

## NEW YORK CITY

Take a bite out of the Big Apple on a custom-tailored student tour. Visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, learn about the foundation of the U.S. on a Lower Manhattan walking tour, explore Central Park, and more!

### *Why Brightspark?*

#### **Safety And Security**

We regularly conduct strict audits of our vendors, ensuring they act in accordance with safety, security, and quality standards.

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With over 50 years of experience providing custom tours, Brightspark is a leader in student travel.

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### Day 1:

- Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Explore the **American Museum of Natural History**, one of the leading scientific and cultural institutions in the world. From the deep blue sea to the dark side of the moon, the museum's collections aim to catalog and interpret human cultures and the natural world.
- Explore the **Upper West Side**, long considered New York City's cultural and intellectual hub. Continue your tour through the idyllic **Central Park** and into the historic **Harlem** neighborhood.
- Enjoy the view from the **Empire State Building's** sky-high observatories on the 86<sup>th</sup> or the 102<sup>nd</sup> floors. Built in 1931, this Art Deco skyscraper is the fifth-tallest in the United States.

### Day 2:

- Get a first-hand look at the role New York City plays on the world stage with a visit to the **United Nations Headquarters**.
- Enjoy lunch at the iconic **Ben's Deli** in **midtown Manhattan** and take a tour of the neighborhood, including **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, the swanky shops on Fifth Avenue, and the flagship Macy's building at Herald Square.
- Take a backstage tour of **Radio City Music Hall** and learn about its history, groundbreaking architecture, and renowned performers. Located in **Rockefeller Center**, this famous Art Deco theater is home to the Rockettes and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.
- Explore **Times Square**, the brightly-lit commercial and entertainment district known as "the Crossroads of the World." With 50 million visitors each year, it remains one of the most visited tourist attractions in the world.

### Day 3:

- Take a ferry ride to **Ellis Island** and the **Statue of Liberty**, showcasing the city's history as a meeting place for global cultures and depicting the motivations and realities of the immigrant journey.
- Pose for a group photo on **Liberty Island**.
- Tour **lower Manhattan** and learn about iconic locations like Chinatown, Little Italy, the South Street Seaport, and the Brooklyn Bridge.
- Honor recent events with a stop at the **National September 11 Memorial and Museum** and the **One World Trade Center Observatory**.
- Spend the evening under the bright lights of **Broadway** as you take in a world-class **theater performance**. From musicals to comedies to dramas, "the Great White Way" has a show for every audience.

### Day 4:

- Visit **Madison Square Garden**, a multi-purpose indoor arena hosting sports teams, musical performers, and special events throughout the year. On your behind-the-scenes tour, you can see artifacts from Elton John's autographed set list to the liturgy book for the Papal Mass of Pope Francis.
- Tour the **NBC Studios at Rockefeller Center**. "The most famous studio tour in television history" was recently revamped and includes behind-the-scenes access to iconic programs like *Saturday Night Live* and *The Tonight Show*.
- Depart for home.

