

Wednesday, August 02, 2006 - Uptown Manhattan

Today we took the bus tour to Brooklyn. This used to be the home of the Italian, then Irish, then Jewish communities, and is now predominantly Middle Eastern. Brooklyn itself has a large share of skyscrapers and big beautiful buildings, especially churches and synagogues.

Figure 1: Brooklyn Bridge



We also went to the Seaport Museum, which consisted of several old sailing vessels and several museum exhibitions on the history of sailing, whaling, and fishing in the New York area. Lunch was at the food court by the museum.

Figure 2: Seaport Museum



In the afternoon we went to Ground Zero, which is the site where the World Trade Center used to be. It is now one big construction zone now, and is the future home of the Freedom Tower. Dinner was at a deli. NYC is known for its delis which serve oversized sandwiches, salads and soups at affordable prices. Some famous delis include the Soup Kitchen, home of the Soup Nazi in the TV

show *Seinfeld*, and *Katz Deli*, in which Meg Ryan's character has her orgasm in the movie *"When Harry Met Sally."*

Figure 3: Ground Zero



The temperature was 100 degrees F today, and the humidity was 80%! It was worse than Phoenix. Apparently, this is one of the hottest weeks in the history of NYC, and today was the hottest day for this date in the city's history.

Figure 4: NYC Parking Lot



Figure 5: Prison

