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Student Trip to New York City

3 Nights / 4 Days

Go by land AND by sea with plenty of activities on this student trip. The City that Never Sleeps! New York is a giant melting pot of diversity and culture. Skyscrapers, museums, art, and great food on every corner. Let us help you set up your student tour full of fun and education.

Day 1 - Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, & Times Square

Arrive in **New York City**. Meet your **GUIDE** and depart for a **Ferry Ride** to **Ellis Island**. Enjoy a **Universal Audio Tour** included with your ferry ride. On **Liberty Island**, the 30 minute audio tour explores the history of the **Statue of Liberty** and its importance as a symbol of freedom and opportunity around the world. See the **Registry Room**, the historic Great Hall, once filled with new arrivals waiting to be inspected and registered by Immigration officers, now contains historic benches and reproduction inspector desks. Visitors can re-live the experience of 12 million people processed through this cavernous space. Enjoy **lunch included** at the **food court**. Located in New York Harbor, the **Statue of Liberty** was a gift of international friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States and is one of the most universal symbols of political freedom and democracy. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886 and was designated a National Monument on October 15, 1924. Board ferry and depart for **Times Square**. Enjoy **free time** in **Times Square**. Explore the world's busiest intersection, see shops, restaurants, digital billboards, and theatres to keep you entertained for your entire stay. There, you will find Planet Hollywood, M&M's World, Ripley's Believe It or Not, MTV Studios, Good Morning America, many street performers, vendors, and much more! Enjoy **dinner included** this evening. Visit **Top of the Rock** for an experience in history and scenery culminating in unparalleled views of New York City from the newly renovated **Observation Deck** on the 70th floor of **Rockefeller Plaza**. After exploring, check-in to your local area hotel. (Meals: L, D)

Day 2 - 9/11 Memorial, Chinatown, & Broadway Show

Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel prior to departing. Tour the **National September 11 Memorial and Museum**. This hallowed site serves as the country's principal institution for examining the implications of the events of 9/11, documenting the impact of those events, and exploring the continuing significance of September 11, 2001. **Lunch is included** today in **Manhattan's Chinatown**, a neighborhood in Lower Manhattan,

bordering the Lower East Side to its east, Little Italy to its north, Civic Center to its south, and Tribeca to its west. Chinatown is home to the highest concentration of Chinese people in the Western Hemisphere. With an estimated population of 90,000 to 100,000 people, Manhattan's Chinatown is also one of the oldest Chinese ethnic enclaves. Depart for the **Tenement Museum**. At a time when issues surrounding migrants, refugees, and immigration have taken center stage, the Lower East Side Tenement Museum is a potent reminder that, as a nation shaped by immigration, our brightest hope for the future lies in the lessons of the past. Visit the extraordinary "**Stairway to No Where**" centerpiece of **Hudson Yards**. A spiral staircase and interactive artwork by Thomas Heatherwick and Heatherwick Studio can be used as a focal point where people enjoy new perspectives of the city and one another from different heights, angles, and vantage points. Visit and walk the **High Line**, a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan's West Side. Saved from demolition by neighborhood residents and the City of New York, the High Line opened in 2009 as a hybrid public space where visitors experience nature, art, and design. Enjoy **dinner included** this evening prior to a **Broadway Show!** (Meals: B, L, D)

Day 3 - Central Park & Harlem Tour

Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning. Enjoy a **walking tour** of the most famous city park in America - **Central Park**. Covering 6% of Manhattan, this municipal space covers 843 acres, and stretches from Central Park South (59th St.) to 110th St. at the northern end and from 5th Ave. on the East Side to Central Park West (8th Ave.) on the West Side. Depart for **Grant's Tomb**. Overlooking the Hudson River from the Morningside Heights section of Manhattan, General Grant National Memorial is the largest tomb in North America. Tour **Saint John of the Divine Cathedral**, the world's largest Gothic cathedral. Discover soaring stonework and brilliant stained glass windows in the Cathedral's bustling nave and serene chapels. Learn about the history of this great sacred space from 1892 to the present, and hear about its many social, cultural,

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and educational programs. Enjoy **lunch included** today prior to a **Harlem Tour**. In the neighborhood's golden age in the 1920s and 30s, Harlem was the heart of black culture in the United States. Hard economic times hit Harlem during the Depression and continued through the 1980s. Drive by the **Apollo Theatre**. Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Billie Holiday, Sammy Davis Jr., James Brown, Gladys Knight, Luther Vandross, D'Angelo, Lauryn Hill, and countless others began their road to stardom on the Apollo stage. Drive by the **Duke Ellington Memorial**, a pulpit-like form that stands 30 feet, on three tall columns. Atop each column stand three female figures that represent the muses. With their arms raised, the nine muses hold aloft a circular platform, bearing an 8-foot high standing figure of Duke Ellington beside a piano. Drive by the **Big Apple Jazz Center** and the **Cotton Club**. The Cotton Club was a New York City night club located first in the Harlem neighborhood on 142nd Street and Lenox Avenue from 1923 to 1935 and then for a brief period from 1936 to 1940 in the midtown Theater District. The club operated most notably during America's Prohibition Era and was a whites-only establishment even though it featured many of the most popular black entertainers of the era, including musicians Cab Calloway, Fletcher Henderson, Duke Elling-

ton, Jimmie Lunceford, Chick Webb, Louis Armstrong, Adelaide Hall, Ethel Waters, Bessie Smith, and Billie Holiday. Enjoy **dinner included** this evening prior to returning to the hotel. (Meals: B, L, D)

Day 4 - NBC Studios, Radio City, Rockefeller Center, & Depart

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart for **NBC Studios**. Since 1933, NBC has offered this historic tour that takes you through the halls and into the studios of NBC's New York operations. Enjoy a **Radio City Music Hall Stage Door Tour**. Learn the secrets of the Great Stage, one of the largest indoor performance stages in the world, and see a video presentation of the stage's landmark Hydraulic System, that has been in operation since the '30s, and view the Artist Autograph Book signed by the biggest names in show business. Visit and walk around **Rockefeller Center**, a large complex consisting of 19 high-rise commercial buildings covering 22 acres between 48th and 51st Streets in New York City. Commissioned by the Rockefeller family, it is located in the center of Midtown Manhattan, spanning the area between Fifth Avenue and Sixth Avenue. Rockefeller Center is New York City's historic landmark for dining and shopping in Midtown Manhattan. Enjoy **lunch included** then depart for home. (Meals: B, L)

Includes: 3 nights' accommodation; 3 breakfasts; 4 lunches; 3 dinners; admission and guide service as stated in the itinerary including taxes and gratuity. Based on 40 paying passengers and four (4) comp in double occupancy. Rates subject to increase. Motor coach, security, and airfare can be added upon request. Itineraries will be tailored to suit your specific requests. Let your GST Professional Travel Associates help guide you through your choices and pricing options.

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