

# Lakota West High School Band Followers Tour of New York City Including the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade November 25 – 29, 2013

The following itinerary provides an overview of your tour events and timings. **\*\***<u>It is important to understand that times and activities are subject to change before or during the tour</u>.

## Working Itinerary

September 20, 2013

#### Monday, November 25, 2013

Arrival	Welcome to New York! Transportation between the airport and hotel is not included.
4:00 pm	Check-in time at the hotel. Your Tour Manager will assist with hotel check-in. If you arrive earlier in the day, you will have the option to check your bag.
	The Westin New York Grand Central
	212 East 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street
	New York, NY 10017
	Phone: (212) 490-8900
	Fax: (212) 405-4299
	Website: www.westinnewyorkgrandcentral.com
Free Time	Once you have checked in, you are free to explore the city on your own.
Dinner	On your own



## Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Breakfast	On your own
Free Time	Today is free for you to explore on your own (no transportation provided). Some suggestions include a cruise to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, a walk through Central Park, a ride to the top of the Empire State Building, or a 'hop on/hop off' bus tour through the city. Your Tour Manager will be available for assistance.
Lunch	On your own
Dinner	On your own
Broadway Show	Attend the Broadway show you have previously chosen. It is recommended that you arrive 30 minutes prior to the start time of your show.
7:00 pm	<i>Phantom</i> begins at the Majestic Theatre (247 West 44 <sup>th</sup> Street). (Estimated running time: 2 hours and 30 minutes, including intermission)
7:00 pm	<i>Lion King!</i> begins at the Minskoff Theatre (200 West 45 <sup>th</sup> Street). (Estimated running time: 2 hours and 30 minutes, including intermission)
7:30 pm	Spiderman begins at the Foxwoods Theatre (213 West 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street). (Estimated running time: 2 hours and 30 minutes, including intermission)



## Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Breakfast	On your own
8:45 am	Meet in the hotel lobby to split into bus groups. You will have motorcoach transportation provided from 9:00 am to 5:45 pm today.
9:00 am	Licensed New York City guides will join you on your motorcoaches and narrate your tour as you explore the different neighborhoods and sights of this amazing city. Some sights you might visit include St. Patrick's Cathedral, Little Italy and Chinatown, Battery Park and Ground Zero.
Approx. 12:00 pm	Lunch on your own in Chinatown or Little Italy
Shopping or Exploring	Enjoy free time to shop around Chinatown and Little Italy.
2:30 pm	Depart for 9/11 Memorial.
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 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.
3:00 pm 3:30 pm	Group 1: 9/11 entry time (82 people) Group 2: 9/11 entry time (83 people)
FDNY Memorial	Visit the FDNY Memorial Wall before or after your visit to the 9/11 Memorial. A fifty-six foot long bronze wall of cast bas-relief bronze honors those firefighters who gave their lives in service to the public on September 11, 2001. It contains the names of every active member of the department who perished in the collapse of the Towers. It is comprised of fourteen individual bronze panels brazed together into an artwork weighing over three tons; the monument tribute is set into the west wall of Engine Company 10 – Ladder Company 10 on the corner of Greenwich and Liberty Streets. "Ten House" was damaged in the collapse of the Twin Towers, sitting directly south of the former World Trade Center Plaza.
5:00 pm	Depart for dinner. Please note: Remember to remove all belongings from your buses as this is the last transfer of the day.
5:45 pm	Group dinner at Naples 45 in Grand Central Terminal Menu: Crisp tossed mixed green salad, chicken cutlets with lemon and oregano, penne pasta caprese with fresh mozzarella, basil and tomato, neopolitan meat lasagna, chocolate mousse cake with unlimited soft drinks
7:00 pm	Option to walk together to Radio City Music Hall, a 15 minute walk from the restaurant.
8:00 pm	Attend the Radio City Christmas Spectacular – America's most beloved holiday show starring the world-famous Rockettes. <b>(Estimated running time: 1 hour and 30 minutes)</b>



### Thursday, November 28, 2013 - Happy Thanksgiving

Breakfast	On your own
♫ Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade	Make your way to find a spot to view the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The parade starts at 9:00 am at 77th Street and Central Park West, and ends at Macy's on 34th Street and 6th Avenue.
Free Time	The afternoon is on your own.
Lunch	On your own
4:45 pm	Meet in the hotel lobby to split into bus groups. You will have motorcoach transportation this evening between the hotel and the restaurant.
5:00 pm	Depart for Liberty House Restaurant.
6:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner and DJ dance with the Lakota West High School group at Liberty House Restaurant Menu: Freshly baked corn bread and biscuits, traditional fresh Vermont turkey, bourbon glazed ham, stuffing, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, Caesar salad, natural turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, unlimited soda, coffee, tea or juice.
Approx. 9:30 pm	Transfer by motorcoach to the hotel.

#### Friday, November 29, 2013

- Breakfast On your own
- **12:00 pm** Check-out time at the hotel. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check out logistics. Transportation between the hotel and airport is not included.