



You'll Be Able to Walk Through the Park Avenue Tunnel for the First Time in History This Weekend

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Many have traveled through New York's Park Avenue Tunnel by car or taxi, but very few have experienced the famous passageway on foot. This weekend, the [Summer Streets festival](#) will flip the script by closing off the tunnel to all car traffic and making it pedestrian-accessible for the very first time in history. Once inside, visitors will also be able to participate in an interactive art exhibit called Voice Tunnel by Mexican-Canadian artist [Rafael Lozano-Hemmer](#).

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Voice Tunnel will be part of the [Summer Streets 2013](#) festival, which will close off 7 miles of Manhattan to cars, creating a pedestrian playland on Park Avenue. The art installation will open up the Park Avenue Tunnel, which runs from 33rd Street to 40th Street, to the public on three Saturdays in August (the 3rd, the 10th and the 17th) from 7am to 1pm.

The 1,400-ft-long tunnel will be laced with 360 spotlights that visitors will be able to manipulate by talking into a special intercom. The louder participants speak, the more intensely the lights will shine, creating a strobe-light effect that bounces all around the interior of the passageway. The voices will also be recorded by the intercom system and then played back on 180 loudspeakers.

If you're in the New York area this month, don't miss your chance to be a part of history by walking through the Voice Tunnel, and for more info about Summer Streets, click [here](#).

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