

Adding a word to Frank Sinatra's lyrics: New York, New York, it's a helluva (costly) town! Many seniors wandering in Manhattan for the first time in decades are understandably shocked by the sky-high hotel, restaurant, taxi and other prices. Take heart! Some savings can happen if you plan visits by searching for on-line bargains and other deals.

For example, many city museums have n0-charge days. Some quality entertainment events in Central Park, including the famed Shakespeare in the Park series, are free. Kiosks on Broadway sell half-price theater tickets on performance days. The Long Island Ferry sails free from Lower Manhattan and through the harbor, as passengers have excellent close-up views of the Statue of Liberty and the city skyline. There's much more NYC to explore for less or totally free. For info, go to www.longislandferry.com and travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/city-guides/free-new-york-city-traveler