

[New Year's Eve in NYC](#)

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To be honest, I had low expectations for NYC. Despite these, my three nights in the Big Apple left quite a mark on me. Let's just say I'd move there in a heartbeat.

I was surprised how quickly I adapted the sheer amount of people around me, and the indescribable amount of advertisements and incoming information. I had mental filters up by the 4th hour; and I was very comfortable. The grid layout of Manhattan made it easy to navigate and people seemed generally friendly, as opposed to the coldness I was expecting. However, I think if you correct for the fact that it was peak tourist season, that people were generally in a holiday spirit and my low expectations, I think the stereotype may still fit.

Nacim and I geeked out for three days, visiting about a half-dozen museums, and walked nearly all of Manhattan. I'd put up photos, but it's nothing you can't see from a [Google search](#) (including the half-naked cowboy, actually). Plus, I had an eye infection for the first two days, so I looked like shit.

Highlights:

- Museum of Natural History, most notably the planetarium's show on [Cosmic Collisions](#)
- Walking around Manhattan. From Southern Battery Park, through the financial district, theatre district, little Italy and Chinatown up to the northern tip of Central Park.
- Not having to go shopping.
- [The Museum of Sex](#): Way more scientific than I expected, especially the section on the sex lives of animals. But after seeing the other exhibits, you definitely left the place horny.
- Relieving my bladder after the Times Square countdown, in the shuttle bus' lavatory. Big mistake to drink a pitcher before heading to Times Square, where I'd wait for 7 hours in the dreadfully cold weather. And weaving between the other 1.5 million other people downtown to get to said bus. Yup - best piss of my life.
- [Bodies](#)

I'd strongly recommend for anyone who has not yet been, to make the trip to NYC. I did not expect to enjoy the...*aura*, that I have never experienced elsewhere.



[Natalie Melanson](#) at 8:21pm January 6

I LOVE NEW YORK! hehe I was there last year for New Years, and I understand your thoughts about the 7 hour wait during the countdown in Times Square. It's something you

can now check off your to-do-list before you die! Be at Times Square with 1 million people for the New Year! I could talk about it for hours, but I'll leave it at that ;) Show 2 more comments...



Jacques Cormier at 9:25am January 7
lobster is sick dude!



[Deniz Kutan](#) at 7:08pm January 7
What do you think about Bodies? I expect a note all by itself. :)