Welcome to Lower Manhattan

ABA Section of International Law
2020 Annual Meeting
ABA Section of International Law members, the Downtown Alliance would like to welcome you to Lower Manhattan. We know that you, more than most, will greatly appreciate this one-square mile expanse of land. It is the place where the American Revolution victory was officially declared, where US history officially began, where the Bill of Rights was signed, and where the nation’s economic heart has kept beating throughout the centuries.

With this quick reference guide in the pages that follow, we are proud to show you why New York’s oldest neighborhood is new again. Flying just under the radar (for now), Lower Manhattan has become one of New York City’s most vibrant neighborhoods with museums, attractions, shopping, top restaurants and trendy bars open until late.

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Manhatta
The Neighborhood Newcomer
A trip to the Wall Street area is a right of passage for all NYC visitors, but if you slip 2 blocks away to Liberty Street, you’ll find a quiet side entrance with an elevator to zip you up to the 60th floor of the 28 Liberty Tower. Keep your eyes wide open as you exit into Manhatta, the neighborhood’s newest restaurant, opened by restaurateur Danny Meyer. The approachable, affordable American cuisine and views as far as the eye can see make Manhatta a perfect spot to take in the city below.

28 Liberty Street, 60th Floor, New York, NY, 10005
manhattarestaurant.com

Brasserie Beaubourg, Ooh la la
On the other side of the island, this time along the Hudson River, Brasserie Beaubourg has been making waves as the perfect al fresco dining spot since it opened inside of the 30,000 Le District french market in 2015. While you dine on authentically French dishes on the beautiful open patio, you’ll find yourself transfixed watching the ferries sail up and down the river as the sun heads west.

225 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10281
ledistrict.com/beaubourg

Looking up at Temple Court
On the ground floor of The Beekman Hotel, Tom Colicchio’s Temple Court has indoor views that keep you looking up...and up... and up into the nine-level atrium and pyramid skylight that makes this 1883 landmarked building one of the most unique spaces in all of New York City. Meals are served in both the main restaurant and adjacent bar area, where you are surrounded by stained glass windows, exposed brick, and a feeling that is both historically luxurious and modern rock and roll at once.

The Beekman Hotel
5 Beekman Street, New York, NY 10038
templecourtnyc.com
BlackTail + The Dead Rabbit
Visit these two spots for the best cocktails in the world. Officially. BlackTail is a Cuban-inspired, Hemingway-era cocktail bar where award-winning mixologists serve up the city’s best cocktails in a cozy, done-just-right space. Owners Sean Muldoon and Jack McGarry also own The Dead Rabbit, awarded the number one spot on the World’s 50 Best Bars list in 2016. This proudly 21st century Irish bar serves up plenty of Guinness along with those same award winning cocktails at BlackTail.

BlackTail
Pier A Harbor House, 2nd Floor
22 Battery Place, New York, NY 10004

The Dead Rabbit Grocery and Grog
30 Water Street, New York, NY 10004

Alley Cat Amateur Theater
Newly opened beneath The Beekman hotel, this underground lounge immediately became a hot spot for fashion and media insiders. From the hotel lobby, you follow signs (usually the sign of a cat, spray painted on the back of doors and on hallway walls) down a staircase and into a dark, pulsing speakeasy with theatre props, backstage vibes and Japanese-themed cocktails and small plates.

10 Theatre Alley, New York, NY 10038

The Mailroom
From one underground bar to the next, the Mailroom is well-disguised under a Lower Manhattan office tower at 110 Wall Street. Brought to life by WeWork CEO Adam Neumann and Jayma Cardoso, owner of The Surf Lounge, the Mailroom actually used to serve as the mailroom for the building, and the vibe distinctly layers those Mad Men-esque vibes with 80s video games, pinball machines and A-list DJs spinning many nights a week.

110 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005
Federal Hall
The Bill of Rights was signed here. That alone might make you want to stop in after a visit to the Wall Street / New York Stock Exchange area, but there’s also the fact that this was the first official seat of the US government, the Constitution was implemented here, as was the office of the President and George Washington was subsequently inaugurated here.

26 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005

Fraunces Tavern
George Washington officially declared the end of the American Revolutionary War and sent this generals home. Today there is a museum and restaurant inside this historical highlight. Alexander Hamilton would likely also have been present that day, and he was at a dinner here just one week before his fatal duel with Aaron Burr. Today, you can see his gravestone just up the road at Trinity Church.

54 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10004

Museum of Jewish Heritage
Head down to The Battery for a glimpse at the Statue of Liberty, and head further west along the water to the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. The Museum is focused on educating visitors from around the world on Jewish life through engaging exhibits, programs and educational resources.

36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280

9/11 Museum & Memorial
This incredible testament to the rebirth of Downtown is a must see on anyone’s list. The museum is as well done as you can imagine, but it does require a good two hours to get through. If you find yourself short on time, please make sure to visit the two memorial pools outside the museum itself.

180 Greenwhich Street, New York, NY 10007

One World Observatory
From here, make sure to continue north to the World Trade Center campus and head up to One World Observatory, 102 stories above ground, for a bird’s eye view of all that you just explored down below.

One World Trade Center, 285 Fulton Street, New York, NY 10006