

The Best Ways to See the City in Summertime



New York Water Taxi's many cruising options include the popular Statue by Night Tour

NEW YORK WATER TAXI

If you'd like to see the city from the water, hop aboard **New York Water Taxi**. Their tours include: the 1-hour **Statue of Liberty Express** (\$30); the **Statue by Night Tour** (daily at 7:30pm; \$30), which goes past the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and more with a complimentary champagne toast and cash bar; their **All-Day Access Pass**, which stops at many of the city's top neighborhoods and attractions; and the **NYC Audubon Summer EcoCruise** (7/20, 27, 8/3, 10 & 17), which offers great views of such birds as the black-crowned night heron, glossy ibis, double-crested cormorant, egret, and many others. To find out more about their routes, fares, and schedules, visit nywatertaxi.com or call 212-742-1969.

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A TRUE BLUE YANKEES EXPERIENCE



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OK, so you're a New York Yankees fan. You've been to the Stadium to see the navy-and-white pinstripe crew swing their bats, but any old Yanks lover can do that. It's time to take your fandom to the next level with the **Classic Tour at Yankee Stadium**.

The tours have been around since 1985, welcoming Yankees fans from around the world. Throughout the years, the tours have evolved through the departure and arrival of many Yankees greats, the transition to the new Yankee Stadium in 2009, and by offering a bilingual tour option for Spanish speakers.

Over the course of the hour-long experience, which costs just \$25, you'll go from perusing pieces of baseball history to viewing the field from the dugout. Inside the Yankees Museum presented by Bank of America, you'll hear fun facts about players, see Thurman Munson's locker (which was brought over from the original stadium), and more. The Museum also boasts the impossible-to-miss Ball Wall, which represents the last pitch of Don Larsen's Game 5 perfect game on October 8, 1956, and features 870 autographed baseballs, including ones signed by Larsen and iconic catcher Yogi Berra.

Traveling through the Stadium, guests are then brought to Monument Park, a field-side tribute to some of the most distinguished Yankees players in history. While several are honored here with plaques—including all players with retired numbers—only five top-honor monuments stand in the Park, posthumously dedicated to players Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, and Joe DiMaggio, and manager Miller Huggins.

The most popular part of the Tour, however, is when guests step into the dugout. A fantastic photo-op, the dugout has been a second home to players like Derek Jeter, now in his 20th and final year with the New York Yankees. After experiencing

the players' eye view from the dugout, you'll take in future Yankees games with newfound appreciation and admiration.

Perhaps best of all, all proceeds from the tours go directly into the New York Yankees Foundation, which benefits several local organizations providing a real impact on New York City youth, including the American Red Cross, Make-a-Wish Foundation, and the New York City Department of Education. To find a complete list of organizations the Yankees support, visit the 'Community' section of the team's website.

For Bronx Bomber super fans, the Yankees have implemented a new tour option, **Hands On History**, which, for \$125, lets you don white gloves and hold coveted Yankees artifacts—including Babe Ruth's bat, Mickey Mantle's outfielder's glove, one of Derek Jeter's historic jerseys, and World Series rings. Hands On History tours run select Saturdays throughout the summer months. Even better, photography is encouraged, so feel free to garner some envy as you snap photos with a Louisville Slugger in your hands. — *Melanie Baker*



For more information regarding all Yankees tour options, including Hands On History, visit www.yankees.com/tours. One E. 161st St., Bronx, 646-977-8687.