Introduction:

Ride through and explore the most ethnically diverse county in the nation, home to over one million immigrants speaking more than 130 different languages. The Queens Around the World bicycle tour takes you along on-street and off-street bicycle lanes and greenways through parks, by shops and into neighborhoods where diverse communities create vibrant street life filled with an incredible array of music, shopping, and cultural events. As you pedal from neighborhood to neighborhood, you can sample from an eclectic variety of cuisines. The tour offers a number of destination options where cyclists can ride by a historic building or park your bikes and enjoy a museum or a delicious meal. Other points of interest include galleries, public art, cultural institutions, houses of worship, architectural gems and historic districts.

The tour is designed so cyclists can take a single 18 mile ride or multiple short rides. The route often parallels the 7 subway line, nicknamed the International Express and designated as a National Millennium Trail, but gives riders a street-level, interactive experience. You will pass through areas dominated by a variety of immigrant groups from countries as far ranging as Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, and more.

New York City has countless famous sites, historic monuments, cultural attractions and other exciting destinations and Queens is home to many of these amazing places and hidden treasures. There is a lot to discover in the borough and you will find it quick, easy and fun to explore by bike. The route takes you to celebrated sites like the Unisphere in Flushing Meadows and the P.S.1 Art Center, as well as “undiscovered” local gems and restaurants.

Background:

This map was developed to encourage and promote bicycling. The goal of project is to improve air quality by facilitating the use of bicycles for commuting and for social, recreational, and destination travel. In keeping with the Mayor’s PlaNYC 2030, this project will help create a sustainable, livable city with a healthy environment and an improved quality of life. Queens Around the World is the first in a series of bicycle tour maps developed by the Department of City Planning for this purpose. Subsequent maps will focus on different boroughs and themes.

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