

Downtown Walking Tour

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TOURS + EVENTS

New York City
Spring 2019

- 1 911 Memorial**
180 Greenwich St
Museum commemorating the September 11, 2001 attacks, located at the former location of the Twin Towers which were destroyed during the attack.
- 2 Federal Reserve**
33 Liberty St
Iconic institution offering tours of the Federal Reserve's history, role & responsibilities
- 3 Federal Hall**
26 Wall St, New York, NY 10005
Museum in 1842 Customs House on site where Washington was sworn in & the Bill of Rights was written.
- 4 New York Stock Exchange**
11 Wall St, New York, NY 10005
By far the world's largest stock exchange, with billions of dollars worth of stocks being traded each day. It is composed of 21 rooms and was designated as a National Historical Landmark in 1978.
- 5 Fraunces Tavern**
54 Pearl St
A landmark museum which served as a headquarters for George Washington, a venue for peace negotiations with the British, and housing federal offices in the Early Republic. This is also likely the place that Hamilton met Jefferson and Madison here to discuss Hamilton's Financial plan, making Fraunces Tavern "the room where it happened."
- 6 Bowling Green**
Broadway &, Whitehall St
A small public park in the Financial District, next to the site of the original Dutch fort of New Amsterdam. It is the oldest public park in New York City.
- 7 Bull of Wall Street**
Broadway &, Whitehall St
3-ton bronze sculpture of a bull, located near Wall Street symbolizing New York's financial industry. Find it on the north end of Bowling Green Park.
- 8 Alexander Hamilton Customs House**
1 Bowling Green
Built by the federal government to house the duty collection operations for the Port of New York. The mansion was built as an official residence for the President of the United States, but which was never occupied. Now operates as the National Museum of the American Indian.
- 9 Battery Park/ Clinton Castle**
54 Pearl St
Clinton Castle was America's first immigration station, where more than 8 million people arrived in the US from 1855 to 1890. Battery Park is named for the artillery batteries that were positioned there in the city's early years to protect the settlement behind them. Hamilton led a group of revolutionist to the battery to steal British cannons at the onset of the revolution.
- 10 Trinity Church**
75 Broadway
Historic Episcopal church & cemetery where Alexander Hamilton & other early Americans are buried.
- 11 Wall Street Bombing**
23 Wall Street
The building at 23 Wall Street bears scars from a terrorist attack on September 16, 1920. Thirty-eight people died, and the perpetrators were never identified, though anti-capitalist Italian anarchists are largely held to be responsible. There are no signs or markers at the location, the pockmarked limestone on the side of 23 Wall St is the only evidence that remains to this day.

Know Before You Go!

Stay in groups of 3 or more and stick close to a chaperone.

What's Hamilton Got to Do With It?

Many of the sites you are going to see while Downtown represent pre-revolution New York - "Alexander Hamilton's New York." As a young man Hamilton immigrated before the revolution, and saw the war as an opportunity to socially advance.

Bowling Green was a common area where Hamilton and others debated publicly whether or not Americans should declare independence from British rule, and Hamilton with his friends stole British cannons found in **Battery Park**.

This act of bravery earned the devotion of George Washington (who regularly held meetings at **Fraunces Tavern**), and he asked Hamilton to become his secretary during the war and Secretary of Treasury in his first cabinet.

Alexander Hamilton's crowning achievement was setting up the entire American banking system. His ideas were originally unpopular and he couldn't convince Congress to vote for his plan, which allowed the United States federal government to assume debt. It was unpopular with states like Virginia whose agricultural economy was much larger than other states. Hamilton ultimately ended up making a deal with two other cabinet members from Virginia: Thomas Jefferson and James Madison and in exchange for approving Hamilton's plan they would move the US capital from New York City to Virginia. It is because of this that the banks are in New York and the Capital is in Washington DC.

Hamilton and his wife Eliza are buried in **Trinity Church**.

