

ULTIMATE SUMMER GUIDE

The Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival, at Meadow Lake in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park



sions are \$34 per half hour. (kensingtonstables.org).
 ■ Take the IKEA water taxi from Pier 11 at the corner of South St. and Wall St., Manhattan, to Red Hook and the Waterfront Museum and Showboat Barge (waterfrontmuseum.org).
 ■ Explore a decommissioned 1930s subway station at the New York Transit Museum, at the corner of Boerum Place and Schermerhorn St., in downtown Brooklyn (mta.info/mtamuseum; 718-694-1600).
 ■ In August, ride Jane's Carousel at its new home in a Jean Nouvel-designed pavilion on the DUMBO waterfront between the bridges (janescarousel.com). Until then, the 1912 carousel in the Children's Corner of Prospect Park is only \$2 a ride. It's a great place to bring a gaggle of kids.

- Buy into a CSA – a community-supported agriculture program, which provides weekly produce straight from the farm. There's a new one organized by Local Roots NYC, with pickups at 61Local in Cobble Hill (localrootsnyc.org).
- Go out with the Sheepshead Bay fishing fleets and plan a fish fry.

THE BRONX

- Take a bike on the 6 train to its final stop in the Bronx, then ride all the way out to City Island for a cool drink.
- Go to Yankee Stadium to see Derek Jeter get his 3,000th hit, if he's still going for it. The home stand starting Friday against the Rockies and Brewers might be a good place to get the record.
- See Mia, the celebrity snake at

the Bronx Zoo.

- Paddle a canoe along the Bronx River. Register for the Tidal Paddle July 11 or the Upper River Run Aug. 8 (bronxriver.org).

QUEENS

- Try all the crazy stunts, including tightrope walking and flying acrobatics, at the New York Hall of Science's "Circus!" exhibit, through Sept. 4. 47-01 111th St., Corona (nysci.org).
- Zip-line through the Alley Pond Park Adventure Course.
- Spend the day at Rockaway Beach and get some tacos along the way.
- Visit the Astoria Market, Queens' answer to the Brooklyn Flea, and see what their artisans and food vendors have to offer. It's at Bohemian Hall,

29-19 24th Ave. Or just go for the sausage and beer when the market is not in session (astoriainmarket.com).

- Get wet, get tan, get noticed at the outdoor Astoria Pool, the oldest and largest city pool. Astoria Park, in the shadow of the RFK Bridge, is at 19th St. and 23rd Dr.
- Eat Shake Shack at Citi Field while the Mets are still in contention for the NL East. Hurry.
- Race in the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival, or maybe just watch, if dragons scare you. Aug. 13 and 14, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. Free (hkdbf-ny.org).
- Go fishing in Jamaica Bay. The shallow water attracts fluke, stripers, weakfish, bluefish, bonito, Spanish mackerel, tautog, sea bass, false albacore and skipjack tuna, according to the naturalists at Gateway National Park.
- Learn to surf at Rockaway Beach: Head to Beach 90th St. or the surf beach between 67th and 69th Sts.
- Enjoy the 33rd annual Thunderbird American Indian midsummer pow-wow at the Queens County Farm Museum on Little Neck Parkway, July 29-31 (queensfarm.org).
- Check out the PS 1 Warm Up weekly music series with the likes of LCD Soundsystem, DJ Harvey, Scissor Sisters and more. The series includes admission to exhibits at the MoMA site in Queens. If you live in

Long Island City, you get in free! (ps1.org/warmup).

- Eat al fresco at Valentino's on the Green in Bayside, overlooking Clearview Park and Golf Course.
- Try every brunch in Astoria: Mexi-Q, Athens Cafe, Brick Cafe, Via Espresso, Locale Bar and Restaurant, the Sparrow Tavern and more.
- Rent a motorboat and cruise the waterways around the islands near Howard Beach. Try captainlunasmarina.com; 718-659-0935.
- Take a hike and do some bird-watching at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge (nps.gov/gate; 718-318-4340).
- Try the original at Lemon Ice King of Corona on 108th St. in Queens, then watch the serious bocce action across the street.
- Get cricket explained at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

STATEN ISLAND

- Enjoy "Movies Under the Stars" on Friday and July 8 and 15 at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden in Staten Island.
- Sit outside at Staten Island's South Fin Grill (300 Father Capodanno Blvd.) and enjoy the seafood, live music and outdoor bar. It's on the South Beach boardwalk, and was recently featured in the reality show "Mob Wives."