

## BSL CLASSROOM LOCATION GUIDE STUYVESANT SQUARE PARK

### *A BIT OF HISTORY FIRST!*

In 1836, Peter Gerard Stuyvesant (1778–1847) – the great-great-grandson of Peter Stuyvesant – the first Governor General of the New Netherlands reserved four acres of the Stuyvesant farm and sold it for a token five dollars to the City of New York as a public park, originally to be called Holland Square, with the proviso that the City of New York build a fence around it. The 2800-foot-long cast-iron fence, which still stands as the oldest cast-iron fence in New York City. (The oldest fence in New York is that around Bowling Green.)

In 1850 two fountains completed the landscaping, and the park was formally opened to the public. The public space joined St. John's Square, the recently formed Washington Square and the private Gramercy Park as residential squares around which it was expected New York's better neighborhoods would be built.

In the early 1900s, Stuyvesant Square was among the city's most fashionable addresses.



## ***THE BARE ESSENTIALS***

*\*\*Find these on the map on page 1*

### **Morning coffee**

- Pret a Manger
- Starbucks\*\*
- Irving Farm NY coffee\*\*
- Sunburst expresso bar

### **Lunch options**

- Gramercy Tavern\*\*
- 5 Napkin Burger\*\*
- Joes Pizza
- Bagel Belly
- Follia Os Teria restaurant
- Pete's Tavern
- Friend of a farmer
- Bedford Cheese Shop

- Casa mono
- Chipotle\*\*

### **Grocery stores & pharmacies**

- Health food store 162 3rd Ave\*\*
- West side market
- Duane Reade

### **Nearest subway stations and lines**

- 1st Avenue (L) (5 mins walk)
- 3rd Avenue (L) (5 mins walk)
- Union Square (L,4,5,R,Q,W,N) (10 mins walk)

### **Nearest public restrooms**

- Union Square (10 mins walk)

## ***PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY***

### **Less than a mile (0-10 mins walk)**

- Irving place historical district
- Gramercy park
- East 19th Street architecture
- Union Square

### **A little bit further (1 mile-20 mins walk)**

- East Village
- Washington Square Park
- Soho
- Nolita
- Flat Iron building and district
- Empire State Building

## ***7 COOL THINGS TO DO AFTER YOUR ENGLISH CLASS***

1. Head to Union Square movie theater for an afternoon movie, and afterwards drink wine and eat tapas at the famous Bar Jamon (10 mins walk from Stuyvesant park)
2. While away a few hours exploring the city's most famous independent bookstore, the Strand bookstore (12 mins walk from Stuyvesant Park)
3. Visit the Whitney museum of American Art, and Chelsea Market and then walk The Highline (30 mins walk from Stuyvesant park)
4. Hang out in the East Village, explore vintage shops and buy a coffee in St Marks place to people watch (15 mins to walk from Stuyvesant Park)
5. Go and see a play at the famous NY institution, the Public Theater + afterwards visit the Angels Share, a famous speakeasy bar for a Japanese made cocktail
6. Eat the famous Philly cheese sandwich at Kats Delicatessen and then visit the Tenement Museum (15 mins walk from Stuyvesant Park)
7. Wander around the quaint streets of the lovely West Village and end with a cupcake at Magnolias bakery (15 mins walk from Stuyvesant Park)