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## ***New York City Fall 2009***

***September 16 - 20 (Wednesday to Sunday)***

***(5 Days, 4 Nights)***

### **Tour Highlights:**

- Lunch at Tavern on the Green
- NYC Broadway Production
- Central Park Walking Tour
- Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island
- Shopping on Canal St., Fifth Ave. & Macy's
  - Grand Central Terminal



### ***Day 1 Wednesday Sept. 16 Off to the Big Apple & Times Square!***

*A very early morning departure on NorthWest Airlines arriving in New York City early afternoon.*

*Arrive into New York's LaGuardia airport where our coach and guide are waiting.*

*On our drive to the Big Apple our guide will begin our orientation of this amazing city.*

*Arrive at our New York City hotel in Midtown Manhattan! Baggage and check-in assistance.*

*The Hilton Garden Inn New York/West 35th Street hotel in New York is perfectly located in Midtown Manhattan and is just steps from some of New York's best attractions including the Empire State Building, world-famous Macy's at Herald Square, Times Square, Broadway theaters and Madison Square Garden. Providing the finest quality and services, the Hilton Garden Inn New York/West 35th Street hotel in New York is perfectly designed for business or leisure guests, and offers an abundance of complimentary amenities ensuring your stay in the Big Apple is affordable, fun and hassle-free.*



*The Hilton Garden Inn New York/West 35th Street hotel in New York features 298 brand new guest rooms. Each guest room is equipped with:*

- *Spacious, newly appointed guestrooms with 32-inch LCD flat panel televisions, refrigerator, microwave, safe, coffee maker and large work desks with adjustable lighting and ergonomic chairs*
- *Complimentary high-speed wired and wireless internet access is available in each guestroom, featuring secure remote printing directly to our hotel's business center*
- *Complimentary 24-hour Fitness Center, complimentary 24-hour Business Center, and complimentary wireless Internet access in the lobby*
- *Complimentary morning coffee, tea, and USA Today®*
- *Onsite hotel restaurant*
- *Pavilion Pantry® Convenience mart - stocked with snacks, drinks & more*

*Our NYC tour guide and tour director will acquaint us with the area around our hotel.*

*Free time on own before our included group dinner.*

*7:00 pm Welcome Dinner at BRAZIL BRAZIL Restaurant within walking distance of our hotel located in "Little Brazil" on West 46<sup>th</sup> St. Bring your appetite!*

*Remainder of evening is FREE to do as we please. Stroll through Times Square and then REST UP for a FULL weekend!*

**Day 2            Thursday Sept. 17            Sightseeing Tour, Canal St. Shopping, Broadway Show**

**9:00 am**            *Meet guide at our hotel and begin private motorcoach sightseeing tour of Manhattan. Some of the sights on our tour will be: World Trade Center Site/St Paul Chapel (disembark), The Brooklyn Bridge, City Hall, Historic Battery Park, Wall Street, South Street Seaport, Chinatown (stop at Canal Street for some fun shopping), SoHo, Greenwich Village, Chelsea, Lincoln Center, Harlem (only if time allows).*

**11:30 am**            *Included lunch will be served at Essex on Coney Kosher Delicatessen at 11:30 (soup, sandwich, coleslaw, dessert and soda)*

**5:00 pm** *Sightseeing tour ends back at our hotel.*

*Evening: Tonight, we will experience one of the many popular musicals currently playing on Broadway (included in the price of our package).*

***BROADWAY:** It is a word that immediately brings to mind great American plays and musicals. Thoughts of people standing outside the stage door to get an autograph or even glimpse of the star of the show. The "Great White Way" as it has been called, has more than 30 theaters stretching from 40th Street up to 65th (The Lincoln Center is considered a Broadway theater due to its seating capacity and location). Do not miss a show while you are in town. Also very good with a more risky attitude are the many off-Broadway theaters which are scattered around the city.*

**Day 3            Friday Sept. 18            NBC, Top of the Rock, Tavern on the Green, Central Park**

**8:00 am**            *This morning we gather in the hotel lobby for our first full day in The Big Apple!*

**9:00 am**            *Our group will join a tour of the NBC Studios (Group must arrive 30 minutes before the tour begins) Since 1933, NBC has offered this historic tour that takes us through the halls and into the studios of NBC's New York operations. An NBC Page will be our guide to the world of the Peacock Network. Some NBC Pages have gone on to become famous entertainment personalities, including Willard Scott, Ted Koppel, Regis Philbin, Steve Allen, Marcy Carsey, Kate Jackson, Michael Eisner, and Dave Garroway.*

The first stop on the tour is the NBC History Theatre, where we will learn about NBC's early days in radio. Our NBC Page will tell us about some of the network's early sound effect techniques and NBC's transition into television. Then a video takes us down memory lane showing where NBC has been and where they are today.

*The tour gives us the opportunity to enter and visit some of the most famous studios such as:*

*Studio 3C - Home of NBC Nightly News*

*Studio 3B - Home of Dateline*

*Studio 3K - Home of NBC Sports*

*Studio 8H - Home of Saturday Night Live*

**10:30 am**            *Our group will then travel to the Top of the Rock located right around the corner!*

*There's a certain peace at 70 stories above the city, and TOP OF THE ROCK'S Observation Deck was conceived with the express purpose of keeping that peace uninterrupted. Panels of fully transparent safety glass — the only thing between visitors and the city — are crystal clear for unobstructed, open-air viewing.*

The view itself is unique and astonishing, unobstructed for 360 degrees and stretching for miles in every direction. It includes a panorama of Central Park and the northern half of Manhattan that can't be found anywhere else. New York's other landmarks are visible as well, including the Chrysler Building, Times Square, the Hudson River, the East River, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Statue of Liberty. It is, quite simply, the most spectacular view in New York City.

**12:00 pm**            *Our NYC tour guide will now join us as we continue on to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a short walk through and then over to the "1" train for a short Subway Ride to 66<sup>th</sup> and Broadway, which is one block from Tavern on the Green.*

**1:00 pm**            *We will dine together again as a group at our three course lunch at TAVERN ON THE GREEN!*

*A grand café overlooking Central Park, Tavern on the Green is one of New York's most dazzling dining experiences - a real show- stopper overflowing with crystal chandeliers, hand-carved mirrors, and stained glass. Nestled in its own magical gardens, Tavern on the Green exists in a fantasy-like setting. It is no wonder the critics say, "If Oz had a restaurant, this would be it!"*

**3:00 pm**            *Our tour guide will take us on a personalized Walking tour of Central Park.*

*Central Park is one of the urban wonders of the world, a green oasis in the great concrete, high-rise landscape of New York City. It is so naturally part of the Manhattan environment that many people may not realize it is entirely man-made. Central Park has been in the works for 150 years and is 843 acres of fields, lakes, forests, art work and bridges. Follow our guide on the winding paths and learn how the architects Olmsted and Vaux created the layout for New York's "frontyard".*

**5:00 pm**            *Return to hotel on own or as a group.*

*Our evening is FREE to do as we please. Perhaps take in another Broadway production, opera performance, visit a jazz or blues lounge, enjoy a late evening dinner in Manhattan, visit Times Square or see NYC at night from the Empire State Building. So many choices!!!*

#### **Day 4            Saturday Sept. 19            Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island**

**8:00 am**            *Our coach will take us to Battery Park where you will board the Ferry to Liberty and Ellis Islands. You will have a ranger-led tour at the Statue of Liberty and a self-guided tour of Ellis Island.*

*Located on Liberty Island in New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty was a gift of international friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States and is one of the most universal symbols of political freedom and democracy. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886 and was designated a National Monument on October 15, 1924. The Statue was extensively restored in time for her spectacular centennial on July 4, 1986. After September 11, 2001 the Statue was closed. It has now opened with a new museum in the base.*

Opened on January 1, 1892, Ellis Island ushered in a new era of immigration with each newcomer's eligibility to land now determined by federal law. The government established a special bureau to process the record numbers that were arriving at the end of 19th century. Fleeing hardships such as poverty, religious persecution, or political unrest in their homelands, they journeyed to the United States in search of freedom and opportunity. More than 70% landed in New York, the country's largest port. First and second class passengers were processed onboard ship, but third or steerage class were ferried to Ellis Island where they underwent medical and legal examinations in the Main Building. In recognition of the significant role Ellis Island played in American history, the Main Building was refurbished in time for the immigration depot's centennial in 1992. Centerpiece of the restoration project was the construction of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. Covering 200,000 square feet, the museum tells the poignant story of the immigrants who entered America through the golden door of Ellis Island.

**3:00 pm** *is the time we usually complete our tour and return to Battery Park.*

*The rest of our day and evening are at leisure to revisit some of the sights we have seen, explore some of New York's wonderful museums, or just shop, shop, shop.    LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING FREE!*

#### **Day 5            Sunday Sept. 20    Free Time to explore!**

*Baggage assistance and hotel check out – time to be announced by our tour director.*

*Morning and early afternoon is FREE for some final shopping or sightseeing.*

*Transfer to the airport for our late afternoon flight home on NorthWest Airlines.*

*Arrival in Thunder Bay close to midnight. Clear customs in Thunder Bay.*

## **New York City Springtime Tour Includes:**

- *Return airfare on NWA Thunder Bay to New York (LaGuardia)*
- *FOUR nights at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 35<sup>th</sup> and Broadway!*
- *American Breakfast each morning at hotel*
- *Welcome Dinner at BRAZIL BRAZIL Restaurant*
- *Lunch at Essex on Coney (Pickles, coleslaw, choice of sandwich and soup)*
- *Lunch at TAVERN ON THE GREEN(three course)*
- *Orchestra/Front Mezzanine tickets to a Broadway Production (Thursday Night)*
- *Full day motorcoach sightseeing tour with licensed experienced professional NYC tour guide*
- *Walking tour of Central Park and Rockefeller Center/St Patrick's Cathedral with licensed experienced professional NYC tour guide*
- *Ferry ticket to Liberty and Ellis Islands*
- *NBC Studio tour*
- *Ticket to the Top of the Rock*
- *One Day unlimited Metrocard for NYC Subway*
- *One way transfer from your hotel to Battery Park for Ferry*
- *Airport meet and greet & both Airport Transfers*
- *Free time for shopping*
- *Baggage handling and hotel taxes*
- *Taxes and gratuities for included meals*
- *Licensed NYC tour guide (Gratuity NOT included)*
- *Motorcoach Driver Gratuity*
- *Beyond Times Square pre-trip information*
- *Pre-arrival package with maps and other NYC information*
- *Shopping discount/free gift cards at Macy's, and Bloomingdales (based on availability)*
- *Tour Direction by Nuevo Hospitality*

## **Full Package Price per person in Canadian Funds:**

**Double \$2725**

**Triple \$2535**

**Quad \$2425**

**Single: \$3425**

**\$300 Non-Refundable Deposit due at time of booking. Final Payment due: July 17, 2009**

**\*Travel Insurance is NOT included in this price but is available and highly recommended.**

**A current valid Canadian passport is now required for entry by air into the USA**

## **Cancellation Policy for this tour:**

**60 days or more prior to departure**

**Non-refundable deposit retained**

**31 – 59 days prior to departure**

**50% of tour price will be refunded**

**15 – 30 days prior to departure**

**25% of tour price will be refunded**

**up to 14 days prior to departure**

**No refund – 100% of tour price retained**

***To book your spot on this group tour call Maria or Kathie at:***



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