



**PIER 25**  
**PLAY AREA &**  
**MINI GOLF**  
**COURSE**

[www.hudsonriverpark.org](http://www.hudsonriverpark.org)

Hudson River Park  
between Harrison and North  
Moore streets

Subway

1 Franklin Street



Within the Hudson River Park, you'll find a play space perfect for your children, with a little bit of something for everyone.

If the kids have behaved relatively well at each museum and memorial you've taken them to thus far, they'll be grateful to let loose and just be noisy, giggly kids at this sprawling park. Stretching the entire length of the manmade peninsula, the pier includes a large playground, mini golf course, beach volleyball area, and small Astroturf field.

Your youngest ones will find the playground the most appealing with its climbing structures and boulders, swing sets for big and little kids, and large sand box. (Public restrooms are available for cleanup.) In warmer months the play area includes various water features with sprayers and large buckets high in the air to fill up and pour on unsuspecting passersby.

Just past the playground is Manhattan's only eighteen-hole mini golf course. Only \$5 for adults, and \$4 per game for children under thirteen years old, this putter's paradise is a great bargain for any New York activity.

The course features waterfalls, mini-gardens, and a fountain, all set to the tune of Motown and Jimmy Buffet.

After the kids kick your tush on hole eighteen, head to the end of the pier to run out their last bits of energy on the lush, green Astroturf field. Once you've all raced to the very end, you can plop down on deck chairs to rest and enjoy views of the Freedom Tower and Statue of Liberty.



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## NEW YORK CITY FIRE MUSEUM

Many children dream of becoming firefighters when they grow up, but even if your child wants to become a ballerina or cowboy instead, they can still find interest at this vibrant firehouse.

All family members will enjoy the museum's wide array of historical artifacts and gleaming, towering fire trucks. Admission is just \$5 for children twelve and under, and it takes only about an hour to enjoy everything the museum has to offer, so children shouldn't be too antsy.



The first floor shows off the modern equipment of the present-day New York Fire Department, as well as memorabilia from the department's essential rescue efforts on September 11, 2001, and beyond.

Up on the second floor you'll find the historical marvels of fire fighting dating back to the late 18th century. Don't miss the double-decker fire engine present at the opening celebration for the Statue of Liberty, and the horse-drawn steam engine from 1901.

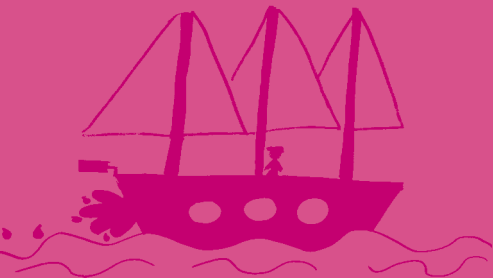
Although most displays are not hands-on, the kids can't leave without trying on the heroic gear and helmets. They'll enjoy playing dress up, and you'll get a kick out of the perfect tiny firefighter photo op. The museum also offers annual events created especially for kids, including a Halloween party for trick-or-treating, competing in a costume contest, and participating in a scavenger hunt. During the holiday season attend the one-day Santa Rescue, when firefighters save St. Nick from the roof before he sits with children for photos and Christmas wish lists.

[www.nycfiremuseum.org](http://www.nycfiremuseum.org)  
278 Spring Street

Subway

 Houston Street  
 Spring Street







## SCHOONER PIONEER

Before pointing your compass toward other New York sights, the star attraction of the South Street Seaport Museum is its sixth vessel: the Pioneer.

This ship was built in 1885 and used as a delivery vessel of sorts. She was fitted with an engine in 1930 but returned to her roots as a sailing vessel in 1966. Now, the Pioneer sails six days a week during warm-enough months, touring children and adults around the New York harbor.

Although a bit smaller than the Peking, at only 102 feet, the sleek Pioneer's advantage is that it will get the wind moving through your hair as your family sails the open sea.

The vessel has room for thirty-five passengers on the two-hour tour, and you'll all enjoy the salty sea spray, save for any seasick folks.

As you move through the harbor, you'll have a spectacular view of Governor's Island, the Brooklyn Bridge (including its underside), and the Statue of Liberty. The sunset cruise, in particular, takes full advantage of the beautiful scenery.

But if the views aren't entertaining enough for the kids, they can always ask one of the volunteers to teach them a few sailing tips or one of the many essential knots aboard the vessel. They might even get a chance to hoist the sails!

Feel free to bring your own snacks along, and take a restroom break before boarding, as the ship's accommodations are modest.

See South Street  
The historic schooner cruises  
New York Harbor

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