

# NEW YORK CITY

4 Days | Big Apple Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Marvel at the majesty of the Big Apple with this 4-day student tour of New York City with your class. Learn about the city from a local New Yorker as you drive through the different neighbourhoods. Discover the hidden treasures in Central Park, wander 30ft above street level on the High Line, and relax at a Major League Baseball game. Your students will experience the bright lights in Times Square, the top of One World Observatory and the unique atmosphere of Chinatown and Little Italy that will inspire a lifetime of travel!

## WHATS INCLUDED:



### Sites & Activities:

Times Square, Central Park, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Levy's Guided Driving Tour of Manhattan, Staten Island Ferry, Financial District Orientation Tour, 9/11 Memorial, Broadway Show, One World Observatory, China Town and Little Italy, Major League Baseball Game, The High Line



Your Brightspark  
Tour Leader



Accommodations  
3 Nights Hotel



Transportation  
Private Motor Coach



Meals  
3 Breakfasts





# WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

## PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Our Tour Leaders Make All The Difference** - They are experts in fun and are equipped with educational content and interactive games that keep your students engaged. Extensively trained and masters in logistics, they deal with all the details to ensure a stress-free class trip!
- **Always Something Fresh** - Brightspark Exclusive activities encourage participation through experiential education. Whether it's a Mystery Heist in Ottawa or Escaping the Port in Montreal, these activities add a WOW factor to your tour.
- **The Best Support** - Our team is with you every step of the way from itinerary planning, to board paperwork, online payment collection and 24/7 on-tour assistance. We are dedicated to making the planning process simple and easy.
- **Go. Discover. Inspire.** - You are not a tourist, but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.



## EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

With 40+ years of travel experience, exceptional supplier relationships, and an impeccable safety record, you can rest assured your tour will be sparktacular!

**95%**  
OF TEACHERS  
LOVE OUR  
TOURS

**40+**  
YEARS OF  
TRAVEL  
EXPERIENCE

**33K+**  
PASSENGERS  
TRAVELLED  
LAST YEAR



## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

### THE BEST INSURANCE

Feel safe with the knowledge that your students are fully protected with cancellation insurance provided by Travel Guard- which includes school board cancellation for **ANY REASON.**



*"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime/our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriele went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"*

*Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB*

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## DAY 1

- 6:00 AM: Board your** washroom equipped, climate controlled highway motor coach and depart for New York City via Highway #407. En route, your Tour Leader will go through the bus and get to know the students on a first name basis.
- 9:00 AM: Border Crossing.** Make sure your passport and any other important documents are in a safe and accessible place for border agents.
- 6:30 PM: Hotel check in**
- 8:30 PM: Times Square.** Head to the heart of the Great White Way and be amazed by the bright lights and massive screens. Join the crowds on the famous Red Stairs and get caught up in the excitement as you wander through the square.
- 11:00 PM: Night security** each evening between 11 PM and 6 AM.

## DAY 2

- 8:45 AM: Breakfast**
- 10:30 AM: Levys' Guided Driving Tour of Manhattan.** Hop on your motor coach to learn all about the Big Apple from a local New Yorker from Levys' Unique New York. You will see the Empire State Building, the Upper West Side, Wall Street, and more!
- 1:30 PM: Lunch**
- 3:00 PM: Visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art.** The Met, is one of the world's largest museums and features works from ancient Egypt to the modern times. In addition to the art, you will see musical instruments, costumes and antique weapons from around the world!
- 4:15 PM: Explore Central Park.** This iconic park, which is the most filmed location in the world, is a green oasis in the middle of the city. You will see Strawberry Fields, the memorial to John Lennon, the Alice in Wonderland sculpture and Rat Rock, a crop of large boulders left over by receding glaciers.
- 7:00 PM: Major League Baseball Game.** Peanuts, get your peanuts! Enjoy a major league baseball game with your students and hopefully you will see a home run! Tickets are subject to schedules and availability of local teams.

## DAY 3

- 8:45 AM: Breakfast**
- 10:30 AM: Staten Island Ferry.** Travel between Whitehall Street in lower Manhattan to St. George on Staten Island on a gorgeous 25-minute ferry ride. Marvel at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and get a photo of the skyscrapers that make up the New York skyline.

- 11:00 AM: Financial District Orientation Tour.** Ring the opening bell, it's time to trade! Not only is the Financial District one of the oldest areas in the city, it is also the financial, political and judicial heart of the city. During this tour your students will learn all about: Wall Street, Trinity Church and Federal Hall.
- 1:15 PM: Visit One World Observatory.** In less than 60 seconds you will ascend to the top of the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. Experience a panoramic view of New York City and the brave can step on a glass disc that uses footage to show the streets 100 floors below!
- 2:30 PM: Visit the 9/11 Memorial.** "Reflecting Absence" are twin reflecting pools that sit within the footprints of the towers. Your students will learn about the events of this day and will pay respects to the nearly 3,000 people who died in the terror attacks on September 11, 2001 and the six people killed during the bombing in February 1993.
- 3:30 PM: Chinatown and Little Italy.** Barter with shop owners for jewelry, clothing and bags in Chinatown and feast on cannoli, fresh mozzarella or prosciutto in Little Italy. Your students will leave inspired after learning about the history and culture of these neighbourhoods.
- 4:45 PM: Walk along the High Line.** Experience New York City's architecture and biodiversity as you walk along the old rail tracks 30ft above street level. This gorgeous walk runs through the Meatpacking District, Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen with many stops along the way for photos!
- 6:00 PM: Times Square.** Head to the heart of NYC for dinner and time to explore!  
**Broadway Show.** Explore a whole new world, discover what came before the yellow brick road or sing along with your favourite meerkat and warthog duo. Theatre tickets are subject to schedule and availability.
- 8:00 PM:**

## DAY 4

- 8:45 AM: Breakfast**
- 9:30 AM: Check out of your hotel**
- 10:00 PM: Welcome Home!**

## START PLANNING NOW!



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