

# Pass is perfect way to see boro's sights

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STARTING NEXT MONTH, visitors will be able to buy a two-day pass to many of Brooklyn's top attractions for \$25.

For kids, the price tag will be \$15.

The pass also includes a free slice of Junior's cheesecake, a free Brooklyn Brewery beer for adults and a guidebook in English, French and German.

"Does it get any better than that?" asked Borough President Marty Markowitz. The Brooklyn Pass will be introduced at Borough Hall this morning and go on sale March 1.

"This pass will put Brooklyn into the big league of tourist destinations," Markowitz said.

Like New York City as a whole, Brooklyn has experienced tourism increases. In the first six months of last year, the

borough's Tourism and Visitors Center had 6,000 visitors, compared with 5,500 for all of 2004, Markowitz said.

Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Honolulu and New Orleans already have passes similar to the one being introduced here. So does New York, and that \$89 pass includes the Brooklyn Museum and the New York Aquarium.

"There are so many fantastic attractions here, we felt Brook-

lyn needed its own pass," said Tiffany Bradley of Heart of Brooklyn, a consortium of six local cultural institutions.

Markowitz, Heart of Brooklyn and Leisure Pass North America are sponsors of the new pass.

Other destinations include Astroland, the New York Aquarium, the Brooklyn Museum, the Brooklyn Children's Museum, the Jewish Children's Museum, the Prospect Park Carousel, the

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Weeksville Historic Hunterfly Road Houses, the Brooklyn Brewery, the New York Transit Museum and the Brooklyn Historical Society.

Ticket discounts will be available at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and Bargemusic. Pass holders can get a free lunch with a pedal-boat rental at the Prospect Park Lakeside Snack Bar.

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