



New York City

GOOD TIMES TRAVEL

NEW YORK CITY, UPSTATE & NIAGARA

FEATURING MANHATTAN - HUDSON VALLEY - COOPERSTOWN - 1000 ISLANDS - NIAGARA FALLS - ERIE CANAL

SEPTEMBER 6-14, 2022 ~ 9 DAY TOUR

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Stay two nights in NYC at an upscale Times Square hotel with a tour of Manhattan with a local guide, a visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum and an optional Broadway musical
- ◆ Enjoy a two-night stay in the Hudson Valley with visits to the West Point Military Academy, F.D.R.'s Presidential Library and Museum, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill), the Vanderbilt Mansion, Mohonk Mountain House and a tour and lunch at the Culinary Institute of America
- ◆ Tour the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum in Cooperstown
- ◆ Stay overnight in the 1000 Islands region with a narrated two-nation boat cruise and a visit to Boldt Castle
- ◆ Stay two nights at an upscale hotel on the Canadian Side of Niagara Falls and join a local guide for an area tour including the *Voyage to the Falls* boat ride
- ◆ Experience "Life in the Past Lane" while cruising on the historic Erie Canal



Niagara Falls



1000 Islands



Mohonk Mountain House

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 8 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 11 Meals – 4 dinners, 1 lunch, 6 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Airport transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

TOUR PRICES

Double Occupancy: \$2,499 per person
 Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$800
 Deposit: \$250 per person
 Roundtrip group airfare from \$695 per person

ITINERARY

A unique itinerary featuring the hustle and bustle of New York City along with the sights, sounds, tastes and incredible experiences that abound in scenic Upstate New York. From the peace and tranquility of the beautiful Hudson Valley, to the incredible sights in 1000 Islands and Niagara Falls, to the history of Cooperstown and the Erie Canal, this comprehensive tour will truly put you in an Empire State of mind.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE IN NEW YORK CITY

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX this morning for a scheduled nonstop flight arriving in **New York City** this afternoon. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* Our deluxe motorcoach will transfer us from the airport to the heart of **Manhattan** and our stately hotel situated on 7th Avenue between 52nd and 53rd streets. Enjoy the balance of the evening at leisure – **Times Square** is just a few short walkable blocks from the hotel.

DAY 2 – NEW YORK CITY

This morning we'll board a deluxe motorcoach for a full-day of sightseeing in Manhattan with a **local guide** aboard. We'll tour inside **St. Patrick's Cathedral** and walk through **Rockefeller Center** before we continue with a short walk in **Central Park** to see **Strawberry Fields** – the tribute to the late John Lennon. See **Lincoln Center**, the **Metropolitan Museum of Art**, the **Guggenheim Museum**, the celebrity apartments along **Central Park East and West**, the **Plaza Hotel**, the legendary **Ed Sullivan Theatre**, **Radio City Music Hall**, and much more in Midtown! We continue to Lower Manhattan and visit the **National September 11 Memorial & Museum**.

RESERVATIONS



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ACCOMMODATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **Sheraton New York**, New York City, NY
- ◆ Nights 3-4 **Poughkeepsie Grand**, Poughkeepsie, NY
- ◆ Night 5 **Best Western Plus**, Cooperstown, NY
- ◆ Night 6 **Riveredge Resort**, 1000 Islands, NY
- ◆ Nights 7-8 **Hilton Fallsview**, Niagara Falls, ON

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Roundtrip LAX transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$89 p.p.

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills ◆Long Beach

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ◆ \$250 p.p. deposit due at the time of booking; balance payment due 90 days prior to departure
- ◆ Payments can be made by mailing a check to the above address or by credit card on our website

CANCELLATION/TRAVEL PROTECTION

A travel protection policy (which includes cancellation protection and other benefits) is highly recommended and available through a third-party. A travel protection brochure will be provided with your payment receipt and invoice. Regardless of the reason, cancellations, credits and transfers of paid bookings require us to retain an administrative fee (ranging from \$25-\$200 depending on the date of cancellation) in addition to all non-recoverable fees paid to our tour suppliers on your behalf. Those guests who have purchased travel protection and must cancel for a covered reason, will be reimbursed by the travel protection company the balance of any non-refunded or credited monies (minus the premium itself). Visit www.goodtimestravel.com or see our tour catalog for our full cancellation policy and other terms and conditions.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

To better ensure the health and wellness of all guests, this tour requires all guests to wear face masks where required, provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination and complete a Wellness Pledge on the day of departure.

TOUR PACE & ACTIVITY LEVEL



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

ITINERARY CONTINUED...

We return to the hotel late this afternoon with the evening at leisure. Optional tickets for a variety of Broadway musicals are available for this evening (prices vary and show selection will be available with final invoice) – most theatres are just a short walk from the hotel.

DAY 3 – NEW YORK CITY TO HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

This morning we travel north, crossing the **George Washington Bridge** and continuing to the beautiful **Hudson River Valley**. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the **U.S. Military Academy** at **West Point** which showcases the hallowed grounds where American heroes like Generals Patton, Eisenhower and MacArthur graduated. Take in the view from **Trophy Point** and see the **Cadet Chapel** and **Michie Stadium** – home of Army Football. We continue to **Hyde Park** and visit the **Franklin Delano Roosevelt Home & Presidential Library**. See his cluttered White House desk (left as it was the last day of his presidency), his beloved 1936 Ford *Phaeton* with the original hand controls, and the home where FDR and Eleanor entertained world leaders. Pay your respects to FDR and Eleanor, both laid to rest in the rose garden. Enjoy an included dinner at a locals' favorite before we begin a two-night stay at our downtown Poughkeepsie hotel. (Dinner)

DAY 4 – HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

Following an included breakfast, we'll be joined by a local guide for a full-day touring the Hudson River Valley. At **Val-Kill National Historic Site**, we'll see where Eleanor Roosevelt lived and made her mark on civil rights and humanitarian issues. We'll visit the **Culinary Institute of America** – the premier cooking school in the United States for a guided tour and included lunch. Visit **Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site** and tour this country castle containing 54 rooms and offering majestic views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains! This evening we'll enjoy an included dinner at the **Mohonk Mountain House**, the iconic resort situated on a rocky ridge overlooking a glacial lake, pristine gardens, and the Mohonk Forest Preserve. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 5 – HUDSON RIVER VALLEY TO COOPERSTOWN

After an included breakfast, we'll take a walk over the Hudson River via the "**Walkway Over the Hudson**" – the longest pedestrian bridge in the world! Late this afternoon we arrive in the small town of **Cooperstown**. Set along the edge of tranquil Otsego Lake, the little village of Cooperstown boasts an almost unfair amount of history for its size. Enjoy time at leisure for browsing and dinner on your own in this charming town with tree-lined streets and beautiful Victorian-era houses. (Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY 6 – COOPERSTOWN, 1000 ISLANDS

Following an included breakfast, we'll visit the **National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum**. Enjoy ample time at leisure to explore this amazing museum that features entire exhibits devoted to Babe Ruth (complete with his bat and his locker), Hank Aaron, and the **Hall of Fame Gallery** where the bronze plaques for all the Hall of Famers are displayed. This afternoon we continue north to **Alexandria Bay** in the **1000 Island region**. Situated at the southern end of the Saint Lawrence River and eastern shore of Lake Ontario, most people's only knowledge of this area is the salad dressing that originated here. Enjoy an included dinner at our waterfront resort. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 7 – 1000 ISLANDS, NIAGARA FALLS

Enjoy an included breakfast before we begin a narrated **two-nation boat cruise** to discover this stunningly beautiful region known as the "Venice of the New World." We'll see **Millionaire's Row** and enjoy time at leisure to explore **Boldt Castle** on **Heart Island**. We continue west to the Canadian Side of **Niagara Falls** (a passport is required for this tour). Begin a two-night stay (with views of Niagara Falls from your room) at a hotel located in the heart of the entertainment district. (Breakfast)

DAY 8 – NIAGARA FALLS

After an included breakfast we'll join a local guide for a tour of the Niagara Falls area. We'll visit the picturesque **Floral Clock** and take in views of the Falls from a variety of view points. We'll then don our complimentary ponchos and experience the awe-inspiring **Voyage to the Falls** boat tour which takes us face-to-face with Niagara Falls. Enjoy a memorable farewell dinner this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 9 – ERIE CANAL, JOURNEY HOME

Following an included breakfast we'll take a narrated cruise on the **Erie Canal** including "locking through" a set of locks. We continue to Buffalo for an afternoon flight returning us to LAX this evening. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport.* Back in Los Angeles those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective drop-offs. (Breakfast)

While we make every effort to operate our tours as outlined in the itinerary, we ask for your patience, understanding and flexibility and to retain a sense of adventure while traveling with us. Situations may arise that necessitate changes to the itinerary. Should we need to adjust the itinerary either prior to or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.