

# NEW YORK: Fashion & Culinary

(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. This tour emphasizes the history, architecture and people of this area known for its jazz, soul food and art galleries. Head to **Central Park**. Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of the most visited park in the United States. Don’t miss Strawberry Fields, created by Yoko Ono and the City of New York as 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. Or you may wish to take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the park. Tonight, visit the **Empire State Building**.

**Day 4:** Board the ferry for the **Statue of Liberty** National Monument. The Statue was presented to the United States by France in 1884 in commemoration of the 2 countries alliance during the American Revolution. Next, board another ferry for **Ellis Island** which was the nation’s main point of entry into the United States for millions of immigrants. Exhibits chronicle the history of the processing station and the island. Make your way to the Financial District and Ground Zero, site of the former World Trade Center. Today visit the **9/11 Memorial**. Then attend your fashion workshop. Workshops can be custom designed to your specifications. Tonight is your first **Broadway show**.



**Day 5:** The **Fashion District or Garment District** is bounded by West 42nd Street to the North and West 29th to the south. The rag trade is New York’s largest industry but in recent years has experienced a decline as much manufacturing has been drawn away to China and other parts of Asia. Today is an exciting day in the heart of the fashion district. Includes a **walking tour of the garment district**, an optional visit to the prestigious Fashion Institute of Technology to visit their costume museum. Your first stop after lunch will be to a New York fashion house for a guided visit. See the inner workings of a successful **fashion designer**. Later shop **Macy’s**, – the largest department store in the world.

**Day 6:** Head to one of New York’s most colorful neighborhood, **Greenwich Village**, known for many years as the city’s Bohemian center famous for its restaurants, curio shops, bookstores, art shows, coffeehouses, and nightclubs. Enjoy a delightful walking tour of the Village learning about the culture, architecture and entertainment. You will also taste a variety of food specialties. Visit to Canal Street for some great bargain shopping! **Canal Street** is a veritable open-air bazaar where 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 where shopping and gourmet food is in abundance. Wander the cobble stoned streets filled with the tempting sights, sounds, and smells of Italian cuisine and culture. Tonight enjoy your second Broadway show.



**Day 7:** Today you will enjoy a **cooking class**. New York is comprised of numerous very diverse cultures and this is reflected in its unlimited culinary options found in the many fabulous restaurants of the city. You are scheduled for your hands on cooking class. Learn some cuisine secrets and techniques from a highly qualified local chef. Your group will work in teams to prepare a delicious meal. 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. You may wish to taste delicious specialties from the food shops and restaurants during your tour.

**Day 8:** Visit the **Metropolitan Museum of Art**. More than a million art treasures representing the work of 50 centuries are featured here. Later enjoy 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! Later, board your coach and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- Return airfare
- Return airport transfers
- 6 nights accommodation with private facilities
- 6 breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- Guided Walking tours
  - o Harlem with Gospel Church visit
  - o Fashion District Walking tour
  - o Greenwich with Culinary tastings
- Entrances / Activities
  - o Behind the Emerald Curtain
  - o Apollo Theatre tour
  - o Empire State Building
  - o Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
  - o 9/11 Memorial
  - o Fashion Workshop
  - o Visit to Fashion Designer
  - o Metropolitan Museum of Art
  - o Radio City Music Hall backstage tour
  - o 1 cooking class
  - o 2 Broadway shows
  - o 7 day subway pass

