

- Round-trip transportation
- Air-conditioned motorcoach on tour
- 3 nights hotel accommodations (4 nights on 5-day tour)
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director throughout your stay
- Sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide
- Visits to special attractions as per itinerary
- Broadway show
- Overnight security
- Educational materials developed by the Smithsonian
- Medical and accident coverage
- Travel ID Badges and student backpacks
- Smithsonian Membership

Options

- Manhattan hotel (private groups only)
- Extended stay
- Lunches
- Gratuities
- Opportunity to earn credit for group leaders and students

Radio City Music Hall, nicknamed the "Showplace of the Nation," is the world's largest indoor theater. Its marquee is a full city block long.



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STUDENT TRAVEL

DANCE IN NEW YORK CITY

DAY 1: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Welcome to New York City • Travel via plane or motorcoach to New York City, which British explorer Henry Hudson "discovered" in 1609 while searching for a passage to China. Today, the Big Apple is the largest metropolis in the United States. Upon arrival, meet your Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

Walking tour of Midtown • Stroll down glamorous Fifth Avenue in the heart of midtown Manhattan. Pass Rockefeller Center, home to NBC Studios and Radio City Music Hall, an Art Deco triumph. Marvel at the grandeur of St. Patrick's Cathedral, with its 26-foot-wide rose window and soaring Gothic spires. These peaks were added in the 1880s, nearly 30 years after the cathedral's construction. Continue past the extravagant Trump Tower and the famous F.A.O. Schwarz toy store, finishing at the entrance to Central Park, New York's 843-acre pastoral retreat.

Empire State Building and Observatory • This evening, view the city from the Empire State Building's observation deck. Once the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building remains one of Manhattan's most elegant symbols. Built in just over a year during the depths of the Depression, this limestone beauty's iconic status was sealed in 1933, when the building starred in *King Kong*. Since the 1976 bicentennial celebration, the building's top stories have glowed at night with seasonal colors.

DAY 2: NEW YORK ★ BROADWAY DANCE CENTER

Master dance class • Perfect your dance techniques at a 90-minute master dance workshop at the Broadway Dance Center. The studio offers classes in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, theater and many other dance styles!

Dance seminar • To make it as a professional dancer, performers need to learn more than just the steps. This 60-minute seminar introduces students to practical topics about surviving in the competitive dance world—from headshots and resumes to auditioning and nutrition.

Guided sightseeing of New York City • An expert local guide leads your sightseeing tour of New York City. Begin among the bright lights of Times Square, home to the Broadway theater scene, MTV's studios and popular theme restaurants. Make a stop in the 843-acre Central Park, a rectangular oasis in the midst of a concrete jungle. Here, you will see Strawberry Fields, a tribute to John Lennon that includes 161 plant species, representing 161 nations of the world. (If you look overhead, you can also see the Dakota apartment building where John Lennon and Yoko Ono lived.) Travel south toward the mosaic of Manhattan neighborhoods that make the city so unique. Drive through Greenwich Village, New York's eclectic province of bohemians, immigrants and students and pass the cast-iron architecture of impossibly trendy SoHo (from "SOuth of HOuston Street"). Finish your tour at the World Trade Center site and pay tribute to the victims of September 11 at Ground Zero. The area will be home to the Freedom Tower, designed to reach a height of 1,776 feet.

DAY 3: NEW YORK ★ BROADWAY SHOW

Meet the Artist experience • Learn what it takes to make it as a Broadway dancer during this 90-minute workshop at the Broadway Dance Center. A seasoned Broadway performer will offer a lesson in Broadway choreography and lead a discussion about careers in musical theater.

Drop-in dance class • Work on your moves by joining in a dance class led by one of the Broadway Dance Center's acclaimed instructors. The studio offers instruction in a wide variety of dance styles, including ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, theater, belly dancing and house.

Tour of Radio City Music Hall • Go behind the scenes at "America's greatest showplace." A spectacular Art Deco theater built in 1932, Radio City's main attraction is the annual Christmas Spectacular, starring the world-famous Rockettes. In addition, this world-class theater plays host to countless other concerts, family attractions, network TV specials, film premieres and award shows throughout the year. Recently, Radio City underwent an extraordinary restoration to revitalize its past splendor and to install state-of-the-art technology for its future. Admire the curving balconies, 60-foot-high gold-leaf ceilings, 30-foot chandeliers and decorative carpeting. Learn about the Great Stage, view Art Deco designs, see the mighty Wurlitzer Organ, experience the private apartment of the Music Hall's founder, Roxy Rothafel, and visit the active rehearsal halls. Top it all off by meeting one of the Rockettes.

Optional Rockette Experience • Alternatively, if you have ever dreamed of kicking your way to a career as one of the world-famous Rockettes, join us for this optional, three-hour dance workshop at Radio City Music Hall. Get a glimpse of life in the spotlight, as a Rockette dancer teaches you choreography from the Rockette repertoire, including the kick line. Plus, you will experience a mock audition, a question-and-answer session with your teacher and a tour of Radio City Music Hall. And last but not least, bring home your included Rockette T-shirt as a souvenir of this unforgettable experience.

Broadway show • This evening, enjoy the bright lights and glitz of Broadway! Start by exploring the famous Times Square, where you will be dazzled by a dizzying array of towering, electronic billboards, sounds of street performers and the buzz of the crowds who make this intersection a one-of-a-kind spectacle. Then join New York's avid theater enthusiasts at a Broadway show, where you will be delighted by talented singers and dancers, extravagant sets and glittering costumes. (Show depends on availability.)

DAY 4: STATUE OF LIBERTY ★ DEPARTURE

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island • Ferry to Liberty Island to marvel at the Statue of Liberty. A gift from France in honor of the French-U.S. alliance, the statue's iron skeleton was designed by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (of Eiffel Tower fame), sculpted by F. A. Bartholdi and modeled on the Colossus of Rhodes. *Liberty Enlightening the World*, the statue's full title, was unveiled to much fanfare in 1888. Continue on to Ellis Island, which welcomed millions of immigrants to the New World around the turn of the century. Ellis Island is now the site of a museum chronicling the history of immigration.

Return home • Head home today or choose to stay for our 5-day tour.

★5-DAY TOUR★

DAY 4: NEW YORK (CONTINUED)

Tour of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts • The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts is a world-class, 14-acre complex (the first of its kind in the United States) devoted to theater, music and dance. Follow in the footsteps of conductors like Leonard Bernstein and Arturo Toscanini in Avery Fisher Hall, where both conducted the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. The center also houses the Metropolitan Opera House and the New York State Theater, home to George Balanchine's New York City Ballet, the oldest dance company in the United States.

Additional dance seminar • Enjoy another opportunity to learn more about forging a career as a dancer with an additional 60-minute seminar about the practicalities of professional dancing.

Broadway performance • Enjoy another evening in the bright lights of Broadway when you attend another Broadway show.

DAY 5: NEW YORK ★ DEPARTURE

Metropolitan Museum of Art (closed Mondays) • With over 3 million objects in its collection, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is home to one of the most extensive art collections in the world. The galleries include works from the Paleolithic era to the contemporary avant-garde. Among the museum's most popular exhibits are Egyptian artifacts, Oriental sculpture, ancient glasswork, African art, early European musical instruments and American decorative art.

Departure • Your tour director assists you with your departure.

Itinerary subject to change. For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.



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