

# Cultures of NYC

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# People of the World

Have you ever dreamed of visiting many different countries around the world? Have you been stressed on how to get there? If so, there is no need to stress. New York City is considered “The Melting Pot” of the world. It is here, in New York, that you will be able to make your dream of traveling become a reality. A person does not need to take a long plane ride or boat trip to experience the many different cultures of the world. A 30 minute subway ride throughout New York City can do the trick. This underground train will lead you to many religions, traditions, cuisines, and history of the world.

# Chinatown, NYC



This is an example of a store in Chinatown. The balloon shaped figures in front of the store is a type of decoration in the Chinese culture. The decorations include Chinese symbols.

A southbound subway ride will lead you to the heart of “China”, also known as Chinatown, NYC. The smell of fresh fish, meat, and produce fill the air. A person can encounter the sweet and spicy tastes by trying the delicious food, authentically prepared, by the people of the Chinese culture.



As one exits the stairway of the subway, they will hear the Chinese language being spoken and see many people conversing with one another on the street. All around Chinatown, signs and storefronts are written in the language as well.

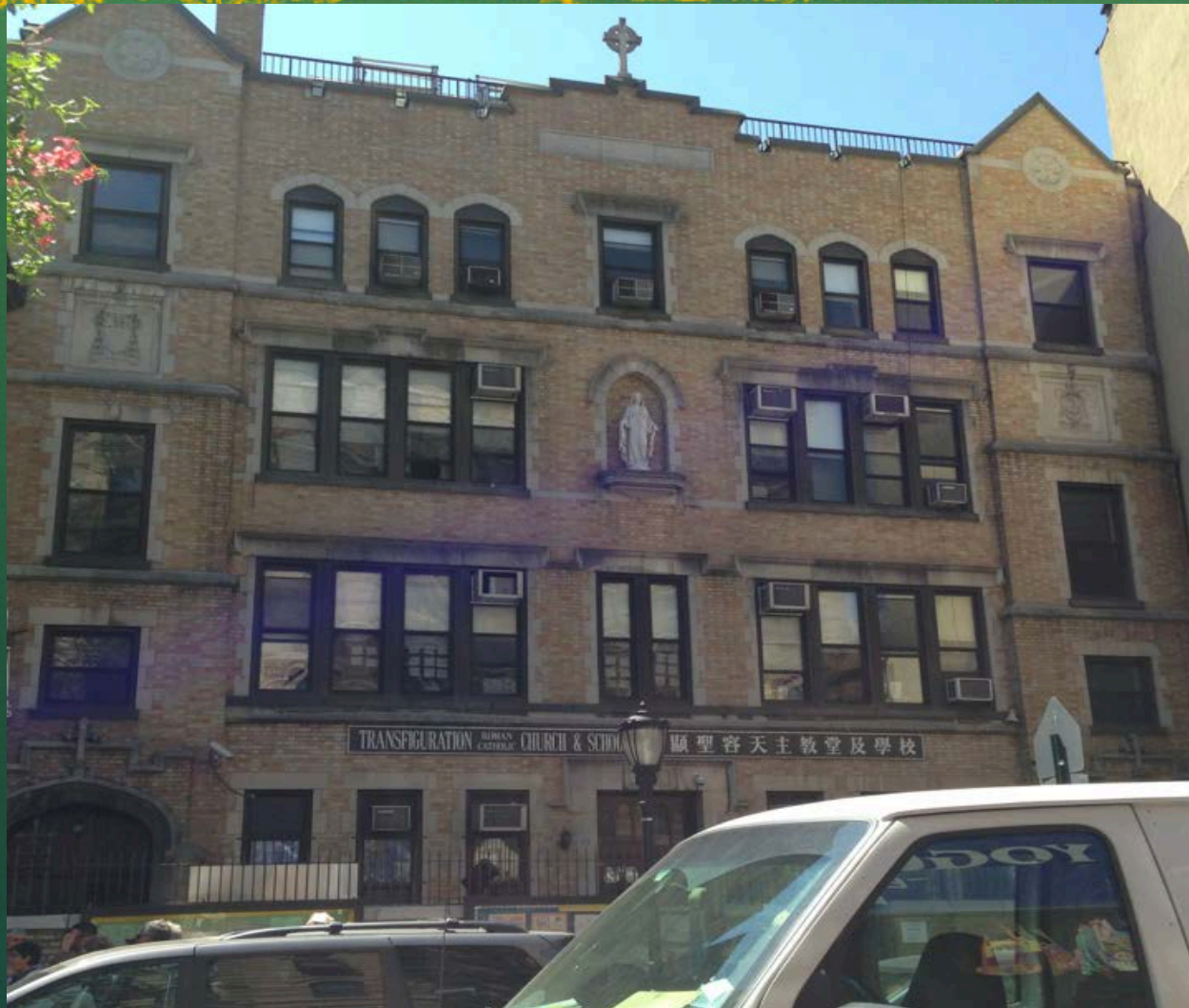
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# Schools in Chinatown, NYC



This is an example of a school in Chinatown called the Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church and School. The name is also displayed in Chinese characters.

# The Chatham Square

The Chatham Square is the center of China Town. Chatham Square intersects on eight different streets: Bowery, Doyers Street, East Broadway, St. James Place, Mott Street, Oliver Street, Worth Street and Park Row. The statue of Lin Ze Xu (a Qing Dynasty official) can be found in Chatham Square.

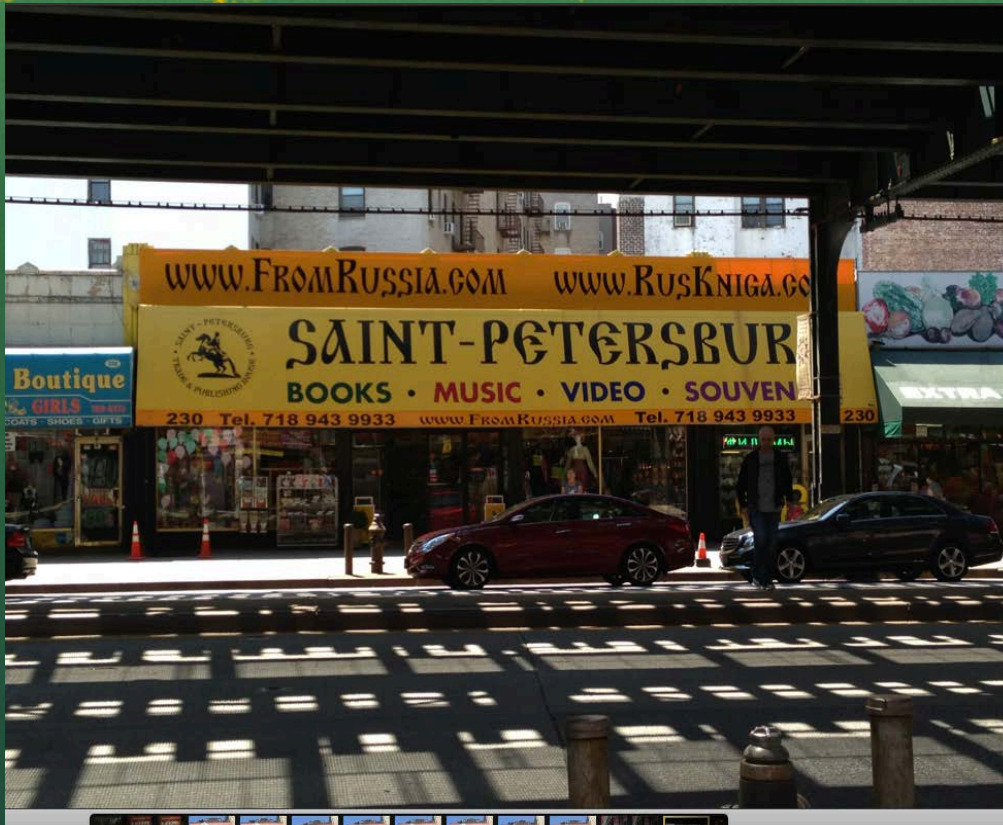


# The History of Chinatown

Chinatown is home to the biggest Chinese population in the Western Hemisphere. This tiny area, only two square miles, is the popular destination point for Chinese immigrants. New York City's Chinatown is considered the biggest in the United States. The population is between 70,000 and 150,000. Chinatown was created when Chinese traders and sailors came to the United States in the mid 1700s. It was here that they would settle to build a more prosperous life.



# Brighton Beach: Little Russia



In order for people to support themselves and their families, Russian immigrants opened restaurants, offices, banks, schools, and shops. Today, many tourists visit these places and support their businesses.

This is a picture of a store called "Saint- Petersburg". This store sells Russian books, music and movies.

# Facts and History About Brighton Beach

A tourist visiting New York City has the convenience of taking an hour subway ride south of Manhattan to reach their destination of “Russia”. Once the train passes the Manhattan/Brooklyn border, it will eventually arrive in Brighton Beach, also known as Little Russia. Brighton Beach is a neighborhood in Brooklyn where one can experience people speaking the Russian language. As of 2007, this area has a population of 75,692 people.

Little Russia derived from the collapse of the Soviet Union. Many citizens chose to come to the United States and make Brighton Beach their home away from home. Over the years, the population grew since Russian citizens decided to take a chance of establishing a better life.

# “A Taste of Russia”



Little Russia is a place where you can enjoy a Russian treat, such as a savory knish.

Traveling around the world and experiencing foreign places is a great adventure. However, a round trip plane ticket can be very expensive and not everyone has the chance to do this.

We are lucky to live in a city where we are able to take a cheap subway ride and encounter the many different cultures of the world. People travel to New York from around the globe to take advantage of this opportunity everyday.

Russia is located partially on the continents of Asia and Europe.

China is located Southeast on the continent Asia.

