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The Coveteur's Guide to Williamsburg and Greenpoint

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Two of the coolest neighborhoods in Brooklyn, New York—Williamsburg and Greenpoint—just keep getting better. Check out the Coveteur's recommendations for the best things to do in North Brooklyn.



At this point, we think it's totally fair to call New York our second home (various international airports could be probably be considered our first). But if Manhattan is where we work, then Brooklyn is where we play. There's something about the neighborhood-y, effortlessly cool vibe found in neighborhoods like Williamsburg and Greenpoint that makes the borough so great for market hopping, vintage shopping, and patio chilling. Here are some of our favorite spots in North Brooklyn.

Antica Pesa

This restaurant, with its relaxed and fun atmosphere, serves some of the best pasta in the city. If you happen to go on a night when the *spaghetti cacio e pepe* is on the menu, don't think, just order. Thank us later. (115 Berry St., Williamsburg; 347-763-2635)

Brooklyn Flea

The Brooklyn Flea is our go-to source for any and all eccentric ephemera, and its Williamsburg market is open through the fall. It's the kind of post-Sunday brunch outing that will keep you occupied for the remainder of the afternoon, and if you're anything like us, you'll likely leave with an empty wallet and a whole lot of stuff you never knew you needed. (50 Kent Ave., Williamsburg; 718-928-6603)

The Ides Bar at the Wythe Hotel

Courtesy of Wythe Hotel

Northern Territory and the Wythe Hotel

It's our opinion that these watering holes have the best rooftop patios in the borough. Go to Northern Territory for brunch and the Wythe for a sunset cocktail with a view of the East River and Manhattan (while you smugly consider the

fact that it's way better on this side of the river). (*Northern Territory*: 12 Franklin St., Greenpoint; 347-689-4065; *Wythe Hotel*: 80 Wythe Ave., Williamsburg; 718-460-8000)

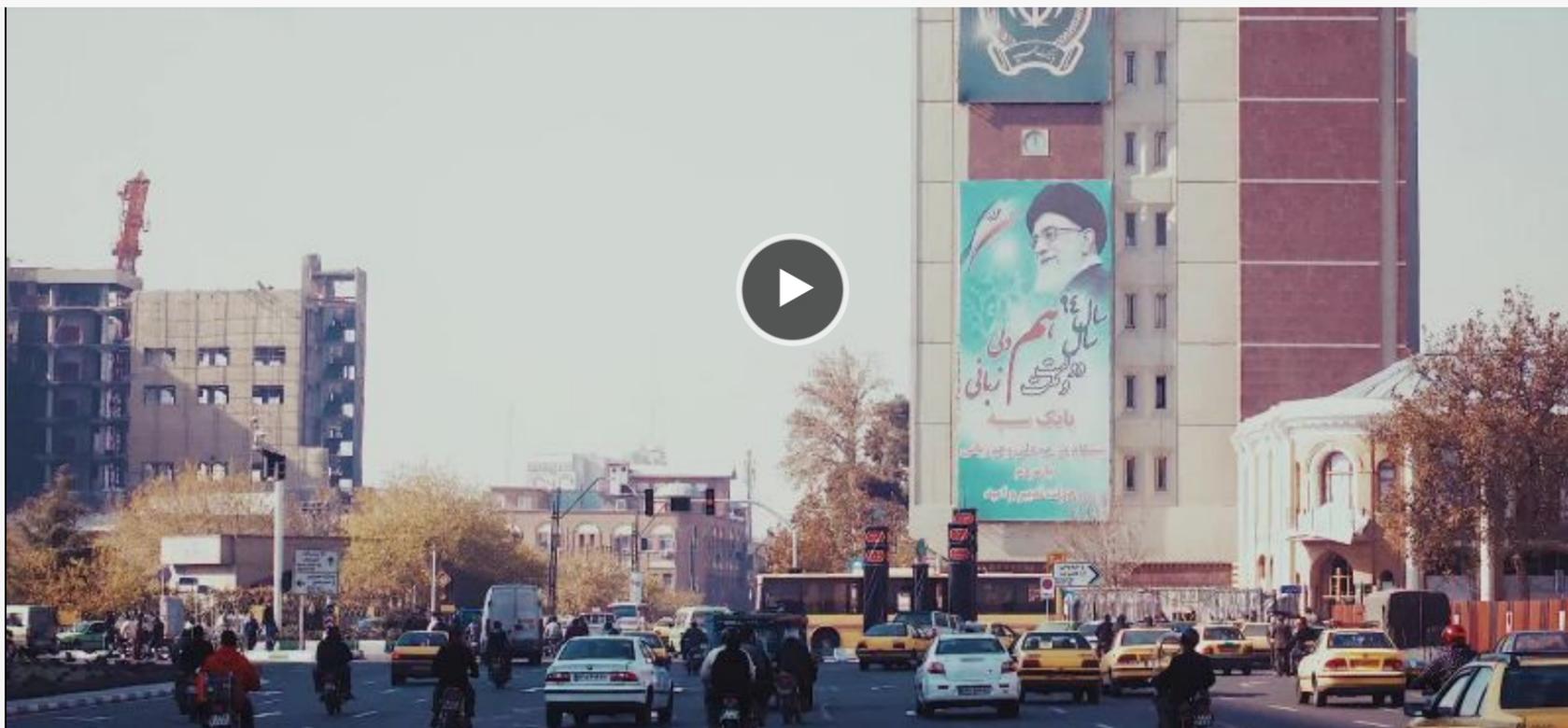
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Grand Street Bakery

Globetrotting hotelier (and fellow CNTraveler.com contributor) **Ben Pundole** goes here to hunt for all-vintage-everything, from piles of perfectly worn denim to hip flasks. According to Pundole, it's "the best store in the city." (602 Grand St., Williamsburg; 718-387-2390)

Oysters and champagne at Maison Premiere.

Maison Premiere

DJ Chelsea Leyland, a borough-residing friend and Cov-alum, told us that this oyster bar is her ideal first date spot—and we have to agree. As far as aphrodisiacs go, nothing works as well as raw bivalves and champagne. **Maison Premiere's** old-school atmosphere doesn't hurt either. (298 Bedford Avenue, Williamsburg; 347-335-0446)

Van Leeuwen Ice Cream The ice creamery's Brooklyn truck, which can often be found at Bedford Avenue and North 8th Street, is a prime spot for an afternoon pick-me-up. The best flavors for your cone? Earl Grey Tea or Ceylon Cinnamon. (Multiple locations; 718-701-1630)

Bird, located on Grand Street.

Bird

Comme des Garçons, Common Project, Suno, Steven Alan. Shop at Bird and you'll look like you fit in the neighborhood in no time. (203 Grand St., Williamsburg; 718-797-3774)

Catbird

Catbird's dainty metal rings can be found all over the place at this point, but the brand's appeal all started here. On top of

which, the store carries many more less-seen treasures, from Rodin hair oil to gold-rimmed porcelain. (219 Bedford Ave., Williamsburg; 718-599-3457)

The Blind Barber

Save for our photog Jake, we aren't typically barber shop patrons. But guys and girls alike should check out The Blind Barber's newly opened Williamsburg location. While dudes get groomed, there's plenty of delicious food and coffee for the rest of us. Come night time, the community-oriented shop turns into a full-on bar. Drop in to stay a while. (594 Lorimer

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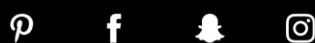
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