# Walks - NYC: Official Grand Central Terminal Tour

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| **Location:** New York City, NY, USA  **Category:** Tours & Sightseeing  **Currency:** USD  **Language:** English  **TimeZone:** America/New\_York  **Duration:** 90.0 minutes  **Max Group Size:** 20 | **Magpie Product Code:** SXEBPT  **Company Website:** takewalks.com  **Primary Contact:** Walks  **Email:** info@takewalks.com |

**Highlights:**

- Discover Grand Central Terminal’s 150+ years of history.

- Step into a 1920s railroad tycoon’s onetime office.

- Peek at the architectural marvels all around the station.

- See a surprising former movie theater-turned-wine store.

- Tell secrets in the one-of-a-kind Whispering Gallery.

**Description Summary:**

From secret staircases to a onetime movie theater, there’s a lot more to Grand Central Terminal than meets the eye—and you’re about to discover it all firsthand.

**Description:**

A historic hub of life in New York, Grand Central Terminal holds countless untold stories within its halls. On this revealing experience, you’ll see a side of the world’s most famous train terminal that even the most frequent commuters never encounter. Get to know the colorful historic figures who brought Grand Central to life, and gain a new appreciation for its near-magical scale.

Your adventure begins in Grand Central Terminal’s modern-day heart: the lively main concourse. Marvel at the famous clock perched atop the information booth—and learn the eye-watering amount it’s rumored to be worth—as your guide regales you with the story of Cornelius Vanderbilt, the mastermind behind Grand Central Depot (as it was originally called).

Head into Vanderbilt Hall, itself a living testament to Grand Central’s rags-to-riches transformation in the 1980s. Next, pop outside for a moment to gaze upon the largest Tiffany clock in the world from the busy Pershing Square plaza.

Back inside, it's time to travel back in time to the Roaring 20s. Step into a speakeasy-style bar that, a century ago, served as the private office of one of New York’s most prominent railroad tycoons.

In the Whispering Gallery you’ll learn just how whispered secrets travel across the busy interchange to be perfectly heard on the other side and you’ll get a peek at one of the largest lost-and-found departments anywhere in the world. Peruse the handcrafted designs and jewelry on sale from local artisans in the Graybar Passage before stepping into a fascinating former movie theater, where travel-weary youngsters could enjoy some entertainment back in Grand Central’s heyday.

Last but not least, you’ll weave through the colorful Grand Central Market before making your way back to the main concourse, having gotten a true insider’s look at the most famous train terminal in the world.

**Inclusions:**

Local English-speaking guide

Expertly guided walking tour

**Exclusions:**

Hotel Pick-up/Drop-off

Gratuities

**Know Before You Book:**

- Walks / Devour complies with all local government regulations. Please refer to local government guidelines for the most up-to-date information.

**Know Before You Go:**

- This tour is conducted in English only.

- This is a walking tour. Guests should be able to walk at a moderate pace without difficulty.

- The tour meeting time is 15 minutes prior to the tour start time. No refunds or re-bookings can be provided for late arrivals or no-shows after tour commencement or departure.

- Please allow plenty of time to arrive for your tour. Transportation in NYC whether by taxi, car, or subway is notoriously slow and can often be unreliable

- Tips/gratuities (for your guide) are always appreciated.

- Please arrive at the meeting point ready for your tour - prior to arrival use the bathroom and ensure you have eaten.

**Health:**

**Safety Reminder.** Please note: wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth is still mandatory when you're in the Terminal, on Metro-North trains, and within all indoor stations, even if you are fully vaccinated. Violators are subject to a $50 fine and may be removed from facility or train. Please maintain a safe social distance of 6 feet or more where possible.Please note that seated indoor dining restaurants and bars are operating in accordance with New York State safety guidelines. Masks must still be worn except when eating and drinking.Under updated CDC guidance, masks are not required on outdoor Metro-North Railroad stations and platforms. Once a customer boards a train, masks are required.

**Commentary:**

English - Guide

**Booking Cut-off:**
24
hours
before start time

### Locations:

**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
Departure:
We will meet at the Tour Information Booth in the Main Concourse of Grand Central Terminal. If you are standing at the clock in the middle of the concourse, the Tour Information Booth is located just to right of the Harlem and Hudson Line Departures.

**Type:**
Starts location

**Address:**
Tour Information Booth, Grand Central Terminal

**Directions:**
https://www.google.com/maps/place/Grand+Central+Terminal/@40.752718,-73.9794209,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89c259599991bdf9:0xcdb22344c069bda5!8m2!3d40.752714!4d-73.9772269

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**Type:**
Meeting Point location

**Address:**
Grand Central Terminal, East 42nd Street, New York, NY, USA

**Type:**
Business Address location

**Address:**
Walks New York City Tours, Wall Street, New York, NY, USA

**Type:**
Ends location

**Address:**
89 E 42nd St (Transit Museum, Grand Central Terminal), New York, New York, 10001, US

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

**Trip difficulty:**
Easy

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
24
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
Cancellations received greater than 24 hours prior to tour commencement are fully refundable.
Cancellations received within 24 hours of tour commencement are nonrefundable.
Amendment requests are subject to availability and price changes.
Late arrivals and no-shows are non-refundable. This is applicable to any tour participant that fails to arrive or arrives after tour departure.

**Options:**

Official Grand Central Terminal Tour Pricing

### Pricing

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| **Official Grand Central Terminal Tour** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult | 15-64 years | $35.00 |  |  |  |
| Child | 2-14 years | $30.00 |  |  |  |
| Infant | 0-1 years | $0.00 |  |  |  |
| Senior | 65-120 years | $32.00 |  |  |  |

### Other Information

**Terms and Conditions**

Before you travel, please read the "Know Before You Go" section for essential information, requirements, and possible disruptions regarding your tour.

**Voucher Info**

Mobile tickets will be accepted.

**Redemption**
Your voucher will be collected or scanned on redemption