

NEW YORK: Film & TV

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for the “Big Apple”.

Day 2: **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.

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 form 1892 – 1924. Make your way to the Financial District and Ground Zero. Visit the **9/11 Memorial**. This afternoon enjoy a filming workshop. Tonight your first **Broadway show**.



Day 4: This morning walk along Highline to **Greenwich Village**. It is built on an historic elevated freight rail line on Manhattans West Side and today is a public park. Greenwich Village is famous for its restaurants, curio shops, bookstores, art shows, coffeehouses and nightclubs. Enjoy a delightful culinary and historical walking tour of the Village enjoying the culture, architecture and entertainment. Taste several of the local 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. 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 5: This morning wake very early and **walk to the taping of one of New York's morning shows**. Keep your eyes and ears open for the “mechanics” of the production. Hopefully you can pick up a few tricks. Then you may wish to acquaint yourself with the area around Rockefeller Center and 5th Avenue. **Rockefeller Center** is a city within a city. Visit and take a tour of NBC Studios. Stop at the NBC Experience Store for some souvenirs and NBC memorabilia. Visit the Paley Center for Media (formerly the Museum of Television and Radio). The museum offers a choice of numerous exhibitions, screenings, tours, workshops, a listening series, radio broadcasts and seminars. Continue down **5th Avenue** and see **St. Patrick's Cathedral** one of the largest churches in the United States, the foundations of which were laid before the Civil War but was not opened until 14 years after the war ended. Not far from the Cathedral is Trump Tower. Tonight shop **Macy's**.

Day 6: Subway to the **United Nations** complex. Discover the headquarters and enjoy a behind the scenes view of the organization at work. Then walk to **Grand Central Station**, one of New York City's most famous landmarks. The Grand Central Market features a large retail community of stores, food markets and restaurants. After lunch on own in the market, meet your guide for a Graffiti walking tour. See some of New York's most interesting neighborhood and learn about the changing culture of this electrified metropolis. Evening is free to meander **Times Square**.



Day 7: The **Lower East Side** is one of the oldest neighborhoods that has traditionally been poor and an ethnically diverse working class immigrant neighborhood. Poor immigrant families lived crammed together in building referred to as Tenements. Today the **Tenement Museum** (actual tenement building) offering a number of different tours to visitors. For lunch you may wish to walk to Katz's Deli. Katz's is a New York institution and is also famous for the most memorable and hilarious scene from the movie "When Harry Met Sally". Reminder of day free for shopping or Museum visits. Tonight your second Broadway show.

Day 8: Morning visit to the **Metropolitan Museum of Art**, one of the largest and most prestigious art museums in the world. Then continue 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. Depart later for 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 Greenwich with Culinary tastings
 - o Brooklyn Graffiti Tour
- Entrances / Activities
 - o Empire State Building
 - o Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
 - o 9/11 Memorial
 - o Metropolitan Museum of Art
 - o Film and TV workshop
 - o NBC Studio tour
 - o Guided United Nations tour
 - o Guided visit to Tenement Museum
 - o Metropolitan Museum of Art
 - o Visit to Paley Center for Media
 - o 2 Broadway shows
 - o 7 day subway pass

