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On my way to Saint Pierre I also visited New York City, because I thought that was kind of in the neighborhood. I didn't take that many photos in New York City because every street corner is already photographed about a gazillion times, but here is my impression of New York City from September 2006 in 13 images.

I stayed at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel in Queens, and from there started walking towards Manhattan during the morning rush hour.

And at some point you get the first view of Manhattan, which is impressive. It might have had something to do with jet lag, but when I was about to cross the street and an FDNY fire engine stopped for me and let me pass I almost cried. That's what that skyline can do to you in September.

But we're still on the other side of the East River, in Queens, which is very different from Manhattan.

On the shore of the East River we can see the United Nations building on the other shore. I found it strange that when I passed it the night before it was just like any other office abandoned, like solving the world's problems can apparently wait until the next day.

After we took the subway across the river we're on Manhattan, Seventh Avenue near Madison Square Garden. I don't think it's possible to take a picture on the streets of New York City that doesn't look like it's taken in New York City. It's all there, even more real then you would expect it to be.

On Manhattan it's all so damn typical. The whole visual experience is like you know it from movies and television, the surprise is in the temperature and humidity.

After taking the subway South we see the Statue of Liberty. I didn't expect it to be surrounded by industry, harbours, cranes and bridges because I had the impression it kind of was like an island in the ocean that was the first thing of America that would be seen by immigrants arriving on a ship. So that's a bit less epic.

Following the East River we then get to Brooklyn Bridge. That's the massive one in the front.

From Brooklyn Bridge you have a nice view on the Financial District. But since you're kind of walking on top of a six lane highway it's not very tranquil.

The next day we are in Central Park.

And on the other side of Manhattan at the Hudson River with a view on New Jersey.

Then we walk straight back to Midtown.

From our subway station in Queens we also have a view on Manhattan.

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