

NYC Fact Sheet

Theatre / Art NYC Trip
Firestone High School
(8.12.11)

Purpose:

To explore and become familiar with a major cultural center with world-class institutions for theatre and art.

Description:

This trip is designed to be a small trip so that the student can have a more personalized experience. The trip is theatre / art centered and is intended to give the student an understanding of the wide range of experiences and opportunities available in the city. We typically stay in a midtown hotel and walk most places so that we get a sense for what it might be like to live there.

Tours have included many Broadway theatres and other performing arts venues as well as other theatre-related industry. We have also visited many art museums on past trips. Visits have included the Metropolitan Art Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Whitney Museum, among others.

Rationale:

This trip is designed for the student who wants a more personal relationship with the city. Even students who have already been to NYC will find that this trip is exciting, fun, and educational. The objective of this trip is for the student to explore the city on their own terms and to for the student to establish their own relationship with the city and its cultural centers. With a limited number of travelers, this trip allows each student to develop his or her own experience within the confines of the trip's structure. This trip is more successful than large bus tours as we regularly put feet on the sidewalk and ride the subways just like real New Yorkers.

We also make every effort to get our students inside the doors that are typically closed to larger groups. We exploit our personal and professional contacts to ascertain personalized talk-backs as well as backstage tours of many Broadway theatres from actors and stage managers that we know. The large number of FHS alumni now living and working in the city also gives us access to exciting understanding and places like never before.

This is not a site-seeing trip so we do not spend hours waiting in line for the things like the Empire State Building or the Statue of Liberty. We do, however, see the major sites of the city on a much more casual basis while going about making our own experiences.

Our philosophy is to design the trip based at least partially on the expectations of the student travelers. If there is something that a student truly wants to experience, we will see to it that they get there.

Dates:

Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
Thursday, April 12, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012

Cost:

Approximately \$1100.00

Includes all travel and lodging expenses as well as theatre tickets, admission to art museum, and most scheduled events. All students must purchase a Metro Pas for the week once we arrive in the city.

Cost does not include any meals or food. Travelers should bring between \$30.00 and \$40.00 per day for meals. We do not eat in the very expensive tourist restaurants such as the Hard Rock Café or Planet Hollywood. Instead, we seek out the neighborhood eateries that are lower cost and, often, higher quality. Students can eat rather inexpensively if they choose carefully and order sensibly.

Restrictions

We must register at least 8 student travelers and no more than 12.

These slots are filled on a first come, first served basis with only the consideration of seniority and gender distribution. Your slot for the trip is guaranteed only if you make the appropriate deposit by the published due date.

No 9th graders are permitted to make this trip.

All students MUST have photo ID to travel on commercial airlines.

Travel Company:

TBD

Airfare Information:

AirTran @ Akron-Canton Regional Airport

Flight information not yet available

Accommodations:

Edison Hotel
228 West 47th Street
New York, NY 10036

Theatre

Three Broadway Shows are included in the cost of the trip.

Some trips purchase tickets for a 4th show while in the city

One performance at the New Victory Theatre on 42nd Street (tentative)

Past trips have seen Broadway productions of shows like *How to Succeed in Business, Catch Me if You Can, Anything Goes, Wicked, Wonderful Town, Hairspray, La Boheme, Gypsy, Into the Woods, Proof, The Sweet Smell of Success, Noises Off, Contact, The Crucible, Death of a Salesman, The Music Man, Annie Get Your Gun, Cabaret, and Kiss Me Kate.*

Other Potential Events

Performance at New Victory Theatre

At least one major art museum

Walking tour of Central Park

Walking tours of Times Square and Theatre District

Walking/Shopping Tour of Chinatown, Little Italy, Greenwich Village

Backstage Tours of Broadway Theatres as available

Plenty of celebrity sightings

Possible Events

Past trips have included personalized tours of Brooklyn College, The Whitney Museum, the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, the Metropolitan Art Museum, The Brooklyn Academy of Music, The Metropolitan Opera House, the Museum of Modern Art, the New Victory Theatre, the rehearsal spaces at the New 42nd Street Project, the Rose Brand Theatrical Supply headquarters, the New York State Theatre in Lincoln Center, and Radio City Music Hall as well as numerous backstage tours at a variety of Broadway theatres.

Tour Leaders

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