

NYCTC8 INFO SHEET

April 7-9, 2022

LODGING

Hotel: We have booked individual rooms for your stay at Aloft Harlem, which is close to the 125th Street Station and located on the A, B, C, and D subway lines. You can check in from 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 7; checkout is at 12:00 pm on Sunday, April 9. Aloft is a ten-minute walk from Columbia's campus.

Directions: [Aloft Harlem](#), 2296 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, New York, USA, New York 10027
Tel: [+1 212-749-4000](#)

TRANSPORT

Getting to the hotel: The hotel is conveniently located on several subway lines, so the easiest way to get from the airport to the hotel is by train (or taxi). If coming via train from JFK, you can take the JFK AirTrain to Jamaica, transfer to subway line E and take the subway to Penn Station, where you can switch to the A, B, C, or D train. A and D run express and the whole trip takes about 55 minutes. If you prefer a longer route with fewer transfers, you can take the AirTrain from JFK to Howard Beach Station at the terminal and then you can take the A train all the way up. Alternatively, you might consider coordinating to split a cab.

Getting between the hotel and campus: Aloft is located ten minutes from Columbia's campus in Harlem. We recommend you avoid walking through Morningside Park at night considering recent safety concerns and to walk in groups when possible. Google directions between the two locations are linked [here](#).

PHARMACIES

Closest to Aloft

- CVS, 288 St Nicholas Ave, Harlem

Closer to campus

- Hartley Chemists, 1219 Amsterdam Ave (on the way between conference and hotel)
- Duane Reade, 2864 Broadway (in the Columbia area)

FOOD

Grocery Stores

- For the most part, meals for the event will be provided, but if you would like to visit a grocery store, there are several supermarkets within walking distance of campus. Appletree (W.120th & Amsterdam) is the closest to Aloft and the conference space; Westside Market is likely to provide the most choice (W. 110th & Broadway). Other options include Milano Market (W. 113rd), Morton Williams (W. 115th) and Garden of Eden (W. 107th) on Broadway.

Bakeries, Cafes, Coffee

Next to Aloft

- Starbucks, 284 St Nicholas Ave



Closer to campus

- Hungarian Pastry Shop, W. 111th and Amsterdam
- New York Basics Cafe, W. 114th and Amsterdam
- Blue Bottle Coffee, W.113 and Broadway
- Dear Mama Coffee, W. 129th St.

Sandwiches and Other Lunch Options

- Wu & Nussbaum, W.113 and Broadway
- Milano Market, W. 113 and Broadway
- Pret-a-Manger, W.116 and Broadway
- Sweetgreen (salads), W. 115 and Broadway
- SubsConscious, Amsterdam between W.120th and 119th
- Panino Sportivo Roma, Amsterdam between W. 120th and W. 121st
- Max Caffé, W. Amsterdam and W.122nd
- Silver Moon Bakery, W. 105 and Broadway

WALKS/SIGHTSEEING/SPECIAL

Around Columbia

- Riverside Park is a lovely place to walk. There you will find nice views of the Hudson River, the **General Grant National Memorial**, and a memorial to the “**Amiable Child.**” The park itself has tons of cherry trees and a storied past, which you can read more about [here](#). See map below.
- If you’re in the park, **Ellington in the Park** is a great place for a drink and to catch the sunset.
- **The Cathedral of St. John the Divine** is a gorgeous church located a few blocks from campus. Situated close to the conference rooms, it’s worth a visit and pairs nicely with goodies from the iconic Hungarian pastry shop across the road.
- **Farmers’ markets** take place on Thursdays (on Broadway and 116) if you arrive early.

Elsewhere

On Saturday after our walking tour ends at 3:30, there is a stretch of time before dinner when you might consider seeing some sights in Lower Manhattan. Please see the maps attached for details.

- There is a lovely, paved walk along the Hudson River with nice views running up the west side of Manhattan. Walking northwards, you will pass the **Whitney Museum of American Art**, which is worth checking out.
- Other museums worth a visit if time permits include the **MoMA** or the **Metropolitan Museum of Art**, both closer to campus in Midtown Manhattan
- These two museums border **Central Park**, another nice place to spend an afternoon
- Other sites worth considering include the **World Trade Center Memorial Site**, the **Highline**, **Chelsea Market**, **Stonewall Inn**, and plenty of others.

Map with all locations listed:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1uQIhQblMQi5JYjFCqck_cTj_CCKAXRrS&usp=sharing

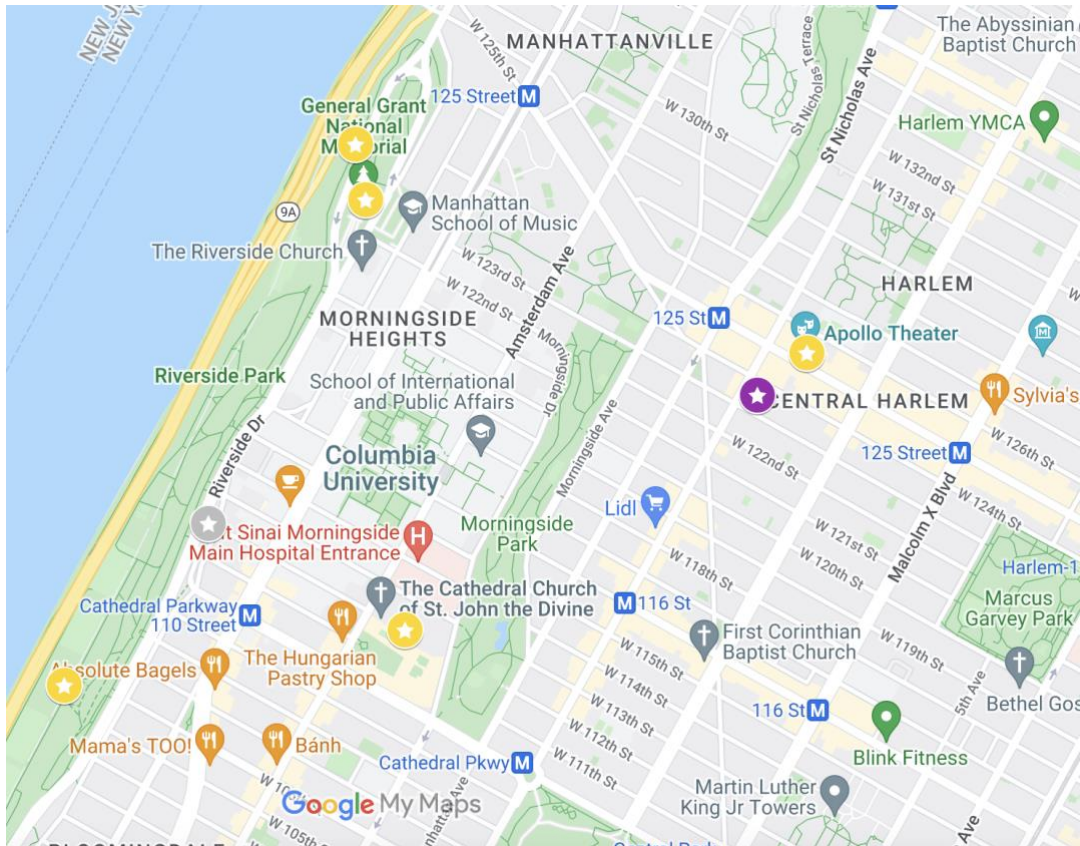


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Appendix: Maps and Potential Walks (see linked map for more detailed versions)

1. Sites of interest around Columbia (link to [map](#))



4. Hudson River Greenway to Whitney Museum (link to [map](#))

