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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our Medical Retina Fellowship Training Program at Weill Cornell Medicine. This fellowship offers you an opportunity to develop experience and special skills in recognizing, diagnosing, and treating adult and pediatric diseases of the retina, vitreous and the choroid, as well as in performing procedures such as lasers and intravitreal injections, and imaging interpretation.

In addition to your interview with our Retina faculty members, your interview experience will include virtual information about our campus facilities: campus housing, New York-Presbyterian David H. Koch Center (ambulatory surgery), Margaret M. Dyson Research Institute, and our outpatient clinical facility located at the Weill Greenberg Center.

We are very proud of our program and the successes of our former trainees in both clinical and research venues. We recognize the unique backgrounds, values and skills that each new fellow brings to the program.

We welcome you to our department and invite you to contact us directly should you have any questions about the program.

Sincerely,

Kyle D. Kovacs, MD
Director, Retina Fellowship Program

Program Description

The Medical Retina Fellowship at Weill Cornell Medicine Ophthalmology is a 1-year fellowship. Throughout their fellowship, fellows gain a comprehensive experience in the medical management of both adult and pediatric vitreoretinal disease, including training in ROP screening and treatment, uveitis, retinal degenerations, and ocular oncology, as well as procedures such as intravitreal injections, periocular injections, tap and inject procedures, and lasers.

Our retina faculty include Dr. Donald J. D'Amico (Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology), Dr. Szilard Kiss (Director of Retina Service, Director of Clinical Research), Dr. Kyle Kovacs (Director of Vitreoretinal Surgery and Medical Retina Fellowship), Dr. M. Abdallah Mahrous, Dr. Mahmood Khan and Dr. Eleni Konstantinou.

In addition to their clinical training, the Medical Retina Fellow is strongly encouraged to take part in clinical and/or basic science research projects. The department is currently involved in a number of basic translational projects and our faculty have numerous national/international research collaborations spanning basic, translational, and clinical research. Fellows will have full access to the Margaret M. Dyson Vision Research Institute, which is the main basic science laboratory for the Department of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medicine. The Dyson Institute is centrally located in the basic science building at Weill Cornell Medicine. Currently, there is a staff of over 25 scientists in 6000 square feet of renovated space in an open laboratory environment. The Dyson Institute plays a central role in managing a NEI-funded Tri Institutional Training Program in Vision Research TTPVR, with 28 faculty members from Weill Cornell Medicine, Rockefeller University and Sloan-Kettering Institute. The Dyson Institute has outstanding facilities for biochemistry, molecular biology and optical microscopy studies of the retina. All investigators share major facilities and equipment in the Dyson Institute equally, and this open research environment is particularly advantageous for junior investigators, since it provides them with the opportunity to use state of the art equipment to establish their independent lines of research and funding.

As a result of their research, the Medical Retina fellow will have the opportunity to present their research at local, national, and international meetings (e.g. Retina Society, ASRS, AAO, ARVO). Fellows have a significant teaching role as they are involved through clinics and consults with instruction to medical students and ophthalmology residents. Fellows are responsible for fluorescein conference and take part in regular didactic sessions given by both visiting and full time faculty. The Medical Retina fellows share Trauma call with the other fellows in the Ophthalmology department, during which they staff (as attendings) open globe repair surgeries with senior residents.

Our goal is to provide our Medical Retina Fellows with the experience and necessary tools to flourish in the world of academic medicine or private practice. We are committed to providing them with the support necessary to succeed both during and after their fellowship training.

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Meet the Vitreoretinal Faculty



Donald J. D'Amico, MD, Professor and Chairman of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medicine and Ophthalmologist-in-Chief at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital, is an internationally recognized leader in the field of vitreoretinal surgery. In 2006 he assumed the Chair at Weill Cornell after his longstanding positions at Harvard Medical School as Professor of Ophthalmology, and as Associate Chief of Ophthalmology and Director of the Diabetic Unit at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Illinois College of Medicine, he completed his residency at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. He completed his fellowship in vitreoretinal diseases at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami, followed by selection as Chief Resident in Ophthalmology at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary prior to joining the Harvard faculty.

Dr. D'Amico has published over 175 articles on vitreoretinal diseases and has co-edited two books covering comprehensive retinal themes. He has participated as a principal investigator or co-investigator in many clinical trials and laboratory investigations. His major interests include vitreoretinal surgery; diabetic retinopathy; macular degeneration; experimental lasers and other technologies for the surgical treatment of vitreoretinal disorders such as retinal detachment, macular holes and epiretinal membranes; and endophthalmitis and intravitreal drug therapy. As attending physician specializing in the care of patients with vitreoretinal disorders at the Weill Cornell Department of Ophthalmology, Dr. D'Amico also provides direct instruction of medical students, ophthalmology residents, and retina fellows. In this role he has twice received the Teacher of the Year Award given by the residents of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Dr. D'Amico is a distinguished national and international lecturer and is the recipient of many honors, including the Honor Award and the Senior Achievement Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He serves on the board of four major journals and is highly active in professional societies. He is a past President of the Retina Society and is the immediate past President of the prestigious international retinal organization Club Jules Gonin.



Szilard Kiss, MD, is the Director of Retina Service and Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medicine and an Associate Attending Ophthalmologist at the New York Presbyterian Hospital. He is a board-certified ophthalmologist with a primary focus in the surgical and medical management of adult and pediatric vitreoretinal disorders. Dr. Kiss also provides direct supervision and instruction of Weill Cornell Medicine's medical students, ophthalmology residents, and vitreoretinal fellows.

Dr. Kiss received his undergraduate degree with honors from Columbia University and completed his medical school training at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Following an internal medicine internship at St. Luke's- Roosevelt Hospital in New York City, Dr. Kiss moved to Boston to complete an ophthalmology residency and surgical vitreoretinal fellowship, both at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. During that time, Dr. Kiss was selected as the Chief Fellow of the Harvard Medical School Vitreoretinal Service at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. He was also awarded a prestigious Heed Ophthalmic Foundation Fellowship and selected as a Ronald G. Michels Foundation Award recipient. Dr. Kiss received additional training in Madurai, India at the Aravind Eye Hospital and in Sao Paulo, Brazil as the Pan American Association of Ophthalmology Paul Kayser International Scholar. Dr. Kiss was then recruited back to New York City to join the vitreoretinal faculty at Weill Cornell Medical College and assume the role of Director of Clinical Research in the Department of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Kiss's clinical interests include complex vitreoretinal surgery (e.g. retinal detachment repair, epiretinal membrane pealing, macular hole repair, retained lens fragment removal), and surgical and medical treatment of age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. He has published His clinical and translational research focuses on four broad areas: retinal imaging, ocular gene therapy, novel therapeutic targets for ocular neovascularization, and genetic markers for retinal diseases. Dr. Kiss has participated as principal investigator in over two dozen prospective clinical trials and laboratory investigations. He has authored over 200 scientific publications, given over 100 invited lectureships worldwide, and serves on the Editorial Board and as a Scientific Reviewer to several major journals. Dr. Kiss has won numerous academic and scientific awards including the Heed Ophthalmic Foundation Fellowship, the Ronald G. Michels Foundation Fellowship, the Paul Kayser International Fellowship, and the Research to Prevent Blindness Physician- Scientists Award. Dr. Kiss has been named to several regional and national Top Doctors lists, including The Ophthalmologist Worldwide Top 40 Under 40, Castle Connolly's Top Doctors in America, and New York Super Doctors Rising Stars.

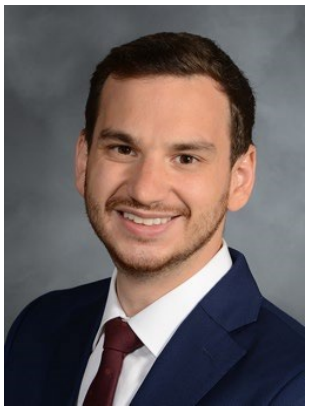


Kyle Kovacs, MD is a board-certified retina specialist and Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College, and Associate Attending Ophthalmologist at NewYork Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Kovacs also holds the distinguished honor of St. Giles Associate Professor in Pediatric Retina. Dr. Kovacs specializes in the medical and surgical treatment of vitreoretinal diseases, including conditions such as age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vein occlusions, epiretinal membrane, macular hole, vitreomacular traction, primary and complex retinal detachment, proliferative vitreoretinopathy, floaters, vitreous hemorrhage, trauma, endophthalmitis, infectious retinitis and transconjunctival suture-less scleral-fixated intraocular lenses.

Dr. Kovacs has lived his whole life in the Northeast, growing up on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor line. A native of New Jersey, he graduated cum laude from Harvard College. He received his M.D. with distinction in clinical research from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he was also elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha academic honor society and a recipient of the Jesse S Weissberg Scholarship for Academic Excellence.

Dr. Kovacs then completed his Internship Training at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He completed Residency Training in Ophthalmology at Yale School of Medicine / Yale New Haven Hospital, followed by Fellowship Training in Vitreoretinal Diseases and Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College / NewYork – Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Kovacs was selected to serve as Chief Resident during the final year of his residency at Yale and received multiple awards during his training including Yale ophthalmology resident research awards in 2017 and 2018, New York Academy of Medicine resident research award in 2017, and the Yale Department of Ophthalmology Marvin Sears Award recognizing clinical and surgical excellence.

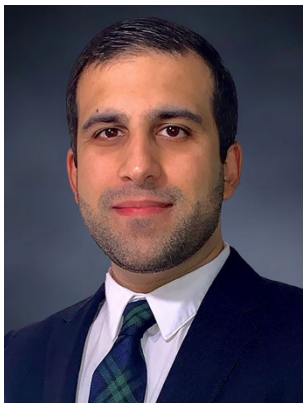
Dr. Kovacs is actively engaged in clinical and basic science research in retinal diseases and has published approximately 30 peer-reviewed research articles. He has authored several textbook chapters and regularly presents his research at national and international meetings. Dr. Kovacs also serves as scientific reviewer to multiple major ophthalmology journals. Dr. Kovacs is also actively involved in resident and fellow education and serves as coordinator of retina education for ophthalmology residents at Weill Cornell.



Abdallah Mahrous, MD is an Assistant Professor in Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medicine and an Attending Physician at New York Presbyterian Hospital. He is a board-certified ophthalmologist specializing in vitreo-retinal surgery, a sub-specialty focused on diseases of the posterior segment of the eye including the vitreous cavity and the retina. Dr. Mahrous completed his two-year fellowship in vitreo-retinal surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine and New York Presbyterian Hospital. During his fellowship training Dr. Mahrous gained broad clinical and surgical experience treating patients across Weill Cornell Medicine clinics, New York Presbyterian Hospitals of Weill Cornell, Lower Manhattan, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital.

Prior to his fellowship training Dr. Mahrous completed a three-year ophthalmology residency also at Weill Cornell Medicine and New York Presbyterian Hospital where he gained exposure to various pathology across the New York Presbyterian Hospitals as well as Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital. Dr. Mahrous also served as Chief resident in his senior year and won the prestigious Distinguished House Staff Award selectively chosen amongst the residents of New York Presbyterian Hospital for his clinical and surgical excellence. Dr. Mahrous is a graduate of Weill Cornell Medicine in Qatar where he received his Medical Degree with Honors in Academic Distinction where graduated top of his class and also received the United States Medical Licensure Examination Tutor award for his teaching and mentoring of junior medical students.

Dr. Mahrous' clinical and surgical interests include diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinal detachments, retinal tears and holes, epiretinal membranes, macular holes, retinal vein occlusions and dislocated lenses amongst others. He is actively involved in clinical research and has contributed to numerous surgical, clinical and basic science peer-reviewed publications. He has also written journal review articles and helped author on several retina textbook chapters. He has also presented at local, national, and international ophthalmology conferences.



Mahmood Khan, MD is a board-certified retina specialist and Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Khan specializes in the medical and surgical treatment of vitreoretinal diseases, including conditions such as diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachment, age related macular degeneration, macular holes, and scleral fixated intraocular lenses.

Dr. Khan is a Texas native and completed his undergraduate studies at Baylor University graduating summa cum laude with honors and obtained his medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine. He completed his General Surgery Internship at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and then completed Ophthalmology Residency and Vitreoretinal Surgery Fellowship at Weill Cornell Medical College / New York – Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Khan is actively engaged in clinical science research in retinal diseases and has contributed to numerous surgical, clinical, and basic science peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Khan is also actively involved in resident and fellow education.



Eleni Konstantinou, MD is a retina specialist and Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College.

A native of Greece, Dr. Konstantinou graduated in the top 3% from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Greece and received her medical degree from Athens Medical School. She completed a research fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Mass Eye and Ear/Harvard, with expertise in gene editing techniques, specifically CRISPR-Cas9. She completed a general surgery internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School and ophthalmology residency at Tufts Medical Center, followed by two fellowships: a medical retina fellowship at the National Eye Institute of NIH and ocular oncology fellowship at Wills Eye Hospital.

Dr. Konstantinou is actively engaged in clinical and basic science research in retinal diseases and has published numerous peer-reviewed research articles. She has authored several textbook chapters and has presented her research at national and international meetings. Dr. Konstantinou serves as a scientific reviewer to several major ophthalmology journals.

Dr. Konstantinou's clinical and surgical interests include intraocular and periocular tumors, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinal vein occlusions, medication toxicity, radiation retinopathy.

She is actively involved in clinical research and has contributed to numerous clinical and basic science peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Konstantinou is also actively involved in resident and fellow education.



Charles W. Mango, MD, is a Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the Weill Cornell Medicine. He is a board-certified ophthalmologist whose clinical practice involves the medical and surgical management of vitreoretinal disorders.

Dr. Mango completed a residency in Ophthalmology at the Weill Cornell Medical College – New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York. He has also completed a two-year fellowship in vitreoretinal disease and surgery at the Jules Stein Eye Institute - University of California Los Angeles.

Dr. Mango serves on the editorial board for the official journal of the American Society of Retina Specialists. He has published and contributes as a reviewer to the major scientific journals. He has authored multiple textbook chapters. He is involved in several scientific research projects, which include robotic ocular surgery, retinal imaging modalities, and evaluation of electronic advances in the field of retina.
Dr. Mango has been a speaker at multiple national and international meetings. He has participated as a principal investigator and co-investigator in numerous clinical trials. Dr. Mango is a founder of the Vit-Buckle Society where he currently serves as an officer and executive board member.



Michael Nissen, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medicine, is a board-certified Ophthalmologist and a Retina Specialist. He received his medical degree from Albany Medical College where he received the Alden March Award, excellence in clinical surgery. Following medical school, he completed his internship in General Surgery at North Shore/Cornell followed by Ophthalmology residency at Lenox Hill Hospital where he finished as chief resident. Dr. Nissen went on to complete fellowships in Medical Retina at New York University Medical Center /Bellevue Hospital, Ophthalmic Pathology at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, and Vitreoretinal Surgery with Vitreo Retinal Consultants, P.C.

Dr. Nissen is currently in private practice in Manhattan and serves as a fellowship instructor in Vitreoretinal Surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital Center/ Weill Cornell Medical Center. He is an Attending at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Retina specialists, and the New York State Ophthalmological Society and has served on numerous committees. Dr. Nissen is the Director of the InSight Foundation for the support of global retinal surgical care and a Partner in ExSight Capital Management for impact investing in the eye care space.



Sangwoo Lee, M.D., is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medicine. He is the Director of Ophthalmology at New York Presbyterian Queens. Dr. Lee received his medical degree from Brown Medical School. Following medical school, he completed his Ophthalmology residency at The New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College where he also completed his fellowship.

Dr. Lee's interests include Diabetic Eye Disease, Retinal Detachment, HIV Retinopathy, Ocular Trauma/Ocular Sports Injuries. Dr. Lee serves as the team Ophthalmologist for the New York Mets and the New York Knicks.

Vitreo-Retinal Diseases & Surgery



Donald J. D'Amico, MD
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Diagnosis & Treatment of Vitreoretinal Diseases such as Age-Related Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Macular Hole, Endophthalmitis, Epiretinal Membrane, Retinal Vein Occlusion, Macula Edema, Neovascularization



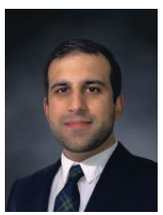
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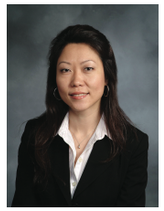
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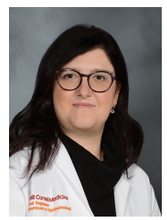


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Paul Petrakos, DO, MS
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Lynn Shi, M.D.
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Neuro-Ophthalmology



Marc J. Dinkin, MD
Diagnosis & Treatment of Vision Conditions related to the Nervous System including Optic Nerve Disease, Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension, Papilledema, Vision Loss due to brain tumor or stroke, Double Vision, Nystagmus, Disorders of the Lids & Pupils.



Cristiano Oliveira, MD
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John E. Paddock, M.D.
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Adult & Pediatric Oculoplastics. Diagnosis & Treatment of Eyelid Malposition such as Ectropion, Ptosis, and Entropion.Orbital Diseases & Tumors, Thyroid Eye Disease (Graves), Trauma to the Eyelids & Orbit, Eyelid Reconstruction, Orbital Fracture Repair. Cosmetic Eyelid Enhancements such as surgical eye lifts or injectable fillers like Botox & Juvéderm, Latisse for eyelash growth.



Kevin Heinze, M.D.
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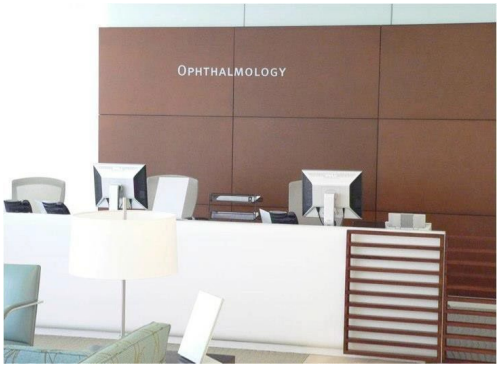
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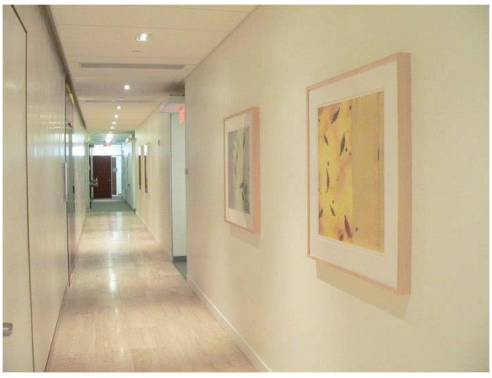


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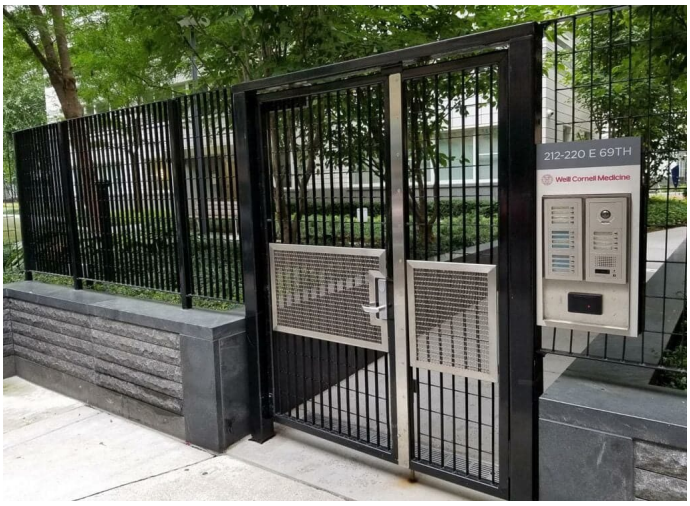


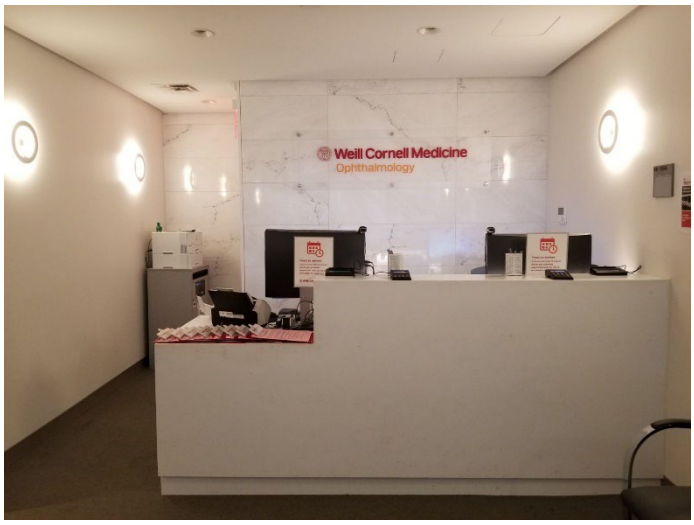
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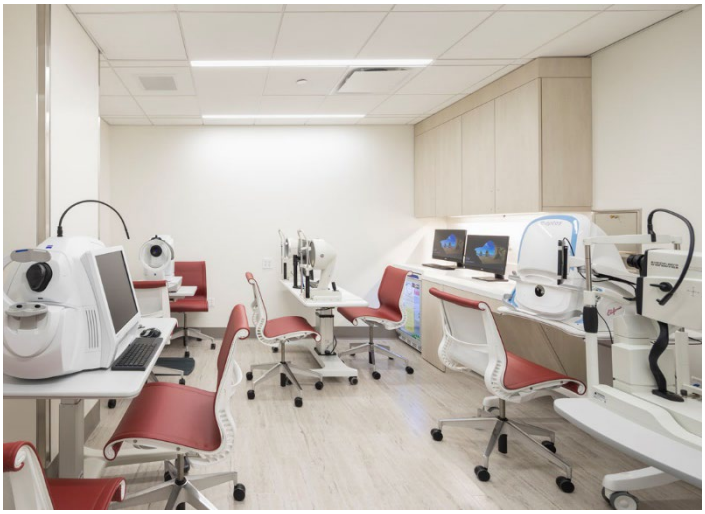
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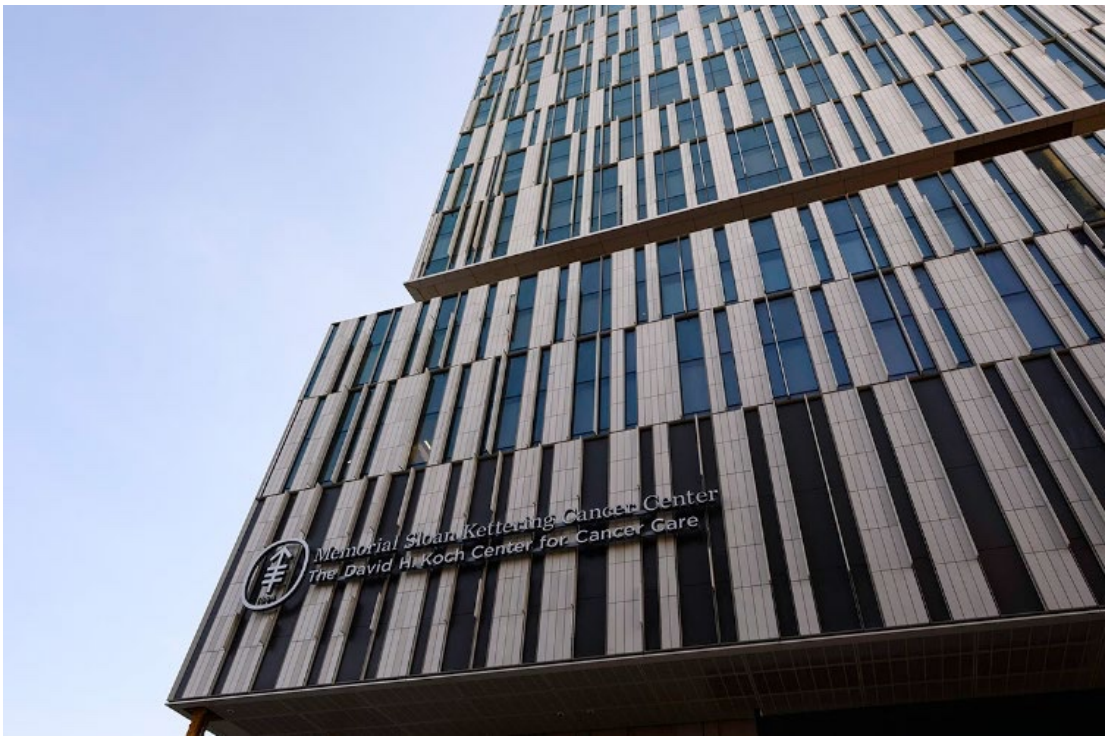


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NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Named One of the Nation's Best Hospitals by U.S. News & World Report For 23rd Year in a Row and a #1 Hospital in New York

U.S. News & World Report recognizes NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital for excellence, with eight specialties ranked in the top five and ten specialties in the top ten, nationally.

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NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital has been named one of the nation's best hospitals and a #1 hospital in New York by U.S. News & World Report for the 23rd consecutive year.

The Hospital, one of the largest, most comprehensive academic healthcare systems in the country, ranks in the top five nationwide in eight specialties: cardiology, heart & vascular surgery (No. 2); neurology and neurosurgery (No. 4); obstetrics and gynecology (No. 3); orthopedics (No. 4); psychiatry (No. 3); diabetes and endocrinology (No. 2); urology (No. 4); and rheumatology (No. 3), a collaborative program with Hospital for Special Surgery. NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, which has leading experts in every area of medicine, also ranked in the top ten in geriatrics (No. 10) and pulmonology (No. 10). With ophthalmology joining the rankings for the first time this year, NewYork-Presbyterian is the only hospital in New York to rank in the top 20 in all 14 specialties. The Hospital also continues to be

recognized as a Best Regional Hospital for Community Access for providing excellent care to underserved communities.

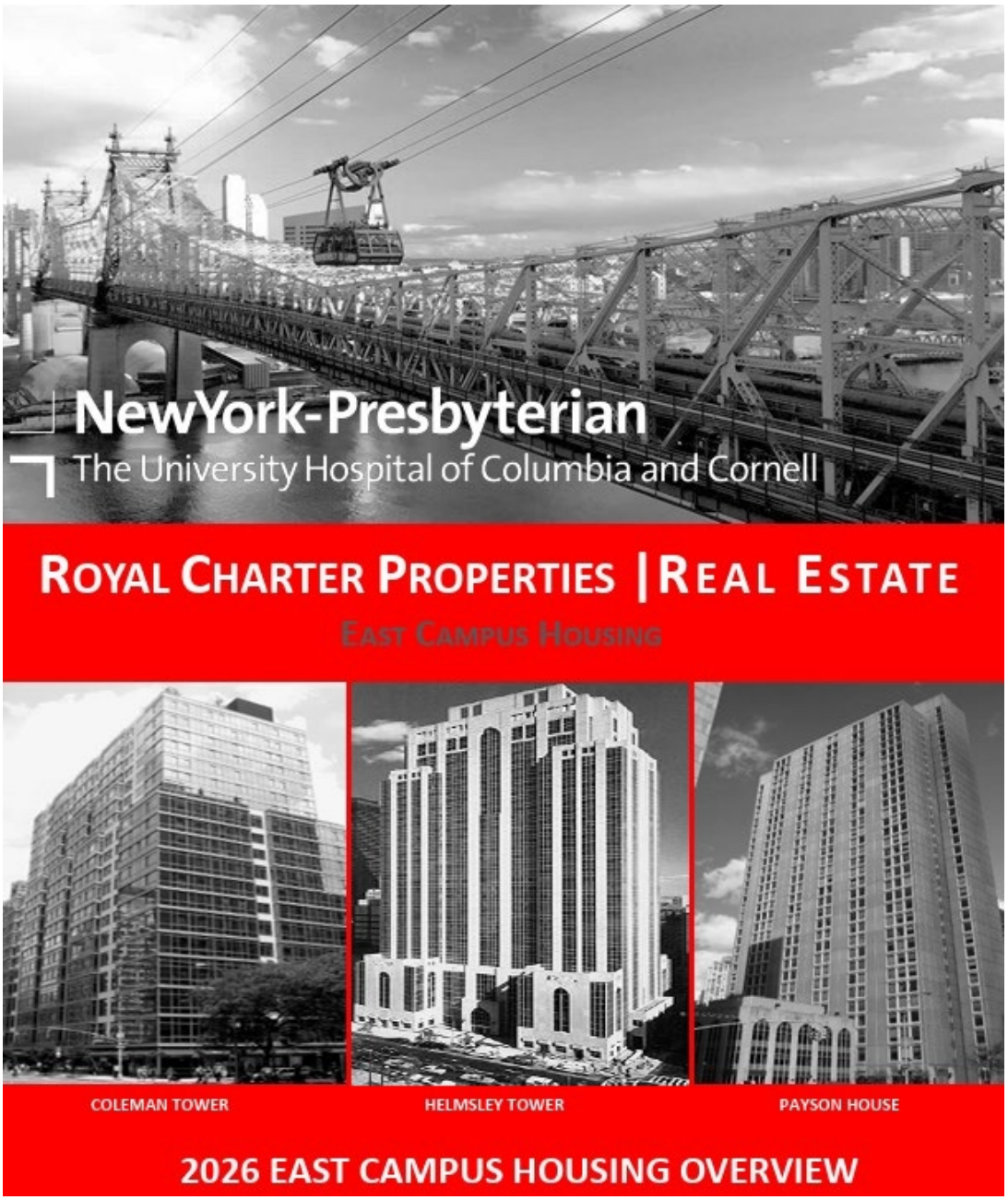
"We are honored to be recognized as a #1 hospital in New York and one of the best in the nation for the 23rd year in a row," said Dr. Brian G. Donley, president and chief executive officer of NewYork-Presbyterian. "This achievement reflects the extraordinary dedication, expertise and compassion of our physicians, nurses, and teams, who provide exceptional care to our patients and families every day. In partnership with two renowned medical schools, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and Weill Cornell Medicine, NewYork-Presbyterian is committed to creating a healthier future for all through clinical innovation, groundbreaking research, and training the next generation of healthcare leaders."

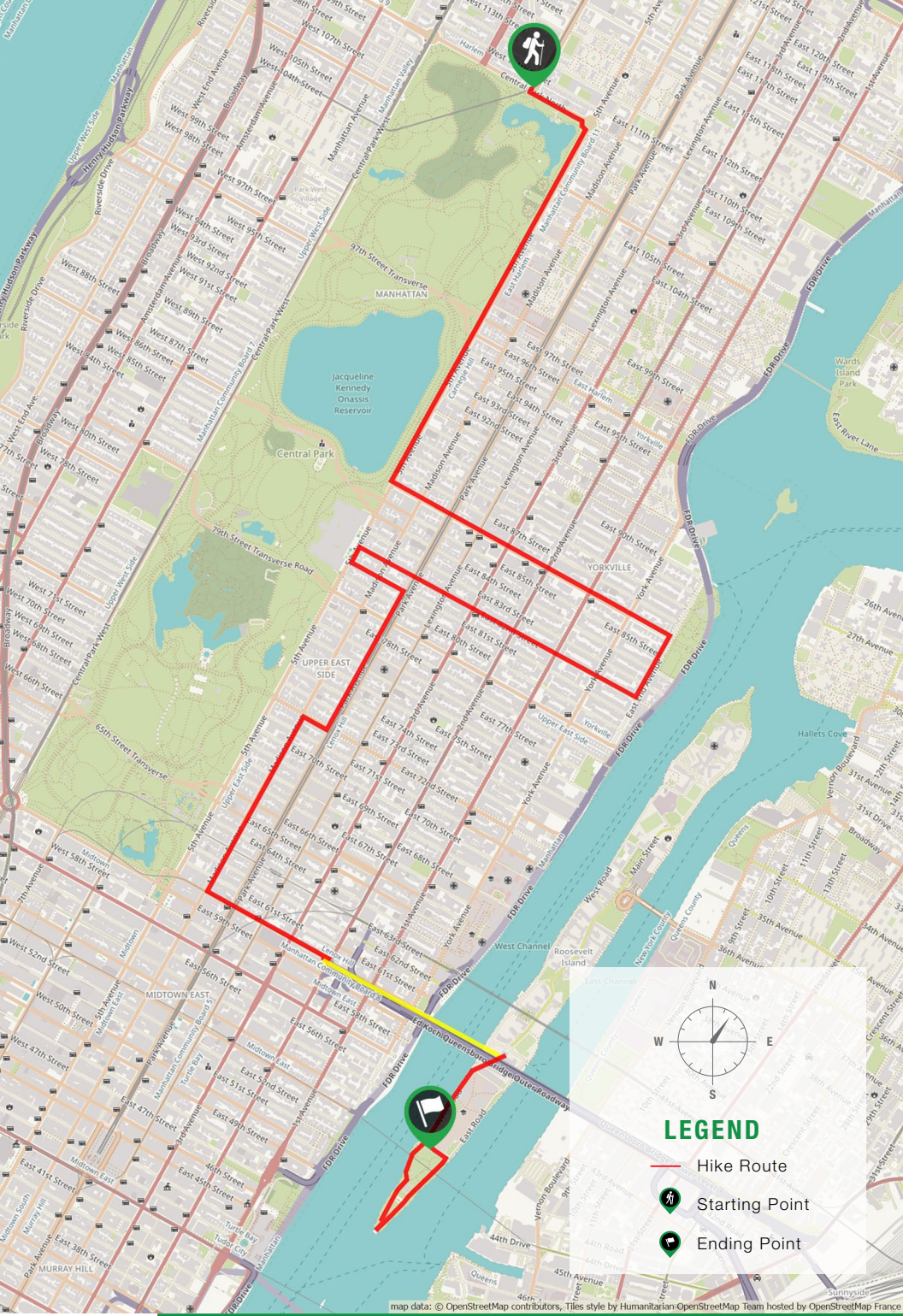
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital is one of just 20 hospitals nationwide to be named to the 2026-27 Best Hospitals Honor Roll, a distinction recognizing hospitals that deliver the highest quality of care across a range of specialties, procedures, and conditions.

For the 2026-2027 rankings and ratings, U.S. News evaluated more than 4,000 facilities across 14 specialties. To determine the Best Hospitals, U.S. News analyzed each hospital's performance based on objective measures such as risk-adjusted mortality rates, preventable complications, level of nursing care, and expert opinion.

The Children's Hospital of New York at NewYork-Presbyterian was named among the best in the nation for children's care, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2025-26 Best Children's Hospitals rankings, the latest rankings to be released. It was the 19th year in a row that NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital ranked among the best children's hospitals. NewYork-Presbyterian provides pediatric care in every area of medicine at two major sites: NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of Children's Hospital of New York and NewYork-Presbyterian Komansky Children's Hospital of Children's Hospital of New York.

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OVERVIEW

This NYC walk takes you through one of NYC's most exclusive neighborhoods, the Upper East Side. The Upper East Side is home to the city's top museums, many of which are conveniently located on Museum Mile, as well as more shopping than one could do in a year from luxury upscale shops on Madison Avenue to brand name budget chains and secondhand shops specializing in designer digs. You'll also find a vast variety of eating here from the world's most expensive dessert to a quick burger to go.

About

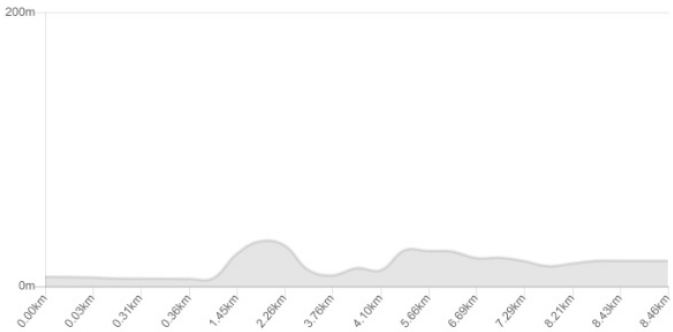
Great views	Views from Gracie Mansion, Roosevelt Island Tramway, Manhattan from Roosevelt Island
Family Fun	Roosevelt Island Tramway
Shopping	East 72nd to East 66th Street for Upscale Boutiques
Water	East River separating Roosevelt Island from Manhattan
Food and Drink	Shake Shack, Two Little Red Hens
Architectural Gems	Gracie Mansion
Culture and Musems	Museum Mile: Museo del Barrio, Museum of the City of New York, The Jewish Museum, Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Neue Galerie; Metropolitan Museum of Art
Parks and Greenspaces	Central Park, Carl Schurz Park
When to do	Best spring through Autumn
Pets allowed	Yes - On Leash
Family friendly	Yes
Crowd Levels	Moderate
Route Type	One Way

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GETTING THERE

Start this route at the Central Park North subway station (lines 2 & 3).

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ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Start this route at the Central Park North subway station (lines 2 & 3). With Central Park ahead of you take a left onto Central Park North (you should be hugging the park on your right-hand side). We won't explore this iconic city park on this route, but if you would like to, click **here**. Stay on this street for roughly 656ft, until you come to the corner of the park. Here there will be a fork. Stay to the right and then take a right onto 5th Avenue.

Continue on 5th Avenue for another 656ft as we begin to enter the Upper East Side. Once you pass 105th Street (it will intersect with 5th Avenue) you're officially on Museum Mile. This stretch is home to some of NYC's finest collections of art, design, history, and culture from all over the world. Between 105th and 106th Street, **El Museo del Barrio** will be on your left-hand side. Exhibits here are focused on Latino, predominantly Puerto Rican, art and culture.

One block further is the **Museum of the City of New York**. This historic museum was founded in 1923 and inside you'll find more than 750,000 items from photos to prints, paintings, costumes and more, all aimed to give visitors a better understanding of the deep-rooted history of NYC. Some of the most popular exhibits include a man's suit worn to George Washington's Inaugural Ball, a large propaganda poster collection dating back to World War I, and a Stettheimer Dollhouse.

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Continue about a 0.6mi down 5th Avenue. There aren't many big sights in this section, so just enjoy the peaceful walk with beautiful Central Park to your right and some of NYC's most exclusive real estate on your left. Between 93rd and 92nd Street is **The Jewish Museum**. Housed in the stunning historic Warburg mansion, this museum explores four thousand years of Jewish culture through more than 26,000 objects, fine arts, media, and more. As well, you can find works by Andy Warhol and Amedeo Modigliani.

Two blocks further, between 91st and 90th Street is the **Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum**. Dedicated to showcasing the history and culture of contemporary design and creativity through exhibitions such as "Please Be Seated" that showcased contemporary chairs. They also have a pleasant garden and café to enjoy a coffee on a warm sunny day!

Continue 328ft more for one of the most famous museums on this stretch, the **Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum**. Housed in the instantly recognizable building designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, the museum features a wide collection of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, early modern, and contemporary art.



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Stay on 5th Avenue for roughly another 492ft until you intersect with East 86th Street. Take a left here. On your right hand side will be the **Neue Galerie**, which houses collections from German and Austrian artists from the early 20th century such as Gustav Klimt, Kokoschka, and Egon Schiele.

We'll stay on 86th Street for almost 1.2mi, on route to the picturesque Gracie Mansion. In addition to some of the city's most expensive real estate, you'll also pass a number of restaurants, cafes and shops. Right after you pass Lexington Avenue, for example, you'll find **Shake Shack**; sprouting from a hot dog cart in Madison Square Park in 2004, this location has a lovely outdoor area away from the busy crowds on 86th Street. This budget-friendly fast food joint is growing at a rapid rate, known for serving 100% angus beef burgers without hormones or antibiotics.

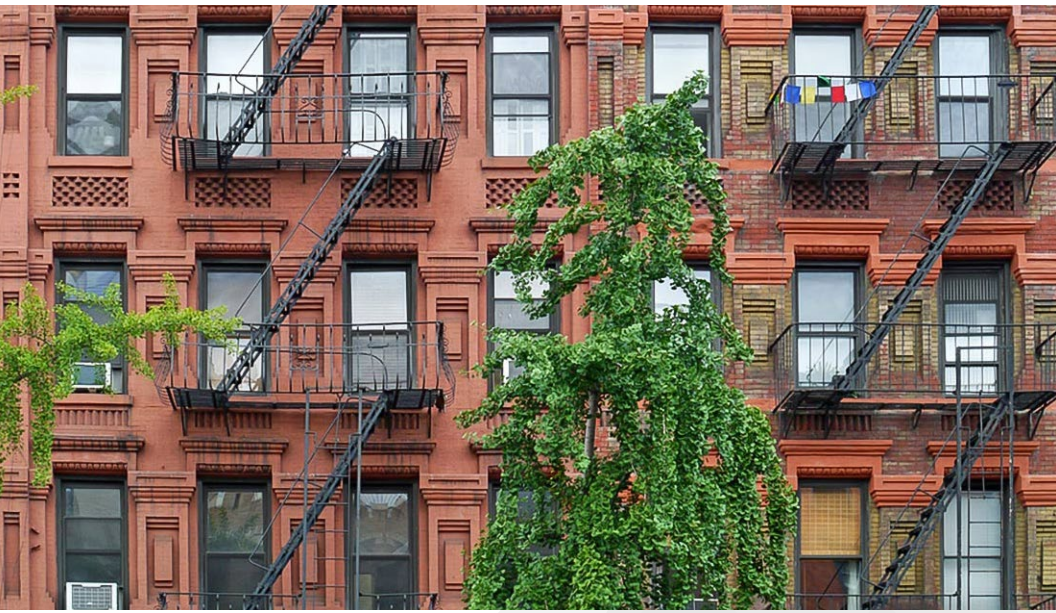
If you're looking for some delicious homemade baked goods continue about 656ft more to the corner of 2nd Avenue and 86th Street. You'll find **Two Little Red Hens** serving absolutely mouthwatering, albeit pricey, cakes and treats. Stay on 86th Street for another 1969ft or so, until you reach the **Carl Schurz Park**.

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The park offers a lovely respite from the busy city streets and is also home to New York's official mayoral residence since 1942. Built in 1799, **Gracie Mansion** is open for visitors with a prior reservation. In addition to the home, the surrounding park grounds are magnificent on a nice day, providing unbeatable views of the water, and the boisterous Hell Gate, the intersection of the East River, Harlem River and Long Island Sound.

Relax here for a bit, and then head out of the park, taking a left onto East End Avenue. When you hit East 82nd Street take a right. Follow this lovely residential street into the heart of the Upper East Side. This street is a bit quieter than 86th Street, but provides a nice transition after a relaxing stroll around Carl Schurz Park. You'll stay on this route for about 1.2mi, heading back towards Central Park, until you intersect 5th Avenue. Again, there aren't too many big sites to see, rather just the great ambiance.

Once you hit 5th Avenue, the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be directly ahead of you. This world-famous museum houses a permanent collection of more than 2 million works, spanning more than 5,000 years from cultures throughout the world. We definitely recommend taking some time to at least get a short impression of the museum.



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When you exit the Met take a right onto 5th Avenue, your first left onto East 81st Street and then your second right onto Park Avenue. Stroll down Park for a 0.6mi, soaking in the atmosphere of one of NYC's most exclusive addresses. When you run into East 72nd Street take a right and then your first left onto Madison Avenue.

You're now entering one of the most prestigious shopping sections in all of New York City. The stretch from East 72nd to East 66th Street on Madison is home to a number of upscale fashion boutiques such as Prada, Chanel, Gucci, Cartier, Chloe and more. Perhaps pop in a shop here or maybe just save your (few thousand) pennies with a little window-shopping.

Stay on Madison for about 1.2mi, until you run into East 60th Street. Take a left here. This route has a number of lovely sidewalk cafes for a dose of caffeine, you've earned it after this long walk! Stay on 60th Street for almost a 0.6mi. After about 2625ft **Serendipity 3** will be on your left-hand side. This place is an icon of the Upper East Side, welcoming patrons such as Marilyn Monroe, Andy Warhol, and Jackie O. It was made even more famous when the restaurant introduced the Golden Opulence Sundae, the world's most expensive dessert at a hefty price tag of $1,000.

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Continue on 60th about 164ft further until the **Roosevelt Island Tramway** is on your right side. Hop on the tram here, for the cost of a subway ride you get to experience stunning views of the city skyline, both Manhattan and Brooklyn. Get off onto Roosevelt Island. Historically, this area was closed off to the public, but has since become a small residential community that's really nice to explore.

The entire island is about 1.9mi long, so if you're feeling energetic, head down Main Street towards the north. This is the more developed section of the island, stretching more than 1.2mi until it reaches a point in the center of the East River.

If you're tired after this already long walk, just head south on West Loop Road, towards the **Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park**. Here you'll find not only spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline but impressive works by world-renowned artists such as architect Louis Kahn and sculptor Jo Davidson.

Spend some time here enjoying the beautiful scenery. Head back the way you came and hop back on the tramway. Once you're back in Manhattan you can easily connect to a number of points throughout the city at the 59th Street Lexington Avenue subway station.



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INSIDER HINTS

» This walk is long – start early, pack water and a light jacket.

» Check out which museums offer **free admission** all the time or on specific days and times (for example, the Museum of the City of New York is always “pay what you want”, the Neue Galerie is free on the first Friday of each month from 6 to 8PM, The Jewish Museum on Saturdays, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum on Saturdays from 5:45 to 7:45PM, and El Museo Del Barrio on the third Saturday of each month.)

» The FDR Four Freedoms Park is open daily 9AM to 7PM, but closed on Tuesdays. We recommend trying to get here in the early evening as the sun begins to set on the city.

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