

Big Apple Charters Publishes America 250 July 4th Weekend Guide

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Big Apple Charters, a private luxury yacht charter company based at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan, has published a comprehensive guide to experiencing the July 4th, 2026 weekend in New York, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of American independence.

The guide, titled "1776 Weekend NYC," outlines a curated three-day itinerary for July 3 through July 5, 2026, covering seven historic landmarks, seven restaurants with roots dating back as far as 1762, six notable photography locations, and a private yacht charter experience on New York Harbor. The weekend is expected to draw significant attendance as the city prepares to host the Sail4th 250 tall ship gathering, which will bring vessels from more than 35 nations into the harbor, alongside the 50th anniversary of the Macy's Fourth of July fireworks display.

The guide's historic landmark selections trace a path through sites central to the nation's founding. Federal Hall National Memorial, where George Washington was inaugurated as the first president in 1789, and Fraunces Tavern, where Washington delivered his farewell address to his officers in 1783, are both featured alongside Trinity Church, the burial site of Alexander Hamilton. The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the

Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum round out the seven selections. The guide additionally notes that the 9/11 Memorial and Museum will observe its 25th anniversary in 2026, adding another dimension to the weekend.

The dining selections span more than 160 years of New York restaurant history. The guide profiles seven establishments, including Katz's Delicatessen, which has operated on the Lower East Side since 1888, Delmonico's Steakhouse, which opened in 1837, Lombardi's, recognized as the first pizzeria in the United States since 1905, and McSorley's Old Ale House, which has served patrons continuously since 1854. The guide recommends securing reservations well in advance of the holiday weekend.

Photography locations identified in the guide include the Empire State Building observation deck, which will feature red, white, and blue illumination for the holiday, Edge at Hudson Yards, the Brooklyn Bridge pedestrian promenade, Bow Bridge in Central Park, Times Square, and the Oculus at the World Trade Center. The guide pairs each location with timing recommendations to help visitors avoid holiday crowds.

The guide also features Big Apple Charters' newest vessel, The Skyline, a custom-built floating lounge designed over the course of one year by founder Amal Salameh. The vessel accommodates 25 to 30 passengers and includes a 10-foot bar, a 60-inch display with an integrated sound system, and Starlink satellite connectivity.

The company previously announced a special Independence Day charter experience aboard its fleet for July 4th, with routes passing the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island during the evening fireworks. "July 4th, 2026 represents the most anticipated Independence Day in fifty years, and availability on New York Harbor is genuinely limited," said Amal Salameh, Founder of Big Apple Charters. The guide advises readers to begin the booking process early due to limited availability during the semiquincentennial celebrations.

Big Apple Charters is a woman-owned private luxury yacht charter company operating three vessels from Chelsea Piers in Manhattan. Founded in 2021, the company serves groups of eight to 30 passengers for celebrations, corporate events, proposals, and sightseeing cruises.

Big Apple Charters currently holds a 4.9-star rating across more than 208 reviews and has been featured in Robb Report, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal. The full guide is available on the company's website.

Parties interested in learning more about the July 4th celebration are encouraged to reach out to Big Apple Charters directly on their website.

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