

# New York (formerly New Amsterdam)

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North American city (population c. 7,000,000). It is the largest city 1)\_\_\_\_\_ the USA (and 2)\_\_\_\_\_ North America) and the country's financial and cultural centre; it is also the seat of the United Nations. New York is sited mostly 3)\_\_\_\_\_ islands 4)\_\_\_\_\_ the mouth of the Hudson River 5)\_\_\_\_\_ the east coast 6)\_\_\_\_\_ the continent, and its development and rise 7)\_\_\_\_\_ prominence have been closely related 8)\_\_\_\_\_ its location 9)\_\_\_\_\_ one of the world's finest all-weather, deep-water ports.

New York City originally comprised only Manhattan, a narrow, 20 km-long island bordered 10)\_\_\_\_\_ the Hudson River, East River and Harlem River, which remains its commercial, financial and cultural heart. In a series of mergers 11)\_\_\_\_\_ 1874 and 1894 the borough 12)\_\_\_\_\_ the Bronx became part of New York City, and 13)\_\_\_\_\_ 1898 Brooklyn (then the third largest city 14)\_\_\_\_\_ the USA), Queens and Staten Island elected 15)\_\_\_\_\_ join in the formation of Greater New York, which spreads over c. 830 sq. km. Only the Bronx is attached 16)\_\_\_\_\_ the mainland, Brooklyn and Queens occupying the western end 17)\_\_\_\_\_ Long Island.

Often regarded mainly as a great modern metropolis 18)\_\_\_\_\_ glass and steel skyscrapers, New York retains a rich architectural heritage from all periods of its development, during which time it was briefly the capital 19)\_\_\_\_\_ the USA (1785-90) and the state capital 20)\_\_\_\_\_ New York (1784-96).

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