

DESCRIPTION OF EXCURSIONS



New York Rider

Full-Day Excursions

Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island

- Ellis Island: Students will take a ferry to see Ellis Island, where they will visit the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. Over 12 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island, which was the United States' busiest immigration inspection checkpoint, from 1892 to 1954.
- Statue of Liberty: Students will take a ferry to the Statue of Liberty, which is a symbol of freedom and the United States. The statue was a gift from France to the United States to commemorate the United States' one hundred years of independence.

Top of the Rock & Fifth Ave.

- Located in Rockefeller Center, the observation deck is 70 stories high (260 meters) and offers the best panoramic views of New York City. There are three levels (one indoor, two outdoor) from which students can get the best views and photos of the city. The headquarters of the NBC television network are located in the building. Students will have free time in Rockefeller Plaza.
 - Optional Excursion:
 - St. Patrick's Cathedral, Grand Central Terminal, and the New York Public Library: Students will have a tour of three New York City landmarks. St. Patrick's Cathedral is the first gothic cathedral in America and is one of the most visible symbols of Roman Catholicism in the U.S. Grand Central Terminal is a beautiful historic railroad terminal that has more railroad platforms than any other station in the world. Finally, adjacent to Bryant Park, the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building (the main branch of the New York Public Library) is well-known for its beautiful architecture. Students will be able to see the library's paintings and book collections, as well as a reading room and current exhibits.
- Fifth Avenue: Fifth Ave. is considered one of the most expensive streets in the world, and it is home to many popular shops.

Broadway Show & Times Square

- Broadway Show: The shows that the students will see have not been determined. Broadway is considered to be at one of the highest levels of commercial theater.
- Times Square: Times Square used to be the home of *The New York Times* newspaper, and today, it is one of the most visited tourist attractions in the world. Students will have free time to explore and eat dinner at the Hard Rock Café in the heart of Times Square.

Atlantic City and the Jersey Shore

- Atlantic City is a popular tourist destination and famous resort city that is known for its boardwalk, luxury hotels, casinos, and beaches. It's also home to the Miss America pageant. It offers designer shops as well as an outlet mall (the Tanger Outlets).
- After visiting Atlantic City, students will spend the evening at the Jersey Shore, in Seaside Heights. Seaside Heights is truly the epitome of the Jersey Shore—in fact, the MTV show *Jersey Shore* was filmed here. During the summer, Seaside Heights is popular for its boardwalk entertainment.

Downtown NYC Tour

- Students will visit:
 - 9/11 Memorial: The 9/11 Memorial commemorates the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 that killed nearly 3,000 people.
 - Wall Street: Where two of the world's biggest stock exchanges are located. Wall Street essentially represents the American financial sector.



- Federal Hall: Located on the site of New York's first City Hall and later served as the first U.S. Capitol Building.
- World Trade Center Oculus: Completed in 2016, the Oculus is home to many shops and restaurants and serves as the centerpiece of the World Trade Center Transportation Hub.

Greenwich Village, Chelsea District, & Herald Square

- Greenwich Village: Greenwich Village is a neighborhood in lower Manhattan. It was the East Coast birthplace of the Beat and the '60s counterculture movements and is known for its American bohemian culture. Students will be guided on a walking tour of "the Village" and have a chance to see New York University (NYU) and Washington Square Park as well.
 - Optional Excursion to SoHo: SoHo, which refers to the area South of Houston Street, is known for its cast iron buildings, art galleries, and shops (trendy boutiques as well as international chain stores).
- Chelsea District: Chelsea is a historic district of the city. On a guided walking tour, students will visit:
 - Chelsea Market: an all-in-one food hall, shopping mall, office building, and television production facility.
 - The Highline: a park built on a part of the New York Central Railroad that is no longer in use. It's elevated, so students will be able to take in the greenery while seeing views of New York City.
 - Penn Station: the main intercity railroad station in New York City.
 - Madison Square Garden: an arena where concerts as well as sporting events are held. It is the fourth busiest musical arena in the world because of its high number of ticket sales.
 - Herald Square: Herald Square is a shopping area that is home to the largest Macy's department store.

Central Park & the Metropolitan Museum of Art

- Central Park: Central Park is the most-visited urban park in the United States.
 - Strawberry Fields: A memorial to John Lennon, who wrote the Beatles' song "Strawberry Fields Forever." At the memorial is a black and white mosaic with the word "Imagine," which is the title of one of John Lennon's most famous songs.
- Metropolitan Museum of Art: The biggest art museum in the United States, containing exhibits ranging from ancient Egyptian art to European art to ancient weapons and armor to American quilts and folk art.

Half-Day Excursions

Philadelphia

Philadelphia is known as the birthplace of the United States. It's where the United States declared independence from England and it was the first capital of our nation. Today, it is the 5th largest city in the U.S. Students will have a chance to visit the Rocky Steps outside the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Students can run up the art museum's steps, recreating Rocky's famous climb in the classic movie.

Students will go on a walking tour of Old City, including:

- National Constitution Center: Students will learn about the U.S. Constitution at this interactive museum.

Liberty Bell: The Liberty Bell was rung to mark the occasion of the Declaration of Independence being read publicly for the first time in 1776. It has since become a symbol of freedom. **Princeton & Princeton University**

- Princeton University: Students will tour Princeton University, the 4th oldest college in the United States and considered by many to be the top university in the country.



- Princeton: Students will have free time to explore Princeton, the quaint town where Princeton University is located.

Overnight Excursion

Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. is the capital of the United States. It has been the governmental center of the U.S. since 1790. Students will visit the outside of the following:

- The White House: Home to every U.S. President since 1800
- U.S. Capitol: Where the legislative branch of the U.S. government is located. Students will see the outside of the building.
- U.S. Supreme Court: Where the judicial branch of the U.S. government is located. Students will see the outside of the building.
- Library of Congress: The national library of the United States. It is the research library that serves the U.S. Congress and it is the oldest federal cultural institution in the U.S.

Students will visit the following museums in D.C.:

National Museum of American History: Museum that contains more than 3 million artifacts to preserve a record of the American people, its culture, and past.

- Smithsonian Air and Space Museum: The most visited museum in the United States, the Air and Space Museum is home to pieces of U.S. air and space history such as the Wright brothers' plane, Charles Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis*, and the Apollo 11 command module.

Students will do a walking tour of some of the monuments on the National Mall, including the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials, and the Lincoln Memorial. They will also visit the National Harbor, one of the best spots in the U.S. to see the sunset. They will have dinner there and see the public art and community events that the National Harbor has to offer. **Baltimore**

Baltimore is the largest city in the state of Maryland. Historically it has been an important seaport and manufacturing center.

- Baltimore Inner Harbor: The Baltimore Inner Harbor is a historic and popular tourist destination. As Baltimore is a famous seaport, the Inner Harbor once served as the second leading port of entry to the U.S. for immigrants. Students may enjoy going to the shops that line the harbor. Shops there include Forever 21, H&M, and Urban Outfitters.