

# 25 Things to Do in New York City on Mother's Day

For a day she'll never forget, treat her to good ol' New York.



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Whether you're a New York native or are just visiting for the holiday weekend, you don't have to venture too far to plan a fun and jam-packed day in New York City. From delicious dining experiences to outdoor activities across the city, we've tracked down 25 places for a unique, entertaining, and all-around fun itinerary for you and your mom to enjoy. Here are 25 of the best things to do with your mom in New York on Mother's Day weekend:

## Treat her to a Decadent Brunch



What's better than the classic breakfast in bed? That would be treating your mom to a lovely [brunch this Mother's Day](#). Reserve a table at [Sant Ambroeus](#) to enjoy a glass of rosé and selections from an a la carte Milanese menu, home-made pasta specials, fresh grilled fish, and sinful desserts (in addition to their full brunch menu).

## Join an Organized Run in Brooklyn



If you or your mom like to start your day with a morning run, head on over to Marine Park in Brooklyn for the [Parks Department's Open Run](#). From 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. enjoy a 2.5 to 3 mile run along the East River on a pre-set course—the perfect way to kick off Mother's day.

## Walk Along the High Line



One of New York's gems, especially in the spring time, is the [High Line](#). Climb atop the former freight rail line from any of the entrances in the Meat Packing District, enjoying everything from modern art to wildflower gardens as you stroll along the Hudson river.

## Relax with a Spa Day



Treat your mom to a spa day that is anything but typical—book a session in the detoxifying infrared saunas at [Higher DOSE](#) or one of [Chill Space's cryo-facials](#). For the ultimate off-the-beaten-track experience, retreat beneath the busy city at [Aire Ancient Baths](#) where you can indulge in unique treatments like their flotarium and thermal pools or XVII century wine bath.

## Attend a Flower Arranging Workshop



Follow the Duchess of Sussex's lead, who hosted a private flower arranging class [during her New York baby shower](#), and try your hand at floral design. Not only will you pick up a new skill, but the springtime activity is a great way to spend some one-on-one time with your mama on her special day.

## Book a "Staycation" at a Luxury Hotel



Turn the weekend into a mini-vacation– without the travel hassle– and check into a hotel on the opposite side of town. Indulge in uptown elegance with a suite at [the Lotte New York Palace](#) or opt for an exclusive downtown spot like [11 Howard](#) in Soho or the [Gramercy Park Hotel](#) (which also grants you key access to the resident-only Gramercy Park).

## Visit a Museum



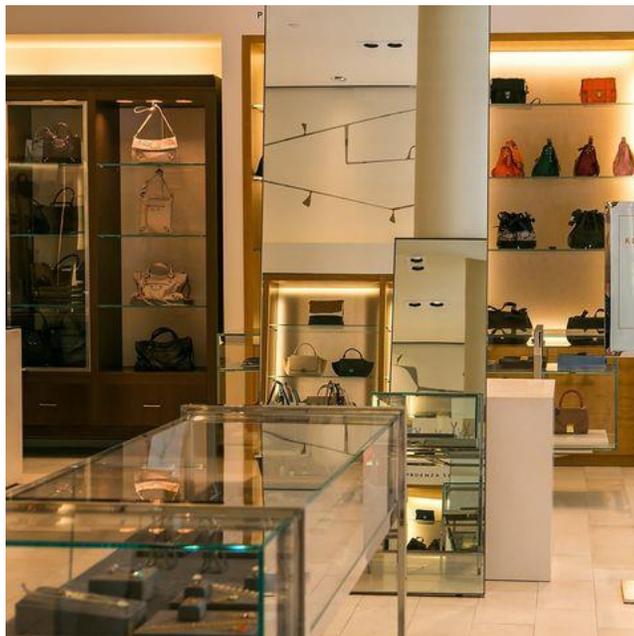
From the [Whitney](#) to the [Guggenheim](#) and [the Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)—New York is home to some of the finest cultural institutions in the world. Take advantage of the incredible exhibitions that are running throughout Mother's Day weekend like the Met's Costume Institute exhibit, [Camp: Notes on Fashion](#) or the Guggenheim's display of [photographs by Robert Mapplethorpe](#).

## Take a Yoga Class



If you're looking for an active way to spend time with your mom on Mother's Day, try a yoga class. [Yoga Vida](#) is one of New York's premier yoga communities, with four studios in Manhattan ( [Hilaria Baldwin](#) is one of the instructors). They offer a balanced mix of [heated and regular flow classes](#) in an atmosphere that is welcoming whether you're a regular or a first-timer.

## Shop 'till you Drop



There's no better mother-daughter activity than a shopping trip. From [Barney's](#) and [Bergdorf Goodman](#) to [Bloomingdales](#) and [Saks Fifth Avenue](#), spend the day perusing the spring inventory of New York's most luxurious department stores.

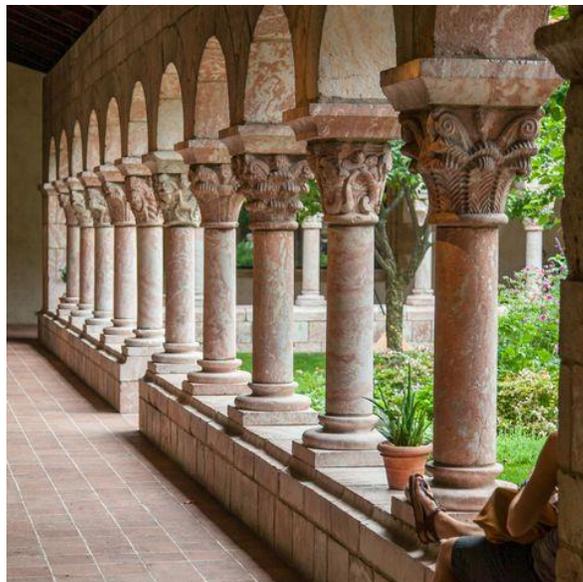
## Enjoy an Afternoon Tea



There's nothing more elegant than tea for two—treat your mom to an elegant high tea by indulging in a plethora of sweets and a piping hot pot.

For the classic high tea experience, [the Pierre Hotel](#) prepares a proper spread and is offering extended hours in their Two E Lounge from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Reservations are required.

## Take a Trip to the Cloisters



A trip to [the Met Cloisters](#) is one of those magical experiences that makes Manhattan feel like it is a million miles away. Enjoy a stroll through the grounds overlooking the Hudson, take in the Met's rich exhibits, and bask in the sun-filled garden courtyard.

## Go to a Wine Tasting



Pour your mom a glass (or three) of vino this Mother's day. Sign up for a wine tasting and master the sniff, sip, and swirl as you and your mom enjoy an array of blends. Murray's Cheese Shop is hosting a [Cheese and Rosé paired tasting](#) in honor of Mother's Day, while [City Winery](#) offers [tours of their facilities and tastings in their barrel room](#) for lunch and dinner.

## Spend an Afternoon at the Movies



Visit the Paris Theatre and take a step back in time with the retro movie-going experience. From contemporary blockbusters to throwback classics, take in a matinee showing or make it a movie night!

## Shop at Your Local Farmer's Market



Enjoy the spring weather by taking a leisurely stroll through your local farmer's market. With everything from fresh and seasonal fare, spring flowers, and a wide array of crafts and trinkets, your mom is sure to enjoy. [Find the market closest to you](#) or explore the very popular iteration at [Union Square](#).

## Spend the Day at the New York Botanical Garden



The [New York Botanical Garden](#), a horticultural oasis just a few quick stops from Grand Central, is offering a [weekend full of family fun](#) for Mother's Day.

From games and music, to special tours and their annual Mother's Day garden party, there are activities for mothers and children of all ages.

## Pack a Picnic for the Park



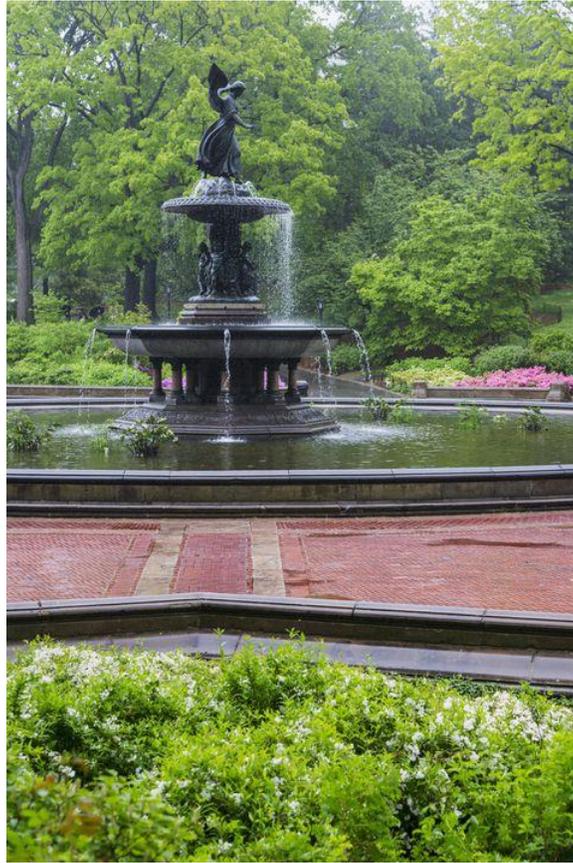
From Prospect Park to Central Park, [New York is full of lush outdoor spaces](#) perfect for spring celebrations. Prepare a picnic full of your mother's favorites (don't forget the wine and cheese) and scout a spot in one of the city's finest parks. Tip: Stock up on prepared foods from gourmet delicatessens like [Harry and David](#) or [Dean and DeLuca](#) or order a pre-made basket from [Fortnum and Mason](#) for the ultimate picnic spread.

## Get Pampered with Mother-Daughter Mani/Pedis



Treat your mom like the queen she is this Mother's Day—book appointments for a salon quality manicure and pedicure for a relaxing and stylish afternoon she's sure to thank you for.

## Take a Tour of Central Park's Iconic Spots



Whether you're a Central Park regular or have never stepped foot in it before, everyone can learn something interesting from the tour of the park's iconic views. From Sheep's Meadow to the Bow Bridge– find out the fascinating history of the park that has become one of the city's greatest treasures.

## Become Master Chefs in a Cooking Class

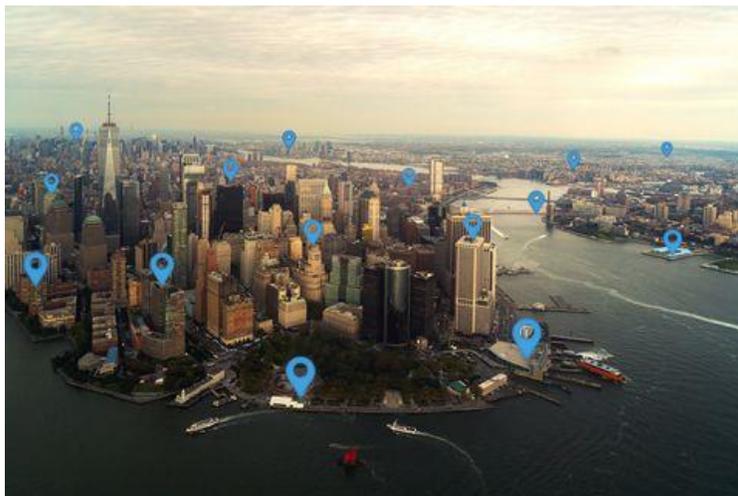


For a Mother's day that's fun (and delicious) grab your apron and step into the kitchen. From baking to braising and everything in between, there's nothing more entertaining than cooking with your

mom— except sipping on wine whilst cooking, of course. [Taste Buds Kitchen](#) has a wide variety of [adult BYOB classes](#) available throughout Mother's day weekend.

And if you're in the mood for something sweet, [Sur La Table](#) is offering a special [Mother's Day Macaroon class](#) where you can learn how to make three flavors of french macarons for \$79 per person.

## Take Her on a Scavenger Hunt Around Manhattan



If your mom lives for competition, she'll love your inventive and unique idea of celebrating Mother's Day with a New York City scavenger hunt.

## Explore the Shops at Chelsea Market



The converted warehouse in the trendy meatpacking district serves as a [venue for food purveyors, retailers](#), and events. No matter what you're looking for this Mother's Day, strolling through the halls of [Chelsea Market](#) will satisfy you.

## Paint a Masterpiece at a Paint 'n Sip Class



This Mother's day get ready to roll up your sleeves– and grab the pinot– for a paint and sip class with your mama. [The painting lounge](#) offers a great weekend class where an instructor will walk you through the steps of painting a singular landscape as you sip on wine. You're not going to want to miss this and seats fill up fast, so [booking in advance](#) is recommended.

## Take in a Broadway Show



Hit up Broadway and treat your mom to a night at the theater—whether you see a classic like *Wicked*, you score tickets to *Hamilton*, or you try out an up and coming musical like *Ain't too Proud*— your mom is sure to love the performance.

## Take Her Out to a Ball Game



Buy her some peanuts and cracker jacks for an outing she'll enjoy and always remember. With baseball season in full swing by Mother's Day, the [New York City Mets and the Miami Marlins](#) play each other on Friday, Saturday, *and* Sunday so no matter what your schedule you can find a time to venture out to Citi Field.

## Practice Tai Chi in Riverside Park



Start the morning by aligning your chi (qi) with a [Tai Chi class in Riverside Park](#)—it's a great activity for all ages and activity levels—especially for those enjoying a multi-generational mother's day celebration.