

February 19: Day trip to NYC (leave on school bus at 8:00 am, return from NYC at 3:00 pm)

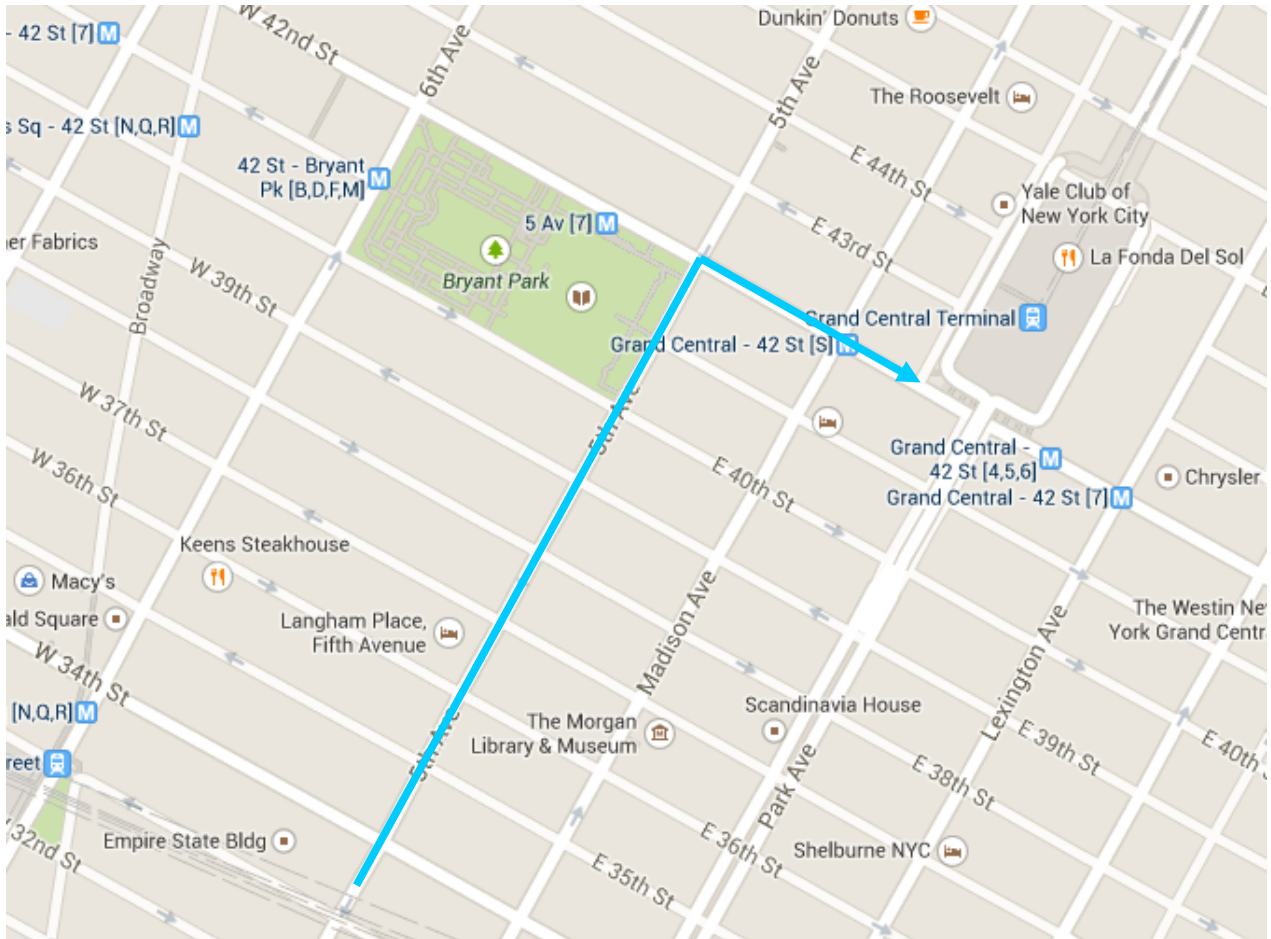
DIRECTIONS: Empire State Building to Grand Central Station

The Empire State Building's address is 350 5th Avenue
It is on the corner of 5th Ave, and 33rd Street.

Grand Central Station's address is 89 E. 42nd Street
It occupies the blocks between 42nd and 45th Streets, from Vanderbilt Ave to Lexington Ave.

OPTION 1: Walk (approximately 13 minutes)

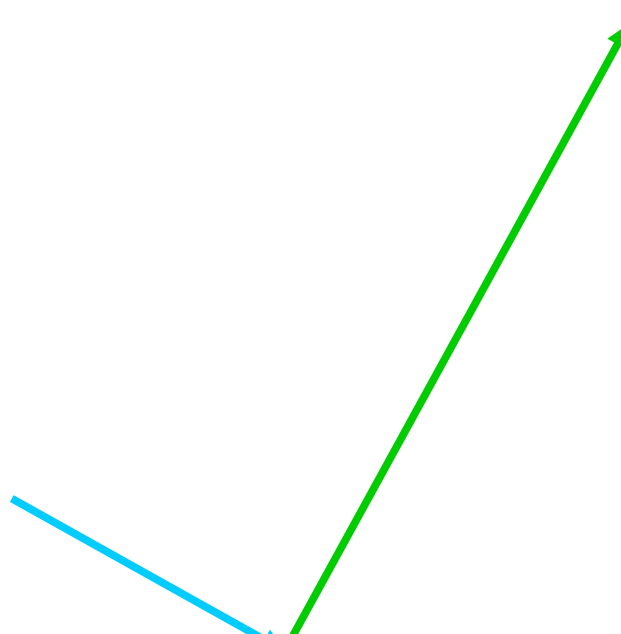
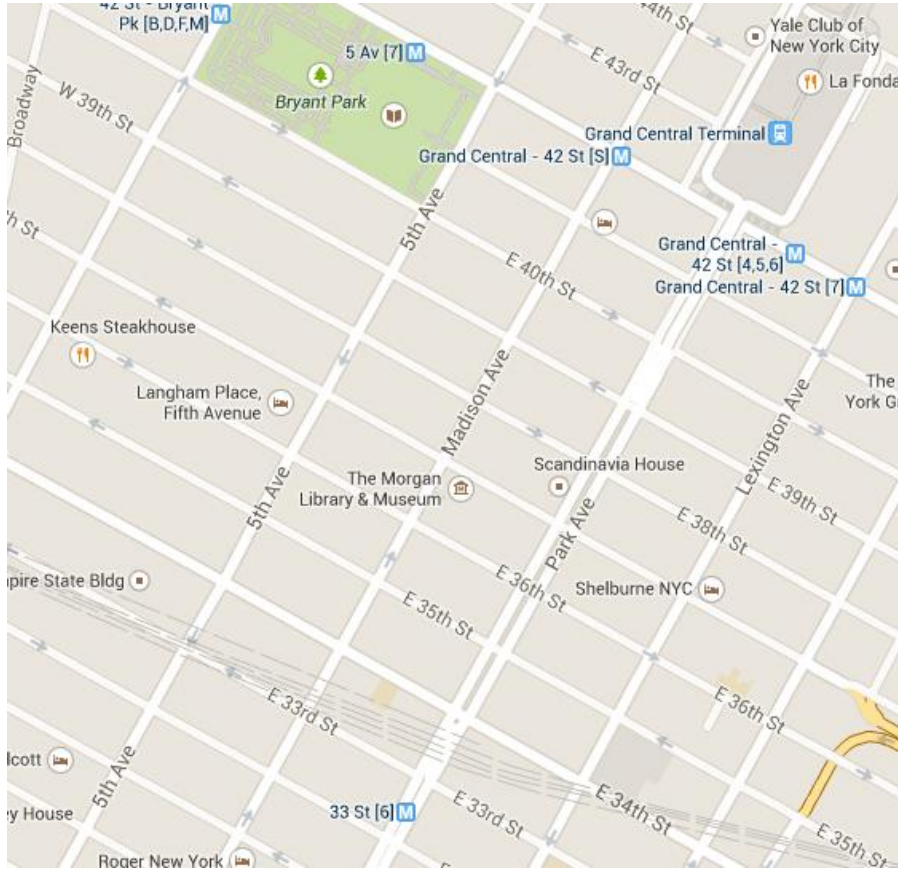
Head Northeast on 5th Ave. Turn Right at 42nd St. The Station is on your left.

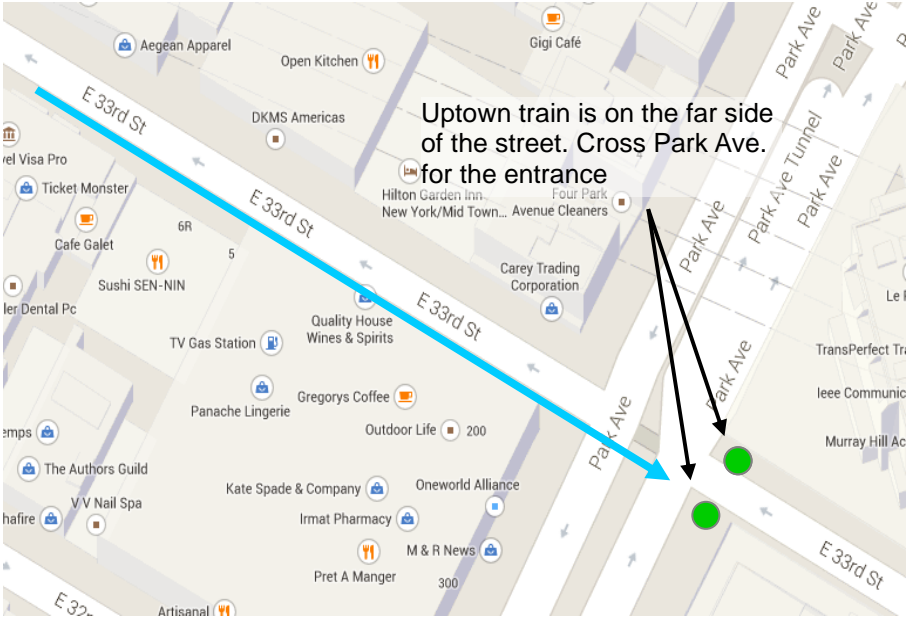


This is a nice walk up 5th Ave if the weather is nice. You will see some NYC architecture and pass the NY Public Library on the left between 40th and 42nd Streets.

Option 2: Transit (approximately 8-10 minutes, cost \$2.50 via MetroCard)

- Walk East along 33rd St. to the 33rd Street Subway Station on Park Ave.
You must cross Park Ave. to get to the Uptown subway train! The station on the near side of the street goes downtown only
- Take an Uptown 6 train one stop to 42nd Street / Grand Central Terminal.





Uptown train is on the far side of the street. Cross Park Ave. for the entrance

If you walk, this is what the corner entrance to Grand Central Station looks like:



It does not look like much from this view, but it is beautiful inside. Be sure to look up at the ceiling when you are in the Grand Concourse.

DIRECTIONS: Grand Central Station to Museum of Modern Art (MOMA)

Grand Central Station's address is 89 E. 42nd Street. <http://www.grandcentralterminal.com>
It occupies the blocks between 42nd and 45th Streets, from Vanderbilt Ave to Lexington Ave.

MOMA's address is 11 West 53rd Street (between 5th Ave. and Avenue of the Americas)
<http://www.moma.org>

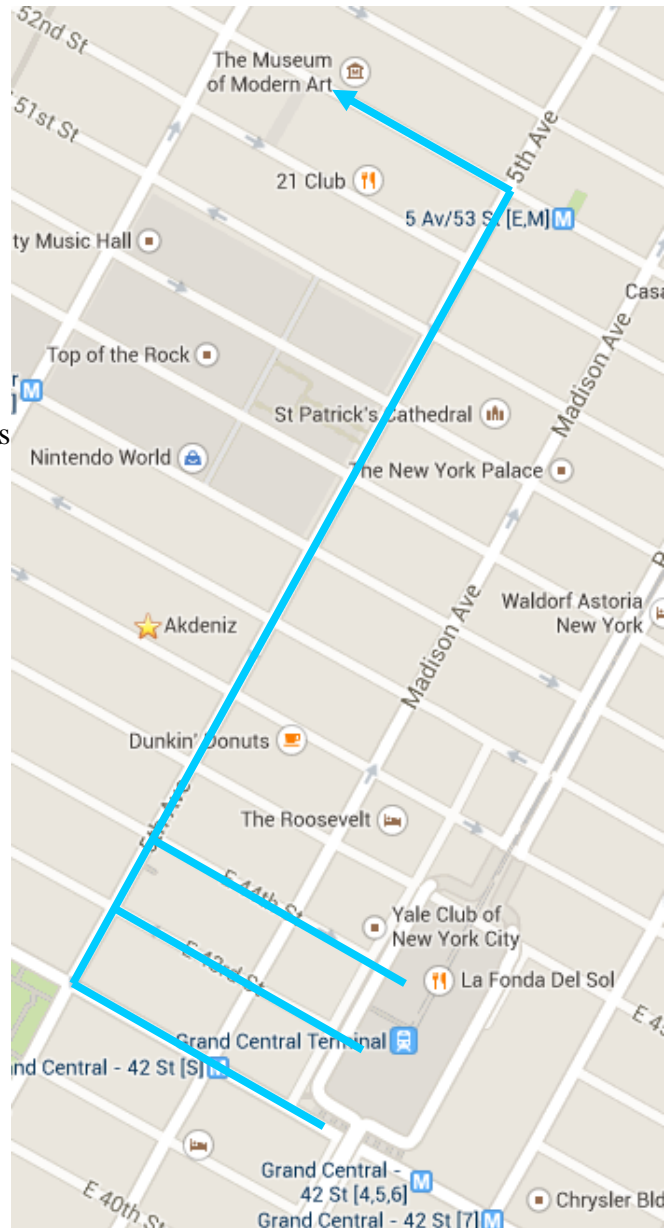
Walk (approximately 15 minutes)

- Walk West along 42nd, 43rd or 44th Streets
- Turn Right onto 5th Avenue
- Turn Left onto 53rd Street. MOMA will be on your Right

Note:

There are options for bus and subway, but they are no faster and will cost \$2.50 per person.

Besides, this is a nice walk up 5th Ave. You will pass St. Patrick's Cathedral on the right, get a view of Rockefeller Center on the left and pass some nice storefronts.



February 23: Day trip to NYC (leave on school bus at 8:00 am, return from NYC @ 5:30 pm)

Rockefeller Center & St. Patrick's 9:00

Circle Line Tour 12:00

Natural History Museum until 5:30

DIRECTIONS: Rockefeller Center to the Circle Line Tour

Rockefeller Center: 45 Rockefeller Plaza, <http://www.rockefellercenter.com>

It occupies the entire block between 49th and 50th Streets and 5th Ave. and Ave. of the Americas

The Circle Line Tour departs from Pier 83, on the West Side of Manhattan at 43rd Street

<http://www.circleline42.com/new-york-cruises/home.aspx>

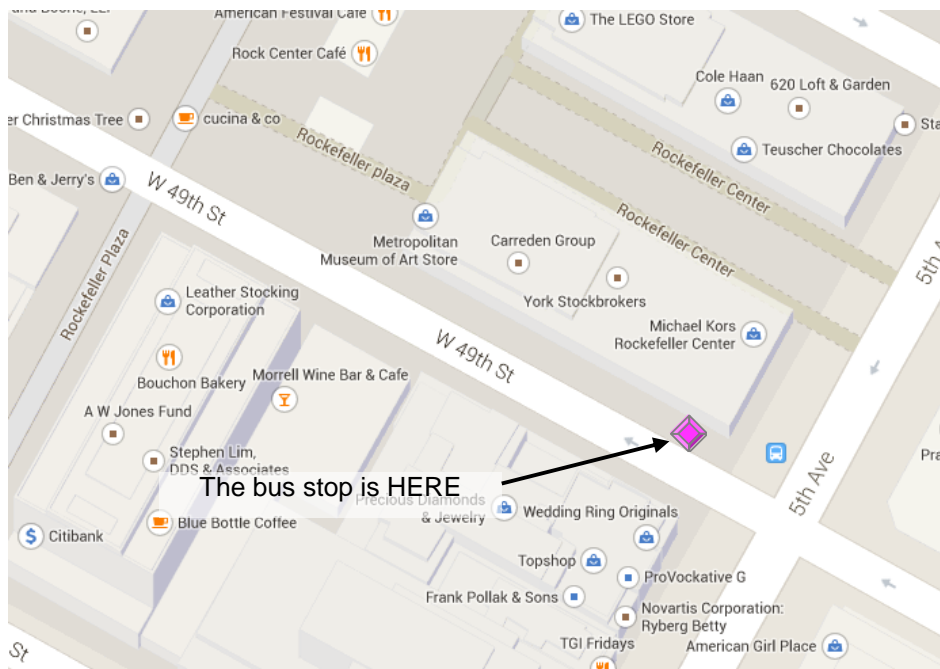
Transit: M50 Bus (approximately 20-30 minutes, \$2.50 via MetroCard)

Use this website for some helpful information on how to ride the bus in New York City:

http://web.mta.info/nyct/bus/howto_bus.htm

You can also use www.mta.info for all other subway and bus information. It is NYC's official web site.

The M50 bus stops on 49th St. near the corner of 5th Ave.



The M50 bus will take you all the way to Pier 83 (green route on the map below).

DIRECTIONS: Pier 83 to the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH)

Pier 83 is on the West Side of Manhattan at 43rd St.

AMNH address is Central Park West & 79th Street, <http://www.amnh.org>

Transit: M42 Bus / Uptown C Subway (*approximately 20 minutes, \$5.00 via MetroCard*)

- Get on the M42 at Pier 83.
- Get off at the 8th Ave. stop (Port Authority Bus Terminal)
- Walk North to cross 42nd Street at the corner of 8th Ave and go down the stairs to the Subway station.
- Follow the signs to get on an Uptown C Train. It's best to get on one of the cars to the rear.
- Get off at the 81st St., Museum of Natural History station - 4th stop.

There is an entrance to the museum in the subway station. There is no need to go to the street level. Be sure to take in the wonderful art work in the station. It is unique to that station and honors the museum.

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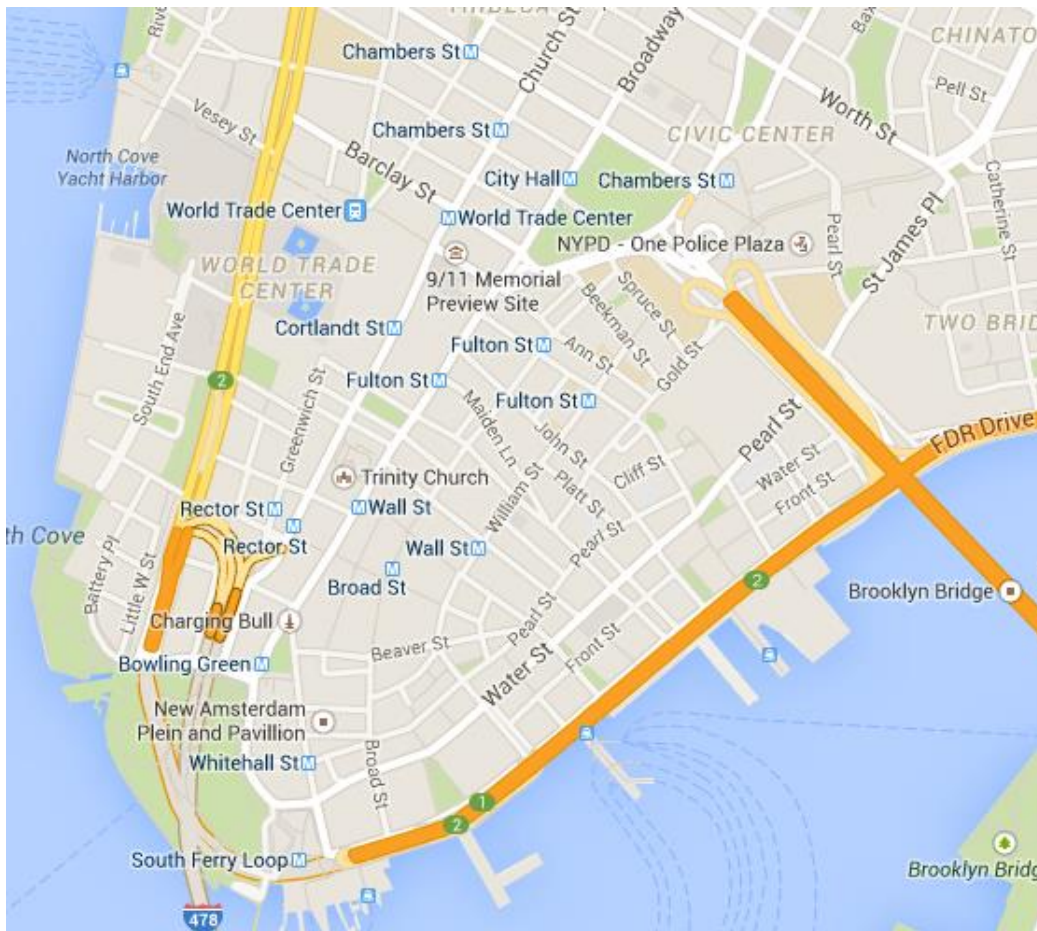
World Trade Center area (Ground Zero) 9:30 <http://www.wtc.com/about/>

Greenwich Village/Soho 12:00 <http://www.sohonyc.com>

Metropolitan Museum of Art until 5:30

Ground Zero is commonly known as the World Trade Center. The term “Ground Zero” was heavily used after the attacks on September 11, 2001, but many New Yorkers have moved away from the name in favor of it's former name, World Trade Center. In addition, the tall building that was originally called the Freedom Tower and now called by its formal name, One World Trade Center.

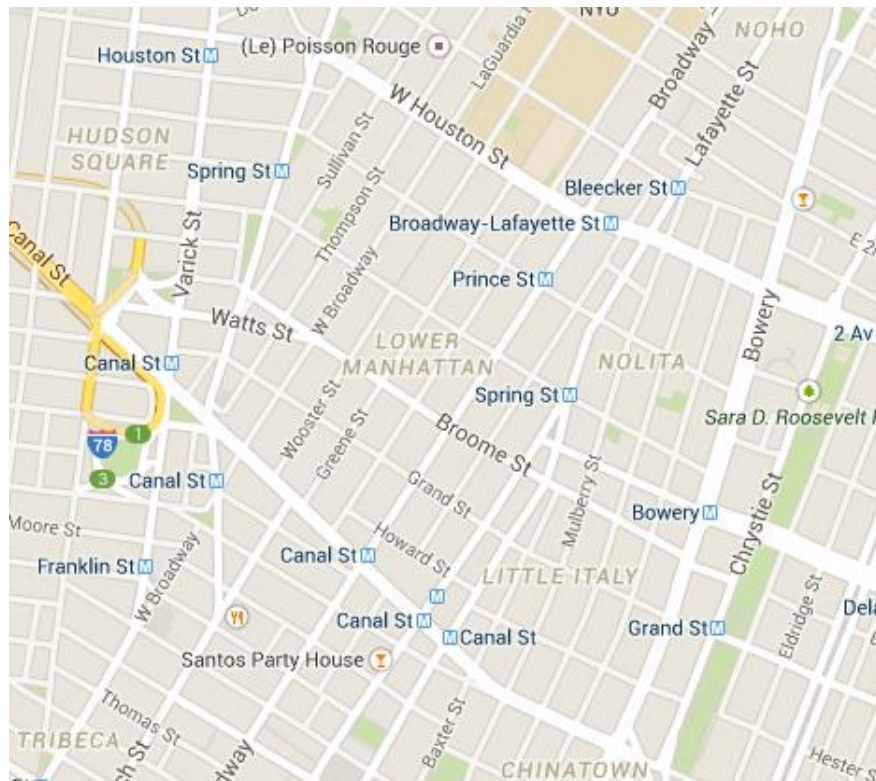
The World Trade Center is near the northern end of what is known as the Financial District, which includes the Wall Street area, Trinity Church and Battery Park. A few blocks up Broadway from the World Trade Center is New York's City Hall.



SOHO is the neighborhood a bit north of the World Trade Center. The name SOHO is an abbreviation for the neighborhood “South of Houston Street”. In addition to Houston Street, SOHO is framed by Lafayette Street to the East, 6th Ave (also known as Avenue of the Americas) to the West, and Canal Street to the South.

Be aware also that Houston Street is pronounced “HOW-ston” and not “HEW-ston”.

There is a lot of shopping in this area, and the blocks are not very big, so walking is pretty easy.



DIRECTIONS: Ground Zero to SOHO

Transit: Uptown C or E Train (*approximately 5-10 minutes, \$2.50 via MetroCard*)

At the northern end of the World Trade Center, you will see several entrances for the C and E Trains. There has been a lot of construction in this area over the past several years and some of the entrances have been changing. Look for a subway entrance with the “C” or “E” signs in the blue circles and take an uptown bound train.

Regardless of which train you get on, get off at the Spring Street station. This will be only a few stops. As shown in the map above, the Spring Street station is on the western edge of SOHO, so just walk East along Spring Street for a few blocks. A lot of the bigger shops are on Broadway, but don't be afraid to explore.

DIRECTIONS: SOHO to the Metropolitan Museum of Art

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is at 1000 5th Avenue, at 82nd St. on the East Side of Central Park
<http://www.metmuseum.org>

Transit: Uptown 6 Train (approximately 30 minutes, \$2.50 via MetroCard)

Get on the Uptown 6 Train at the corner of Spring Street and Lafayette Street. This is at the East side of SOHO. Walk East on Spring Street, cross Broadway and Crosby Street, and Lafayette will be the next cross street.



You must cross over Lafayette to get the Uptown 6 train. The subway entrance is on the left side of Spring Street.



Stay on the 6 Train for 10 stops, and get off at the 77th Street Station

Walk North along Lexington to 82nd Street. Turn Left and walk to the Museum, which will be right in front of you.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is also called “The Met”.

Some General Information About the New York City Subway System

In the subway stations and platforms, all the signs are placed at the ceiling. Look up to understand what train is on what track and where it's heading.

In Manhattan, there are five major subway lines, designated by colors. There are multiple trains that run on each line. What makes them different is where they stop. Some trains are considered “locals”, where they stop at every station, and others are “express” where they stop at selected stations.

The map at the right shows the train lines through Manhattan. Look at the 4, 5 and 6 trains along the green line. Look for the Grand Central/42nd St. stop and you will see that all three trains stop there. But just south of the, only the 6 train stops at 33rd, 28th and 23rd streets. The 6 is considered a “local” in Manhattan because it stops at every station. The 4 and 5 trains are express because they stop only at certain places. When looking to go from one point to another, look first for the station to understand what trains stop there to let you know what train to get on.

Note also that New Yorkers do not call them by their colors. They will tell you what number train to take, but nobody says “the green line.”

The subway trains are commonly called out by their final destination. For example, the E train goes from the World Trade Center in downtown Manhattan to Jamaica Center in Queens. So, E trains that are headed downtown are called “World Trade Center bound” and the northbound trains are commonly called “Queens bound.” You will also hear the conductor say “uptown” or “downtown” bound, depending on the train's final destination.

You will see a larger version of this map in every subway car and on every platform. You will also see this map outside the turnstiles at every subway station. Also, every station has additional maps that show you the streets in the immediate area of the station, as well as a larger map of the area.

During the day, almost every subway station has a manned service booth, commonly known as a “token booth.” They are still called token booths even though tokens have not been sold for years.

