

So much to see, so little sleep - welcome to the Big Apple

Doing it her way in old New York

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NOTHING quite describes the feeling of waking up in the city that never sleeps.

There's a buzz in New York City that makes any visitor want to promptly put on their vagabond shoes and be led astray.

It's hard to know where to start in a place that boasts some of the most significant landmarks and hotspots in the world.

The first must-see item is the Statue of Liberty.

The statue is a 40-minute ride on the Staten Island ferry leaving regularly from Battery Park in the financial district.

Those wanting to walk around inside the Statue of Liberty monument museum or inside the famous French gift's crown are advised to book their tickets in advance.

Arguably the best views of New York are atop the Rockefeller Center but for first-time visitors the Empire State Building is a must. Made famous in the



Cary Grant movie *An Affair to Remember* and the place where Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks meet in *Sleepless in Seattle*, the Empire State boasts incredible views of Central Park and Yankee Stadium and beyond.

One of the surprising things about Manhattan is how easy it is to get around.

For a surreal movie-like experience it is fun to catch one of New York's famous yellow taxis or the underground subway to famous streets including 42nd Street and the Fifth Avenue shopping strip.

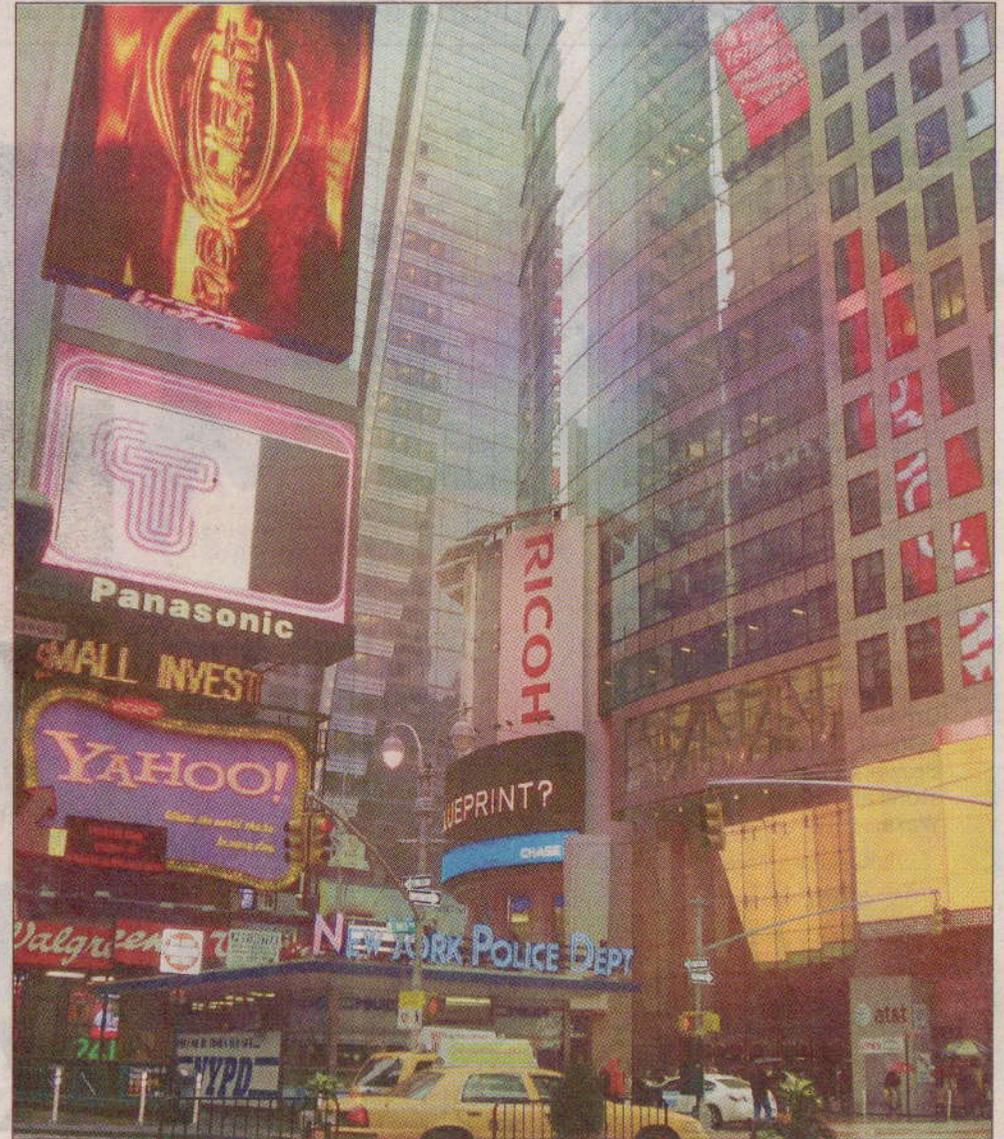
Take a walk around 42nd

and you will soon find yourself in Times Square - a visual spectacular with its colourful neon signs and Broadway shows.

After missing out on tickets to see *Wicked*, I had the tough compromise of seeing Jude Law in *Hamlet*. Very tough.

Another great way to spend a day in New York is taking a stroll through Central Park with its lush greenery and walking tracks.

There really is no time to sleep in this city so make sure to get plenty of rest before you go.



Up to you: Alana Scott (pictured) found plenty to see and do in New York.