

Tentative Itinerary for New York Trip

May 11 –18, 2008 (Current as of February 1, 2008)

Sunday, May 11

- 7:00 a.m. Arrive early at Bush Intercontinental Airport to check in. Then proceed to the departure gate and check in with Doc.
- 8:55 a.m. Take Continental Flight #232 to New York-LaGuardia Airport.
- 1:35 p.m. Arrive LaGuardia, claim your bags and board our private green and silver Campus Coach Lines bus that will be waiting outside the terminal to take us to the hotel.
- Check into the Hotel Edison, 228 W. 47th St., New York, NY 10036 (212) 840-5000.
- After checking in, eat on your own at either Ray's Pizza (7th Ave. at 49th St.), or Famiglia Pizza (1630 Broadway at 50th Street), or the New Diamond Café (next to the Edison Hotel), or you decide.
- 5:00 p.m. Meet in lobby to walk to Times Square to visit the Times Square Visitors Information Center (located next to McDonald's) where you can get things like a transit pass, maps of the subway and bus routes and "two-fer" slips for current Broadway and off-Broadway shows. After we finish at the Center, (c.5:30 p.m.) you have a choice of two things to do:
1. Doc will lead a tour around the Times Square area. We'll walk down 42nd St. , up 8th Ave., over to Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center, NBC "Corner", Saks 5th Ave., St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trump Tower, the Plaza Hotel, Carnegie Hall, David Letterman's studio and then return to the hotel.
 2. A Stokes scholar (aka "Stokie") will lead a group to Greenwich Village where you can walk around on your own, eat, shop, go clubbing, etc. till 10:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m. those who are ready to come back to the hotel, meet the Stokie at the Village Cigar store (he/she will show you where it is when you get off the subway in Greenwich Village). Others return at will.

Monday, May 12

- c. 7:30 a.m. Eat breakfast on your own. Hotel prices are rather high so try the Olympic Diner at 809 8th Ave., or Sbarra's at Times Square (47th and Broadway) that has an "all-you-can-eat" breakfast buffet; or the New Diamond Café (next to the hotel); or run and buy something at a deli and eat in your room as you get ready.
- 9:00 a.m. Leave lobby and take subway to tip of Manhattan; buy ticket (\$13.25) and take the ferry to the Statue of Liberty. If you like, you can get off the ferry and visit the Statue and then take the next boat to Ellis Island and then return to Manhattan when you're ready. Or you can stay on the ferry, view the statue from the boat, as I will, and then proceed to Ellis Island (again, just viewing it from the boat, and plan to re-visit it on one of your days off) and return to the tip of Manhattan with me.

When we reach Manhattan, you can go off on your own and/or with others, or you can "picnic" with me (weather permitting) near Wall Street on the steps where George Washington was sworn in as president. Then we will walk to Ground Zero (about 3 blocks). After that, you're on your own. You can return

with me to the hotel; or shop at the discount clothing store, Century 21; or go to Macy's (Broadway at 34th) to shop; or do whatever you want.

5:30 p.m. Meet in lobby to go eat at one of the many restaurants on 9th Avenue, known as "Hell's Kitchen." Many international cuisine choices available. Just walk along 9th Ave. till you find one that interests you. (Uncle Nick's at 747 9th Ave. has great Greek food; next door to Nick's is Grand Sichuan, 745 9th Ave.; also the Amish food and Fruit Market, 731 9th Ave.)
Note: a good place anytime for coffee and dessert - - the Little Pie Co. (no relation) at 424 W. 43rd St.

8:00 p.m. Weather permitting...meet in the lobby and a Stokes scholar will lead a nighttime trip to the top of the Empire State Building (admission \$20.00). What a sight! Lines may be long, so be prepared.

If weather is inclement, use the evening to see one of the few plays on Broadway tonight (most theatres are dark on Monday), or catch a movie, or return to Greenwich Village on your own.

Tuesday, May 13

Breakfast on your own. (Review choices from Monday or discover something new.)

10:00 a.m. Leave lobby with Doc for a walk through the diamond district (all major credit cards accepted!); then walk to Waldorf Astoria Hotel, visit their fabulous lobby; then walk to and visit the newly restored Grand Central Station (42nd at Park Ave.).

From there, take city bus to Little Italy and Chinatown (they're right next to each other); eat lunch and shop where you choose. (In Little Italy, try Caffe Napoli, 191 Hester St. In Chinatown, try Kam Chouh Restaurant at 40 Bowery St.)

After lunch, you are on your own to return to Times Square for theatre tickets for tonight or to the hotel; or proceed from Little Italy/Chinatown to the South Street Seaport Mall (site of the original Fulton St. Fish Market) for shopping and sightseeing. The South Street Seaport sits at the foot of Brooklyn Bridge (FDR Drive at South St.).

OR

MUSEUM TOUR

Meet a Stokie in the hotel lobby at 9:30 a.m. to go to the Metropolitan Museum (the 'Met') at 5th Ave. and 82nd. Admission is \$10.00 for students with I.D. and \$20.00 for adults. You can lunch at the cafeteria in the Met and continue to view the exhibits until you're ready to leave. (website: <http://www.metmuseum.org>)

6:00 p.m. Eat on your own. (Stage Door Deli at 54th and 7th Ave.? Ray's Pizza again? Soup Kitchen International (a la Seinfeld) on W. 55th near 8th Ave.? Westway Diner at 614 9th Ave.; any place on 9th Ave.?)

8:00 p.m. Play, movie or carriage ride in Central Park; or return to Greenwich Village on your own.

After seeing any play, think about eating at Joe Allen's, 326 W. 46th St. It's a fun place. Look for famous people and theatre stars.. And try to figure out what all the theatre posters on the walls have in common. Call for reservations: (212) 581-6464.

Wednesday, May 14

Breakfast on your own.

10:00 a.m. Leave from lobby to visit the Guggenheim Art Museum. (Admission: students with I.D.: \$15.00; adults: \$18.00)

OR

Leave from the lobby with a Stokes scholar for a daylong visit to the Bronx Zoo. (Adults: \$14.00; Students: ?; Child: \$10.00. On Wednesdays, it's by contribution: whatever you want to pay.)

OR

Sleep in and then see a Wednesday matinee play. Get half price tickets from TKTS beginning at 10 a.m. Curtain is 2 p.m. SHARP!

6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own.

8:00 p.m. A play for some; movies or clubs for others.

Thursday, May 15

Breakfast on your own.

9:30 a.m. Meet with a Stokie in lobby to begin local bus trip to the Cloisters, a branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, devoted to art of the Middle Ages. Contains portions of the arcades of five Medieval Cloisters. (A cloister is the covered walkway surrounding a large open courtyard with access to other parts of the monastery.) Take the subway back; it's much quicker. You should get back in plenty of time (around 4 p.m.) to get a theatre ticket for tonight if you wish. (Admission is the same as it is for the Metropolitan Museum)

OR

Take Circle Line boat cruise around the island of Manhattan. Time: 2 – 3 hours. Make arrangements for this at New York Apple Tours, 8th Ave. and 53rd St. Approximate cost: \$29.00 for 3 hours.

OR

Meet at 7:30 a.m. in lobby for day trip to Atlantic City, the casinos and the Boardwalk. Round-trip bus transportation: \$49.00. Travel time: 2 ½ hours. Leaves hourly from the Port Authority, 42nd St at 8th Ave. Returns at various times. No reservations necessary. Just show up in the lobby and walk to the Port Authority. A Stokie will lead you there.)

5:30 p.m. From the lobby, group leaves for Yankee Stadium (or Shea Stadium... depends on who's playing) to see a ball game. Game time: 7:05 p.m. We'll travel by subway and buy tickets at the gate. Price depends on where you want to sit. About \$15-\$25 should do it.

NOTE: Bring warm coats and your own snacks (pretzels; peanuts; chips; Doritos; cracker jack; etc). Food prices in the stadium are high. Splurge on the beer and hot dogs you can buy there.

Friday, May 16
And
Saturday, May 17

Totally free. Things to do include:

- review this itinerary and do something you haven't already done
- visit Ellis Island
- take a helicopter ride over the city (\$110.00 for 15 min.; \$150.00 for 30 min.)
- picnic in Central Park
- visit the United Nations
- visit the Subway Museum in Brooklyn
- take a Grey Line tour to some part of the city
- visit the Hayden Planetarium at 79th St. and Central Park East
- shop on Orchard St. near Little Italy for designer clothes at cut-rate prices
- visit Playwright's Walk in front of the Lucille Lortel Theatre on Christopher St. in the Village
- eat at the world-famous Katz's Deli; 205 E. Houston St.; (212) 254-2246 (www.katzdeli.com)
- eat at Peanut Butter & Co.; 240 Sullivan St. in the Village (212) 677-3995
- visit the Lower East Side Tenement Museum (What an experience!) Call for reservations (212) 431-0233; 90 Orchard St. at Broome (www.tenement.org.)
- visit Lombardi's pizza in Little Italy, the first and still best pizza in America (they say)
- eat at Serendipity's Ice Cream Parlor, 225 E. 60th at 3rd Ave; (212) 838-3531. Try their humongous \$24.00 banana split called the 'Monster'; call for towing afterward.

Sunday, May 18

Rise and shine at will.
Breakfast on your own.
Pack; clear security box.
Do last-minute souvenir shopping.

12:30 p.m. Board bus for LaGuardia.
3:00 p.m. Continental Flight #133 leaves for Houston.
6:01 p.m. Flight #133 arrives at Intercontinental Airport.

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