



**John F. Kennedy High School Band, Choir & Orchestra**  
**Performance Tour of New York City**  
**March 8 – 12, 2025**

**Proposed Itinerary**

**Day One – Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**Depart** Meet at John F. Kennedy High School to travel to the Minneapolis Airport. (Transportation to and from airport is not included.) It is recommended that groups arrive at least three hours prior to departure.

**Arrival** Welcome to New York City! Upon arrival, head to the baggage claim where your Gateway Tour Manager and motorcoaches will meet you.

**\*\* Motorcoach transportation is included today**

**Chelsea Market** Shop and eat like the locals do! Chelsea Market is a neighborhood market with a global perspective. This lively marketplace is an enclosed urban food court and shopping mall, a block long and a block wide and just a short walk from the Hudson River.

**Little Island** Float above the Hudson River at New York's newest urban oasis, Little Island. Built atop 132 tulip-shaped platforms, the man-made island offers rolling green hills, tree-lined paths, and one-of-a-kind views of the Manhattan skyline.

**Dinner** Rowland's or similar

**Hotel** Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with hotel check-in.



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## **Day Two – Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**Breakfast**                      Included

**\*\* Travel as the locals do! A Pay-Per-Ride MetroCard (8 rides total) is included today. Wear comfortable shoes today, as there will be a lot of walking.**

- 9/11 Memorial**                      Visit the site of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States. The names of the nearly 3,000 victims of the September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993 terrorist attacks are inscribed on bronze panels lining the two pools. Waterfalls cascade down all four sides of each pool, creating a special place for remembrance and reflection. The surrounding plaza is filled with oak trees and a Callery pear known as the Survivor Tree, which was nursed back to health after surviving the 9/11 attacks.
- 9/11 Museum**                      The Memorial Museum, located at the World Trade Center site, bears solemn witness to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The museum honors the victims of these attacks and all who risked their lives to save others.
- Brookfield Place**                      NYC's best destination for shopping, dining, cultural events and art exhibits in downtown Manhattan. It is located across from the 9/11 Memorial/Museum and overlooks the Hudson River.
- One World Observatory**                      Board one of five dedicated elevators and ascend to the 102nd floor of the observatory in under 60 seconds, with 360-degree views in all directions, taking in the iconic sights, surrounding waters and panoramic views of the city and beyond. The Main Observatory also features the Sky Portal, where you will step onto a 14-foot-wide circular disc with an unforgettable view, using real-time, high-definition footage of the streets below.
- Brooklyn Bridge**                      Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge. The bridge is one of the oldest suspension bridges in the United States. Completed in 1883, it connects the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn by spanning the East River.
- Shopping or Exploring**                      Enjoy free time to shop around Chinatown and Little Italy.
- Dinner**                      Puglia's in Little Italy or similar
- Broadway Show**                      Attend a Broadway show. From musicals and comedies to dramas and mysteries, Broadway has a show for everyone and no tour to New York City would be complete without it (based on a \$150.00 ticket value).

## Day Three – Monday, March 10, 2025

**Breakfast**                      Included

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### 🎵 **Broadway (choir)**

#### **Classroom**

Your ensemble will work on a piece of prepared music with a musical director, learning techniques of vocal dynamics and acting through song, and finally, sing it with a working Broadway performer, followed by a question-and-answer session.

### 🎵 **Broadway (band/orchestra)**

#### **Classroom**

Your ensemble will be placed directly in the world of a Broadway pit musician and will work on a piece of prepared music with a musical director, giving constructive feedback and helping the students perform to the best of their abilities, followed by a question-and-answer session.

### **Times Square**

Times Square one of the most iconic tourist destinations, adorned with billboards, advertisements, and shopping. This area is also one of the busiest pedestrian areas and hub to the Broadway theater district.

### **Radio City Music Hall**

During this one-hour guided tour guests will have a chance to see the Great Stage, one of the largest indoor performance stages in the world; the stage's hydraulic system, still in operation since the '30s and the renowned private suite, with 12-foot high gold leaf ceilings and onetime home to Samuel "Roxy" Rothafel. And as an exciting climax to the Stage Door Tour, guests will meet one of the world-famous Radio City Rockettes!

**\*\* Motorcoach transportation is included to and from the hotel and cruise port.**

### **Dinner Cruise**

Board Spirit Cruises for a farewell dinner cruise along the Hudson River with spectacular views of the New York City skyline complete with a DJ and dancing.

## Day Four – Tuesday, March 11, 2025

**Breakfast**                      Included

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**♪ Public (choir)  
Performance**

A public performance will be scheduled at St. Patrick's Cathedral or The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine (subject to availability and acceptance)

*Public performances occur in spaces or locations that attract the general public. Indoor venues may include museums, aquariums, and shopping centers. Outdoor venues may include bandstands, park gazebos, courtyards, monuments, town squares and theme parks. Gateway obtains advance authorization and secures a performance time. Typical lengths range from 30-60 minutes. Audiences are ambient, comprised of people visiting the site.*

**American Museum  
of Natural History**

At this New York City museum – explore the natural world and the known universe. See the real exhibits behind the characters featured in the *Night at the Museum* movie like the T. rex and Capuchin Monkey! Don't miss the iconic blue whale model or the iron meteorite weighing in at 15.5 tons as you explore the museum. See the thrilling new Space Show in the Hayden Planetarium Space Theater, one of the world's most powerful virtual reality simulators.

**Central Park**

Take a walk to Central Park and see many of the popular sights on your own, such as Strawberry Fields, the statue of the famous sled dog Balto, the many bridges, and scenic

**Dinner**

Dallas Barbeque or similar

**Broadway Show  
Or New York  
Philharmonic**

Attend a Broadway show or a performance of the New York Philharmonic. (based on a \$150.00 ticket value, subject to schedule).



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**Day Five – Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**Breakfast**                      Included

**Check Out**                      Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check out logistics.

**\*\* Motorcoach transportation is included today**

**Statue of Liberty/  
Ellis Island**

Transfer by motorcoach to the ferry to Liberty Island and Ellis Island. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France, dedicated on October 28, 1886, was designated as a National Monument in 1924 and restored for her centennial on July 4, 1986. The self-guided audio tour is included for both Liberty Island and Ellis Island.

**Depart**                              Travel to the airport for return flight.

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