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TRIBECA – LOWER MANHATTAN'S TRIANGLE OF HISTORY, CHARM AND LUXURY LIVING

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Tribeca is Soho's neighbor to the south and named for the space it occupies; a triangular

area that's bounded by Canal and Broadway over to the Hudson River and West Street and down to Vesey Street called the "Triangle Below Canal."

In 2006, Forbes magazine rated its zip code, 10013, as one of most expensive zip codes in the nation. Huge lofts, high-rises and townhomes are interspersed throughout its cobble-stoned streets

and there's plenty of green that decorates this section of the Big Apple.

It began as a thriving commercial district in the 19th century where merchants developed expansive warehouse spaces, many of which have been converted into multi-million dollar residences. Similar to neighboring Soho, Tribeca attracted creative souls; celebrities, artists, and writers, and still does, but many business professionals are drawn to its quiet, safe streets close to first-class restaurants and New York attractions such as Times Square.

There's the Tribeca Grand Hotel and Soho Grand that attract visitors from all over the world who want to enjoy the charm of Tribeca and have close proximity to downtown, Chinatown and Wall Street. Its home to the annual Tribeca Film Festival founded in 2002 by Robert DeNiro and others after the 9/11 attacks. Its purpose, to showcase New York City as a contributor to and center of filmmaking, also sparked revitalization of the area.

The annual Festival's popularity has grown and it spreads out to other parts of the city now, attracting the best of the best in film—from actors to producers and directors.



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Nearby Washington Market Park is a beautiful green space where Tribeca residents can voluntarily maintain a six by four foot plot within an area of 60 plots. Located on Greenwich Street at Duane, Washington Market Park has walking trails, a beautiful, wrought iron gazebo, and plenty of play space for families.

Luxury living for buying and renting is everything from historic lofts with soaring ceilings and oversized windows at The Tribeca Lofts at 78 Leonard Street to ultra-modern at Tribeca Townhomes at 16 Warren Street with five duplex apartments and one penthouse suite.

The 227 beautifully elegant condos at 101 Warren Street are part of a mixed-use development that houses a Whole Foods Market and Barnes and Noble. Within walking distance is a luxury high rise development, 200 Chambers Street. Both have amazing city skyline and Hudson River views.

The Tribeca Summit at 415 Greenwich is a 1913 warehouse building converted into 66 condos that includes four-bedroom lofts, duplex penthouses and multilevel townhouses.

Tribeca residents have a huge selection of restaurants to choose from—from fine dining to casual pubs. There's the well-known ones, Nobu, known as a "Tribeca legend," and Megu, a very upscale Japanese restaurant. The Odeon at 145 West Broadway serves up less expensive fare and was featured in the movie, Big City, Bright Lights.

The Woolworth Building at 233 Broadway is a Gothic-inspired towering masterpiece with marble, bronze and a glass-colored ceiling in its massive lobby. The original owner, five-and-dime store's Frank W, Woolworth, is reported to have paid cash to finance the skyscraper. It's one of the oldest New York skyscrapers, noted as a National Historic Landmark and is one of

the 50 tallest buildings in the United States. It was featured in the Disney movie, *Enchanted*.

Tribeca has the laid-back ambiance of a European village but with easy access to New York's busy streets, major attractions and heady nightlife. It's Manhattan's sweet slice of pie that gives residents the best of both worlds.