

# New York City



**A little  
bite  
of the  
Big Apple**

Although \_\_\_\_\_ New York City is not \_\_\_\_\_ capital of \_\_\_\_\_ United States, its **influence** is seen all around the world. Its nickname, »the Big Apple«, was given to it by early **immigrants** because \_\_\_\_\_ city seemed so huge and full of \_\_\_\_\_ promise.

It is located at the **mouth** of \_\_\_\_\_ Hudson River and lies on the same **latitude** as the European cities Naples and Madrid.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dutch **founded** the city in 1614, calling it New Amsterdam. However, in 1664, \_\_\_\_\_ British captured the city and **renamed** it New York. The city became more and more important and was \_\_\_\_\_ US capital until 1790. During \_\_\_\_\_ 19th century it was transformed by the immigrants. \_\_\_\_\_ city became a world centre for industry, **commerce** and communication. In the 20th century it grew because of the successful economy and got its distinctive skyline of \_\_\_\_\_ skyscrapers.

New York is \_\_\_\_\_ most **densely populated** and **cosmopolitan** city in the USA. The **inhabitants** speak 170 **foreign** languages since 36% of \_\_\_\_\_ city's population is foreign born. Five of \_\_\_\_\_ largest **ethnic groups** are: Puerto Ricans, Italians, West Indians, Chinese and Irish.

One in three New Yorkers uses **public transport** to get to \_\_\_\_\_ work, whereas in the rest of the US 90% of people go by \_\_\_\_\_ car. The New York Subway is used by 1.4 million passengers \_\_\_\_\_ year. New York is also home to three major airports and yellow taxi cabs.

There is \_\_\_\_\_ estimate that about 40 million tourists visit New York each \_\_\_\_\_ year. Major **attractions** include the Empire State Building, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Times Square, Central Park and the luxury shopping along \_\_\_\_\_ Fifth Avenue. Tourists are also attracted by the **incredible variety** of places to eat, from \_\_\_\_\_ diners, with their burgers, bagels and pizza, to many of \_\_\_\_\_ finest cuisine restaurants in the US. Let's not forget the Grand Central Oyster Bar and the steaming \_\_\_\_\_ hot dogs sold on \_\_\_\_\_ every street corner.

With so much to do and see it is no surprise that New York is often called »the City that Never Sleeps«.