

BSL CLASSROOM LOCATION GUIDE – PARK AVENUE PLAZA

A BIT OF HISTORY

Park Avenue Plaza is a building that stands 574 feet tall with 44 floors. Described as a 'bulky glass prism', the plaza has a large indoor public atrium space with a 'subtle waterfall' and a Starbucks on-site. There is also a large piano in the middle and you can often find someone playing it to the wide spectrum of New Yorkers who use the space.

THE ESSENTIALS

Morning coffee

- Starbucks (on-site)
- Blue Bottle coffee

Lunch options

- Rockefeller Center (wide range of options)
- Europa Café
- Dishes

Something sweet!

- Magnolia Bakery

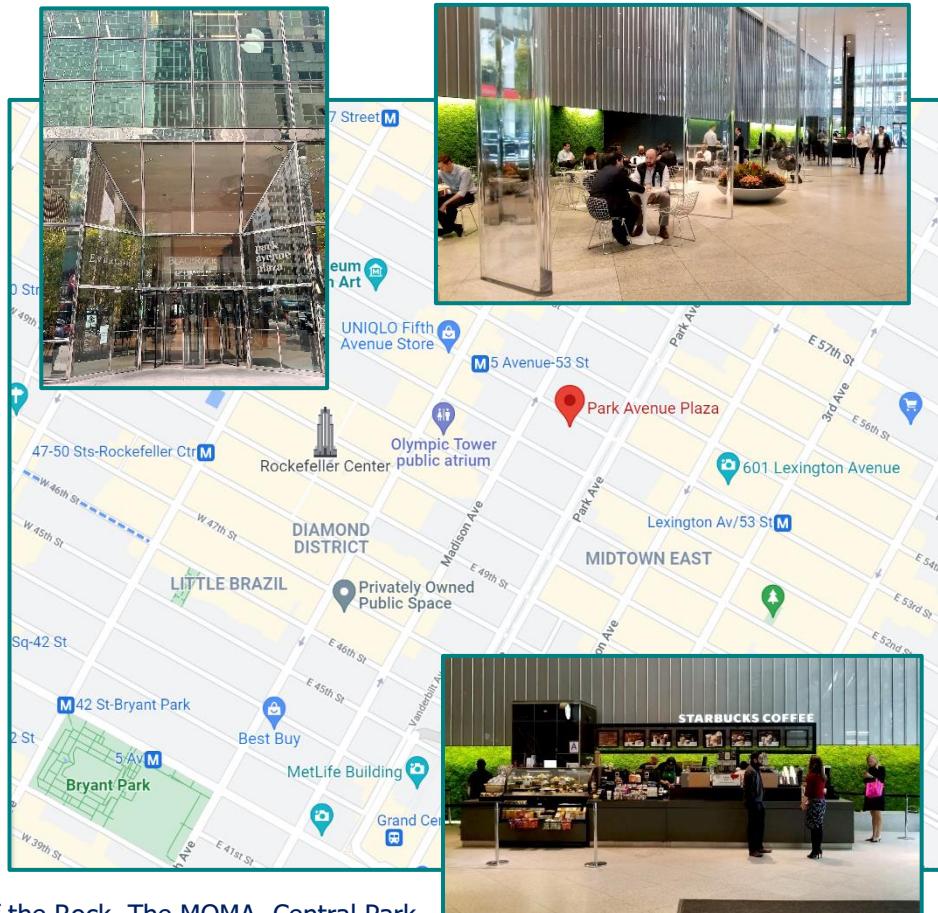
Grocery stores & pharmacies

- Morton Williams Supermarket
- CVS

Nearest subway stations & lines

- 5 Avenue-53 St (E, M)
- 51 St (4, 6)
- 47-50th St-Rockefeller Ctr (B, D, F, M)

(Public restrooms available at Rockefeller center - 7 min walk)



PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY

St Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Ctr-Top of the Rock, The MOMA, Central Park

3 COOL THINGS TO DO AFTER YOUR ENGLISH CLASS

1. After class, head South down Park Avenue. After 2 blocks, drop into St Bartholomew's Church, which dates from the early 1900s. Then continue south for several blocks until you reach the iconic Grand Central station. Definitely worth a visit. Then head over to the nearby Chrysler building. When built, it was the tallest building in the world, and has some great examples of Art Deco in the ground floor lobby. Then walk East until you reach the United Nations. They have a great guided tour of this famous building.
2. Walk North up 5th Avenue for 10-15 mins until you reach Central Park. You can then explore the Eastern part of the park for an hour or so, before exiting the park at 82nd street, and visiting the famous Met Museum. You'll need several hours here at a minimum so this might be just the first trip!
3. When taking a class here, this gives you a great opportunity to visit Roosevelt Island. It's only a 15 min walk to Tramway Plaza, and from here you take the gondola across the East river to Roosevelt Island. I would explore the southern part of the island taking in the old Smallpox Memorial hospital (it's eerie!) and the Roosevelt Park on the southern tip. Great views of the East river and Manhattan here. To leave, walk back up the island on the East side and take the East River ferry downtown to Dumbo in Brooklyn.

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