



Education First

Explore America

NEW YORK & WASHINGTON, D.C.

8 days | New York City | Washington, D.C.



Your itinerary

Day 1

Welcome to New York City!

Travel to New York City, which British explorer Henry Hudson "discovered" in 1609 while searching for a passage to China. Today, the Big Apple is the largest metropolis in the United States. Upon arrival, meet your EF Explore America Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay. A private motorcoach will transfer you to your downtown hotel. For the remainder of your tour, your included MetroCard will be your access to the subway and your key to the city.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Dinner Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Hotel in New York City

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in New York City

Day 2

Breakfast Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

Ferry to Liberty Island to marvel at the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France in honor of the French-U.S. alliance. Continue on to Ellis Island, which welcomed millions of immigrants to the New World around the turn of the century. Ellis Island is now the site of a museum chronicling the history of immigration.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Free Time in Chelsea Market

Walk the High Line

The High Line was built in the 1930s, as part of a massive public-private infrastructure project called the West Side Improvement. It lifted freight traffic 30 feet in the air, removing dangerous trains from the streets of Manhattan's largest industrial district. No trains have run on the High Line since 1980, and today Friends of the High Line works in partnership with the City of New York to preserve and maintain the structure as an elevated public park.

Visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum

Explore the global implications of the events of September 11, 2001 at the National September 11 Memorial Museum, which displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11 while presenting stories of loss and recovery. Afterwards, visit the Memorial's twin reflecting pools, which sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood.

Dinner Included

Your Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

NYC Skyscraper Experience

Enjoy views of New York City from one of its iconic skyscrapers: the Empire State Building Observatory, Top of the Rock, Edge at Hudson Yards, or One World Observatory.

Overnight in New York City

Day 3

Breakfast Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

Museum of Natural History

Marvel at an array of cultural treasures, artifacts and exhibits inside this renowned four-story museum spanning several city blocks. Gaze at massive Tyrannosaurus Rex and Stegosaurus skeletons in the Fossil Halls, discover the complexity of earth's other creatures at exhibits on mammals and marine life, get up close to meteorites and moon rocks and be dazzled by the 563-carat Star of India, the world's largest star sapphire.

Guided Tour of Central Park

Join your licensed guide for a romp through New York's backyard playground. Admire the 58 hand-carved horses parading around the Friedsam Memorial Carousel, brought to the park from Coney Island. Later, head over to the boathouse and Tavern on the Green. Continue through Bethesda Terrace, one of Central Park's best places for people watching, and find the statue of Alice in Wonderland at the northern end of the Conservatory Water.

Lunch Included

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Metropolitan Museum of Art

With more than 3 million objects in its collection, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is home to one of the most extensive art collections in the world. The galleries include works from the Paleolithic era to the contemporary avant-garde. Among the museum's most popular exhibits are Egyptian artifacts, Oriental sculpture, ancient glasswork, African art, early European musical instruments, and American decorative art.

Dinner Included

Your Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Broadway Show

Enjoy your Broadway show, sure to be an unforgettable theater experience!

Overnight in New York City

Day 4

Breakfast Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

Tour of the United Nations

Get an insider's look at the United Nations and see the Security Council Chamber and General Assembly Hall. Subject to private tour availability.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Museum of Modern Art

Visit New York's world-class Museum of Modern Art. The MoMA opened in 1929 to great controversy over its then shockingly modern collection. Today, it is the premier contemporary art museum in the world, and houses more than 100,000 works of art—paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs and architectural models—dating from 1880 to the present.

Guided Tour of New York City

A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of New York City. You'll explore the mosaic of Manhattan neighborhoods that make the city so unique. Drive through Greenwich Village, New York's eclectic province of bohemians, immigrants and students, and pass the cast-iron architecture of impossibly trendy SoHo (from "SOuth of HOuston Street"). And it just might feel as if you've left the States and crossed an ocean as you take in the vibrant life of Chinatown and the personality of Little Italy.

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Breakfast Included

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Travel to Washington, D.C.

Lunch Included

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Guided Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Your Tour Director, a licensed Washington, D.C. guide, introduces you to the sites where national policies and political reputations are formed and reformed daily. Take a photo in front of the White House, home of every U.S. president except George Washington. View the iconic Washington Monument from the grassy National Mall, and look for your home state at the National WWII Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II.

The Smithsonian Museums

Explore all that the Smithsonian's museums have to offer during a self-guided visit. The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum and research complex, endowed by James Smithson and created by an act of Congress in 1846.

Explore the Tidal Basin

Continue your exploration of Washington, D.C. with a walk around the Tidal Basin for some of the most impressive memorials in D.C.: the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial.

Dinner in Washington

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Guided Evening Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Experience the magic of seeing Washington's most impressive sights illuminated during your evening scenic tour downtown. Points of interest on your tour include the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.

Hotel in Washington, D.C. area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 6

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Excursion to Mount Vernon

Travel through the Virginia countryside to Mount Vernon, the lovely retreat overlooking the Potomac River where George and Martha Washington lived from 1754 to 1799. Explore the elegant estate's 500 acres of grounds and gardens, including the reconstructed slave quarters, Slave Memorial, and Washington's tomb.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture, where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience, what it means to their lives, and how it helped shape this nation. Subject to availability.

Dinner in Washington

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Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 7

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Travel to Charlottesville

Visit to Monticello

Begun in 1770 and completely designed by Thomas Jefferson, the estate of Monticello was completed in 1809. The 35-room house was his home for 56 years and is now a national shrine. The brick mansion has a Greek portico and a Roman-style dome and is filled with innovations like a dumbwaiter to the wine cellar, an all-weather passage linking the kitchen and dining room, and an indoor compass to register wind direction via a rooftop weathervane. The president is buried in the family plot on the grounds.

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Day 8

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

The Smithsonian Museums

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Depart for Home

Your tour director assists with your return home.