



CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK CITY!

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall featuring the Rockettes, Sunday Brunch atop the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square, Two Broadway Productions, New York City sightseeing tour, 9/11 Museum and Memorial, Bateaux New York River Cruise, and Behind the Scenes tour at the New Amsterdam Theatre!

December 1 - 5, 2023

5 Days and 4 Nights

Travel with TRIPS to New York City during the holiday season! The Big Apple is positively brimming with festive goings-on and timeless traditions, and the first weekend in December is *the* time to visit. You'll be wowed by sparkling store windows and holiday light displays. Of course there are few sights as iconic as the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree in Midtown Manhattan! The lighting ceremony will be broadcast live to hundreds of millions around the world just days before you arrive, and you'll be able to see the enormous tree topped by the massive "Swarovski Star." A celebrated Rockefeller Center tradition since 1933, the tree is adorned with more than 50,000 LED lights and the plaza is set aglow with twinkly angels, toy soldiers, wreaths and more!

A stroll down nearby Fifth Avenue will have you stopping in your tracks at the fantastical window displays at shops like Tiffany & Co. and Bergdorf Goodman. Get into the spirit of the season at the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, a joy for kids of all ages! Marvel at New York's skyline as you cruise along the Hudson River while enjoying lunch. There truly is no better time to enjoy New York City than during the Holiday Season, and no better way to see it than with TRIPS!

Itinerary

December 1, 2023 - New York and Times Square

You depart for **New York** this morning, where on arrival you'll be met and assisted with your transfer to your hotel, the **M Social**, in the heart of the theater district at **52nd and Broadway!** This is the perfect home base, featuring enthralling views of **Times Square** from the terrace bar. This evening you will enjoy a special **Welcome Dinner** to celebrate your first day in New York City!

Overnight: M Social Times Square

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December 2, 2023 - Radio City and Broadway

This morning, you might choose to head out for a quick and inexpensive breakfast at a local deli or cafe before starting your day with the **Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall!** The **Radio City Rockettes** have been dazzling audiences since 1933. Their performance of "**Parade of the Wooden Soldiers**" is a classic, and you'll be mesmerized by their precision as they strut their versatility. Some tap, some swing, some ballet and of course, lots of high kicks! You'll easily see why the Rockettes have been a New York tradition for more than 80 years. You'll have **tickets to a Broadway production** today as well. With more than 40 theaters, the great successes of Broadway are many. From *My Fair Lady* to *Aladdin* and *The Phantom of*

the Opera, the list of iconic Broadway shows that debuted on the **Great White Way** continues to grow. Nearer to departure, you'll be able to make a choice from several shows being offered. This evening enjoy dinner on your own at one of the restaurants, delis or cafes in the area. From casual to fine dining, from steak to BBQ, there are options galore!

Overnight: M Social Times Square

December 3, 2023 - Brunch and Broadway

Enjoy **Sunday Brunch** at **The View** atop the **Marriott Marquis Hotel** in Times Square. Experience **New York City's only revolving restaurant** where the sweeping vistas are complemented by the irresistible cuisine. The revolving floor makes a 360° turn every hour, ensuring an ever-changing perspective for the ultimate dining experience **48 stories above New York!** Your **afternoon matinee** brings you another choice of Broadway shows that you'll be able to select from closer to departure. The remainder of the day afterward is at your leisure. Wander down **Madison Avenue** and check out the holiday windows at Barneys, take a picture in front of the **beautifully decorated Plaza Hotel** or stroll down **Fifth Avenue** to take in the windows of Tiffany's, Cartier and Harry Winston. Don't miss **Rockefeller Center** to gaze at the tree and admire the figure skaters! Today is sure to be a quintessential Christmas-time day in

New York City!

Overnight: M Social Times Square

(Brunch)

December 4, 2023 - New York Sightseeing

After breakfast on your own, visit the **9/11 Memorial Museum** honoring the memory of those killed. This self-guided tour includes the films "Facing Crisis: America Under Attack" and "Facing Crisis: A Changed World." Paying reverent homage to the nearly 3,000 victims of the attacks, the museum also recognizes the thousands who survived, and all who showed extraordinary courage and compassion in the catastrophe's aftermath. There is time for you to visit the adjacent **9/11 Memorial Plaza** as well. The Memorial features two enormous waterfalls and reflecting pools, each about an acre in size, set within the footprints of the original Twin Towers. The names of every person who perished that day are inscribed into bronze panels edging the Memorial pools, a powerful reminder to us all. This afternoon features a **lunch cruise aboard Bateaux New York's unique European-inspired, glass enclosed dining vessel**. Bateaux offers you a sophisticated way to sightsee while enjoying a three-course plated lunch. Imagine seeing the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and One World Trade Center while dining and listening to tunes from the accompanying pianist. You'll cruise on the Hudson and East Rivers while hearing a bit about the area. Most guests choose dressy-casual attire for this special lunch. Then you're off on a **sightseeing tour** - anointed as the unofficial

"capital of the world," New York City is undoubtedly one of the greatest and most interesting cities you'll ever visit. From world-famous Central Park to Museum Mile, you'll learn all about the Big Apple and why we love to visit. After a full day you'll return to your hotel with the remainder of the day, including dinner, to enjoy at your leisure.

Overnight: M Social Times Square

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December 5, 2023 - Behind the Scenes

After checking out of the hotel, but before your airport transfer, there is one last special inclusion - a **backstage tour of the New Amsterdam Theatre!** Discover the beautifully restored art and architecture of this landmark Broadway theatre built in 1903, and also explore the history and magic of Disney Theatrical Productions. Once home to the legendary **Ziegfeld Follies**, it has housed some of the biggest hits on Broadway from Mary Poppins to The Lion King. After having fallen into disrepair, Disney Productions signed a long term lease for the property in 1995 and set about restoring the New Amsterdam to its original use and grandeur. You'll get a **rare look inside the Prop and Costume Studio** housing original stage pieces from shows such as The Lion King and Beauty and the Beast. You'll learn secrets behind many of the costumes and get to try some on! It's a great opportunity to really see, experience, touch and feel what you see onstage! After your behind the scenes tour, transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Memories of Christmas in New York will be with you for years to come!**

**Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

Christmas in New York

\$3,998.00

per person / double occupancy

Single Supplement
is an additional \$998.00



Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Roundtrip airfare to the New York area (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Roundtrip transfers from airport to hotel
- 4 nights lodging at M Social - Times Square
- New York City Welcome Dinner
- Bateaux New York Lunch Cruise on the Hudson and East Rivers featuring a three-course meal and live pianist
- Behind the Scenes tour of the New Amsterdam Theatre
- Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall featuring the Rockettes
- Sunday Brunch at The View atop the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square
- 2 Broadway Productions
- Sightseeing tour of New York City
- 9/11 Museum and Memorial
- Services of a full time escort
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- All government fees, taxes and fuel surcharges

Call today to reserve your space!!!

Reservations for "Christmas in New York!" are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$650.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to August 14, 2023. **Final Payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before August 14, 2023.**

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

100% non-refundable on August 14, 2023.

Please note that a portion of all proceeds will benefit Festival 56, and a minimum of 10 travelers is required for this tour to operate.

Make checks payable to **Festival 56**

Mail to: Festival 56 - Attention: Kathy Missel

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