

NEW YORK: Art & Architecture

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for the “Big Apple”.

Day 2: Today meet your guide for an **Art focused walking tour of Manhattan**, its many neighborhoods home to unique and historical landmark buildings, turn of the century mansions, brownstones that represent Romanesque, Classical, Baroque, Queen Ann, Gothic, Renaissance, Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Modern or Post Modern styles of architecture. Other neighborhoods are treasure troves offering public art and graffiti. After the tour visit **Rockefeller Center**, a complex comprised of 21 buildings, underground shopping and home NBC and Radio City Music Hall. Wander down 5th Avenue. See **St. Patrick’s Cathedral** and Trump Tower



Day 3: Statue of Liberty National Monument. France presented the Statue to the US in commemoration of their alliance during the American Revolution. Continue to Ellis Island, the nation’s main point of entry into the US for immigrants from 1892-1924. Make your way to the **Financial District and Ground Zero**. Visit the **9/11 Memorial**. Later choose to visit the National Academy of Design, an institution encompassing a museum, a school of fine arts, and an honorary association of artists to participate in lectures and workshops. Alternatively subway to the Decoration and Design Building known in the interior design industry as being home to the world’s most elegant showrooms. Or the New York Design Center – an essential resource to designers and architects and is the country’s oldest furniture and design building. Attend your first **Broadway show tonight**.

Day 4: Make your way to **Greenwich Village**, famous for its restaurants, curio shops, bookstores, art shows, coffee-houses, and nightclubs. Enjoy a delightful guided walking tour of the Village enjoying the culture, architecture and entertainment. **Taste a variety of food specialties**. Visit Canal Street for some great bargain shopping! Soho is home to some of the newest up and coming fashion designers. Visit Little Italy. Wander the cobble stoned streets filled with the tempting sights, sounds, and smells of Italian cuisine and culture.



Day 5: The **Guggenheim** is among the 20th century’s most important architectural landmarks. Visit this fabulous museum. Architecturally, **Grand Central Station** one of New York City’s most famous landmarks. Today the Lower Concourse Grand Central Market, a group of shops sells fresh goods. Have lunch on your own here. This afternoon shop Macy’s, – the largest department store in the world, With ten floors of shopping, several sets of escalators and elevators, it is no wonder why Macy’s is touted as the biggest department store in the world. Tonight visit the **Empire State Building** and its Observatory. This 1931 art deco building is made of Indiana limestone and granite trimmed with sparkling stainless steel.



Day 6: Harlem was originally established in 1658 by the Dutch as large farm estates, becoming fashionable and prosperous but eventually became a declining African American community. Today it is experiencing a resurgence in popularity and is home to historical landmarks such as the **Apollo Theatre**. Today enjoy a guided walking tour as well as a visit to a local gospel church. Head to **Central Park**, the most visited park in the United States. Don’t miss Strawberry Fields, a memorial to John Lennon, the Dakota Apartments where Lennon was shot dead, the Imagine Mosaic, the Carousel at 64th, Belvedere Castle, Bow Bridge and Bethesda Fountain. Tonight is your second Broadway show.

Day 7: Travel to **Chelsea**, a popular shopping destination alternative with restaurants and boutiques that reflect the ethnic diversity of the area. The western part of Chelsea has become the center of the New York art world with many art galleries located in both new buildings and rehabilitated warehouses. New York's visual arts community moved from SoHo to Chelsea in the 1990's and has become one of the global corners of contemporary art. It is home to over 370 art galleries and art studios. Discover the neighborhood on your own and visit some of these innumerable galleries and studios. Visit Chelsea Market where you may wish to taste delicious specialties from the food shops and restaurants and call it lunch!! Explore the market and the Meatpacking District – hot new destinations in the New York scene. See if you can discover the restaurants of the Iron Chefs. Later visit **MOMA**. This world famous museum is home to a mixture of 135,000 modern and contemporary paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs, architectural models and design objects.

Day 8: Check out and store your bags until your departure later today. Visit the fabulous **Metropolitan Museum of Art**, one of the largest and most prestigious art museums in the world. Marvel at the enormity of the collection. More than a million art treasures representing the work of 50 centuries are featured here, and one could easily spend hours wandering through the museum exploring them all.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare New York
- Return airport transfers
- 6 overnights with private facilities
- 6 breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- 2 Broadway shows
- 7 day unlimited subway pass
- Walking Tours
 - o Art focused
 - o Greenwich Village and Culinary tour
 - o Harlem with visit to Gospel Church
- Entrances/ Activities
 - o Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
 - o 9/11 Memorial
 - o National Academy of Design OR Decoration & Design Building OR New York Design Center
 - o Guggenheim
 - o Empire State Building
 - o MOMA
 - o Metropolitan Museum of Art

