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Buildings and skyscrapers are dominated here, in New York City. Structures of glass, concrete and steel are the main fabrication here of many forms and shape and colour. The intricate architectural details of old buildings always add a historical dimension of Manhattan in the early days to the scenery here.



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Green foliage of public parks provides a much needed resting spot that is mostly welcomed by local New Yorkers and worldwide visitors. United Nations has an inner courtyard *[above left]*, where staff members and visitors are able to unwind, and revitalise. In Chinese town, this public park *[above right]* is a meeting place of local residents for playing music, meeting friends, and tai chi practice.



In Manhattan, town homes and apartment blocks are designed with a balustrade balcony at the window sills, where seasonal flowers and plants can be placed for a touch of life of the green foliage and of the spotted colourful blooms. This decorative purpose has softened the hard edge of the front building, and added value to the property in general.