

NEW YORK CITY & PHILADELPHIA

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for the “Big Apple”. Arrive first thing the next morning in **New York City!**

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: 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 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 tour of the neighborhood, history, architecture and culture. Enjoy several typical food tastings along the way. Visit Canal Street for some great open air bazaar bargain shopping! **SOHO** also offers great more traditional shopping. You may wish to visit Little Italy for dinner tonight 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.

Day 4: Head for Battery Park to catch the ferry for the **Statue of Liberty** Monument. Continue to **Ellis Island** which was the nation's main point of entry for millions of immigrants from 1892-1924. Exhibits chronicle the history of the processing station and the island. After lunch on own see the famous Financial District. Also, visit the 9/11 Memorial. Shop til you drop at Century 21 & **Macy's**. Tonight, walk to the 1931 art deco **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. 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. Tonight is your first **Broadway show**.

Day 6: Depart today for your one day visit to **Philadelphia**. It was here that the **Declaration of Independence** was signed and the Constitution drafted. Today visit Independence National Historical Park which includes buildings in Independence Square and others that are closely related with the Colonial period, the founding of the nation and Philadelphia's early role as the nation's capital. Visit **Independence Hall**, formerly called the Pennsylvania State House where on July 4, 1776 the Declaration of Independence was adopted. See the original **Liberty Bell, Congress Hall and the Old City Hall**. Philadelphia is famous for the Philly cheesesteak sandwich! As you depart Philly, stop at the Philadelphia Museum of Art to run the steps just like Rocky Balboa. Don't miss your photo op with Rocky's (Sylvester Stallone) famous statue.



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". Attend your second Broadway show tonight.

Day 8: Walk to **Rockefeller Center**, a massive complex comprised of 21 buildings, underground shopping and home to television studios such as NBC. After lunch on your own, wander down **5th Avenue** famous for the homes of the rich and famous and upper scale shopping locations. See **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, Trump Tower, and the prestigious Bloomingdales. 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. 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 for home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare New York
- Return airport transfers
- Full day coach visit Philadelphia
- 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 Walking tour
- Entrances / Activities
 - o Empire State Building
 - o Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
 - o 9/11 Memorial
 - o United Nations
 - o Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia
 - o Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, Old City Hall
 - o Tenement Museum
 - o 2 Broadway shows
 - o 7 day subway pass

