

Notes Regarding the New York City Tour - June 9 - 15, 2019

April 9, 2019

Optional Ideas: New York City is made up of Five Boroughs - Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island. Our hotel, The Row is in Manhattan. Our hotel address is 700 8th Avenue. Plan your free time, from this location. Great location!!!

Five Boroughs of New York City

Bronx

Yankee Stadium - games and tours
Wave Hill
City Island- sleepy fishing village

Brooklyn

Coney Island
Original Nathan's Famous Hotdogs
Coney Island Brewing Company
Prospect Park/Zoo

Manhattan

Intrepid - Sea, Air and Space Museum
Chelsea Piers Sports and Entertainment Complex
Eataly - a sprawling indoor marketplace - Italian food
The High Line Park - historic rail line - Chelsea Market
New York Harbor - Free Staten Island Ferry departs from lower Manhattan's
Whitehall Terminal and ferries to Governors Island leave from the
Adjacent Battery Maritime building, both located at Manhattan's southern
Tip.
National Museum of the American Indian - a Smithsonian - affiliated gem -
Occupies two stories of Alexander Hamilton US Custom House. Histories
And cultures of indigenous peoples of the Americas.

Queens

Lovers of Sand and Surf
Rockaways - only two surf beaches in New York City. Rockaway Jet Ski - rentals
And guided tours
Thai Rock - waterfront restaurant - panoramic views of Jamaica Bay - a full
Menu of Southeast Asian cuisine
USTA Billie Jean National Tennis Center - US Open in late August into early
September

Staten Island

Numerous Options for sunbathing, swimming and seaside dining
Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk
Staten Island Zoo

For Sunday - June 9, 2019 Dinner - Eagan. MN

Will be on your own - not included in tour price. I have four ideas for that meal. Please let me know which one you select, on our travel to Eagan. Or on the BLOG!

1. Ansari's Mediterranean Grill and Lounge - Entertainment: Belly Dancing - Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by entertainment.
2. Olive Garden
3. Inside the Hotel: Garden Grill and Bar - open until 10:00 p.m.
4. Green Mill

For Your Information:

Dinners included for June 11 - at Carmines (Italian) 6:30 p.m.

***June 13 - at Heartland Brewery and Chophouse(Casual Steakhouse)
6:00 p.m.***

Continental Breakfast: All days

For Tuesday or Wednesday - June 11- Tuesday - Free morning until 8:00a.m.

June 12- Wednesday - Free Day

June 14- Friday- Free Afternoon

6:00 Optional Activity on Your Own for June 11(Free 6-8 a.m.) and June 12 (free day)

Today Show

1. Should RSVP - ASAP - I can do this for your or you can go online and complete this.
2. Show starts at 7:00 a.m. - Monday - through Saturday
3. Join line before 6:30 a.m. - better chance to meet hosts and be seen on TV
4. Location: Rockefeller Center - Studio 1A - located Midtown Manhattan, on 48th St. between 5th and 6th Avenue **Within Walking Distance of Hotel - The Row - 700 8th Avenue**
5. Tips
 - a. **RSVP - ASAP**
 - b. Umbrella
 - c. Camera
 - d. Create a Poster
 - e. Meet Kevin - Twitter @TodayPlaza - for updates
6. **Citi Concert Series: June 12, 2019 - 49th St and Rockefeller Plaza by 6 am - Dierks Bentley - Free Day Idea**
7. Additional Idea: for June 12th
 - a. Rockefeller Center Tour
 - b. Top of the Rock (Rockefeller Center) - up 70 floors for a 360 degree view of NYC

Good Morning America

1. Should RSVP tickets **ASAP** - I can do this for you or you can go online and complete This.
2. Show starts at 7:00 a.m. - Monday - Friday
3. **ARRIVE EARLY:** Join line anytime 6:00 a.m. - better chance to become part of 100 selected audience members - Need photo ID
4. Location: Times Square Studio - Corner of West 44th Street and Broadway - **Within Walking Distance of Hotel - The Row - 700 8th Avenue**

5. Tips

- a. Comfortable Shoes
- b. Poster - Sign - No emails/addresses or promoting a product
- c. Stand near the outdoor set for getting on the TV
- d. Umbrella

Broadway/Off Broadway Theatre Ideas:

Check Broadway.com for ideas

Need to Reserve ASAP for:

Hamilton

Book of Mormon

In NYC: Book at TKTS Booth - found at Times Square - Within Walking Distance of Hotel The Row.

Manhattan By Sail

Clipper City Tall Statue Sail

New York Sunset, Wine, Jazz Sail

Seaport District - Pier 17 - a live music and comedy space with waterfront views

Metropolitan Opera - check out - metopes.org

Check online for specific dates and productions - if need assistance - please let me know.

Carnegie Hall - concert venue - east side of 7th Ave between West 56th and 57th St. Two blocks south of Central Park

Madison Square Garden - Located in Midtown between 7th and 8th Avenues from 31st to 33rd Street, it is situated atop Pennsylvania Station.

American and New York Ballet Theaters

Dance Theater of Harlem

Lincoln Center- 10 Lincoln Center Plaza - Manhattan - Ideas: May Fair Lady - Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird, other music options and speakers

Cultural Areas of NYC - Dinner options

Times Square - **Midtown**

Japan Village - **Inside Industry City in Brooklyn**, opened this weekend, flooding the Borough's dining scene with Japanese food. Located 943 Third Ave.

Chinatown - **Lower Manhattan** - densely populated neighborhood packed with souvenir Stores, bubble tea shops, and markets selling everything. Locals hang out in Leafy Columbus Park for Tai Chi, chess and mahjong.

Greenwich Village - The epicenter of the city's 1960s counterculture movement, the tree

Lined streets are a hub of popular cafes, bars, and restaurants. Jazz clubs and Off Broadway. At its heart is Washington Square Park, where people mingle.

Located: Lower Manhattan

Soho - Designer boutiques, fancy chain stores and high-end art galleries are part of Soho. Known for its elegant cast-iron-facades and cobblestone streets with High-end restaurants and nightlife hotspots. During the day, street vendors Selling everything from jewelry to original artwork. **Located: Lower Manhattan**

Little Italy - **Located: Lower Manhattan** - Welcomes a heavily tourist crowd to souvenir Shops and traditional Italian eateries and bakeries. Tenement buildings of the 1800s line Mulberry Street.

Harlem - **Located: Upper Manhattan** - Long known for jazz clubs, soul food and African Heritage. The area features a mix of 19th-century brownstones and modern High-rises. Its main artery, 125th St, is home to the iconic Apollo Theater, as Well as chain stores and restaurants.

Central Park - spend more free time there

Museums - Check: Online **New York Pass, Sightseeing Pass - up to 50% off NYC passes** for a combination of museum tickets. Always check for a guided tour.

Guggenheim- Frank Lloyd Wright - art museum located at 1071 5th Ave on the corner of East 89th St in the Upper East Side of Manhattan

American Museum of Natural History - among.org

MoMA - Museum of Modern Art - Midtown Manhattan - 53rd St between 5th and 6th Avenues - One of the largest most influential museums of modern art in the world

Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum Complex - is a American military and maritime History museum. Located at Pier 86 at 46th St in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood On the West Side of Manhattan.

Vessel - Hudson Yards - located between 30th and 33rd St and 10th Ave and Westside Highway

Transportation Around New York City - Check youtube: Yellow productions of New York - Specifically the subway

Subway - Single Ticket \$2.75/ride or Metro Pass - that starts with a certain amount of money and \$2.75 will be deducted each time. You can always add more money.

Carriage Ride - Central Park - can get rides at the park

Grand Central - Experience New York City's Crown Jewel: Be transported by the iconic beauty and lasting legacy of Grand Central Terminal. This historic world-famous landmark in Midtown Manhattan is not simply a transportation hub - it's also a shopping, dining, and cultural destination with 60 shops,

35 places to eat, and a full calendar of events all under one magnificent roof. Opened to the public in 1913.

Hop on Hop Off Buses - www.bigbustours.com - Save 20% when book online

Ferry - Staten Island Ferry - free service - by city of New York

Taxi: Approximate costs: **DROP charge:** once enter a taxi - \$2.60 and
Distance Charge - 2.70/mile .30/1/9 mile

Walk - FREE

Uber/Lyft - Puts APPS on Phone - before going to New York
Also: Citymapper - can be used anywhere, including subway

Bike - Central Park Bike Tour and Bike Tour - Take a Cycle Around NYC

Friday: June 14 - You will tour until 1:00. You will be down by the World Trade Center. You might think about staying in that area and take in more sights and then take public transportation back to hotel.

One World Observatory

***Notes on Luggage** - We are traveling on Sun Country Airlines - If you are interested in prepaying for your (1) checked bag Southwest tour & Travel can get you a discounted rate of \$15.00 per checked bag each way (\$30.00 Total) if we pay for it early. Checked bags paid for at the airport will cost \$35.00 each way (\$70.00 Total) per checked bag (1 allowed per person). If you would like to take advantage of this savings please send a check for \$30.00 for each checked bag to Southwest Tour & Travel, 1500 Travis Road, Marshall, MN 56258 Attn: Pam

These are the luggage policies for Sun Country Airlines:

***You are allowed one personal item such as a purse or backpack.**

Personal items (e.g., purse, laptop, etc.) must:

- Not exceed 17 inches long x 13 inches wide x 9 inches tall
- Be able to be stowed under the seat in front of the passenger

Southwest Tour & Travel is purchasing one carry-on per person for you.

All carry-on bags must:

- Not exceed 24 inches long x 16 inches wide x 11 inches tall (including wheels, handles, etc.)
- Not exceed 35 pounds in weight

- Fit within the sizer box at the gate

Checked Baggage will be an additional fee of \$15.00 each way, a total of \$30.00 if purchased in advance by Southwest Tour & Travel or \$35.00 each way, a total of \$70.00 if purchased at the airport.

All checked bags must not exceed:

- 62 linear inches (length + width + height) and
- 50 pounds.

Additional bags, as well as bags over 62 linear inches or 50 pounds, are subject to excess baggage fees for each additional piece of excess or oversized baggage.

3-1-1 Policy: Passengers may transport liquids, gels, lotions or similar items through the security checkpoint if the items are less than 3.4oz (100 ml) individually and they fit into a transparent 1 qt (1 liter) plastic bag. The contents must fit completely in the plastic bag and will be subjected to x-ray inspection separate from the passenger's carry-on bag. Passengers may also have the following items, but must declare them to TSA at the screening checkpoint if not contained in a clear or transparent re-sealable 1 quart (1 liter) plastic bag and/or are over 3.4oz, medications (liquid, gel, and aerosol), liquids (to include juice) or gels for diabetic or other medical needs.

Pre-assigned Seat Policy:

- Seating for Group passengers will be done as a block in the rear of the aircraft and are based on availability. Seat assignments will be assigned from the rear forward in the order provided on the name list. We are not able to confirm specific seat assignment requests whether they are for the group or for an individual. Specific seat assignments will be available to view on printed boarding pass at time of airport check-in. In the event there is a Group passenger that requires special assistance, equipment, or considerations that would fall under the conditions set in the Department of Transportation's Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Transportation policy please advise the Sun Country Group Department for further information and accommodations.
- Exit Row seating will be available for a fee per segment. Passenger must meet Exit row Criteria.

For additional information and to start a conversation with your Tour Director check out our New York City blog at: <http://swtourandtravel.com/home/blog/new-york-city-june-9-15-2019-blog/>

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