

WALKING TOUR FROM SEWARD & KISSEL TO TRINITY CHURCH

Begin at Seward & Kissel – 1 Batter Park Plaza. Exit State Street and turn RIGHT.

Continue to **Bowling Green**.

1. National Museum of the American Indian

Originally the **Alexander Hamilton Custom House** built in 1907

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Hamilton_U.S._Custom_House

Beaux-Arts exterior

Statues in front sculpted by Daniel Chester French (also sculpted the Lincoln Memorial in D.C.)

2. Bowling Green Park

First city park in New York City

The gate surrounding it is actually the original iron gate from 1771. You can feel where the British crowns were cut off the tops of the entrance posts.

From the park you can see:

Number One Broadway – the original office of the White Star line (Titanic)

John D. Rockefeller's **Standard Oil Building** (curved building on the east side of the street)

Cunard Line Building (Lusitania)

Originally in the middle of the fountain was a statue of King George III – it was removed in 1776 and melted down for bullets used by the revolutionary soldiers.

July 9, 1776 the Declaration of Independence was read for the first time in New York City at Bowling Green.

Broadway begins at the top of Bowling Green Park just beyond the **Charging Bull of Wall Street**.

3. Charging Bull of Wall Street

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charging_Bull

Designed by Arturo Di Modica who illegally dropped the statue off in front of the Stock Exchange on December 14, 1989. He used his own funds to pay for the construction of the statue. The city threw it away but the media clamor brought it back and they placed it at the north entrance of Bowling Green Park. Mr. Di Modica still owns the bull.

4. Canyon of Heroes

A tradition that began in 1886 following the dedication of the Statue of Liberty. After Grover Cleveland dedicated the statue he and his entourage began walking up Broadway. People were so excited about the new statue they began throwing ticker tape – which was plentiful in the financial district – out the windows and a tradition was born.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_ticker-tape_parades_in_New_York_City

Broadway Canyon of Heroes– walking north the signage on the sidewalk indicates ticker tape parades.

The last one was July 7, 2021 – Healthcare Professionals and essential workers for the labor during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The New York Yankees have had the most parades – 9.

Turn RIGHT on EXCHANGE PLACE ALLEY (scaffolded alley) to BROAD STREET and make LEFT

5. **New York Stock Exchange**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Stock_Exchange

Designed by George Post – built in 1903

Beaux Arts style

6. **Wall Street**

1653-1669 Wall Street Palisade – Wall Street is named for a defensive wall of logs know as a palisade erected in 1653 along the northern border of New Amsterdam. Built to protect the Dutch settlement from the Native Americans and British.

(Also – Stone Street, first cobble stone street in New Amsterdam. Broad Street, was a broad street and had a canal running along it in New Amsterdam.)

7. **Statue of George Washington**

In front of Federal Hall - The site where George Washington was sworn in as the United States' first president. Hosted the first Congress. The original building was demolished in 1812.

The current structure, designed by Ithiel Town and Alexander Jackson Davis, was built as the U.S. Customs House for the Port of New York in 1842. (custom house prior to the **Alexander Hamilton Custom House** at 1 Bowling Green).

There is a museum in the building with the original bible that Washington was sworn in on.

Turn LEFT on WALL STREET from BROAD STREET

8. **Trinity Church**

Oldest parish in the United States – 1697, the current church was constructed in 1846.

Alexander Hamilton is buried here.

The water line from the Hudson River used to come up to the back of Trinity Church.

