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As the ship sails into the port of New York, a statue of a woman comes into view. In her right hand, she holds a torch symbolizing freedom, and in her left, a tablet recording an important date - the independence day of the U.S.A. At her feet lies broken shackles and chains, symbolizing freedom from tyranny. The Statue of Liberty is seen by everyone entering the United States from the port of New York, and as such, it has become a symbol of the American dream. The United States is a place where many pursue their dreams and New York, as the psychedelic city, is where dreamers flock to, as can be seen by the number of tourists to New York every year. Before the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2019, the number of tourists coming to New York City reached a record high of 66.6 million, with international tourists accounting for as much as 50% of all expenditure in the city.

In addition to its charm, New York is also a powerhouse. In the 2021 Global Cities Report released by Kearney, an international management consulting firm, New York placed first for the most influential city in the world.

New York, an international metropolis with great influence on global economy, business, and finance, comfortably took the lead in the newly released Global Financial Centers Index (GFCI), despite the upheaval caused by the pandemic and global instability.

As for the real estate sector, according to the National Association of REALTORS (NAR), the Q3 US housing market survey of 183 regions showed that as high as 99% of the regional median house price have increased as compared to the same period last year, indicating that the US housing market has recovered. Even the luxury housing market has repeatedly reported good news. Statistics from Miller Samuel, a US real estate appraisal and consulting company, showed that in the state of New York, to date 13 luxury homes worth more than US\$50 million have been sold, with Long Island accounting for more than one-third of the sales. Miller Samuel also stated that Long Island housing prices have reached a 20-year high, and the increase in housing prices is partly due to the fact that housing availability in the area has fallen to an all-time low. Based on this, it is clear that investing in real estate in key cities around the world is still a good option.

When it comes to the economy, finance, housing market, technological innovation, cultural and artistic development, or any other fields, New York is regarded as the capital of dreams. At the same time, its strength during the day and its loveliness at night lure dreamers to linger and indulge in this city of dreams.