

Interesting Facts:

- ❖ Tribeca was New York City's first developed residential neighborhood.
- ❖ The A.T. Stewart Store at 280 Broadway constructed in 1845 is considered to be the world's first true department store.
- ❖ The first elevated railway tracks were demonstrated on Greenwich Street in 1867.
- ❖ In 1870, about three decades before the advent of the modern day subway, an experimental tubular car invention was designed that was propelled by compressed air. The trial car and tunnel was constructed under Broadway between Warren and Murray Streets.
- ❖ Rolling metal security shutters were invented and patented for the design of the Cary Building on Chambers and Church Street.
- ❖ Many streets of Tribeca still contain original sidewalks made of large granite slabs and cobblestone roadways.
- ❖ Often commercial buildings were outfitted with small circular or square glass blocks on the sidewalk in front of the building to allow light to enter the underground space below.
- ❖ Some cast iron buildings display a plate or engraving on the facade which indicates the name of the foundry where it was produced and the date of construction.
- ❖ Duane Park was the first piece of land purchased by New York City to be used specifically as a public park.
- ❖ The Cosmopolitan Hotel built in 1853 is the oldest continually operated hotel in New York City.
- ❖ The clock in the tower at 346 Broadway needs to be manually wound every eight days and is one of the only surviving tower clocks that has not been electrified.
- ❖ The Broadway-Chambers Building has the earliest surviving polychrome terra cotta in New York City.

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Tribeca Trust, a new neighborhood organization dedicated to protecting Tribeca's historic scale, architectural character, and unique sense of place.

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Downtown Heritage, an educational program devoted to developing students' appreciation of the rich architectural history in downtown Manhattan through visual lessons, physical artifacts, walking tours and hands-on projects.

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WALKING TOUR OF TRIBECA'S HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE

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WALKING TOUR STOPS:

- 1* A. T. Stewart Store 280 Broadway (1845-46)
- 2* 122 Chambers St. (1857-58)
- 3 Cosmopolitan Hotel (1853)
- 4 135 West Broadway (1810)
- 5 145 West Broadway (1875)
- 6 62 Thomas St. (1863-64)
- 7* 8 Thomas St. (1915)
- 8* 319 Broadway (1870)
- 9* 325-333 Broadway (1864)
- 10* 85 Leonard St. (1861)
- 11* N.Y. Life Bldg 346 Broadway (1898)
- 12* 359 Broadway (1852)
- 13* 361 Broadway (1881)
- 14* 55 White St. (1861)
- 15* 46-50 White St. (1865)
- 16 17 White St. (1868)
- 17* 2 White St. (1808-9)
- 18 1-9 Varick St. (1887)
- 19 Merch. Exchange 6 Harrison St. (1884-85)
- 20 25-41 Harrison St. (1796-1828)
- 21* Western Union Bldg 60 Hudson St. (1928)
- 22 Duane Park (1795)
- 23 Gerken Bldg 90 West Broadway (1885)
- 24* Cary Building 105-107 Chambers St. (1857)
- 25* Broadway-Chambers Building (1899)

WALKING TOUR MAP TRIBECA'S HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE

HISTORIC DISTRICTS:

- A = Tribeca South and Extension
- B = Tribeca East
- C = Tribeca West
- D = Tribeca North

**individual NYC landmark*

