

DOING

> Hit the streets on a local walking tour and discover the patchwork history of Carroll Gardens and its surrounding areas, AKA "South Brooklyn". Heart of New York Culture offers a **Brownstone Belt walking tour (5)**, while New York Like a Native lets you opt for a customised route.

heartofnyculture.com, nylikeanative.com

> Sundays year-round, visitors and residents weave among the stalls at **Carroll Gardens Greenmarket (6)**, where North-East farmers battle into the Big Apple to sell their super-fresh wares. There's local honey, vegetables, fish... even hard apple cider. grownyc.org/greenmarket/brooklyn/carroll-gardens

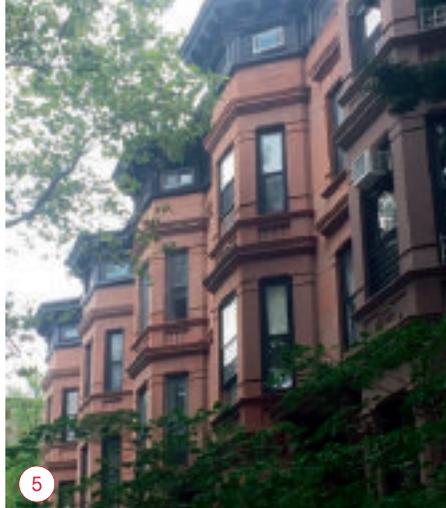
PARTYING

> Head to Smith Street to find **Brooklyn Social**, an Italian social-club-turned-cocktail-bar (it's only been open to the public since 2004) where the faces of its former Sicilian members stare out from photos as you savour a Ginger Old Fashioned.

brooklynsocialbar.com

> Step through the barn door into low-lit **Black Mountain Wine House (7)** and be transported to an Alpine oasis. The ever-changing wine list can also be enjoyed from the deep seat of a patio Adirondack chair on autumn evenings.

blkmtwinehouse.com



Carroll Gardens in a nutshell

In three words
Charming, old-world, independent.

Beers, wine, cocktails?
You can enjoy all three, but you'll be home before midnight.

Dress code
Trendy casual.

Friendly locals?
Yes, whether wielding cannoli behind a bakery counter or a Patagonia-clad child named Arrow, locals will bid you a cheery hello.

Claim to fame?
Al Capone got married in St Mary Star of the Sea Church on Court Street.

Budget
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SLEEPING

> Fall asleep feeling creatively inspired at the boutique **Nu Hotel (8)** on the Cobble Hill border. Decorated with graffiti by community artists, the walls of their loft-like "Perspective" rooms capture subjects like Frida Kahlo and David Bowie. nuhotelbrooklyn.com

> A stay in one of the four suites spread across **Carroll Gardens House** will feel like home. Or, at least, every Brooklynite's dream version of home: a brownstone on a quiet, leafy street, with the city that never sleeps waiting around the corner when you're ready. carrollgardenshouse.com

