9/11 Tourism: Security At Attractions Depends On Symbolism

Welcoming Tourists in a Post-9/11 World

Our tourism industry has been in a 10-year funk. Here's how to make the visa process safe and simple.

[New York’s 9/11 Tourism Strategy](http://travel-industry.uptake.com/blog/2011/08/15/nyc-911-tourism-strategy/)

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The main story on September 11 and 12, 2011 will be the dedication and opening of the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. But a side-story that’s likely to be just as big is how Lower Manhattan is finally back in business after the lost decade, with millions of visitors and tourists making their way towards [Ground Zero](http://attractions.uptake.com/museums/new_york/new_york/ground_zero_8137235.html).

**International tourism to pass pre-9/11 levels U.S. collected a record $107.4 billion in travel receipts in 2006**

9/11 Memorial: Ground Zero as Dark Tourist Site

**U.S. TRAVEL AND TOURISM EXPORTS REBOUND FROM 9/11 DECLINE**

***International Visitors Spent More in 2006 Than Ever Before***

Post-9/11, Tourism Is Back...And 9/11 Tourism Is Kicking

In the immediate aftermath of [9/11](http://gothamist.com/tags/911), NYC lost $323.7 million in tourism revenue as visitors scared of another attack left Times Square an empty shell of the soulless shell it usually is. But last year, the city's tourism industry had rebounded so much that [it was expected](http://gothamist.com/2010/08/11/city_could_see_record_tourism_this.php) to hit a record number. As it turns out, we exceeded those expectations: [more than 48.8 million people](http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2011/09/08/2011-09-08_tourisms_back__better_than_ever_no_of_visitors_to_new_york_reaches_record_level_.html) visited NYC last year, spending $31.4 billion on our hot dogs, subways and [hugs](http://gothamist.com/2011/09/07/extra_extra_2032.php). And a shadow industry of 9/11 tourism seems to have grown out of that as a result.

**9-11 Still Hurting European Tourism**

Post-9/11 travel regulations have hurt tourism, cost jobs