair and designed to celebrate the beginning of the space age and sits in the center of a reflecting pool (see cover image).

15 Queens Museum of Art: The museum has a variety of art exhibits including the Panorama of New York: an up-to-date scale model of NYC. From 1946-1950 the site housed the General Assembly of the United Nations. 718-592-9700



16 The New York State Pavilion: Described by its architect Philip Johnson as a modern urban ruin, it was built as the center piece for the 1964-65 World's Fair. It is now on the World Monuments Fund's list of 100 Most Endangered Sites.



17 Hall of Science: The Hall, open year-round, brings science and technology to children and families with educational and participatory exhibits including giant representations of the Atlas and Titan II rockets, a café, science playground and preschool activities. 47-01 111th Street, 718-699-0005



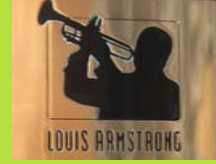
18 Terrace on the Park: Built for the World's Fair, this originally served as a heliport and aerial gateway that was to embody the vision of a futuristic city which included personal air transport. The building features windows in the shape of a "T" for "transportation", a restaurant, and amazing views of the city.

19 The Lemon Ice King of Corona: With 35 flavors of Italian Ice, this shop shows some of the great Italian culture that Queens has to offer. It opened in 1944 with two flavors and now the shop has evolved into a landmark for people from all over the region. 52-02 108th Street, 718-699-5133



20 Masjid Al-Faiah Mosque: What began as a store front mosque has grown into a well-known Islamic center. The building has won architectural awards. 42-12 National Street

21 Louis Armstrong House: The jazz legend lived in this modest house in Corona from 1943 until his passing in 1971. In 2003 a museum dedicated to his life and music opened. Call for hours/tours. 34-56 107th Street; 718-478-8274



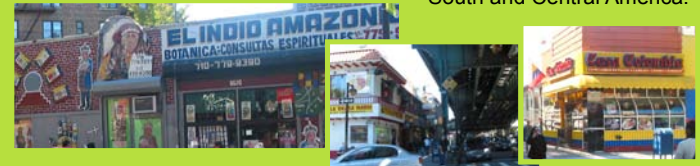
22 Geeta Temple: This red and white Hindu temple was built in 1971 by Swami Jagdishwaran and stands in stark contrast to the neighboring buildings. 92-09 Corona Avenue

23 The Jain Center of America: Founded in 1981, this is one of the first Jain Temples built in North America. 43-11 Ithaca Street

24 Wat Buddha Thai Thavorn Vanaram: This is the main Thai Buddhist temple in NYC and is an example of brightly decorated religious architecture. 76-16 46th Avenue

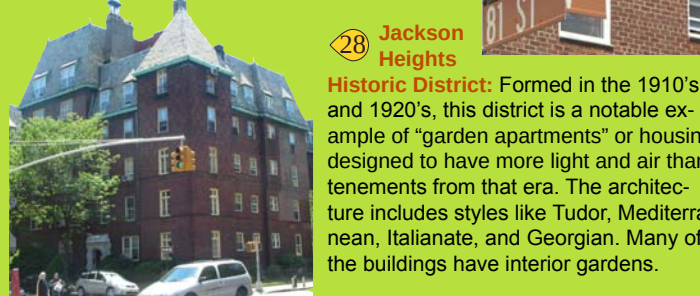


25 Roosevelt Ave Shopping District: Ride and walk underneath the elevated train on this busy and bustling street. A great place to get a wide array of goods from different countries and cultures, this area boasts a number of East and South Asian shops as well as shops selling goods from South and Central America.



26 37th Ave Shopping District: Slower, less congested, and more residential than Roosevelt Ave, the 37th Ave shopping district is also a nice place to ride through the Jackson Heights Historic District.

27 Scrabble Avenue: The sign on 35th Avenue at 81st Street marks the birthplace of the game of scrabble in the nearby Community Methodist Church.



28 Jackson Heights Historic District: Formed in the 1910's and 1920's, this district is a notable example of "garden apartments" or housing designed to have more light and air than tenements from that era. The architecture includes styles like Tudor, Mediterranean, Italianate, and Georgian. Many of the buildings have interior gardens.



29 74th St Shopping District: The area of Jackson Heights is known as "Little India" and it's lined with shops selling jewelry, Bollywood movies, saris, and a variety of South Asian foods. Stop by the Jackson Diner 37-47 74th Street and then see a Bollywood film at the Eagle Theatre on 37th Rd.

30 Sripraphai: They are critically acclaimed for their traditional Thai food. With over 100 dishes ranging from mild to the very spicy, people travel from all five boroughs to indulge in this authentic dining experience. 64-13 39th Ave, 718-899-9599

31 Irish Pubs: Along Woodside Avenue, such as Sean Ogs at 60-02 Woodside Ave (718-779-1119) or Saints & Sinners 59-21 Roosevelt Avenue (718-396-3268).

32 New York Presbyterian Church: Korean mega-church with interesting architecture. 43-23 37th Avenue

33 Sunnyside Gardens Historic District: This residential district is an example of modern garden city planning from the 1920's with low-rise, low density housing built around landscaped open courtyards that were created to give people more light, air, and greenspace. See the Phipps Garden Apartments at 51-01 39th Avenue.



34 Thalia Spanish Theatre: Specializing in Zarzuela, a type of theatre that combines operatic singing with dialogue. 41-17 Greenpoint Avenue, 718-729-3880

35 Museum of African Art: 36-01 33rd Avenue, 718-784-7700

36 Frank Sinatra School of the Arts: Founded and conceived by Tony Bennett to honor his friend, this high school opened in 2001 and their new location was completed in 2009. Designed by Polshek Partnership, the curriculum focuses on the performing and visual arts. 35-01 36th Avenue



37 Paramount Studios Building No. 1 aka Kaufman Astoria Studios: Built in 1920 and still an active studio (the Marx Brothers to MTV), the landmark building holds a prominent place in film history as a premier studio when NYC was the motion picture capital of the nation. 35-11 35th Avenue

38 American Museum of the Moving Image: The Museum is dedicated to the history of the moving image and the technological advances of film and TV. Housed in the Kaufman Astoria Studios complex, vintage film and moving images are available for viewing. 36-01 35th Avenue, 718-784-4520



39 Seaburn Books: Local bookstore. 33-18 Broadway, 718-267-7929

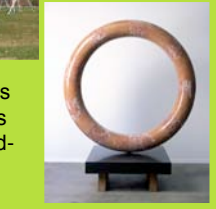


40 The Noguchi Museum: Located in an old factory space in Long Island City, the Museum has 13 galleries of Isamu Noguchi's (1904-1988) work, including pieces in stone, metal, wood, clay and architectural scale models. The garden features many of his sculptures. 9-01 33rd Road, 718-204-7088

41 Socrates Sculpture Park: The Park has become one of the City's best places to view large-scale, outdoor artwork. Located on an abandoned landfill, this free waterfront public park and museum has won numerous awards. Broadway at Vernon Boulevard

42 Athens Square Park: Features bronze statues of Socrates and Athena. 30th Avenue between 29th/30th Street

43 St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Cathedral: Built in 1927 and located at 30-11 30th Drive.



44 30th Avenue Shopping District: This is one of four main commercial strips in Astoria (Broadway, Steinway St., Ditmars Blvd.) with a variety of local shops, cafes and restaurants.



45 Steinway Street Shopping District: A major retail corridor in Astoria that is home to a variety of businesses reflecting the diversity of the neighborhood including a cluster of Mediterranean cafes, markets, restaurants and hookah bars from North Africa and the Middle East.

46 Mombar: Egyptian clay pot cooking. 25-22 Steinway Street, 718-726-2356.

47 St. Irene of Chrysovalantou Greek Orthodox Monastery: Built in 1972, this monastery has a dazzling interior design with many devotional icons. 36-04 23rd Avenue



48 Ditmars Boulevard Shopping District: A variety of businesses in a more residential neighborhood - including a number of Greek shops.

49 Taverna Kyklades: Greek seafood restaurant. 33-07 Ditmars Boulevard, 718-545-8666



50 The Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden: Built in the early 1900's, the Hall is a center of Czech and Slovak food, drink, and heritage. The Hall is host to a school, three catering halls, and an adjoining beer garden that is open year round and hosts seasonal live shows. It is the last remaining beer garden in the City. 29-19 24th Avenue, 718-274-4925



51 St. Markella of Chios Hellenic Orthodox Cathedral: 22-68 26th Street

52 Astoria Park: Located near the Triborough/RFK and Hell Gate Bridges, the Park offers 65-acres of passive and active recreation with the largest swimming pool in NYC, bocce and tennis courts, a running track, dog runs, and wonderful views of Manhattan.

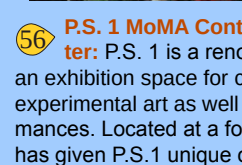


53 SculptureCenter: 44-19 Purves Street, 718-361-1750

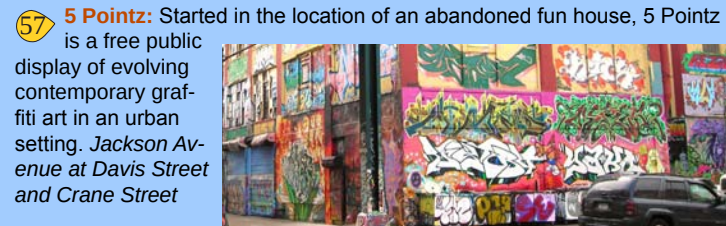
54 Long Island City Courthouse: This still operating criminal courthouse was destroyed by a fire in 1904 and rebuilt in the Neo-English Renaissance style in 1908. 25-10 Court Square by Thomson Avenue



55 Hunter's Point Historic District: Developed in the 1870s-80s, this is one of the best preserved historic districts in the City with examples of Italianate and French Second Empire architecture. 45th Avenue between 21st - 23rd Streets



56 P.S. 1 MoMA Contemporary Art Center: P.S. 1 is a renowned facility that is an exhibition space for contemporary and experimental art as well as musical performances. Located at a former public school has given P.S.1 unique classroom-sized galleries. 22-25 Jackson Avenue at 46th Avenue, 718-784-2084



57 5 Pointz: Started in the location of an abandoned fun house, 5 Pointz is a free public display of evolving contemporary graffiti art in an urban setting. Jackson Avenue at Davis Street and Crane Street