

# 3-Day NYC Christmas Itinerary (Curated, Efficient, and Story-Driven)

This itinerary is designed to balance iconic holiday sights with meaningful experiences—without exhausting you, your wallet or wasting time in crowds.

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## Day 1: Midtown Christmas Icons + The Rockettes

Start your trip with the classic New York holiday experience—but do it with intention.

### Morning Walking Tour 7:30AM (2 hours)

Explore Midtown's most iconic holiday corridor on foot:

- Sixth Avenue — festive decorations and light displays, including Giant Red Ornaments
- Rockefeller Center — the famous Christmas tree (best seen early)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral — a quiet, awe-inspiring contrast to the crowds
- Villard Mansion (Lotte Palace Hotel) - a Gilded Age remnant w/ amazing Xmas tree
- Fifth Avenue — world-famous holiday window displays (including Louis Vuitton trunks)
- The Plaza - Where The Beatles wrote Michele
- Southern Tip of Central Park

Experience Midtown's highlights without the gridlock. This efficient, 1-mile walk offers a superior alternative to crowded bus tours, featuring a leisurely pace with interior stops at **St. Patrick's Cathedral** and **The Lotte New York Palace**.

**Start Time:** 7:30 AM sharp to beat the crowds and capture pristine photos.

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**NOTE: Lunches will not be provided, nor will reservations be made. These are merely suggestions.**

### Lunch Suggestions: Classic NYC Power Dining

#### Option 1: PJ Clarke's

- Established in **1884**, this is one of New York's oldest continuously operating saloons
- A favorite of figures like Frank Sinatra and Buddy Holly

- Known for its no-frills, old New York atmosphere—burgers, oysters, and martinis done right
- Feels like stepping into a preserved slice of pre-modern Manhattan
- Featured in the TV show *Madmen* as it was a staple hangout for the advertising execs

### **Option 2: The Grill**

- Located in the historic Seagram Building (1958), a landmark of modernist architecture
  - The dining room is the restored former **Four Seasons Restaurant**, once the epicenter of “power lunch” culture
  - Think Jackie Kennedy, Frank Sinatra, and CEOs closing deals over martinis
  - Today, it blends mid-century glamour with elevated American cuisine
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### **Afternoon and Evening: The Rockettes 1PM (2.5 Hours)**

- Tour of Radio City Music Hall, Meet a Rockette
  - The Rockettes Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall
  - A New York tradition since 1933—precise, nostalgic, and genuinely impressive
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## **Day 2: Lower Manhattan — History + Holiday Depth**

This is the most meaningful, immersive and unique day of your trip.

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### **Morning: 9/11 Memorial & Museum Walking Tour 10AM (90 Minutes)**

Begin at the 9/11 Memorial and continue into the museum.

- Understand the *design intention* behind the memorial (not just what you see), and the many details that were not by accident.
  - Learn how the site evolved from devastation to one of the most thoughtfully designed memorials in the world
  - A guided experience adds critical context that most visitors otherwise miss
  - A Story of Resilience: As someone who lost my brother that day, I don't focus only on the tragedy. I focus on how this city quietly endures.
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### **Lunch Suggestions: Revolutionary or Financial New York**

### Option 1: Fraunces Tavern

- Built in **1762**, one of the oldest surviving buildings in Manhattan
- Site of George Washington's farewell address to his officers in 1783
- A rare chance to dine inside Revolutionary War history
- Hearty, classic American fare in an authentically historic setting

### Option 2: Trinity Place *(often referred to as Trinity Bank Restaurant)*

- Located inside a **former 1904 bank vault**
  - Massive steel doors, preserved architecture, and an atmosphere that feels like stepping into early 20th-century Wall Street
  - Reflects New York's transformation into a global financial capital
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## Evening: NYC Lower Manhattan Christmas Minibus Tour 4:30P (4 Hours)

- Small-group, immersive holiday experience through Lower Manhattan
- Covers multiple neighborhoods efficiently (ideal in winter)
- Highlights include:
  - The Wall Street Christmas tree
  - Seaport & Brooklyn Bridge
  - Washington Square Park at night
  - Zuccotti Park & Liberty Park

This is where you see the *quieter, more atmospheric* side of NYC at Christmas—something most visitors completely miss. These are the Christmas spots locals love and your Instagram comments will be “Where is that?” “Wow! How do I see this too?” because we hit all the neat spots the crowds don't know about.

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## Day 3: Central Park by Day and Brooklyn — Views, and Holiday Spectacle by Night

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### Central Park Walking Tour 10AM (2 Hours)

For those looking to round out their NYC experience with something quieter and more scenic, a 2 hour walking tour of Central Park is the perfect complement to the holiday itinerary.

This guided experience focuses on the park's most iconic—and cinematic—locations, while also uncovering the hidden stories most visitors miss.

- Learn how the park was engineered as one of America’s first major urban green spaces
- Stroll through Bethesda Terrace and Bow Bridge for great photos
- Discover filming locations from classic holiday movies
- Experience a quieter, more reflective side of New York—especially beautiful in winter

This is an ideal morning or early afternoon before an evening activity, offering a slower-paced contrast to the energy of Midtown and the holiday crowds.

## Lunch Suggestions: The Heart of New York

### 1. Tavern on the Green

Legendary, celeb

- Originally built in **1870 as a sheepfold** for Central Park’s grazing sheep
- Converted into a restaurant in **1934** and became one of NYC’s most famous dining rooms
- Hosted celebrities, politicians, and cultural icons for decades

It’s not just a restaurant—it’s *part of Central Park’s history*. Twinkling lights, park views, and that old New York charm.

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### 2. Palm Court at The Plaza

- Gilded ceilings, palm trees, classic NYC elegance
- Feels like stepping into a 1920s New York social scene

**Note:** This is a great way to see the inside of The Plaza but book in advance, they accept reservations 60 days out, so it’s ***best to mark your calendar and book right when it opens***.

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### 3. The Loeb Boathouse

Dining *inside* Central Park, right on the water.

- Boathouse structure dates to the mid-20th century, restaurant opened in the 1980s
- Beautiful view of the lake where rowboats drift during the summer months
- One of the most “only in New York” lunch settings

You’re literally eating *in the park*, not just near it.

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#### 4. Sarabeth's Central Park South

A softer, classic New York brunch/lunch option:

- Opened in the early 1980s, now a NYC institution
- Known for preserving that Upper East Side café culture

Less “power lunch,” more *quintessential New York lifestyle*.

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#### Brooklyn Christmas Lights Night Tour — Skyline Views + Holiday Magic— 5pm (4 Hours)

Skip the logistics and let the city come to you. This evening is designed for pure enjoyment—no subways, no navigating unfamiliar neighborhoods in the cold—just a seamless, comfortable ride from Midtown into two of Brooklyn’s most memorable holiday settings.

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#### Evening: Brooklyn Christmas Lights Bus Tour

Your night begins with a convenient Midtown departure, where you’ll board a guided luxury bus and head straight into Brooklyn. This is the smartest way to experience these neighborhoods in winter—warm, efficient, and expertly timed.

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#### DUMBO at Night — NYC’s Most Cinematic View

Arrive in DUMBO and see the magical Manhattan skyline at night.

- Walk through cobblestone streets with the Manhattan Bridge perfectly framed overhead
- Take in sweeping nighttime views from Brooklyn Bridge Park
- See Lower Manhattan glitter across the East River—quiet, expansive, and far removed from Midtown crowds
- Stop at the Iconic Empire State Building through the Manhattan Bridge photo stop

At night, DUMBO feels almost cinematic—this is the New York people *think* they’re going to see when they book a trip.

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#### Dyker Heights — The Heart of NYC Christmas Spirit

From there, continue deeper into Brooklyn to Dyker Heights—home to the city’s most legendary holiday displays.

- Entire blocks transformed into immersive Christmas environments
- Towering nutcrackers, glowing archways, life-sized Santas, and elaborate light choreography
- A neighborhood tradition built by residents, not corporations—which is exactly why it feels so authentic

This isn’t subtle. It’s joyful, excessive, and completely unforgettable.

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### **Why This Tour Stands Out**

- **Departs from Midtown** — no complicated transit planning
  - **Covers two major Brooklyn highlights in one night**
  - **Warm, guided, and time-efficient** — ideal for winter travel
  - Blends **iconic skyline views with real neighborhood tradition**
  - **Fun NYC Guide** leading the way
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### **The Experience**

In a single evening, you go from the quiet, glowing skyline of DUMBO to the electric, larger-than-life celebration of Dyker Heights—all without lifting a finger to plan the route.

It’s the easiest—and most memorable—way to experience Brooklyn at Christmas.

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