

## **New York City**

### **Day 1 Departure London– New York - Top of the Rock**

Fly to New York. On landing we will clear customs and immigration then transfer to your hotel by private bus. After dinner at a local restaurant, we will continue to the **Top of the Rock** for a twilight look over the city that never sleeps from the 67<sup>th</sup>, 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> floor of the Rockefeller Plaza.

### **Options for Cultural Sightseeing**

#### **Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island Immigration Museum**

Take a cruise on the Staten Island Ferry for spectacular views of lower Manhattan skyline, harbour and the Statue of Liberty.

The Statue of Liberty is one of America's most powerful symbols and has welcomed immigrants for more than a century. Stories of faith and courage that affect nearly every American are told at the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Immigration Museum. The visitors to Ellis Island retrace the steps of twelve million immigrants who approached America's "front door's to freedom" in the early twentieth century. Ellis Island today receives ferry passengers as it did hundreds of thousands of new arrivals between 1897 and 1983. In place of a business-like machinery of immigration inspection, the restored Main Hall now houses the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, dedicated to commemorating the immigrants' stories of trepidation and triumph, courage and rejection, and the lasting image of the American dream.

#### **Tour of United Nations**

When you pass through the gates of the United Nations Headquarters in New York, you enter international territory. The 18-acre site extends from 42nd Street to 48th Street, and from First Avenue to the East River. The land does not belong to just one country, but to all countries that have joined the Organization. The United Nations has its own security and fire forces, issues its own postage stamps and conducts business in its six official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The United Nations is the site of some of the most significant events in recent history, from the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 to the unprecedented Millennium Summit in September 2000 that brought together about 150 heads of State and Government. So watch world history in the making on guided, multilingual tours of the United Nations.

#### **Walking tour of Manhattan**

Manhattan was the birthplace of New York's long history and is now the world's financial centre. Famous sites include the Woolworth Building, Trinity Church, and sites associated with J. P. Morgan, Cass Gilbert, George Washington, Abbie Hoffman, and others.

#### **Central Park**

Since its completion in 1873, Central Park has continually been one of the most popular tourist destinations of NYC. New Yorkers depend on it as the park offers them the relief from the noise and congestion of the city. When strolling through the park you will find locals jogging, playing ball, roller blading and cycling. It also provides the treasures of the Bethesda Terrace, the Ramble and the secluded beautiful conservatory gardens as well as the Strawberry Fields Memorial to John Lennon.

## **Brooklyn Bridge**

Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge for unsurpassed views over Manhattan from Brooklyn Heights. Brooklyn Bridge was opened on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1883 at 2.00pm; the initial bridge toll was 1 cent on opening day and 3 cents thereafter. 1,800 vehicles crossed on the first day. It broke world records as it was fifty percent larger than any other suspension bridge (in total length), it was the first to use pneumatic caissons and was the first steel cable suspension bridge.

## **Options for Art**

### **Metropolitan Museum of Art**

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is the largest museum in the Western Hemisphere and covers 5000 years of cultural history. An Audio Guide enables you to key into 60 suggested masterworks from every part of the collection and gain an insight from the director, hear a curatorial comment, a scholar's observation or snippet of music.

Student Groups are invited to explore and enjoy the Metropolitan's encyclopaedic, world-class collection of Art by taking a Guided tour - with discussion and exercises appropriate for the group's level of ability and subject of interest.

### **Museum Of Modern Art**

The Museum of Modern Art has more than 100,000 works from artists such as Picasso, Monet, Matisse and Warhol. There are three "must sees" for kids: the awesome Egyptian Temple of Dendur, the medieval armour collection, and two of America's most famous paintings: Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington, and Leutze's Washington Crossing the Delaware 1000 Fifth Avenue, at 80<sup>th</sup> street.

### **Guggenheim**

The Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, stands today as one of the great works of architecture produced in this country. View works from the permanent collection, which includes paintings by Cézanne, Degas, Monet, Picasso and Van Gogh. Also view Marc Chagall's fanciful flying horses and acrobats and Alexander Calder's Circus of playful mobiles.

### **Whitney Museum**

The Whitney Museum of American Art is recognised as having the greatest collection of 20<sup>th</sup> Century American artwork. The Whitney collects and exhibits American art from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The Museum's collections start at 1900 and continue to the present. The fifth floor galleries contain art from the permanent collection, 1900 to 1949; the second floor exhibits art from 1950 to the present day. Other floors are devoted to changing exhibitions.

### **The National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts**

The National Academy is a three-part institution, encompassing a museum, a school of fine arts, and an honorary association of artists. Founded in 1825 by such leading artists as Samuel F. B. Morse, Asher B. Durand, and Thomas Cole to "promote the fine arts in America through instruction and exhibition," the Academy continues to play a critical role in preserving and fostering the visual arts. Through a program of exceptional exhibitions in the Museum and quality instruction in the School of Fine Arts, the Academy serves as a link to the art of our past and a bridge to that of the future.

### **Brooklyn Museum**

The Brooklyn Museum, housed in a 560,000 square-foot, Beaux-Arts building, is the second largest art museum in New York City and one of the largest in the country. Its world-renowned permanent collections include more than a million objects, from ancient Egyptian Masterpieces to contemporary art and represent a wide range of cultures. The Museum is part of a complex of nineteenth century parks and gardens that also include Prospect Park, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the Prospect Park Zoo.

### **Soho & Greenwich Village**

Within only a quarter of a square mile, **Soho** has an estimated 250 art galleries, four museums, nearly 200 restaurants and 100 stores which provides an electric atmosphere, which is enjoyable to be around.

**Greenwich Village**, is also known as the West Village or the Village, it is the original corner of cool and is the closest any American neighbour comes to the corner of Paris. This part of the town has been home to artists, writers and, entertainers, intellectuals and bohemians since the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The downtown charm is personified in lots of low-rise townhouses, thumbnail size gardens, secret court-yards and a wacky serpentine layout of streets.

## **Options for Business Studies & Economics**

### **The New York Stock Exchange and The Nasdaq Market site**

Visit the New York Stock Exchange Interactive Education Centre and the Nasdaq Market site, and let them show you the money as well as the electronic stock market of the future. There is a 30 minute daily tour around The New York Stock Exchange, Monday through to Friday. Future financiers will want to arrive early to be sure they get tickets to the visitor's gallery.

### **The Museum of American Financial History**

The Museum of American Financial History, located in the former Standard Oil Building, is the nation's only independent public museum dedicated to celebrating the spirit of entrepreneurship and the democratic free market tradition which has made New York the financial capital of the World. Founded in 1988, the museum was chartered as an educational institution. Years later financial education is at the core of the Museum's mission and its public programs and services. The Museum is committed to helping all Americans look to the lessons of financial history, while taking charge of their own financial lives.

### **The New York Mercantile Exchange Museum**

The trading pits here have been centres of drama, history and financial excitement for more than 125 years. Now you can trace this history at the museum, and catch the excitement of New York's largest commodities exchange as you view trading first-hand from the visitor's galleries. From the galleries you can see the excitement of the trading in the rings. At the exchange museum, you can see how futures trading developed and how it's used today to buy and sell strategic global commodities.

*Please note that some of the museums and galleries are presently closed to the public. They hope to be re-opened soon.*

## **Options for Design & Technology Information**

### **Institute of Technology**

The institution has the largest and most important collection of costume, textiles and accessories in the world. To mention just one of their ranges, they have an extensive resource of more than 30,000 textiles dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present date.

### **Technology Lab**

Sony Wonder Technology Lab is four floors of gizmos, gadgets and information. Whether you are eight or eighty, there's plenty to see and do. The Lab is a highly interactive place where everyone can find the latest in technology and digital entertainment. Discover everything from CD clips to Computer chips. Also experience the new one-of-a-kind exhibit where you can jam with music artists, produce your own movie preview, and even create a movie game. This provides unique hands-on interactive experiences with exciting activities to explore communication and information technology.

### **National Design Museum**

The National Design Museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution, is the only museum in the United States devoted exclusively to historic and contemporary design. The Museum believes that design shapes our objects, environments, and communications, making them more desirable, functional, and accessible. The Museum celebrates the nature of design and explores its impact on the quality of our lives. The collections are international in scope and are organised in four curatorial departments, being: Applied Arts & Industrial Design, Drawings and Prints, Textiles, and Wall coverings.

### **Macy's**

The group can take a behind-the-scenes tour of Macy's, the world's largest department store. This includes the history of Macy's from when R.H. Macy opened his first store in New York in 1857 - from the humble beginnings as a small front store to their status now the world's largest department store. Mr Macy adopted a red star to show his success, the red star was chosen from his days as a sailor. Macy's pioneered such revolutionary business practices as the one-price system, in which each item was sold to every customer for the same price, it was also the first to introduce products such as the tea bag, the Idaho baked potato and coloured bath towels. Macy's was also the first retailer to hold a New York City liquor licence.

### **Antonio Ratti Textile Centre**

The centre (which is part of the Metropolitan Museum of Art) has the finest collection of textiles with tapestries, velvets, carpets, embroideries, laces, quilts and woven printed fabrics from all periods and civilizations, dating back to 3,000 BC. Highlights include late Antique domestic textiles made in Egypt by Christians and pagans alike during the fourth and seventh centuries; silk tapestries and embroideries of the Yuan dynasty, a peak of refinement and complexity in Chinese textiles; a five- medallion "compartment carpet" crafted in Persia during the Safavid period in the early sixteenth century; and the opulent and rare seventeenth century French embroidered wall panels in the Museum's Louis XIV bedchamber.

## **Options for Theatre & Drama**

### **American Museum of the Moving Image**

The American Museum of the Moving Image is dedicated to educating the public about the art, history, technique, and technology of film, television, and digital media and to examining their impact on culture and society. It achieves these goals by maintaining the nation's largest permanent collection of moving image artefacts and by offering exhibitions, film screenings, lectures, seminars, and other education programs.

### **Forbidden Broadway Theatre Workshops**

A 90-minute interactive workshop tailored to your group's familiarity with Broadway. You'll learn about parody and the roots of satire, how to analyse a show; what is funny and what isn't (and why); how to capture the essence of a "star" through a voice, costumes and behaviour; see how four people manage to be an entire cast of shows like Hairspray, Lion King and Gypsy. Everyone has a chance to perform and receives a copy of the Forbidden Broadway study guide.

### **Lincoln Centre**

The 16 acre Lincoln Complex Centre is the world's largest performing arts centre and is home to the 12 resident art organisations, representing the highest standards of excellence in symphony, opera, chamber music, theatre, dance, film and arts education. The Lincoln Centre for performing arts serves three primary roles, a resident organisation with its own series of artistic programming, a national leader in arts and education and community relations and manager of the Lincoln Centre Campus. It is America's first performing arts centre, which welcomes 10,000 people each night to world- class performances of ballet, opera and music.

The Lincoln Centre rolls out the red carpet for student groups with exciting, personal Meet- the- Artist performance/ conversation events with leading artists from the opera, Broadway, jazz, symphony, ballet, and theatre. Events are offered with a tour and can be custom-created.

### **Preview Workshop**

Gene Feist and his wife, actress Elizabeth Owens, conceived the idea of the Roundabout Theatre Company in 1965. Roundabout's first production was presented in a 150-seat theatre in the basement of a supermarket in Chelsea. In that first season, the Company had four hundred subscribers who paid only \$5.00 for three plays.

The Preview workshops are linked to a Roundabout Theatre Company Production of a matinee show and a post- performance discussion. The workshop can be tailored to the requirements of your group and lasts for approximately two hours.

### **Mamma Mia!**

More than ten million people around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story, and the music that makes Mamma Mia the ultimate feel good show. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship, and every night everyone's having the time of their lives.

### **New York Offstage**

New York Offstage offers a variety of meet-the-artist and performing arts and visual arts workshops for student groups. These customized clinics and workshops bring young people face to face with top artists, giving each student insightful information about life as a professional performer. Artists are chosen from the world of Broadway, classic music, film, television and the creative arts.

### **Radio City Music Hall**

The Radio City Stage Door Tour is a fascinating excursion behind the scenes of Radio City Music Hall. Learn about legendary events, go backstage and explore the costume shop and production areas, and even meet one of the world- famous Rockettes.

### **Showtix**

“Behind the Scenes Broadway” is a series of 90-minute customized, interactive workshops headed by working theatre professionals who bring Broadway off the stage and into group’s hands. The workshops are conducted in the Theatre District and can be customised to fit any group’s itinerary, day or evening. Meet and greets with cast members can also be arranged.

### **Theatre Direct International’s Broadway Classroom**

Ready to take a peek behind the scenes on Broadway, the most exciting street in the world? Broadway Classroom offers student groups discounted tickets, a series of interactive workshops tied to top Broadway shows, and a chance to meet a Broadway performer. Taught by qualified teaching artists, and custom made for groups 25 or more, workshops take place in Broadway rehearsal studios at any time the group wishes.

## **Options for Religious Studies**

### **Harlem – Lower East Side**

You haven’t seen New York if you haven’t seen Harlem,” locals say. Spend an unforgettable morning in the black capital of the world and attend an authentic Church Service where you will hear soul-stirring Gospel music. A special guide, who is a resident of Harlem, will reveal why Harlem became a symbol of urban blight, then show you a different side with beautiful mansions and town houses built during Harlem’s ‘Golden Age.’ You will take a Walking Tour of Harlem’s loveliest area, Sugar Hill and see historic homes such as Hamilton Grange. You can also visit the Jumel Mansion, once the location of George Washington’s Headquarters and the famous Apollo Theatre. You can end the Sunday morning with A Gospel Brunch, listening to some of the best Soul and Gospel music.

### **The Cathedral Church Of St John The Divine**

We can arrange a tour of The Cathedral Church of St John The Divine, the largest Cathedral in the world. The Cathedral’s guide will aim to enrich and enliven your visit and provide a memorable learning experience as you step back in time to the days of Medieval Cathedrals. Explore the Romanesque and Gothic architecture and stained glass windows of this amazing structure.

### **Chinatown – The Buddhist Temple**

Later, walk through Chinatown, New York City’s most famous and largest ethnic neighbourhood. It is a colourful and vibrant area and you can buy almost anything from the open markets. For some peace and tranquillity visit the Buddhist Temple on Mott Street, which has a collection of over 100 Buddha’s.

### **The Riverside Church**

A visit can be arranged to the Riverside Church, which is proud to be a community of faith and its philosophy is to treat all human beings as sisters and brothers. The Church welcomes persons from different backgrounds of race, economic class, religion, culture, ethnicity, gender, age, and sexual orientation.