THE BEST THINGS EVERY VISITOR SHOULD DO IN MANHATTAN TO FEEL LIKE A REAL NEW YORKER

Manhattan can be a wildly overwhelming place, packed with more landmarks, bars, restaurants, stores, and activities than you could ever dream of working your way through -- which often makes it impossible to decide on what to actually do in the borough. To make sure you make the most of your time, consult this list of the the most essential things to see, eat, and do in the heart of New York City.

Explore Grand Central Station
Midtown

The always-packed commuter hub is a far less frustrating place when you’re simply there to enjoy its architectural marvels. Among some of the must-see attractions are the whispering gallery; the zodiac mural on the ceiling of the Main Concourse; the newly reopened hidden bar, The Campbell; and the landmark Grand Central Oyster Bar, with its iconic vaulted ceiling and famed oyster pan roast.