

**BRINGING THE  
VACATION TO YOU:**



**CITY COLLEGE  
OF NEW YORK'S**



**PARADISE RESORT**

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*Have you ever wanted to go on vacation and unwind but found it impossible to find a destination close enough to your responsibilities while still enjoying the stay? Look no further! The City College of New York was voted the number one vacation destination and hotspot in the northern Manhattan region by Cheap and Mediocre Travel Magazine for Summer 2020. The new vacation spot is likely to open in late Spring 2020, as students finish out their semester remotely, and is already looking for bookings via their email and direct message on Instagram. The list of upcoming vacation hotspots was compiled by a variety of travel writers and aspiring Instagram influencers. City College proudly reigns as the only City University of New York (actually any university) to make the list.*

For as long as City College staff and students can remember, once the rain starts, so do the leaks and drips. Along with the leaks, renovations and construction consistently take place throughout the year. Little did we know, City College was actually planning and constructing City College: Paradise at Home the entire time! City College has been struggling with a \$15 million debt that inhibited the college's resources, and due to the crippling debt that City College faces, the Boudreau Administration felt an increase in tourism may be the financial solution and positive publicity that the school needs.

City College announced the grand opening of CCNY as a vacation destination in an email blast to all students last night. The email from President Vincent Boudreau's office reads:

I am sure you are all aware of the leaks, drips, and renovations which took place in the last few years. City College is proud to announce that our campus will be transformed into the first tropical resort and paradise in northern Manhattan! Hear the sounds of waterfalls and a variety of wildlife during your stay! Enjoy the activities and excursions offered with friends and family alike! The resort will be open and fully operational each summer and winter. A varying schedule during the Fall and Spring semesters will also be instituted. Classes will continue as scheduled throughout the academic school year. We hope you all consider choosing City College as your next vacation destination. \*Be aware you must still pay full-price for both tuition and your stay if you choose to visit\*

The leaks in the ceilings were actually the

early construction for waterfalls that will fall through every floor of the North Academic Center. The sounds of the pouring water from each floor will echo through the rotunda, giving the real Zen vibe we have all been searching for. Who needs Fiji when you can hear the serene sounds here in Harlem? The most cost-friendly price for lodging will be located in the NAC, where classrooms will be converted into windowless guestrooms. The deluxe and master guestrooms will be found in Shepard Hall. The large windows will give a beautiful view of the quad or the street behind Shepard Hall. Each room will have complimentary towels and sheets, but it is recommended to do a bed bug check each night of your visit. Breakfast is available for those who purchase vouchers. Each voucher will be an entry into the cafeteria where you can then pay for your meals. You will also be charged \$0.25 per utensil used. You can expect foods that will probably not be expired (hopefully).

City College also welcomes fan clubs, organizations, and businesses for a variety of conventions. The Rabid Rodent Enthusiast Club is expected to book their annual convention at City College for 2021. The Rocky Raccoon Fan Club is also inquiring about a visit and a potential meet and greet with the famous Rocky Raccoon himself.

City College will also have a beautiful exhibit for their indigenous animals in the NAC Library. If you're lucky, you'll be able to see the number of mice, raccoons, and bed bugs that have chosen the NAC Library as their home. The hot, humid, and pungent air will take you to a place you've never been! Be mindful of the chairs and sofas in the library or you'll be taking some of those critters home as a souvenir!

City College will also have a number of activities and excursions available for all guests! Along with the animal exhibit in the NAC Library, guests can take a scenic trek through all 8 floors of the NAC. The best route for a scenic view is up the broken escalators. Easy, medium, hard, and expert level routes are available daily but the difficulty level of the excursion will not be revealed until the day of. It's a surprise every day! Will you only walk one flight of broken escalator steps? Will it be six? This resort is full of adventure and the adventure is in the surprise.

During your visit, be sure to sign up for a tour with one of CCNY's best tour guides! Choose from a number of guides, all members of various clubs on campus. You can select a tour

based on your interests, such as the history of CCNY, partying, wildlife, etc. The increased participation on campus from clubs and their members guarantees funding for many clubs that may otherwise not have any. Visit Evelyn Ortega in the Student Life office to discuss which club you would like to sponsor, since all previously allocated funds for clubs have gone towards the renovations for CCNY: Paradise Resort. You have to spend money to make money, right?

Nightlife will also be scattered on campus to accommodate every partier who stays. Club hours has taken on a completely different meaning during your stay. Clubs are no longer associations and organizations who meet on campus, but rather dance clubs! Club hours are still during the times of 12:30 to 2:00, but now it will be 12:30 AM to 2:00 AM! A number of clubs will be located throughout campus. Visit the Rooftop Bar and Grill at the architecture building or go to an underground rave in the Marshak building, where roaches, mice, and guests will be able to party until the wee hours of the morning.

During the winter, CCNY: Paradise Resort will offer a number of snowy activities, including hiking the hill on West 141st Street between Convent Ave and St Nicholas Ave. An ice axe is recommended and can be purchased with the excursion ticket at the Help Desk on the first floor of the NAC. Skiing and snowboarding activities are also available, but CCNY has made it clear that any injuries guests may acquire as a result of these activities are not the responsibility of CCNY. Waivers must be signed. You will receive copies of the waivers after you sign into your CCNY computer account and use your own printing quota (which is a requirement). If outdoor activities aren't your scene, consider sitting by the out-of-tune piano in the NAC rotunda, watch the snow fall, listen to a bad rendition of Für Elise by Beethoven, and drink watered down hot chocolate.

Cheap and Mediocre Travel Magazine has always been a great resource with reliable and helpful tips for anyone looking for a getaway. City College: Paradise Resort is expected to be the biggest vacation destination in the Northeast United States by 2022. After doing some shopping in Times Square or getting dinner in the Village, take the train up to City College and see the magic for yourself! Be sure to hurry -- rooms are booking fast!