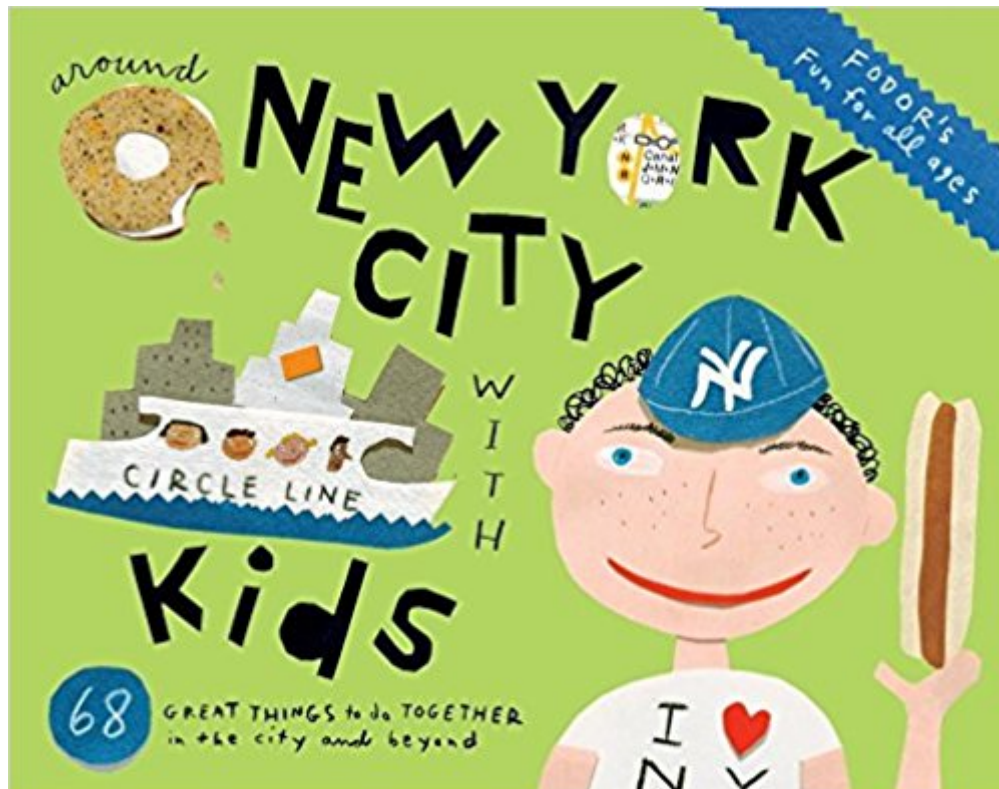




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# Fodor's Around New York City With Kids (Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Plan 68 great days with kids in a flash! Local mom Samantha Chapnick has handpicked 68 simply fabulous things to do in and around New York City with a child in tow. You'll look at old favorites in a new light, from the Statue of Liberty to the Bronx Zoo and blaze new trails all over town, from Symphony Space to the New York Hall of Science. Every page is loaded with fun facts and helpful information. Flip art and games inside! Watch the Statue of Liberty become a ballplayer as you flip through the book. Keep waiting kids happy with our parent-tested games. And use the themed directories to plan with kids' interests in mind.

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## Customer Reviews

Good tips, suggestions, and info. This plus a fold out map was all I used to take 3 under 10 to NYC for 3 days. Plan to use it again very soon on our next trip. Perfect size for my backpack, and also appreciated the info like cost, best times to visit, where to eat or when to pack a lunch, especially when we visited the Statue of Liberty. Good tips on what is nearby, so you can consider making the most of your time and efforts by consolidating outings. Like other reviewers, I wish it had included a map with the locations highlighted or bulleted. I also bought the WDC version, as I used to live in WDC, and that book was the same, and it even had a few of my best kept secrets listed in there, another testament to the author's knowledge and savvy.

This is a bad guide, but it really does need some maps. The size is good for traveling and gave us a

good idea of what to do with the kids/grandkids.

As a frequent traveler to New York City with my wife and two children, I thought I knew and had already experience most of what the Big Apple offered for kids. With that in mind, I was shocked (yes shocked!) when I picked up the Fodor's Guide for New York City with Kids. Most of the 68 recommended activities are ones that we've not done with our children, and many are ones that we've never even heard of. Many are great, off the beaten path, recommendations. This little book dedicated two pages to each activity, highlighting what aspects of the location are good for children. It even suggests family friendly restaurants near each location. Reading through this guidebooks makes me want to plan another family trip to New York City as soon as possible and start checking off the Fodor's "Must See" list for kids. We live in the Washington DC area, and have relied on this same guidebook for DC with Kids over the years. It has led us to many wonderful and off the beaten path places in the national capital. With this second "With Kids" book, I am now a convert to the Fodor's method of traveling to place with Kids, and will check out some of their other guides. Highly recommended!

This book provides some good ideas of things to do with the kids around New York City. I agree with other reviewers that it's biggest downsides are a lack of organization (put into alphabetical order) and a lack of a map and photos. I'm so used to Fodor's guides having maps and photos. I wonder how much of this information could be readily found by Googling "New York City for Kids" or something along those lines. However, it's worth a few bucks to give you some ideas. The dining spots near the attractions was an unexpected bonus. Overall, not bad - could have a few things to make it better for using it on the go around the city.

For me this book is borderline 2 stars but I nudged it to 3. In terms of content, this book delivers. It contains dozens of things to do in the Big Apple. This is especially germane to me since I plan on a trip there in the future and would love to take one of more kids. Things like Madame Tussaud's and the Bronx Zoo would not have ever occurred to me. The NBC Studios Tour looks interesting, and you can't go wrong with the Intrepid if you have boys. All in all, the book has a great list of places for kids, all in one small book. And then that's the problem. This is ALL that is provided. No maps. No color photos. No photos period. The only pictures are something that my oldest kid tried to point out to me, and I didn't catch on until just now: the book also contains a flip-book animation. Neat idea, but certainly not germane to the purpose of the book. I would rather have pictures of some of the

locations. If I tell my kids about a certain museum, they would be reluctant unless I can entice them with a picture of a giant whale or dinosaur or something. A flip chart of a boy playing with a baseball is not helpful. Ultimately, this book represents very little more than content I can find online for free - one person's list of 68 places in NYC to take my kids.

We just returned from a trip to NYC. We had 4 kids ages 7 and under. In planning our trip, the list in this book would have been nice. There is so much to do in NYC, and trying to find/research the right thing is very tricky. We packed a lot in our week visit, and there wasn't anything we did that wasn't listed in the book. It is a very comprehensive list, and really a nice place to start. I also liked the eats for kids suggestions. Things I liked: The size of the book is nice for carrying around. It contains hours of operation for quick reference, however I find that hours change according to the season, so that could be somewhat unreliable. The age recommendations were very nice. I also liked the pricing information. The keep in mind were helpful, however I would have put them in a different place, or included general tips like keep in mind tired legs, and how big the blocks are (have cab fare etc). Things I didn't love: Organization of the book. It is in alphabetical order. I would have picked categories like education, areas (and included a map!), cheaper things to do or ages or something other than alphabetical. The blue writing was terrible. Sounds silly, but being in marketing I can tell you that generally this blue writing is a bad choice. No pictures. Needs pictures. Again, this is a great book to gain an idea of what there is to do, but I would use the list, and then search the web for pictures and more info. Also, the size of the book is great, but I am not going to take it with me unless it has a map and is organized accordingly. All of this info could be easily put in a palm or something smaller. And finally, just a shout out to NYC...I was afraid to take so many tiny kids. I thought there would be nothing to do, but I could go over and over and never be done! Love that city, and the people were amazing! There are very few places that we have visited where the people have been so kind and helpful. I would go back in a heartbeat!

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