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Miam: 近阿密 Michigan 密执安州

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New Mexico 新昂西哥州

New York 组约

North Carolina 北卡罗 . 由州

North Dakota 北达科他州

Ohio 俄亥俄州 Oklahoma 俄克拉何马州

Oklahoma 使克拉何与州

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Plymouth 普利茅斯

Rhode Island 罗得艾兰州

Rocky Mountains 格基山脉

R. Mississippi 密西西比河

R. Potomac 波托马克河

R. St. Lawrence 圣劳伦斯河

San Francisco 圣声兰西斯科(旧金山)

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South Dakota 南达科他州 state boundaries 州界

Tennessee 用纳西州

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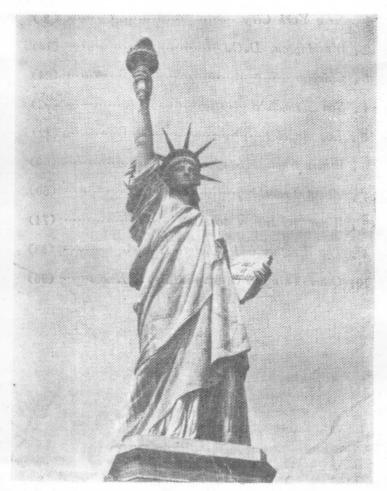
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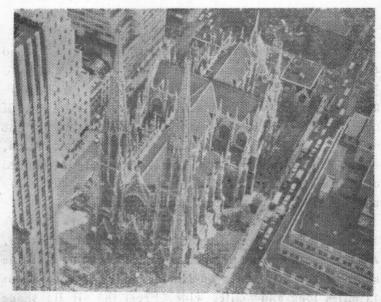
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## 1. New York City



The Statue of Liberty, New York Harbour (纽约港的自由女神像)

### 1.纽约市



Looking down on St Patrick's from the Rockefeller Center (从洛克菲勒中心俯视圣帕特里克教堂)

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'New York City is not America.' That's what kind American friends are sure to Dtell you when you arrive.
'You must see Boston, visit Niagara Falls, go to Virginia, fly down to Florida,' and so on, but first, of course, you will want to see New York. It is not the capital city of the United States (that is Washington, D.C., where the President lives) or even the capital city of New York State (that is Albany), but many people call it 'the greatest city on earth'.

The five parts, or boroughs, of New York City are Manhattan, Queens, Bronx, Richmond and Brooklyn. Although Manhattan is not all of New York, it is the heart of the city. It is an island, which is only about 13 miles long and 2 miles wide. From the air its shape looks like a long finger, and from the sea it's just like the picture we all know. Those tall, straight buildings—the skyscrapers—packed so close together on that island of rock are sometimes seen in the distance through a veil of early morning mist. You have imagined it so often that now it's difficult to believe this beautiful sight is real, and unless your heart is as hard as stone, excitement will make it beat a little faster. Perhaps 'greatest', 'tallest', 'longest', 'biggest',

① be sure to, 肯定, 一定 ② in the distance, 在远处

"纽约市并不代表美国。"这便是好心的美国朋友在你来 到纽约时肯定会告诉你的。"你应当看看波士顿,看看尼亚加 拉瀑布,到弗吉尼亚走走,乘飞机去佛罗里达逛逛。"等等。 不过,不消说你首先想瞧瞧纽约。纽约不是美国的首都〔首都 为华盛顿(哥伦比亚特区),总统就住在那儿〕, 甚至也不是 纽约州的首府(首府为奥尔巴尼),但很多人都称它是"世界 第一大城市"。

纽约市的五个部分,或者叫五个行政区,为曼哈顿、昆斯、布朗克斯,里士满和布鲁克林。虽说曼哈顿不等于整个纽约,它却是纽约市的中心。曼哈顿是个岛,仅有十三英里长,两英里宽。从空中看,其形状象一个长长的手指,从海上看,它正象我们人人都熟悉的那种画面。鳞次栉比地矗立在这座石岛上的那些高大、笔直的建筑物——摩天楼——有时在远处透过清晨薄雾的面纱便可看到。你常常会想象到这一景象,而此时此刻却难以相信这美丽的景色竟是真的。除非你是铁石心肠,否则,你的心会因兴奋而跳动得更快。也许,"最伟大的"、"最高的"、"最长的"、"最大的"、"最明亮的"这些字眼会是你在纽约市的各种旅行指南中极常碰到的一些字眼。

'brightest', are the words you will find most often in the city guide books.

On Manhattan are some of the most wonderful sights in the New World, as great and splendid as any of those in the Old World. Which is the easiest way to see them? First, get a map of New York City. These maps are often supplied free at petrol stations (called gas stations here) and tourist offices. Of course, you can take a bus tour but a better way to see the sights is to walk, and you'll walk with your head thrown back so that you can look up at the tall buildings rising like steep cliffs on either side of the street. It's not easy to get lost. The streets of New York form squares called 'blocks'. If you ask the way you may get the reply 'Go four blocks East and then turn left,' or 'It's at the end of the block.' Nearly all the streets are in straight lines, running from East to West. Those running from North to South are called avenues. Most of the avenues and streets have only numbers but there are a few which have names; for example, between Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue there is an avenue called Lexington; the upper part of Fourth Avenue is called Park Avenue; and between Park Avenue and Fifth Avenue is Madison Avenue, And Broadway, which is the centre of the worlds of the theatre, music and cinema, and which is known as 3 the Great White Way, runs for nearly the whole

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③be known as. 以……知名

在曼哈顿, 有一些新世界① 最奇异的景致, 跟旧世界② 的 这类景致同样宏伟、壮观。游览这些风景的最便当的方式是什 么呢? 首先, 搞一份纽约市地图。这类地图在加油站(这儿叫 gas station) 和旅游办事处常免费供应。当然, 你可以乘汽车 游览,不过观看这些风光,比较好的办法还是步行。步行时, 你可以扭过头去,这样你就能仰望街对面象峭壁那样崛起的高 大建筑。纽约的街道分别组成了一个个正方形区域、这个正方 形区域就称作"街区",所以,你是不会轻易迷路的。如果你 问路的话,也许会得到这样的回答:"向东走四个街区。然后 向左拐,"或者"在这一街区的另一端。"几乎所有的街道都 是笔直的,呈东西走向;而那些南北走向的则称作"大街"。 多数大街和街道只有编号,但也有少数有名称。例如,在第 三大街和第四大街之间有一条街,叫做列克星敦大街;第四大 街的北段称作公园大街;公园大街和第五大街之间是麦迪逊大 街。还有百老汇,它是戏院、音乐厅和影院的中心,以"不夜 街"著称,几乎纵贯了整个曼哈顿岛。看来,纽约人并不想把 事情搞得过于简单化。

①指西半球, 尤指美洲大陆。

②指东半球,尤指欧洲大陆。

length of the island. It seems that New Yorkers don't want to make things too easy!

Walk along the famous Fifth Avenue, which is the dividing line between East and West in Manhattan, and you'll come to the Empire State Building, the tallest in the world. One of the many lifts (Americans call lifts 'elevators') will carry you smoothly and speedily to the 86th floor. Step out and you are 1.250 feet above the ground. From here they say it's possible to see an area in which one in ten of all the people in America live. You can go even higher to the 102nd floor, over 1,400 feet, and from there you can look down on the other huge skyscrapers, the United Nations buildings (one of them like a huge matchbox standing up beside the East River), the Statue of Liberty in the harbour, Broadway—the longest street in the world but not the straightest! - and the great ships in the world's biggest port. On some days you may have the strange experience of looking straight down on the clouds. As the elevator goes down it drops suddenly, like a stone. Your stomach may seem to turn over@and your ears go 'pop' as they often do when you're landing in an aeroplane. Go up again at night and see the millions of lighted windows and electric signs everywhere you look. It's a sight you'll never forget.

Not far away, also on Fifth Avenue, there's a city inside a city, the Rockefeller Center, where more than

①one in ten. 十分之一 ②turn over. 翻倒

沿着著名的第五大街——曼哈顿的东西分界线行走,便可来到世界上最高的帝国大厦。这里有许许多多电梯(美国人称电梯为 elevator),你可以乘其中的一座平稳、迅速地升到第八十六层楼。步出电梯,你已高出地面一千二百五十英尺。据说,从这儿可以鸟瞰十分之一的美国人所居住的区域。你可以继续上升到甚至更高的一百零二层,高达一千四百多英尺。从这儿,你可以俯视另外一些巨大的摩天楼——联合国建筑群(其中一座象一个巨大的火柴盒屹立在东河边上)、港口的自由女神像、百老汇——世界上最长但不是最直的大街——以及世界上最大的港口中的巨轮。有时,看着脚下的云彩,你会产生一种奇妙的感觉。电梯下降时,就象一块突然下落的石头,这时,你的肠胃就象倒翻过来一样,两只耳朵如同乘飞机着陆时常出现的那样,会突然嗡嗡作响。夜晚,再登上高楼,眺望那千千万万灯火通明的窗户以及各种灯光广告和招牌。这是一幅你永远难以忘怀的景色。

还是在第五大街上,离这儿不远有座城中城——洛克菲勒中心,有三万多人在那儿的事务所里上班。这是一个由十五座

30,000 people spend their working days in offices. It's a big group of fifteen huge stone skyscrapers which are full of Osurprises. It's a surprise to look down from a great height on a large cathedral (this is Saint Patrick's, built in the Gothic style). It's a surprise to see beautiful gardens on the roof tops. Here, among the offices of big businesses, is Radio City Music Hall, the world's largest theatre, with seats for more than 6,000 people. Guides will take you to top of the buildings and all round the Center. They'll show you some of the fine paintings and sculpture. You'll probably meet a party of friendly American tourists and it may seem strange to you that many are seeing their own great city for the first time. They have travelled perhaps from the Deep South or Middle West. Some may have come as far as visitors from Europe. You won't feel you're alone. Everyone talks, and there will certainly be someone who speaks your language because many Americans were foreigners before they became Americans. More British people live in New York than in the British town called Brighton. There are as many Irish people as in Dublin, more Germans than in Cologne, more Austrians than in Salzburg, more Russians than in Kiev, more Italians than in Naples. There are probably people from every country in the world living in New York City. If they obey the laws of the United States, they can live exactly as they choose. Many of them still follow the

①be full of, 充满

石砌魔天楼组成的建筑群,充满了令人惊奇之处。从极高处俯 视一座大教堂(这是圣帕特里克教堂,按哥特式样建造)会使 人惊奇:看到楼房顶上有许多美丽的花园也会使人惊奇。在众 多的大商行的事务所中,有个无线电城音乐厅——世界上最大 的影剧院, 里面 设有 六千 多个 座位。导游会把你带到这些建 筑的顶部,绕洛克菲勒中心兜上一圈,让你瞧一些漂亮的油画 和雕塑。很可能你会碰上一些友好的美国游客,他们许多人是 平生第一次参观自己国家的这座巨大城市, 对此你也许会感到 奇怪。说不定他们还是从美国最南部或中西部来这儿旅行的, 有些人来这里的路途也许和欧洲游客来这里的路途不相上下。 你不会感到孤独的, 人人都讲话, 必定会有人用你所使用的语 言,因为很多美国人在成为美国人之前都是外国人。在纽约居 住的英国人比在英国城市布赖顿居住的英国人还多; 居住的爱 尔兰人则和都柏林的爱尔兰人不相上下;居住的德国人比科 路的德国人还多;居住的奥地利人比萨尔茨堡的奥地利人还 多;居住的俄国人比基辅的俄国人还多;居住的意大利人比那 不勒斯的意大利人还多: 很可能世界上每一个国家都有人住在 纽约市。如果这些人遵守美国的法律,他们完全可以按照自己 选择的方式生活。他们当中许多人依旧遵循着本国 的 风俗 习 惯。依旧烹调着本国风味的食物。

customs of their home country and still cook the kind of food they cooked there.

About a hundred years ago the famous English writer Charles Dickens said after visiting America, 'New York gets newer every day.' How right he was! Every day buildings are knocked down to make space for new ones. Only a few of the 'sights' have been mentioned here. In a short time it is not possible to see everything. One morning you'll wake up and feel too tired for another day's sightseeing. This is the time to visit some of New York's seaside playgrounds. Jones Beach is about an hour from New York City. Here you can enjoy a swim and lie in the sun-and the sun here can be very very hot. Another place not far from New York is Coney Island, where you can enjoy yourself@in a huge seaside fairground. There are also many interesting tours in New York State, Ask about these at the travel agent's.

It's a good idea to take the 5-mile boat trip to Staten Island where you will pass the world-famous Statue of Liberty in the harbour and get a wonderful view of the Manhattan skyline. There are also boats which make journeys around the island. It takes about three hours. You'll see dozens of interesting things and pass under the fine bridges over the Hudson and East Rivers. The guide talks all the time. He's used to showing and describing the famous sights of the 'greatest city on earth'.

①knock down: 拆除

②enjoy oneself, 过得快活