

NEW YORK: Drama

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for the “Big Apple”.

Day 2: Arrive New York and transfer to the hotel. First stop today is the **Behind the Emerald Curtain** tour. Conducted by cast members, tour is a behind the scenes look at the smash hit “Wicked”. See **Rockefeller Center**, a complex comprised of 21 buildings, underground shopping and home NBC and Radio City Music Hall. Wander down 5th Avenue, famous for the homes of the rich and famous and upper scale shopping. See **St. Patrick’s Cathedral** and Trump Tower. A few blocks off **5th Avenue** is the prestigious Bloomingdales.

Day 3: **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, visit the **Empire State Building**.



Day 4: Along with your guide, discover the streets of “**The Great White Way**”, tracing the history of New York’s Broadway theater district from Oscar Hammerstein to Walt Disney to its latest configuration. See the great Broadway theaters built between the turn of the century and the onset of the great depression; monuments to the lively history of American theater. This afternoon visit a museum of your choice, possibly the American **Museum of Natural History or Metropolitan Museum of Art or Museum of Modern Art**. Tonight enjoy Times Square or shop Macy’s, – the largest department store in the world.



Day 5: Subway to **Lincoln Center** for the Performing Arts, home of the New York State Theatre, New York City Opera, New York City Ballet, Avery Fisher Hall, New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera House and the renowned Metropolitan Opera. Visit Juilliard, a top notch artistic facility home to talented musicians, dancers and actors. Juilliard’s mission is to educate students to achieve the highest artistic standards and become leaders in their profession. Later head to your **drama workshop**. Workshops vary and are custom designed to your specifications. The repertoire ranges from: acting, theatrical comedy, stage combat, stage construction, makeup, vocal techniques to name but a few. Tonight you will enjoy your first **Broadway show**.

Day 6: This morning walk along **Highline to Greenwich Village**. Highline is built on a historic elevated freight rail line on Manhattan’s West Side and today is a public park. Greenwich Village has been known for many years as the city’s Bohemian center famous for its restaurants, curio shops, bookstores, art shows, coffeehouses, and nightclubs. Enjoy a **culinary walking tour** of the Village learning about the culture, architecture and entertainment. Also taste a variety of food specialties. Visit Canal Street for some great bargain shopping! One can find anything from sunglasses, luggage, jewelry, and electronics. 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 7: Board the ferry for the **Statue of Liberty** National Monument. The Statue was presented to the US in commemoration of the 2 countries alliance during the American Revolution. Continue to Ellis Island which was the nation's main point of entry into the United States for millions of immigrants from 1892-1924. Make your way to the Financial District and Ground Zero, site of the former World Trade Center. Today visit the **9/11 Memorial**. Head to **Rockefeller Center** for your guided **Radio City Backstage Tour**. Radio City Music Hall is a 1932 Art Deco theatre famous for its spectacular musical productions with the Rockettes and other live concerts. Meet a Rockette! Tonight is your second Broadway show.

Day 8: This morning store you bags until you transfer you to the airport late today. Subway to Chelsea Market, an intriguing long arcade of food stores, ethnic restaurants and boutique shopping. Enjoy a visit to the market and the Meatpacking District – hot new destinations in the New York scene. Later return to your hotel where your coach will pick you up and transfer you to the airport for your late flight home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare New York
- Return airport transfers
- 6 nights accommodation with private facilities
- 6 breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- Guided Walking tours
 - o Harlem with Gospel Church visit
 - o Great White Way Walking Tour
 - o Greenwich with Culinary tastings
- Entrances / Activities
 - o Behind the Emerald Curtain
 - o Empire State Building
 - o Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
 - o 9/11 Memorial
 - o Lincoln Center
 - o Juilliard (if available)
 - o Drama workshop
 - o Guided Radio City Music Hall backstage tour
 - o Museum of choice
 - o 2 Broadway shows
 - o 7 day subway pass

