

New York & Boston





Before going to New York, we travelled to Jim & Melinda's house in North Carolina.... via Boston, Islip, Baltimore and Raleigh / Durham. A long and fraught journey, but we made it in time to meet with our friends who we had never met in person from Rochester, NY state, Dave and Kim.

Before going via train to Washington we made a stop at the drug store to try a proper ice cream soda, not as sweet as I had expected but very pleasant just the same.

We then travelled by train to Alexandria nr Washington where we were taken by Carleen and Ken to their favourite local Italian restaurant.

Then on by train to New York the next day.









































Just outside our hotel there was a gap between the buildings where you could see the Empire State Building... we had arrived.

After dropping our luggage at the hotel we caught the metro down to the Staten Island Ferry, across to the Island and back, just to see the views.

This was followed by a walk to Wall Street and on to Ground Zero.

After that we caught the Metro to who knows where but eventually ended up in Time Square. A very busy first day















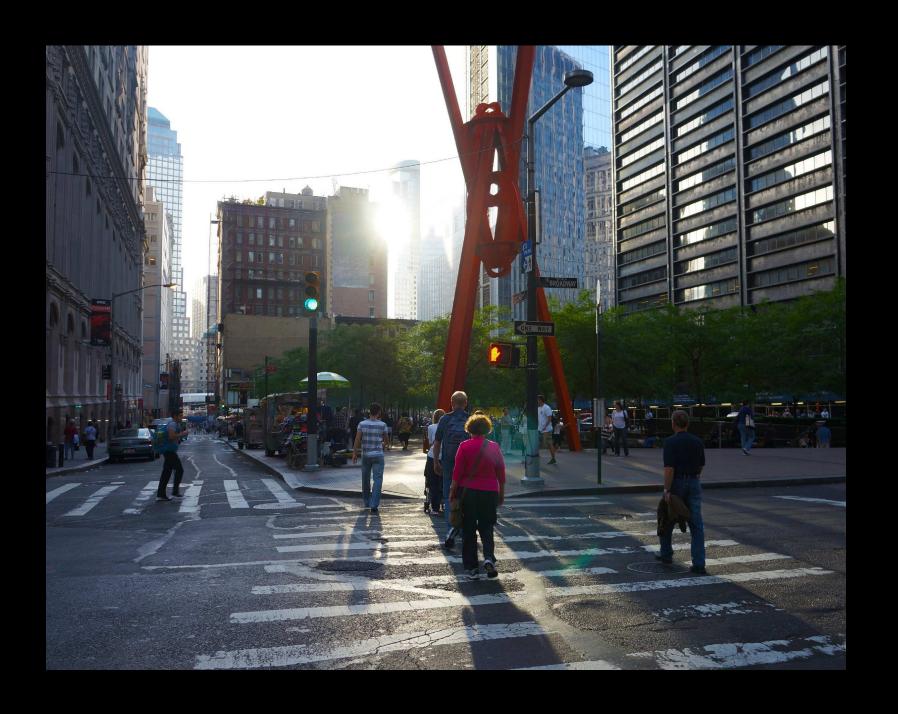


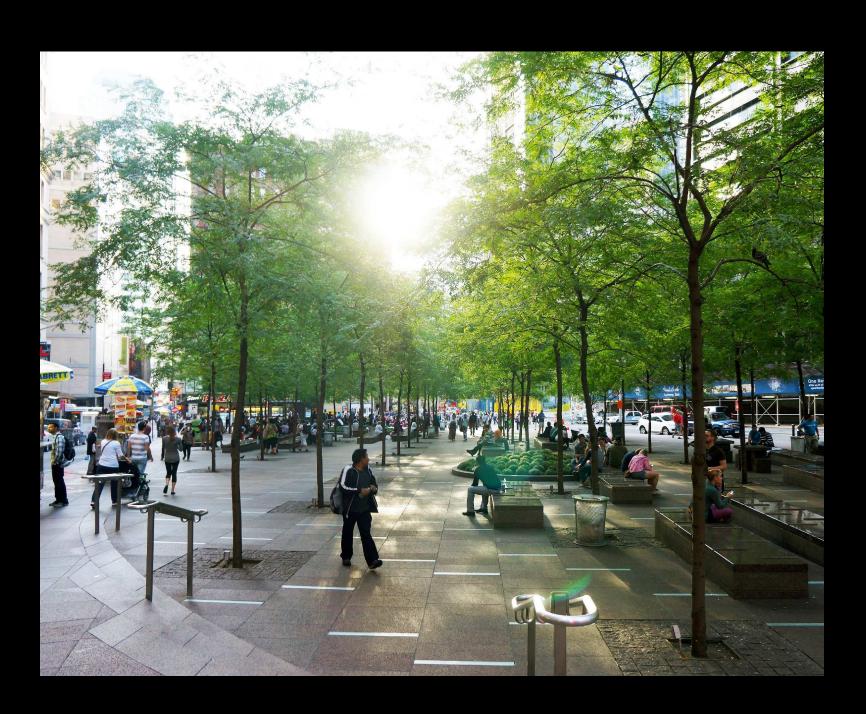




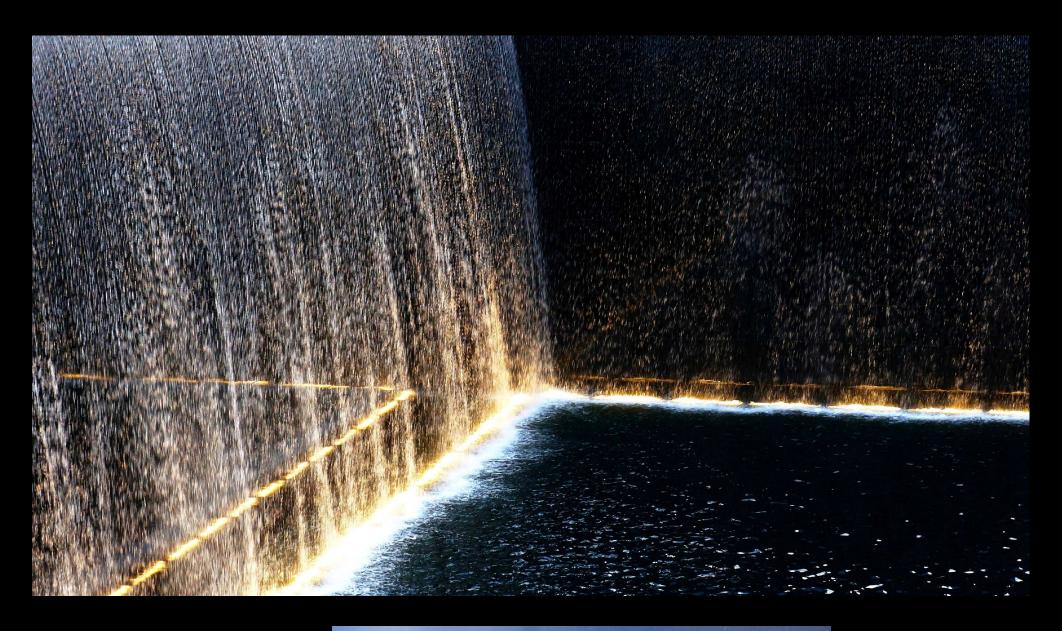


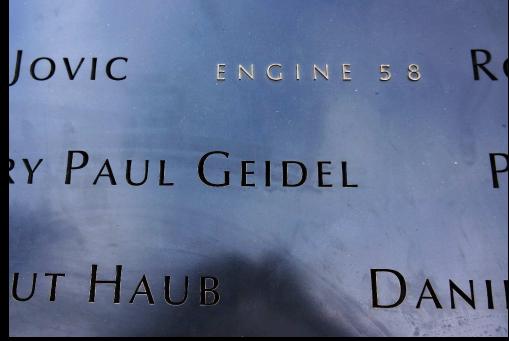
































Another beautiful day as we walked past the Flatiron building, which was near the hotel and disappeared into the Metro to come up near the park by the Woolworth building before a gentle walk across Brooklyn Bridge.

It was one of our favourite places in New York, probably because it was less crowded than everywhere else. Arriving in Brooklyn we went into an open air food market, bought some lunch and sat by the river.

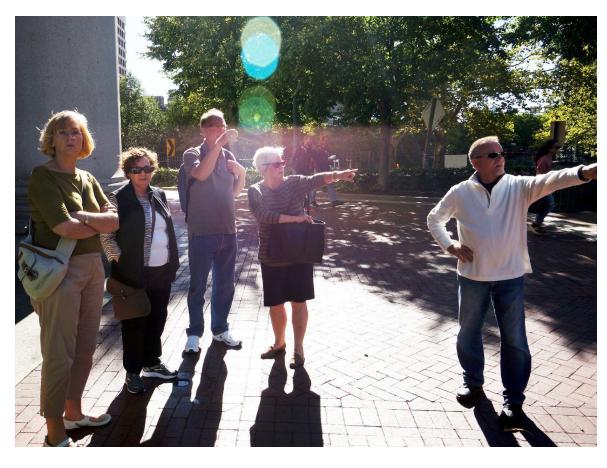
Then another Metro journey back to St Paul's Church which was by The World Trade Centre. Somehow from there we managed to get down to the river near Pier 18, which was sadly being overhauled following Hurricane Sandy.

We then moved to look at The Grand Central station and the Chrysler building.

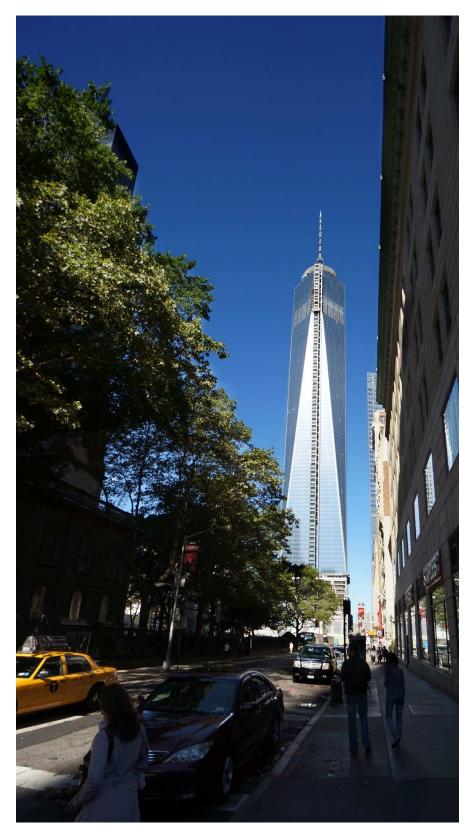
In the evening we recovered from our walking by eating shop bought Pizza at the hotel.



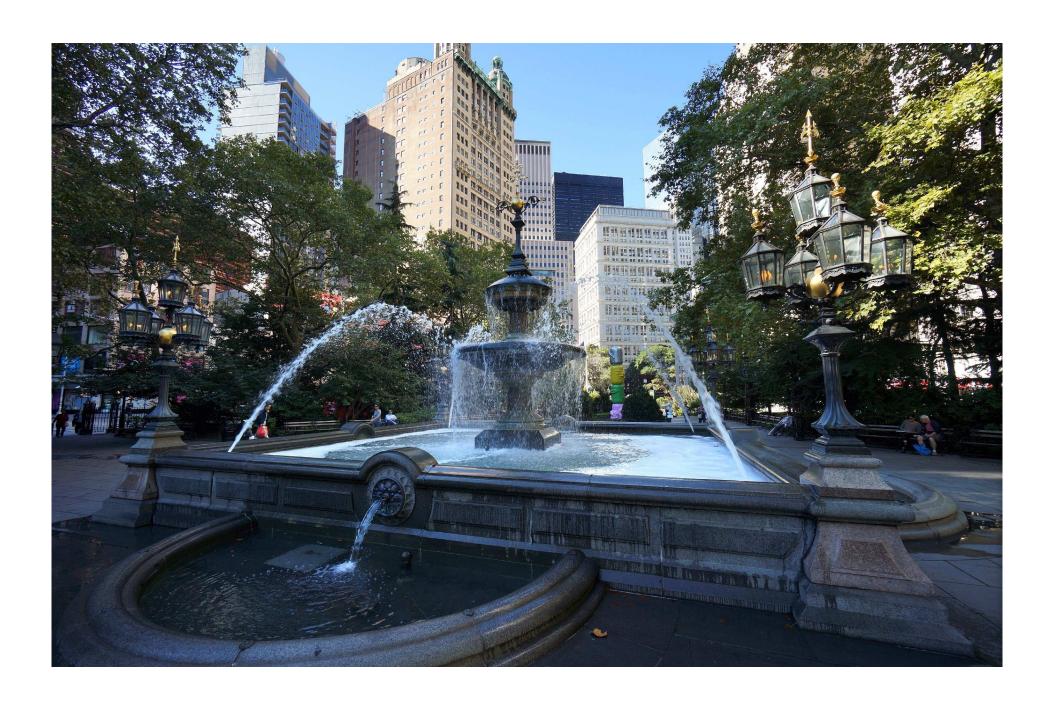


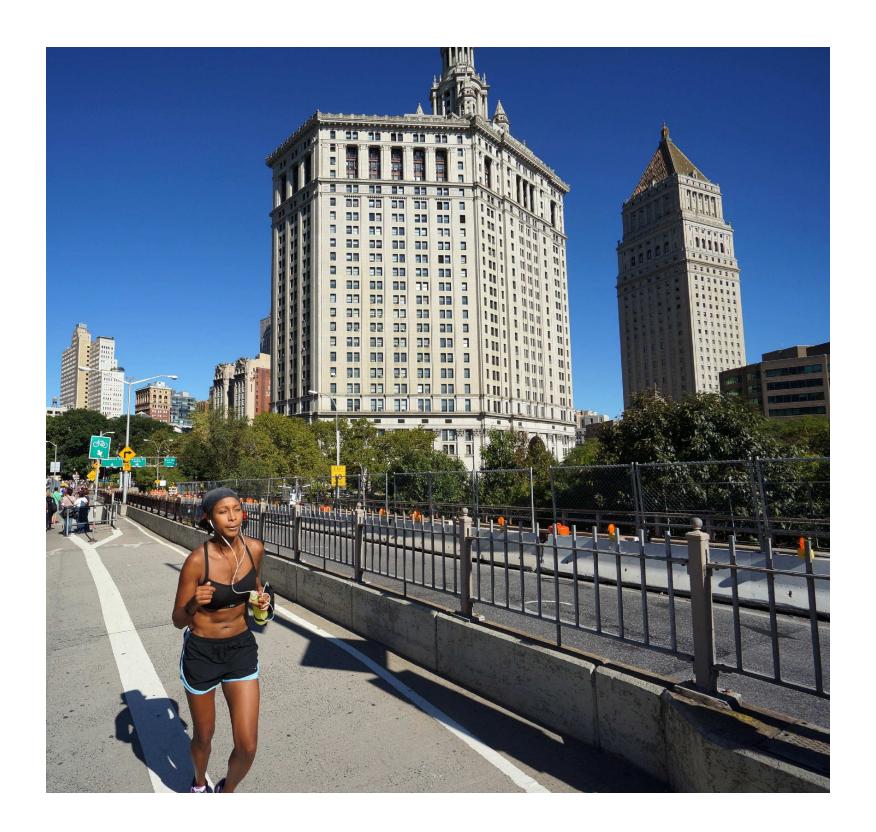








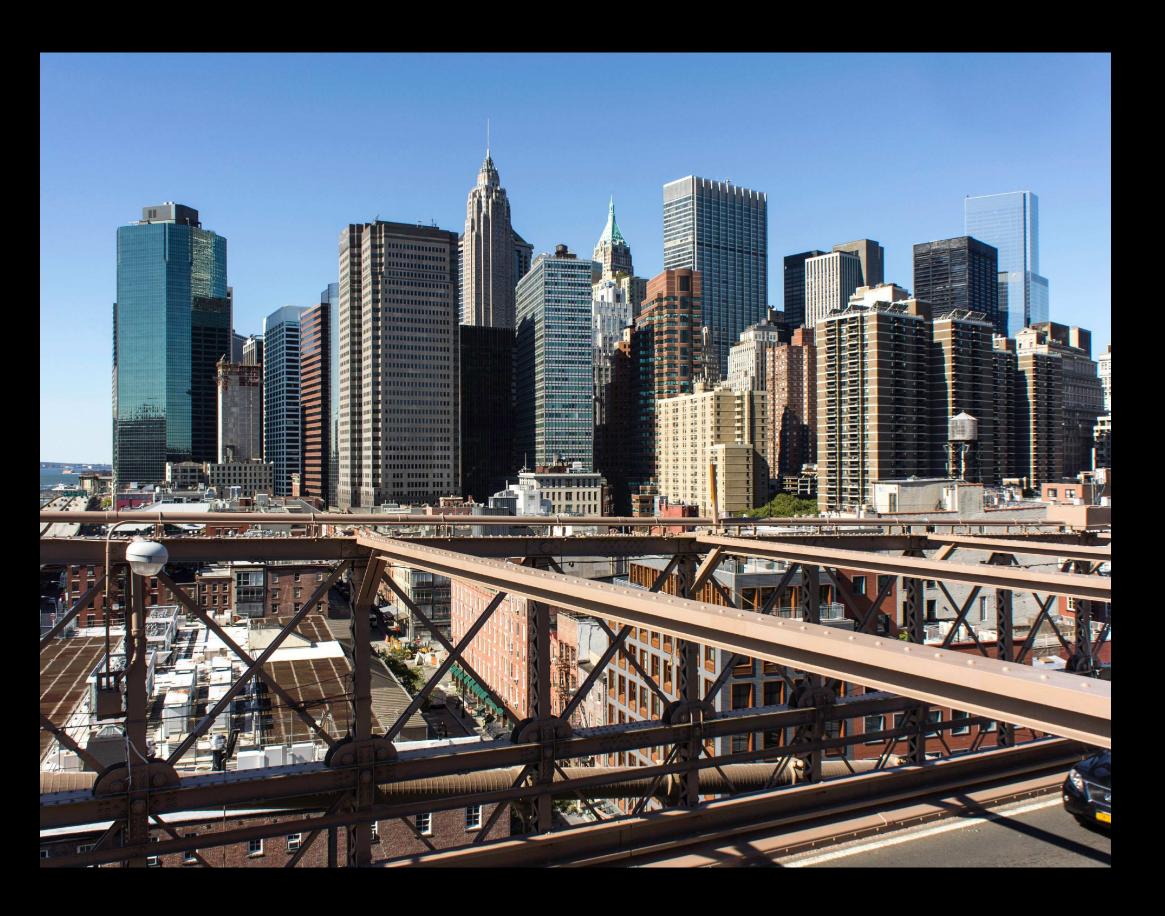


































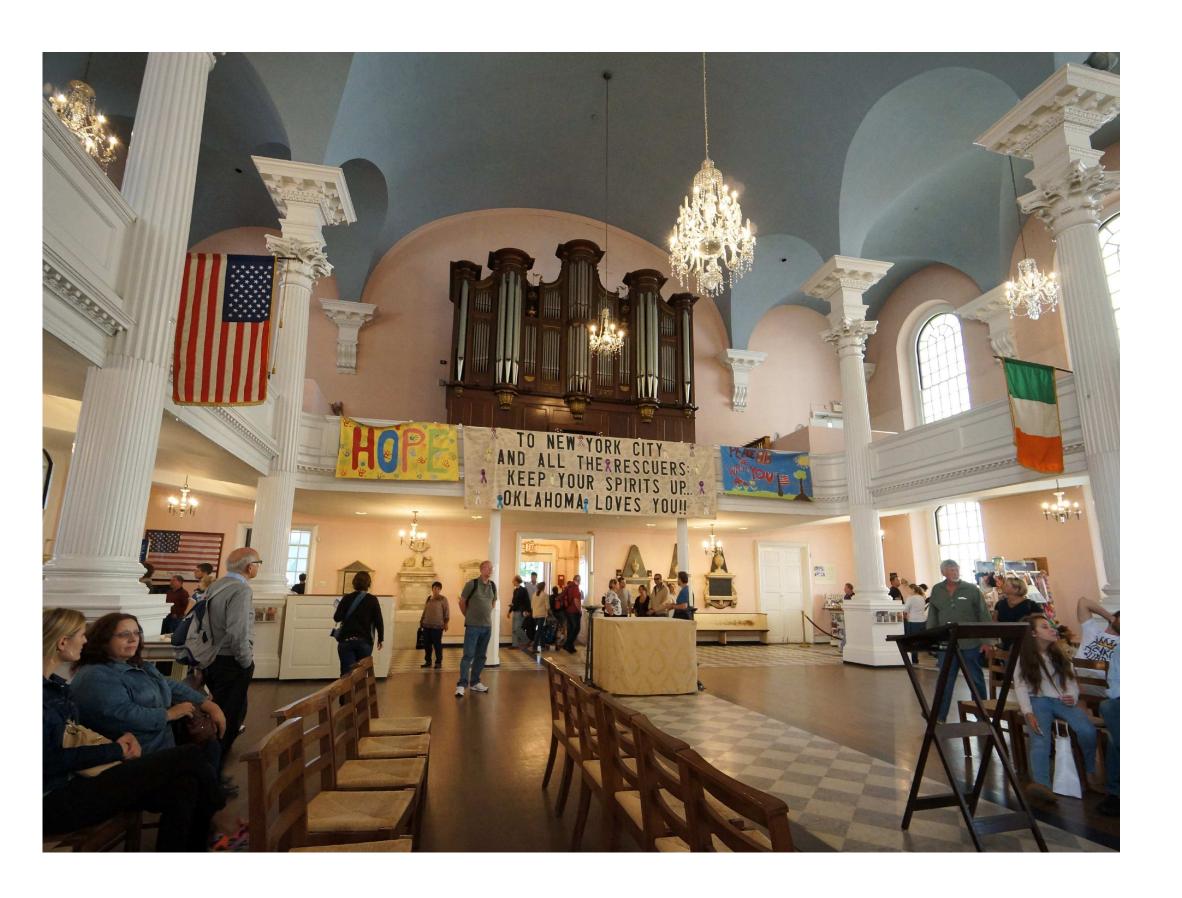








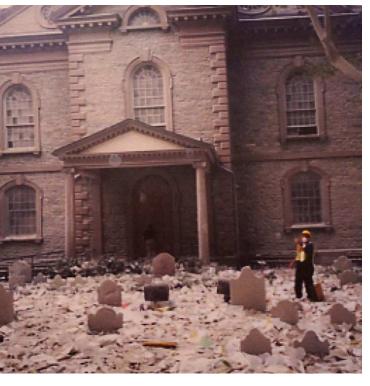


























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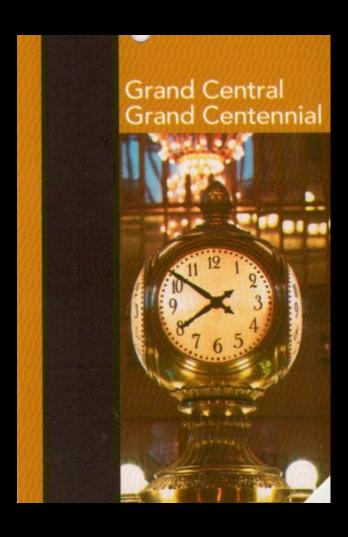


GRAND CENTRAL

100 YEARS

Meet Me at the Clock

The clock on top of the Information Booth in the middle of Grand Central Terminal is one of the most recognizable icons in New York City and has been a famous rendezvous spot for 100 years.







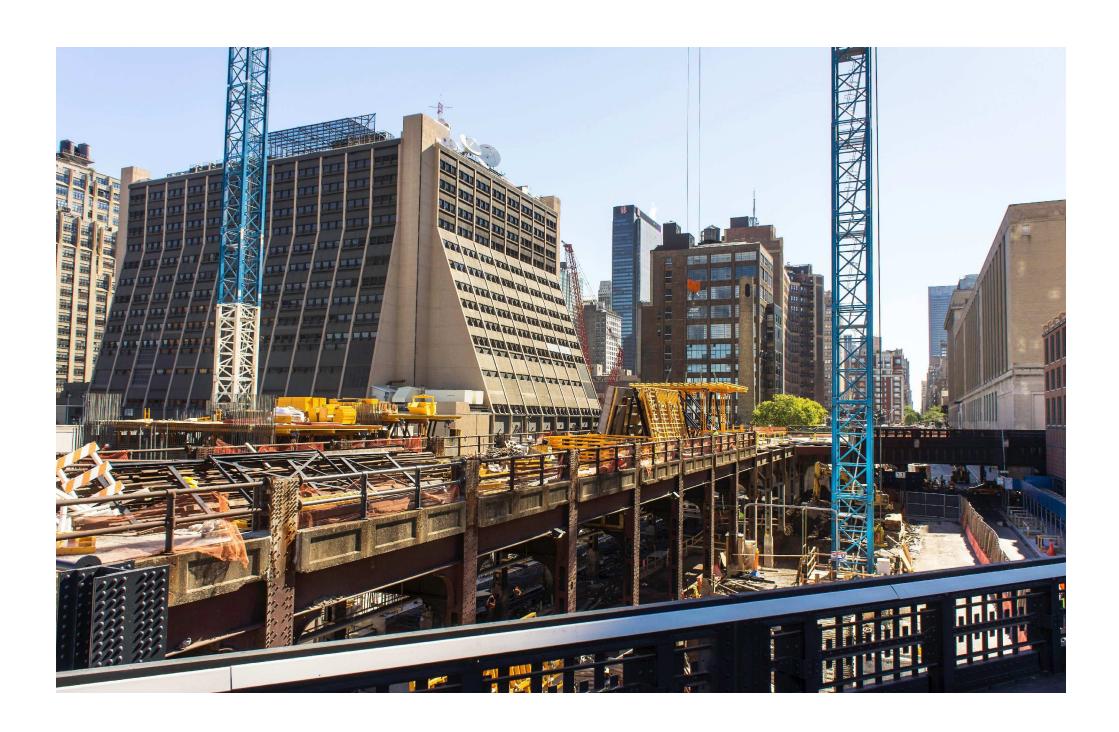
Another day, another plan: This time we started off walking The High Line Gardens, they have only been opened for a few years but a great way to use old high level railway track. Walking along the whole length took us to lunch time, when we grabbed a filled roll in Chelsea Market.

Then it was a fast walk through Greenwich Village to a tube that took us to The Rockefeller centre. At this point the party split up Jim and ourselves went to The Empire State Building. Once Jim had taken us to the door we were on our own with the great Panorama that is Manhattan and New York.

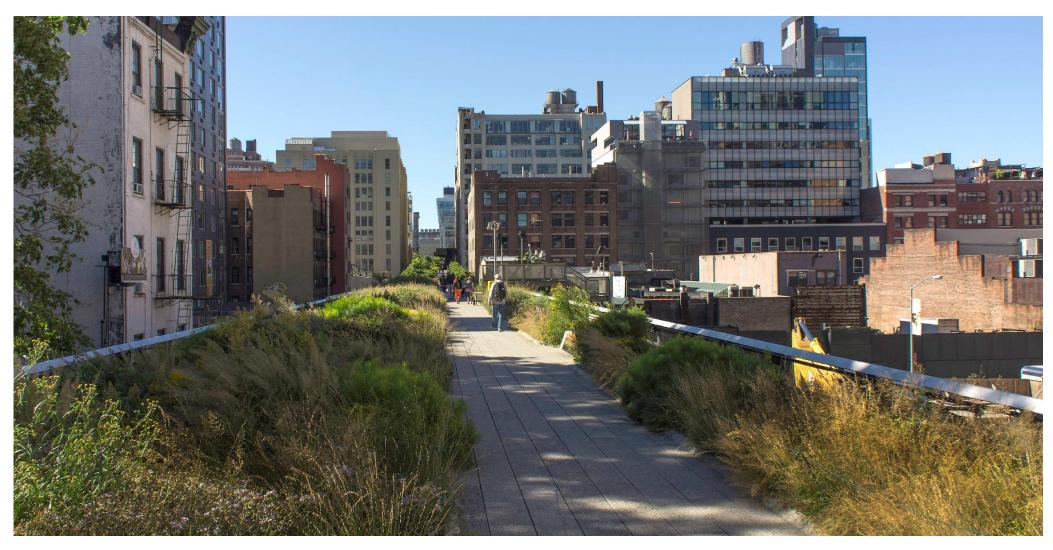
Somehow Jim scooped us up at the entrance and we were taken to an Italian restaurant somewhere near Central Park. On the way home I got stuck into my 'Jezblog' New York Taxi project....I was a happy little bunny with my camera.

A great day of looking at interesting places.

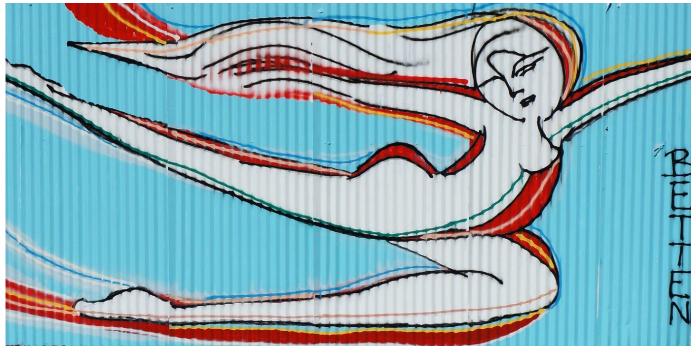




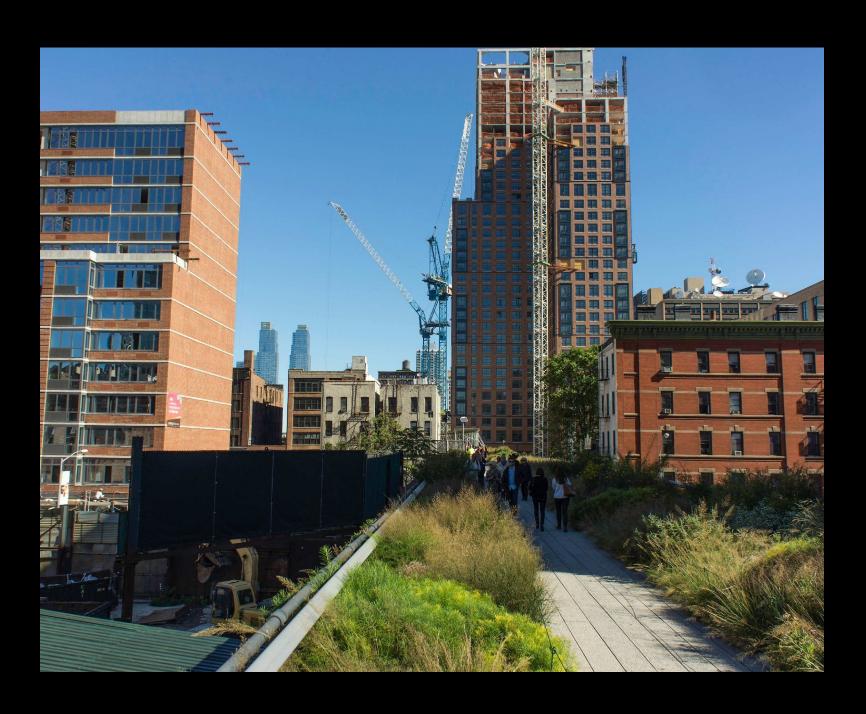






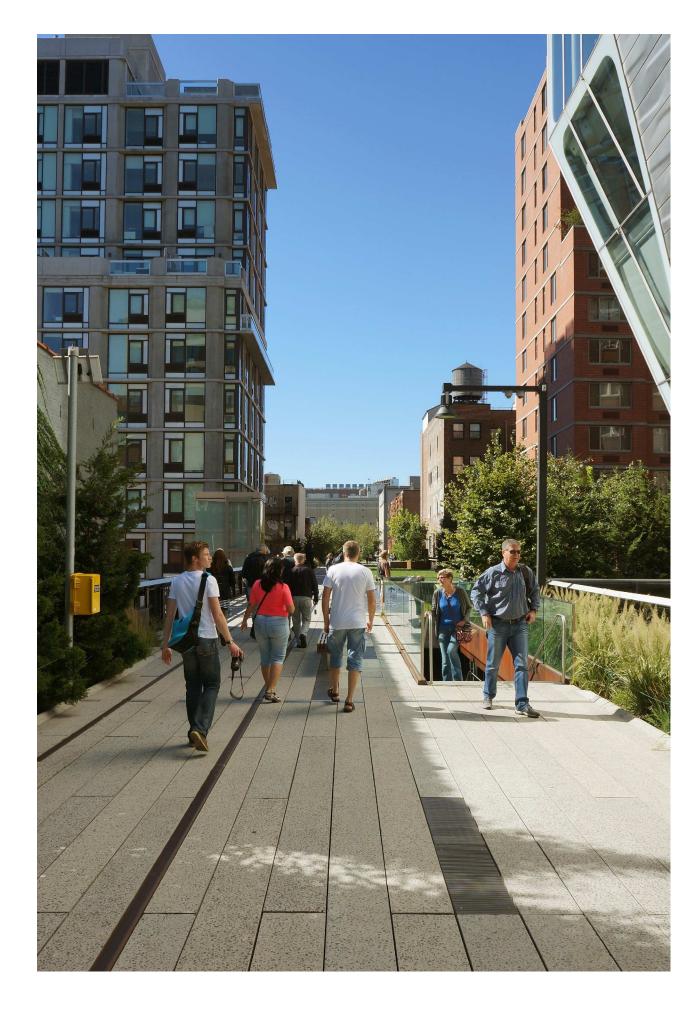












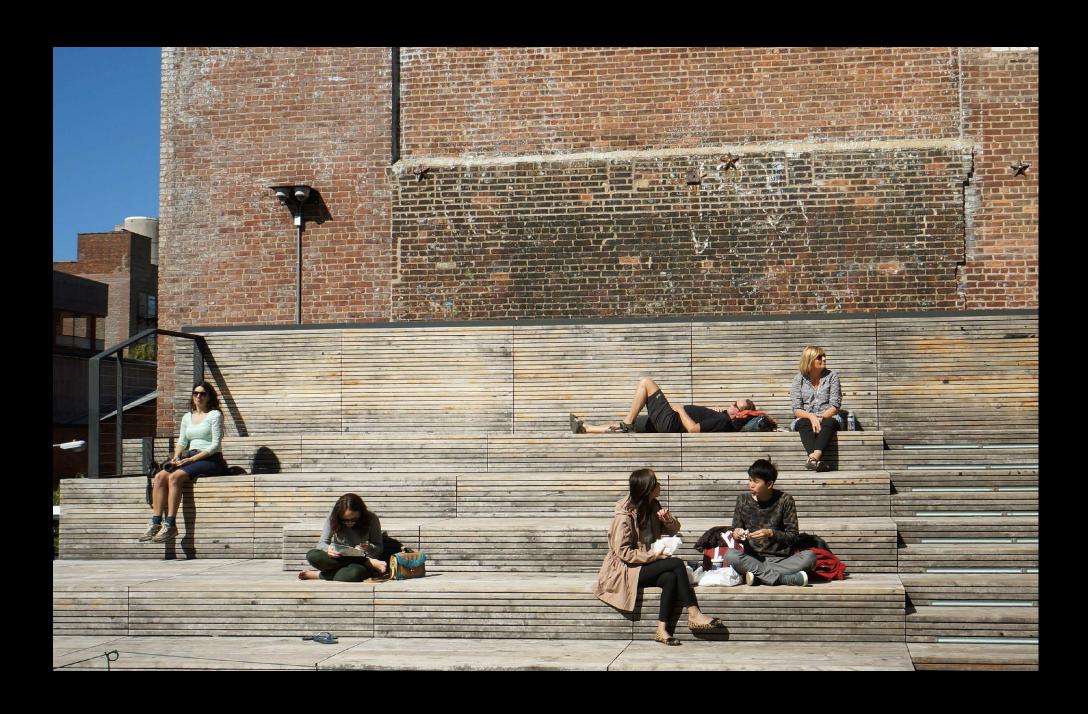


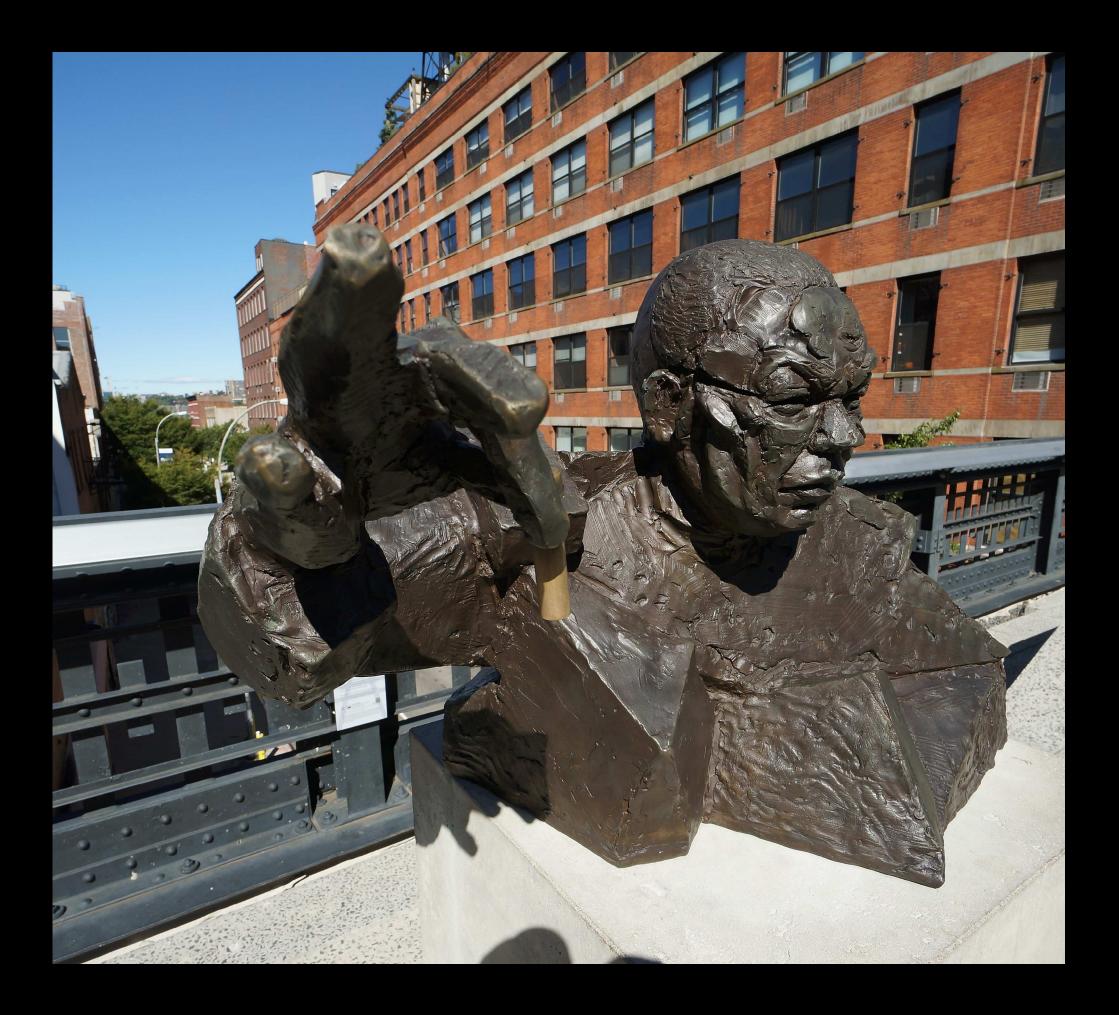


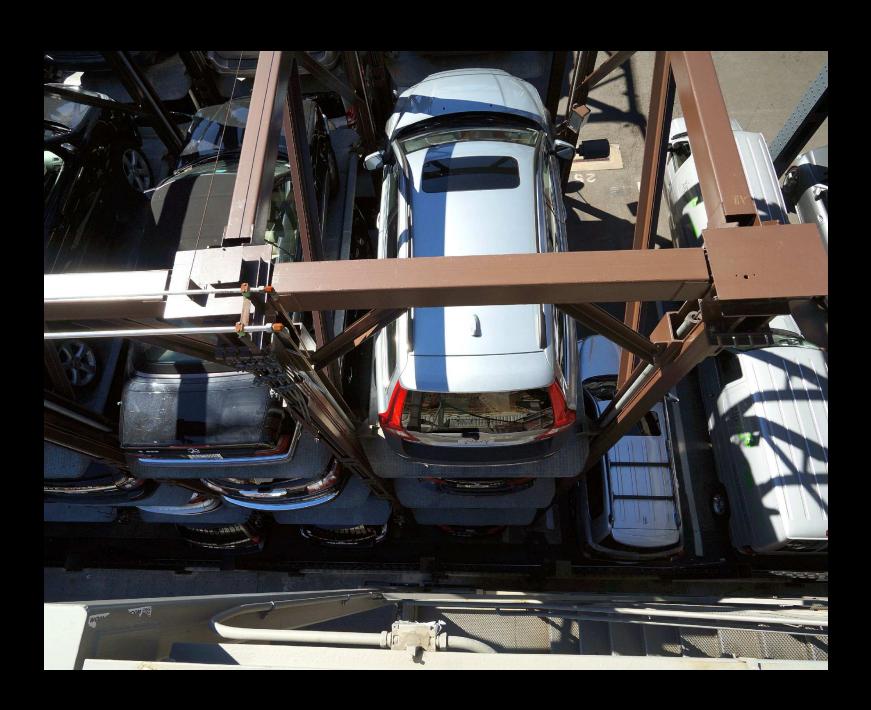












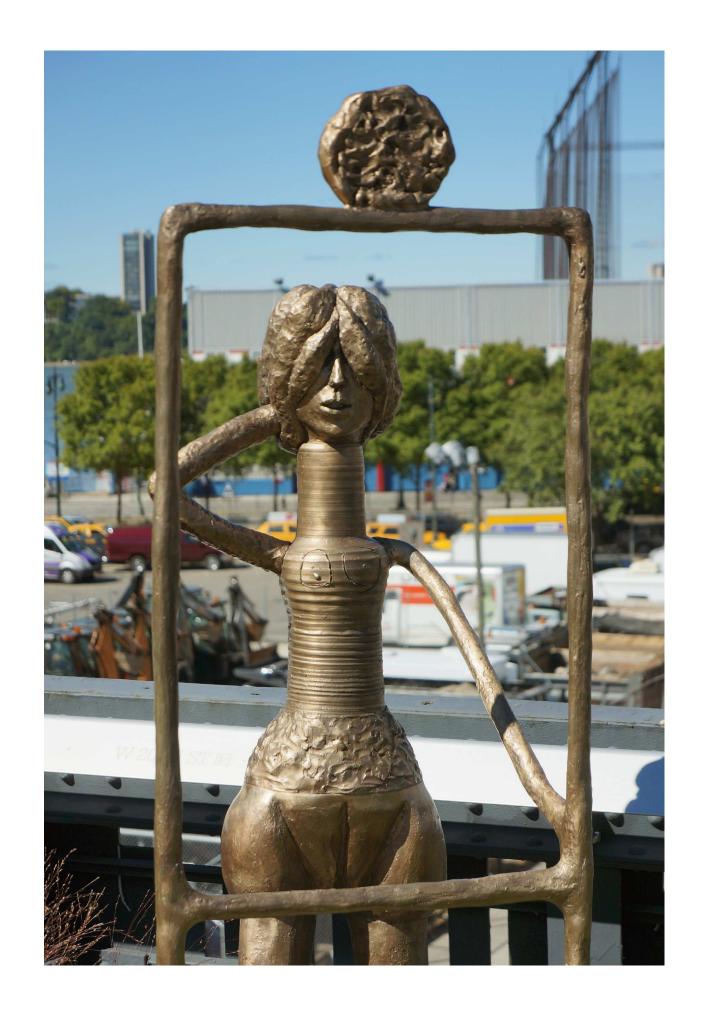




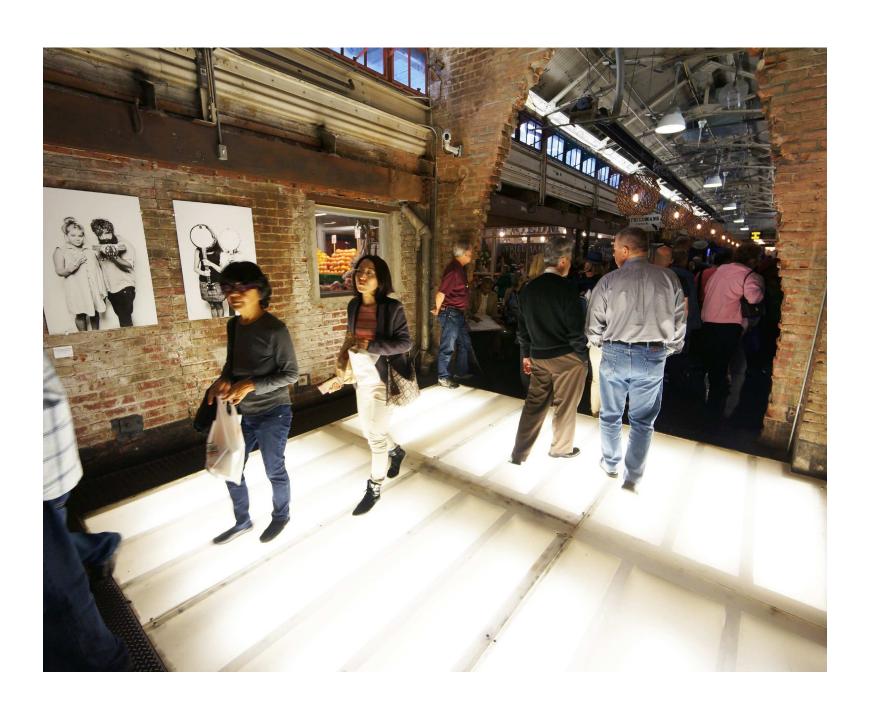




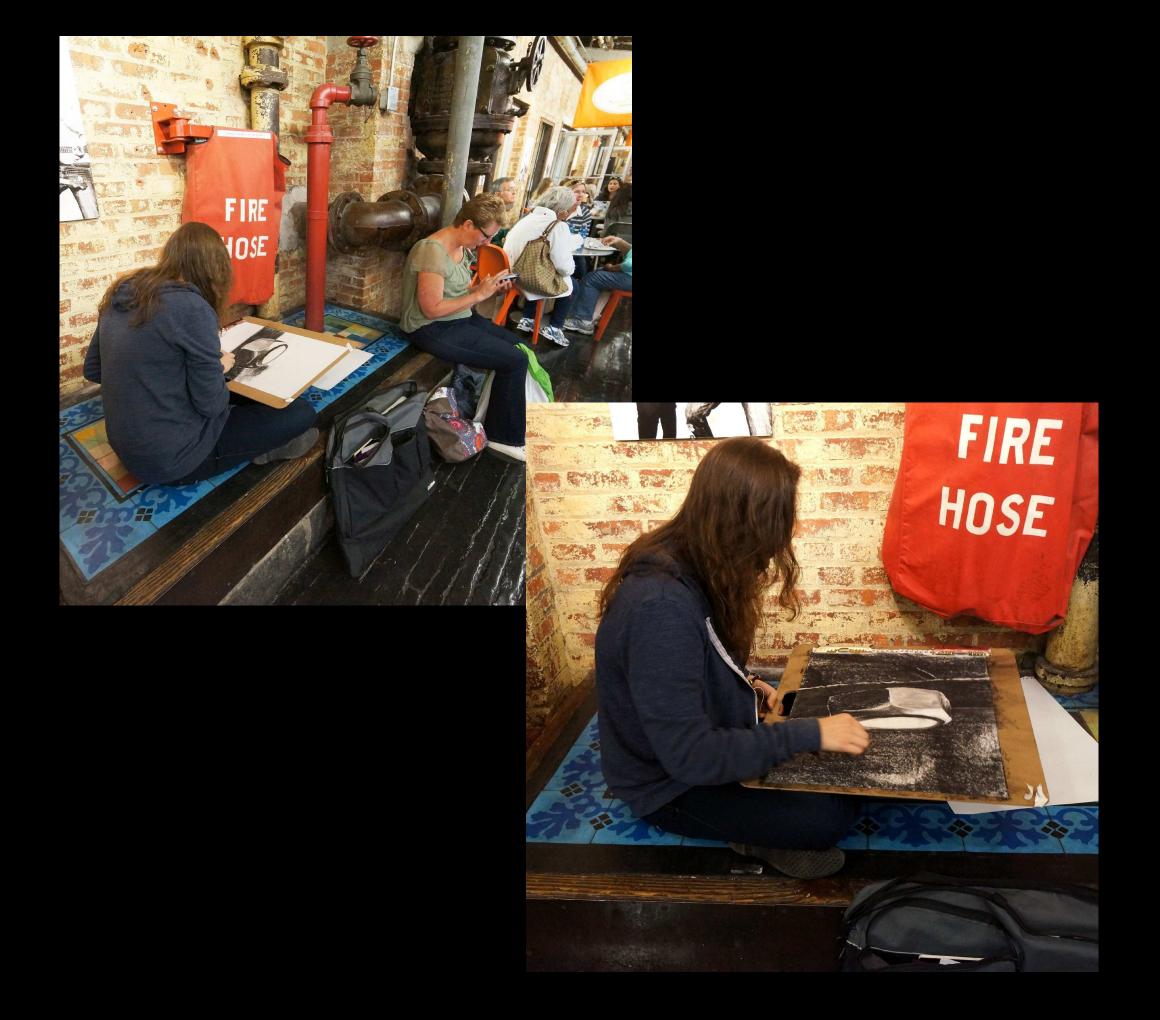




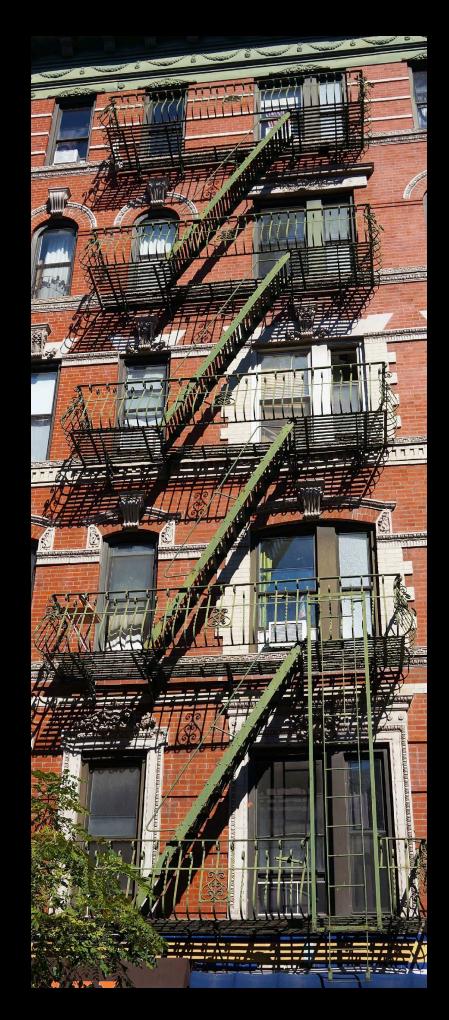








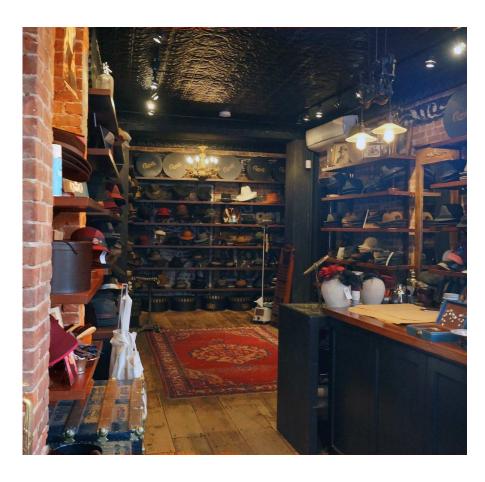


















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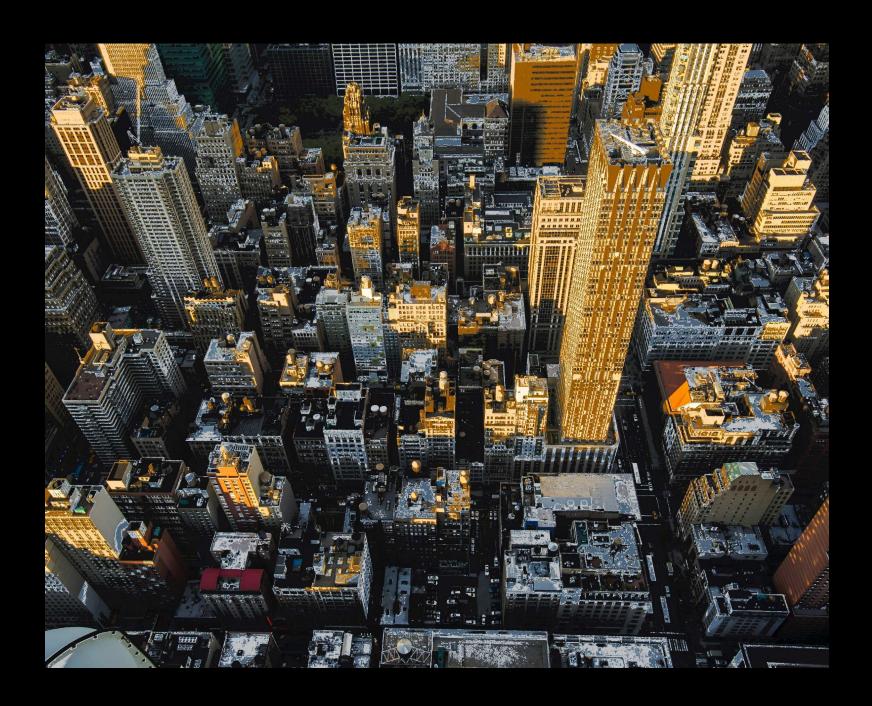
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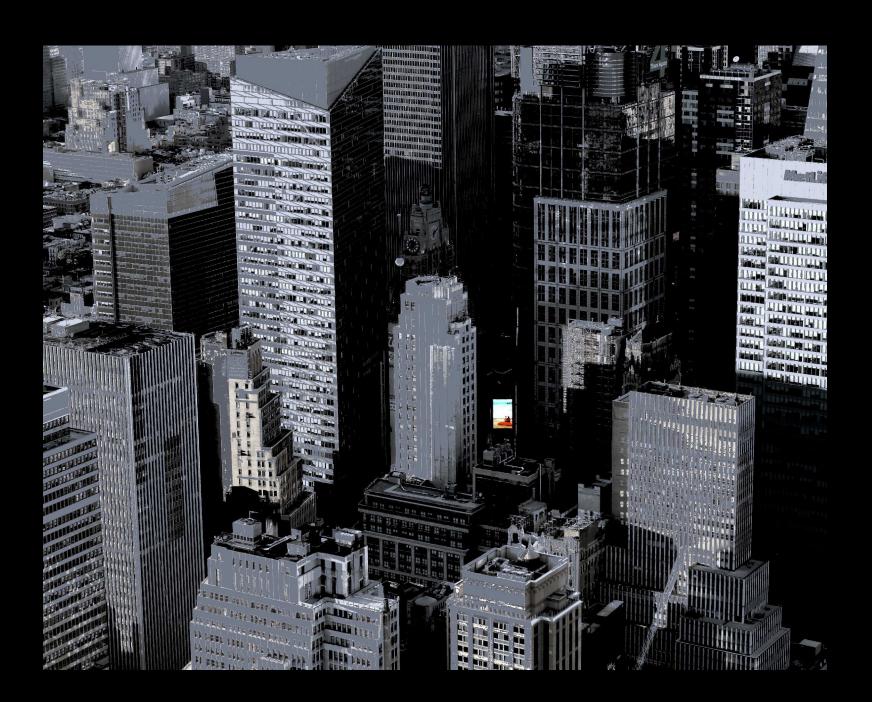










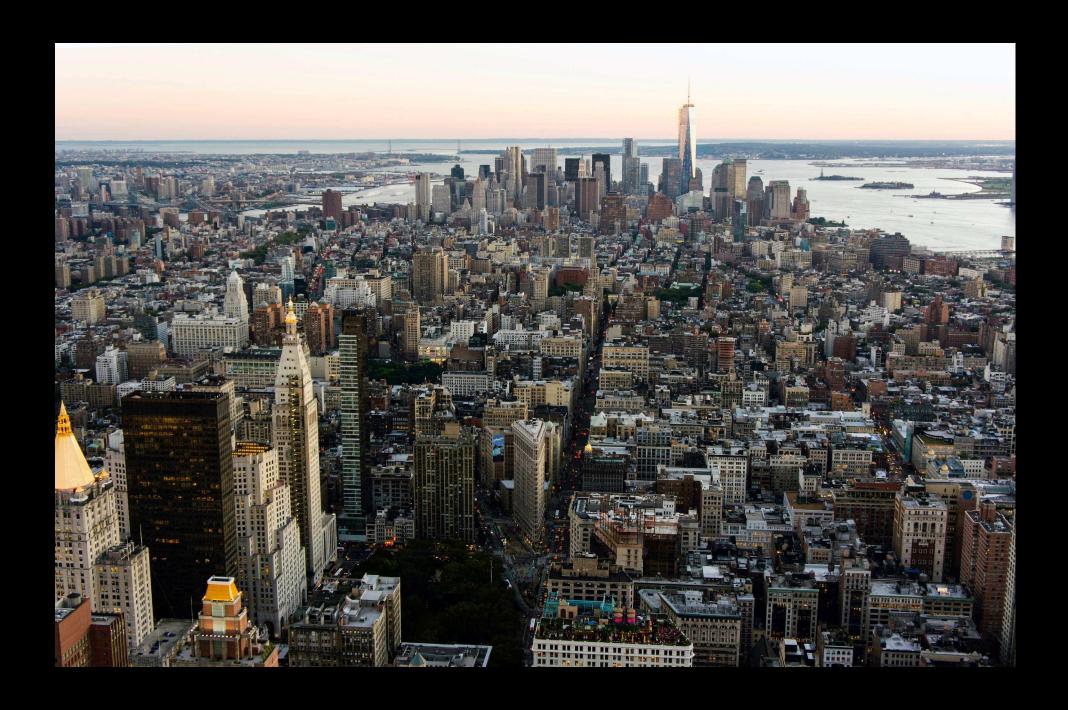












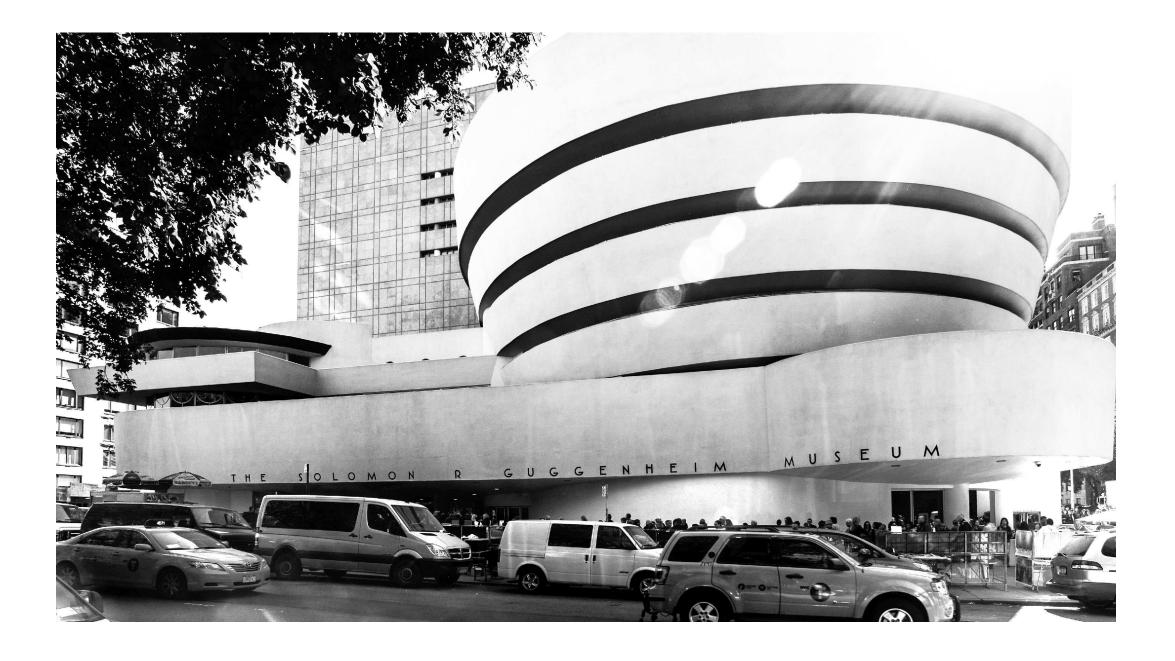










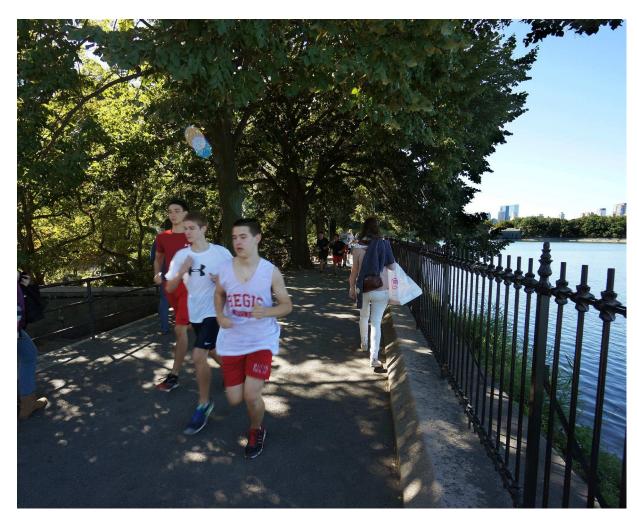


Our last day in New York began with a walk through the affluent area next to Central Park. We walked to The Guggenheim Museum, then into Central Park and then across it into one of the Jewish areas of new York. After a stroll down to the river we found a well known Jewish Deli. Jim was looking forward to their Pastrami roll; which was substancial! By this time we were both suffering from excess calories and decided to share an omelette.

We then moved on to MMoMA, a great gallery, but by this time fatigue was getting to many and we went back to the hotel for R & R. In the evening we were taken to a great Vietnamese restaurant by Carleen & Ken. I then carried on with my 'Jezblog' photography of New York taxis at night.

The next morning we parted company at Penn Station. Ken and Carleen back to Washington, the rest of us on to Boston.









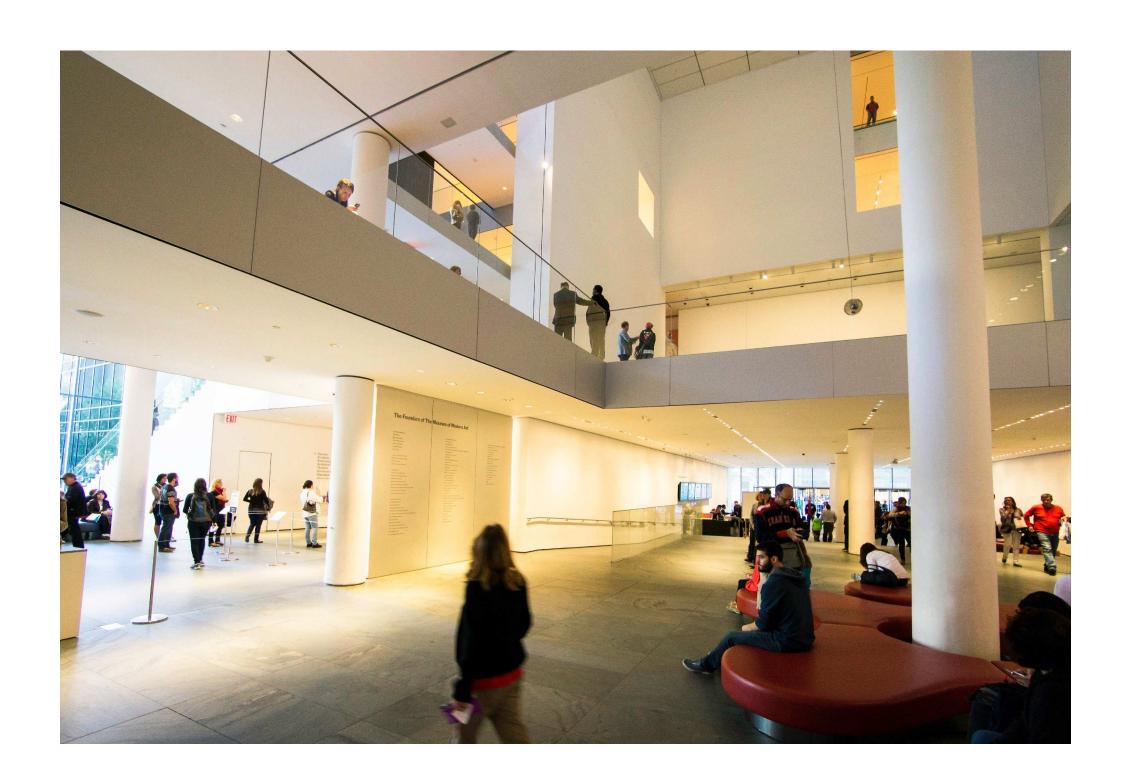






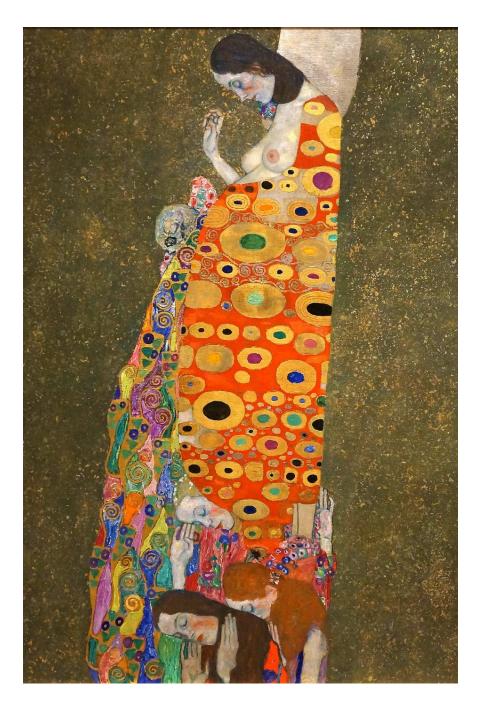


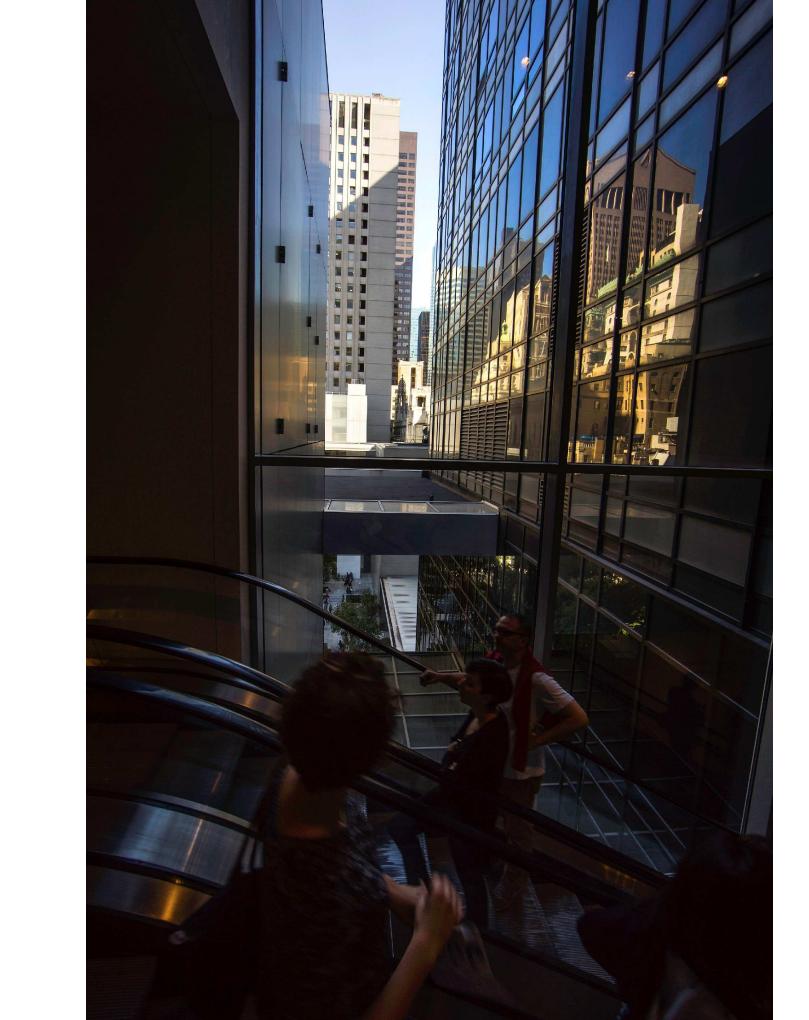








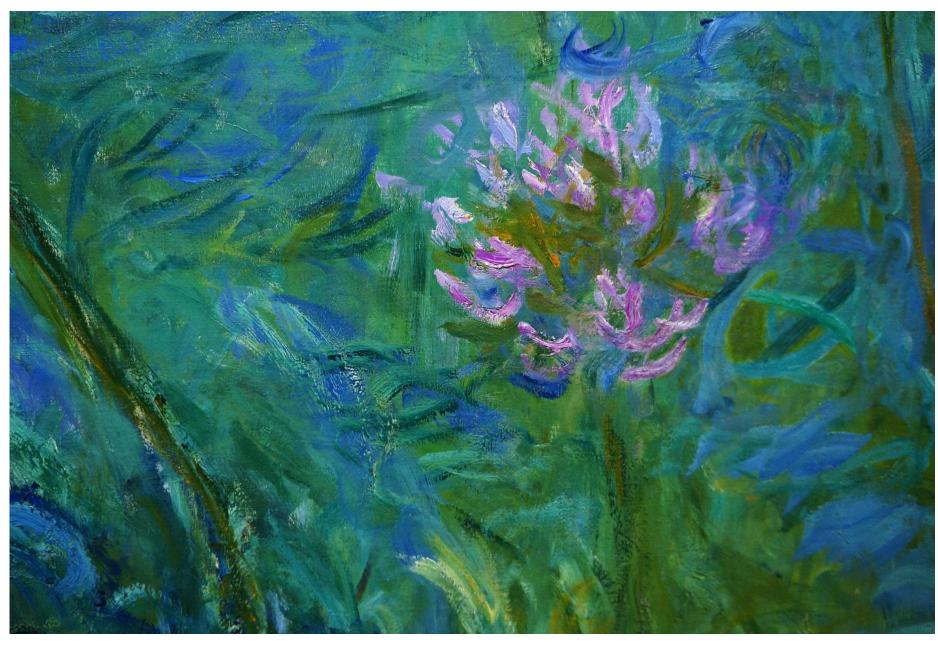


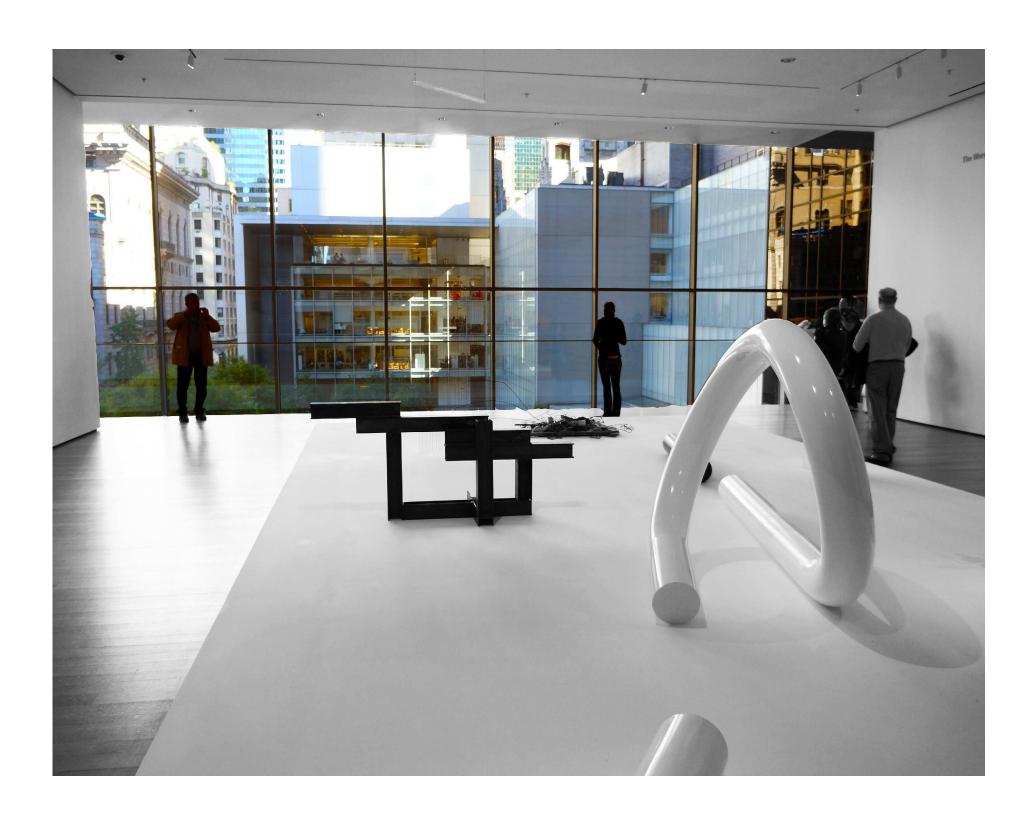




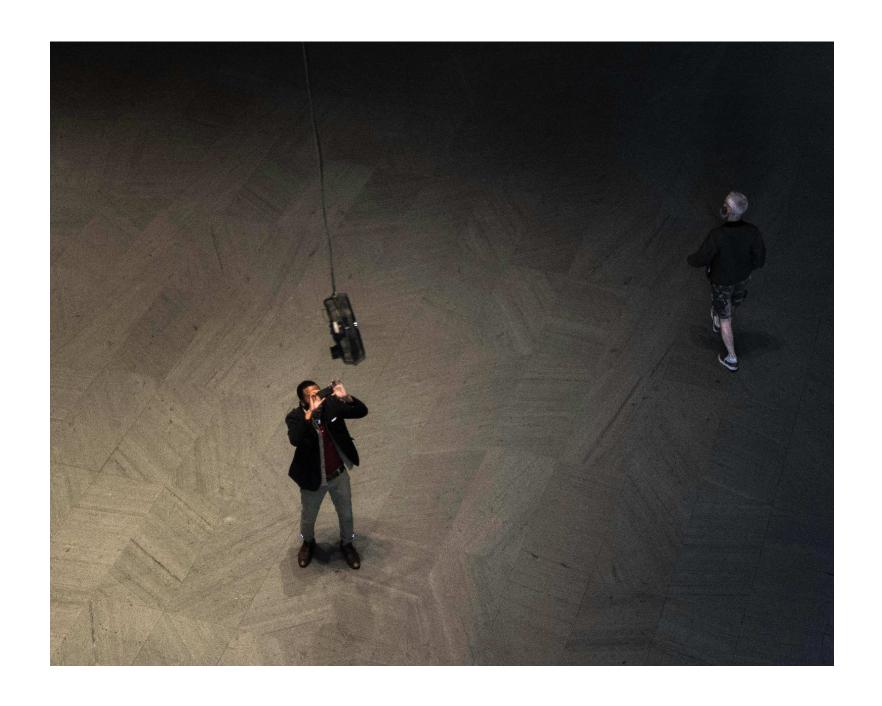




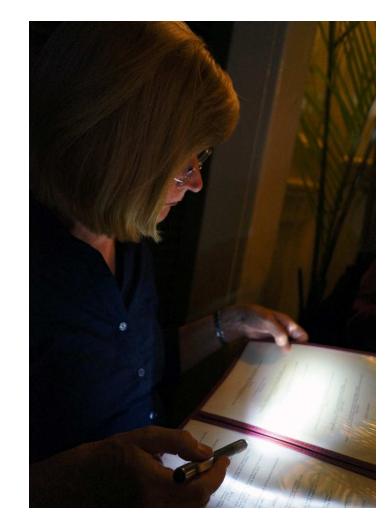
























Arriving into Boston in the late afternoon, we took the 'T' to our B & B which was in the West of the City in Brookline. In the evening we had a meal at an Irish Pub with Melinda's sister Melisa and her husband David.

The next morning after some action at the local laundrette we went to the Waterfront for a ferry ride over to see the USS constitution ... The oldest commissioned naval ship in service.

This was followed by lunch at the Legal Fish Restaurant on the dockside. Feeling fat and full we went for a stroll along the waterfront followed by Quincy Market and a T ride back to the cakes and pastries laid out at the B & B in case we were hungry.















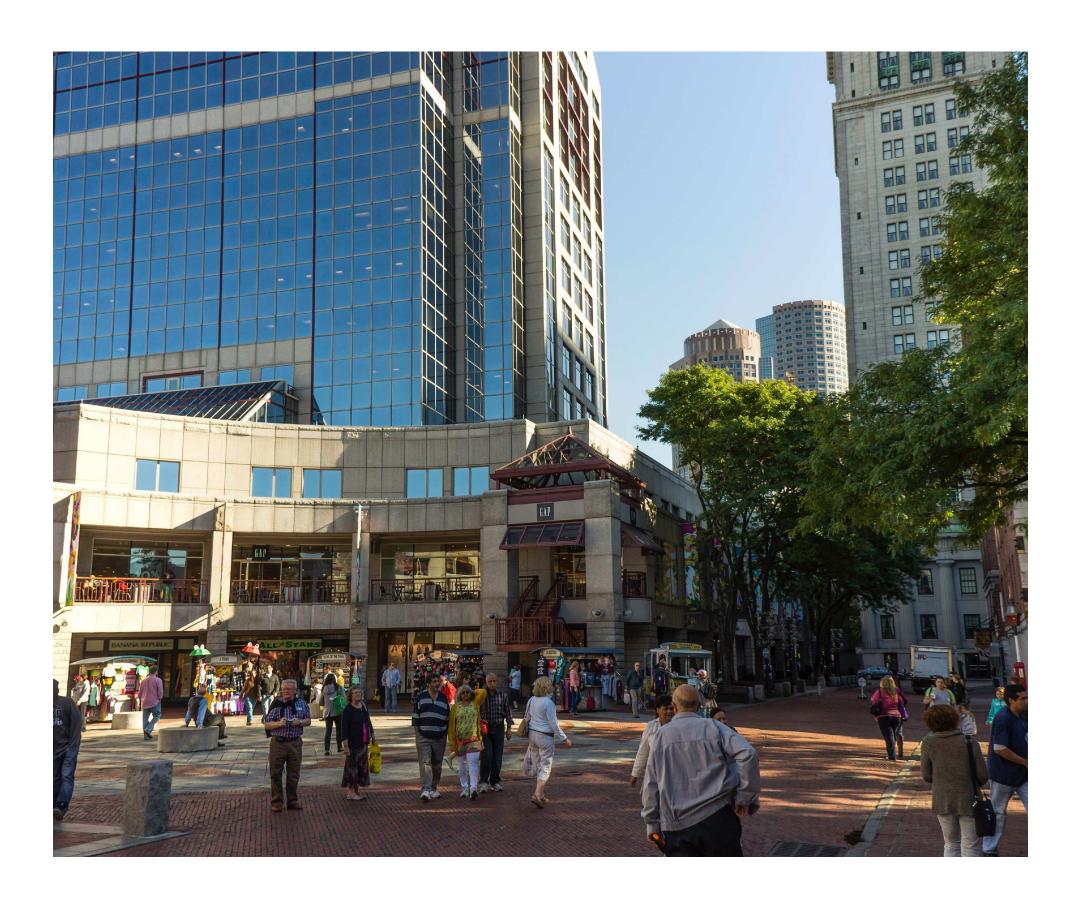






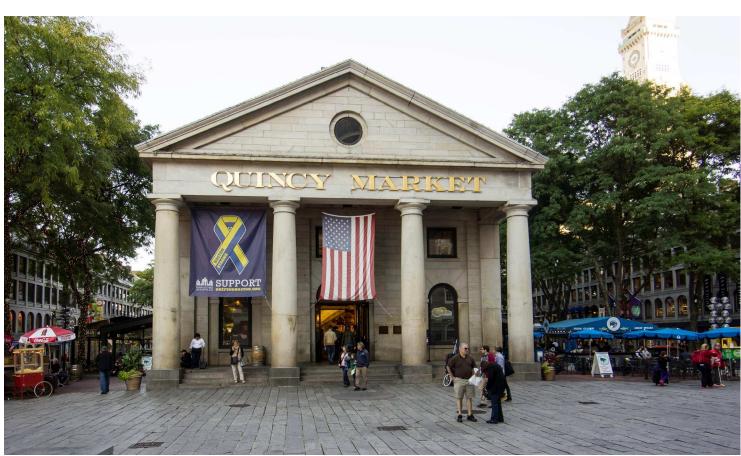






















The next day started with a very personalised brewery trip at the Sam Adams Brewery that Jim had organised through his work. Very enjoyable and fun. We followed this up with a tram car ride to a local pub / restaurant for lunch. It was then onwards to start a tour of the Freedom Trail.

On the next day we returned to the Freedom Trail stopping in Little Italy at a proper coffee shop, great coffee served with a Cannoli.

Trail completed, we returned to have lunch with Melisa and David at a great Italian restaurant in the same area as the coffee shop. Feeling fat and full, again, we took a stroll to the Charles River to watch the world go by.

On our last complete day in Boston we had a great brunch with Melisa and David in their flat which had a good view of Boston from the roof garden. David made a lot of fantastic blueberry pancakes... which we all ate with gusto! In the afternoon we did a guided tour of JF Kennedys' birth place in Brookline.









