

NEW YORK: A Changing Nation

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for the “Big Apple”.

Day 2: Arrive **New York** and transfer to the hotel. Meet guide who will escort you on an orientation city tour. The city and nations history is evident everywhere – the people, the architecture, the lifestyle. Later see **Rockefeller Center**, a complex of 21 buildings, underground shopping and home NBC and **Radio City Music Hall**. Wander **5th Avenue**. See **St. Patrick’s Cathedral**, Trump Tower and 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**. Enjoy a guided walking tour as well as a visit to a local gospel church. The 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 park. See Strawberry Fields, created by Yoko Ono and the City of NY as a memorial to John Lennon, the Dakota Apartments where Lennon was shot, the Imagine Mosaic, the Carousel at 64th, Belvedere Castle, Bow Bridge and Bethesda Fountain or a horse-drawn carriage ride through the park.



Day 4: Board the ferry for the **Statue of Liberty** National Monument. The Statue was presented to the US 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 from 1892-1924. 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. Meet your guide for your walking tour of this world renown neighborhood. See the Stock Exchange and the Federal Reserve Building. Visit the **9/11 Memorial**. Tonight, visit the **Empire State Building**.



Day 5: 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. Visit 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 you will enjoy your first **Broadway show**.

Day 6: This morning walk along **Highline** to **Greenwich Village**. Opened in 2009 & 2011, Highline is built on a historic elevated freight rail line on Manhattan’s West Side and today is a public park. Greenwich Village known for many years as the city’s Bohemian center is famous for its restaurants, curio shops, bookstores, art shows, coffeehouses, and nightclubs. Enjoy a delightful historical tour of the neighborhood, it’s history, architecture and culture with several food tastings along the way. Later visit a museum of your choice, possibly the **American Museum of Natural History or Metropolitan Museum of Art or Museum of Modern Art**. Tonight shop **Macy’s**, the largest department store in the world.



Day 7: Meet your guide for a **Graffiti walking tour**. See some of NYC's most interesting neighborhoods and learn about the culture and gentrification of this electrified metropolis. Visit Brooklyn and outlying areas, then walk the **Brooklyn Bridge**. Subway to **Chelsea Market**, an intriguing long arcade of food stores, ethnic restaurants and boutique shopping. Enjoy a visit on your own at 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 at the market. Tonight is your second Broadway show.

Day 8: Check out of your hotel and store bags until you transfer you to the airport late today. The **Lower East Side** is one of the oldest neighborhoods that has traditionally been poor and an ethnically diverse working class immigrant district. Poor immigrant families lived crammed together in buildings referred to as “Tenements”. Today your visit to 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”. 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
- Return airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation with private facilities
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- 2 Broadway shows
- 7 day subway pass
- Guided Walking tours
 - o Orientation City walking tour
 - o Harlem with Gospel Church visit
 - o Greenwich with Culinary tastings
 - o Graffiti walking tour
- Entrances / Activities
 - o Empire State Building
 - o Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
 - o 9/11 Memorial
 - o United Nations Tour
 - o Museum of choice
 - o Lower East Side Tenement museum

