

The background features a collage of vintage travel-related stamps and postmarks. Visible elements include a red circular postmark from 'PARIS AVION', a yellow circular postmark from 'MADRID', a red circular postmark from 'COSTA RICA', and various other smaller stamps with numbers and text like 'POSTAGE' and 'METER'.

Grand Central Terminal

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This is what you see when you first enter Grand Central Terminal. The lights look beautiful.



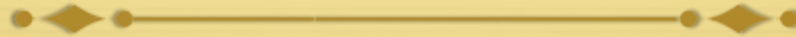


This is what you really want to see. The Main Concourse is where you go to get a train or check for your train so if you want to go Upstate New York, then you go here.

Don't the big windows look pretty? Also really bright.



The big clock is there for everybody to check the time.



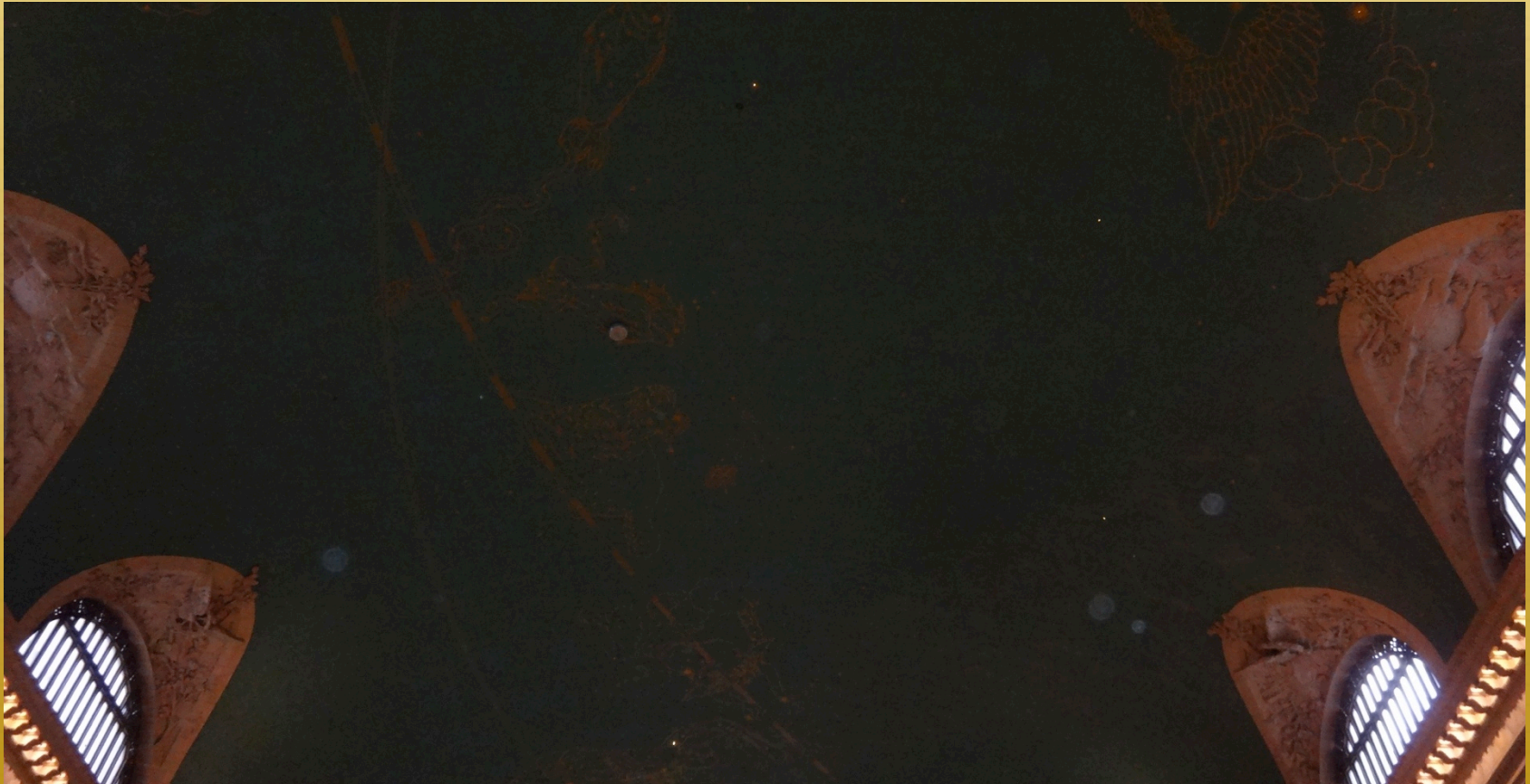
NEW HAVEN LINE DEPARTURES

TIME	TRK	DESTINATION	REMARKS	TIME	TRK
4:51	19	HARRISON	MOUNT VERNON - 1ST STOP	5:15	106
5:03	24	NEW HAVEN	CONN. TO SHORE LINE EAST	5:18	110
5:05	20	NEW HAVEN	GREENWICH - 1ST STOP	5:21	
5:08	27	DANBURY	STAMFORD - 1ST STOP	5:23	25
5:13	113	NEW CANAAN	STAMFORD - 1ST STOP	5:26	23

WAITING MACHINES

This is the board where you find the train and
time

And the big ceiling with the constellations is the biggest site of all. It has all the constellations from the sky.



When you go outside, you see a statue in the front...



And the front, the entrance way to Grand Central
Station



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The train station is filled with people. Everyone is pushing to get on to the train to 42nd street. I get off the train with my older sister; up some stairs to what seems like Grand Central Terminal. I walk past the stores, through the main hall, and there comes the Main Concourse. The lights, the ceiling, the people, it's very busy on a Saturday afternoon. I look around and wonder, "How was this built?" "What was it like back then?" "Why is it so important?" I think that Grand Central Terminal has an interesting history from the day it was built to now.

Although you see Grand Central Terminal as just a train station, it wasn't the same now than it was back then. This is because the first Grand Central Depot was built in 1871 but later on, the railroads quickly outgrew the Depot so in 1899, it was demolished and was replaced with a larger building the same as Grand Central.

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Also on January 8, 1902, a train traveling from Westchester County crashed into another train while waiting in the stations entrance tunnel, killing 15 passengers. This was because of the smog in the station area, which blinded the driver.

Grand Central Terminal is a beautiful Terminal but it has faced some unexpected things like during World War II, some German spies snuck into Long Island so they could destroy key locations, including Grand Central. Fortunately, They were quickly apprehended. Also, after the Soviet Union became the first nation to enter space in 1957, Americans grew concerned that the communists had taken the lead in the race to be the world's superpower. So later that year, the U.S. government installed a Redstone rocket in the Main Concourse. But when the rocket was in place, it pierced a hole in the ceiling.

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Grand Central Terminal is a popular tourist site but some people don't know much about it. One reason why, is because some people mistake it for a station than a terminal.

The final stop is Grand Central which makes it more of a terminal. There actually is a Grand Central Station next door – it's a Postal Service. Also when President Franklin Roosevelt was in office, he used a secret rail line which is an abandon track – Track 61. It was big enough for his limousine which allowed him to travel to and from New York in private.

All in all, I think that Grand Central Terminal is very interesting to learn about and everyone should remember its history.

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