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STUDENT TRAVEL

NUEVA YORK: A LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

- 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
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- Visits to special attractions as per itinerary
- Broadway show
- Overnight security
- Educational materials developed by the Smithsonian
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- Gratuities

Options

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

DAY 1: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Welcome to New York City • Travel via airplane 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 • Your tour director will take you on a short orientation tour that will begin at the world-famous Rockefeller Center, where one of your classmates can take your picture in front of the gilded statue of Prometheus. Next, walk into the lobby of the 70-story General Electric Building for an introduction to the magnificent murals of Spanish artist José María Sert. Your tour director will explain why the Rockefellerers commissioned Sert to paint over the original mural painted by Mexican artist Diego Rivera. Then proceed through the Channel Gardens and across Fifth Avenue to the 150-year-old Saint Patrick’s Cathedral. Though it is located at the center of midtown Manhattan and is now dwarfed by nearby skyscrapers, it was considered to be too far out in the country when construction first began before the Civil War.

Empire State Building and Observatory • Tonight, 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: MANHATTAN

Guided sightseeing of New York City • A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of New York City. Begin in Spanish Harlem, also known as El Barrio, which boasts one of the largest Latino populations in the city. Then 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.

Latin dance workshop • Get acquainted with different Latin rhythms and dance styles by learning the basic steps of salsa, mambo, Argentine tango and others at one of New York’s famous dance studios!

DAY 3: NEW YORK CITY

Guided tour of The Cloisters (closed on Mondays) • Head uptown for a guided tour of The Cloisters, the only U.S. museum devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe. Set within beautiful Fort Tyron Park and overlooking the Hudson, the castle-like building and its cloistered gardens stand as examples of medieval architecture. A branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the museum houses a collection of about 5,000 works of European art dating from the 9th to 15th centuries.

Guided visit to the Hispanic Society of America • A museum educator leads you on a comprehensive tour of the building and collections of the Hispanic Society of America. Dedicated to the study of the art and cultures of Spain, Portugal and Latin America, the Hispanic Society is home to an extensive array of paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, photography, textiles and more.

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 151-foot-tall 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 1886. 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: MANHATTAN (CONTINUED)

Metropolitan Museum of Art (closed Mondays) • With more than 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.

Optional Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament • Travel back in time to the Spanish medieval ages during this optional dinner event. Enjoy a regal feast—with your hands, as utensils were not used in the 11th century—and take in a captivating show of jousting, hand-to-hand combat and horsemanship. Seated in a special section named for a region of medieval Spain, you are encouraged to cheer for the knight representing your region!

DAY 5: MUSEO DEL BARRIO ★ DEPARTURE

Museo del Barrio • Founded in East Harlem in 1969 as a way to celebrate Puerto Rican culture, the Museo del Barrio has since expanded its mission to represent the diversity of art and culture in the Caribbean and Latin America. The museum houses an impressive collection of pre-Columbian and traditional artifacts, as well as modern works by 20th-century and present-day artists.

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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