

Baseball

From April to October,
New York Yankees
and the
New York Mets
play 162 games (81 home games each; playoffs run through Oct), giving
you plenty of excuses to head out for a sunny day at the ballpark, not
to mention the fact that baseball games, of all spectator sports, are
by far the least expensive.

The Yankees (lovingly called the Bronx Bombers) are the most
successful baseball franchise in history, with the most World Series
titles (26 through the year 2000). If you get to the game early, you
can visit Monument Park, where all their greats are memorialized. The
Mets have been on a roller-coaster ride ever since the lovably inept
team of 1962 matured into the 1969 World Series champions, and then
took a nose dive from their second World Series win in 1986 to the
"worst team money can buy" in the early 1990 - and are back on the
upswing.

Shea Stadium 126th St (at Roosevelt Ave),
Queens; box office Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat, Sun & holidays 9am-5pm;
tickets \$12-33; tel 718/507-8499, www.mets.com
. Subway #7 to Willets Point.

Yankee Stadium
161st St and River Ave, the Bronx; box office Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm; tickets \$8-65; tel 718/293-6000,
www.yankees.com
. Subway #C, #D or #4 to 161st St Station.