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Spring in Brighton Beach



Take a World Brooklyn Field Trip. Brooklyn is home to people from all over the world. Take your family to explore your own neighborhood or someplace new.

Brighton Beach


Brighton Beach is New York City's center for Russian and Ukranian shopping and entertainment. Known as "Little Odessa," it is thought that Eastern European immigrants settled in Brighton Beach because the beach reminded them of their homeland's Black Sea. Spring is a great time to visit Brighton Beach, especially along the boardwalk where people are out enjoying the warm weather and the view of the ocean.

Basic Information




Places to Go

Shops are clues to who lives in a neighborhood. Look for these places on your Sunset Park expedition. Step inside and discover the people who live in the neighborhood.

 GROCERY
M&I International Foods

249 Brighton Beach Avenue Founded by a family from Odessa, M&I International Food is the best known of all the area stores. You'll find Russian sausage, barrels of sour pickles, and many products imported from Eastern Europe. Sample their cooking at the café. Look for a product made in Russia. Take something home to try.

 BOOKSTORE/MUSIC STORE
St. Petersburg Bookstore

230 Brighton Beach Avenue This store is the largest Russian language bookstore in the United States. They sell books, videos, music, toys, and gifts from Russia. Look for something to bring home for your family. Why did you choose that item?

 PARK/PLAYGROUND
Brighton Beach Boardwalk

On a nice day, take a break from busy Brighton Beach Avenue and go one block east to the boardwalk. Between Brighton 4th and Brighton 6th you'll find Russian outdoor cafes. Between the Boardwalk and Brightwater Court is the playground. What on the boardwalk reminds you of the rest of the neighborhood?

 SPECIAL EVENTS
Millennium Theater

Try to catch a performance at the Millennium Theater (1029 Brighton Beach Avenue, near Coney Island Avenue; 718-615-1500). Millennium Theater shows include Brighton Ballet, opera, Moscow Circus, top Russian singers, dancers, and theater troupes.



Don't Forget Your World Brooklyn Family Guide

Make sure to pick up a World Brooklyn Family Guide which includes a Brooklyn map and activities for your family to do during your neighborhood tour and back at home.