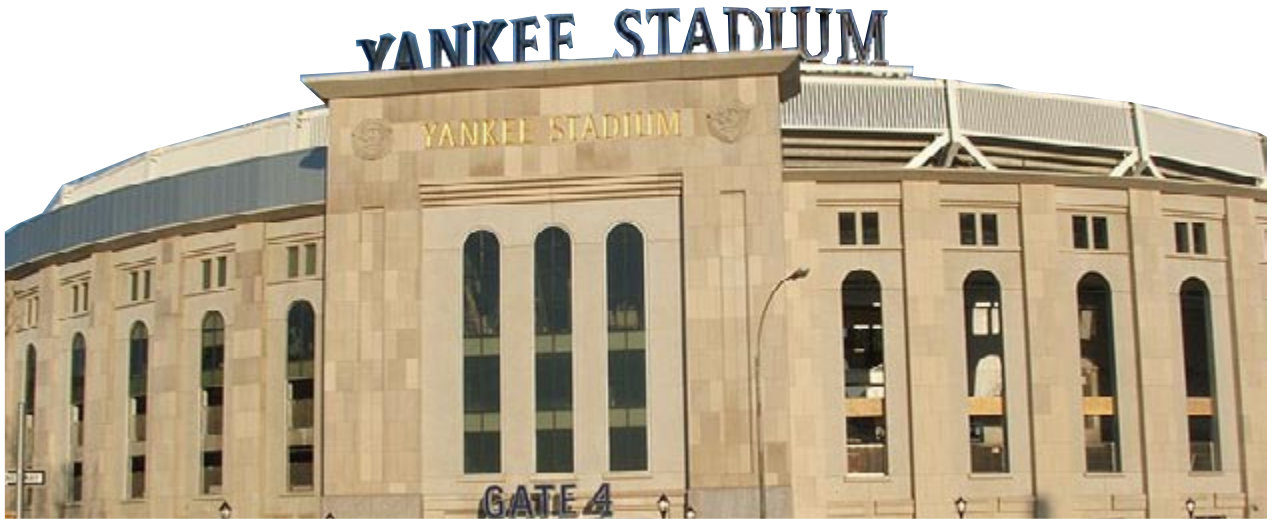


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Vacation Destinations: Yankee Stadium

This month's vacation hot spot is the new home of the Bronx Bombers: Yankee Stadium. The \$1.3 billion stadium combines the luxuries and amenities of a modern stadium with classic trademarks for the more nostalgic Yankees fans.

The new stadium has been updated to meet the expectations of modern sports fans. It can accommodate nearly 53,000 fans and is equipped with over 1 million

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Fans watch from beneath the steel frieze the encompasses the upper deck.



Steel: 14,000 tons

Welding Rod: 18,000 lbs.

Welders: 7 full-time pros along with an army of second-tier welders for minor projects including seats and decking

Timeline: 13 months

Gas and Torch Provider: AWISCO (Maspeth, NY)

sq. ft. of retail space. The seats have been widened by 2 inches for increased comfort and every seat now has its own cup holder. Last but not least, more restrooms have been added, resulting in 1 restroom for every 60 fans.

Frieze Frame

The new Yankee Stadium boasts a steel frieze constructed as a tribute to a similar structure that adorned the upper deck of the original building. The new frieze is made up of 39 sections, each of which consists of pieces of tubular steel and plate steel welded together. The zinc-coated steel apparatus serves as both an aesthetic attraction and a structural necessity for the stadium, acting as a cantilever support for the lights and the upper decking, while eliminating the need for obstructive steel beam supports.

Out With the Old...

Across the street from the new Yankee Stadium sits its quiet, empty predecessor, whose demolition is eminent and will be no small task. Rather than attacking with a wrecking ball and dynamite, skilled welders will dismantle the landmark piece by piece with [cutting torches](#). [AWISCO](#) (Maspeth, NY) will provide the massive volume of welding gas necessary for the project. After helping with the demolition of Shea Stadium, former home of the New York Mets, last year, the AWISCO team is up to the task. The Shea demolition involved eight Micro Bulk Pack Cradles from



Yankee Stadium infield as seen from the bleachers

Western International Gas. Each ten-cylinder, 5,000 cubic foot cradle yields as much gas as 18 standard large cylinders and has minimal set-up, tear-down and handling. The Yankee demo is likely to be just as daunting, but AWISCO is up to the challenge. ✨

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