



**OAK BAY CHOIR
NEW YORK CITY TOUR
7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS
MARCH 10-16, 2016**

Thu Mar 10 VICTORIA/ NEW YORK CITY

Group to walk on 7am ferry to Vancouver (own expense) where you will be picked up at Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal by Universal Coach and transferred directly to SeaTac Airport. Check in upon arrival at SeaTac (no later than 2pm)

4:05pm Depart Seattle on Alaska Air flight #014*

11:59pm Arrive Newark Airport

Upon arrival in Newark you will met and transferred to your hotel by private coach.

6 nights accommodation including breakfast at

Hampton Inn and Suites 337 W. 39th St New York (Times Square), Tel: 212-967-2344.

Hotel does not have private room for you to use but advises "you are more than welcome to use the lounge area that is located all the way in the back and is open to the public."

Fri Mar 11 NEW YORK CITY (B+D)

Breakfast buffet is included and available from 6-10am on the main floor of the hotel

10:15am Meet your tour guide in the lobby for your **guided coach tour of Manhattan (10:30-1:30pm)**. The tour will pass by many famous New York landmarks including Central Park, Lincoln Center, Grand Central Station, Empire State Building and the Fifth Avenue shopping area.

4:45pm Depart hotel for **5pm** group dinner with the singing wait staff at **Ellen's Stardust Diner** 1650 Broadway (between 51st and 52nd Streets). Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Center is a 10 minute walk from the restaurant if the evening is clear and the group wants to see breathtaking views of New York from 70 stories above the street! (admission not included)

at Mar 12 NEW YORK CITY (B+D)

Breakfast buffet is included and available from 6-10am on the main floor of the hotel

8:30am Meet in lobby for your 8:45am coach transfer to the **Metropolitan Museum of Art** where group will commence a self guided tour at **9:30am**. The Met's permanent collection contains more than 2 million works of art, divided into nineteen curatorial departments. Represented in the permanent collection are works of art from classical antiquity and Ancient Egypt, paintings and sculptures from nearly all the European masters, and an extensive collection of American and modern art. After your tour grab a quick lunch (not included) at the Museum's cafeteria.

12:30pm Meet your coach outside the museum (81st Street and Fifth) for the transfer to **Achievement First Brooklyn High School** 1485 Pacific Street, Brooklyn to participate in their **Music Festival** (approx. 1:30-2:15pm)

2:30pm Transfer by coach from school back to hotel

4:45pm Depart hotel for **5:00-6:30pm group dinner** at **John's Pizza**, 260 W 44th St. and then depart by subway (No 1 train to 66th St/Lincoln Center Station) for **Lincoln Centre**, 30 Lincoln Center Plaza (64th and Broadway) for the 8:00pm **Metropolitan Opera** presentation of **Le Nozze di Figaro** – a trip highlight! Opera is approx. 3½ hours with a 35 minute intermission. Take subway back to hotel.

Sun Mar 13 NEW YORK CITY (B+L)

Breakfast buffet is included and available from 6-10am on the main floor of the hotel

12:30-2:30pm Enjoy **Sunday Brunch** and a performance with the **Harlem Gospel Choir** at **BB King Blues Club** 237 W 42nd St. (between 7th and 8th Ave – 10 min walk from hotel).

After brunch walk down 42nd Street to the water for your sightseeing cruise.

2:45pm Check in at **Circle Line Cruises** (Pier 83 - West 42nd St and 12th Ave) where you will board a tour boat and view New York from the water as you **cruise Manhattan Island** on a 90 minute cruise (**3:30-5:00pm**). Your cruise will sail past many renowned landmarks with magnificent close-ups of the Statue of Liberty. Walk back to hotel (approx. 15 minutes).

6:45pm Depart hotel for the Broadway musical, **Les Miserables** at Imperial Theater 249 W 45th Street (between 7th and 8th Aves). Show runs from 7:30pm-10:25pm with 1 intermission. Walk back to hotel (approx. 10 minutes). Group can get snack/fast food after cruise or en route to theatre.

on Mar 14 NEW YORK CITY (B+D)

Breakfast buffet is included and available from 6-10am on the main floor of the hotel.

9:00am Depart hotel and walk to your **Broadway Workshop, Musical Theater through Song and Movement**, at **Pearl Studios**, 500 8th Ave (between 36 and 35 Streets) **9:30-11:00am**.

Immediately following your workshop take subway to East Village (allow 30 minutes) and grab a quick lunch (not included) before your performance. Iconic Katz Jewish Deli is about 5 minutes from the church and there are many other places to eat in the area. Meet at church at **1:00pm**.

1:30-2:15pm Performance at **Most Holy Redeemer Church**, 173 East 3rd Street (between Avenue A and B), for the students of **Cornelia Connelly Center**. Return to hotel.

5:00pm Depart hotel for your **Group dinner (5:15-6:45pm)** at **Bubba Gump's** 1501 Broadway (between 43rd and 44th Ave). After dinner, group can walk or take subway to Lincoln Center (please allow 30 minutes for either option)

7:30pm Enjoy the **LA Philharmonic** performing at **David Geffen Hall**, 10 Lincoln Center Plaza, Broadway at 65th Street. (**8:00-10:00pm** with one intermission). Return to hotel by subway after the concert.

The King & I

Tue Mar 15 NEW YORK CITY (B+D)

Breakfast included at your hotel.

8:30am Meet your guide at the hotel and take the subway to **Lower Manhattan** for your **walking tour**. Sights will include Wall Street and the Financial District, Battery Park and **Ground Zero**-the location of the September attacks on the World Trade Centre. At 12:30pm your choir will be able to attend the 10 minutes prayer for peace at **St Paul's Chapel** before your performance. After prayers, your host, Josh, will arrive to meet you and introduce you to the audience that has gathered. The Chapel is where the firefighters sought refuge during the 9-11 attacks.

Performance is from **1:00 pm -1:30 pm**. Return to your hotel.

4:30pm Depart for dinner at **Dallas BBQ (4:45-5:45pm)** 241 West 42nd St (between 7th & 8th Ave)

6:30pm Lion King Musical at the **Minskoff Theatre** 200 West 45th St (between 7th & 8th Ave) Show runs from **7:00-9:30pm** with 1 intermission. Walk back to hotel.

Wed Mar 16 NEW YORK / VICTORIA (B)

3:45am Meet in lobby and load coach for your transfer to the airport for your flight back to Seattle. Alaska Airlines check in counter opens at 4:30am

7:00am Depart Newark on Alaska Air flight #017*

10:00am Arrive SeaTac Airport. Upon arrival you will be transferred by Universal Coach to the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal for your ferry home (approx 5pm).

*flight times subject to change

There will be a lot of walking on this trip. Please ensure you have comfortable shoes and break in your footwear BEFORE taking them on the trip - your feet will thank you!

Inclusions:

- ✓ Round trip 56 seater coach from Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal to SeaTac Airport
- ✓ Airfare from Seattle to New York return including departure taxes
- ✓ 6 nights Hotel Accommodation (12 quad rooms for students, 4 rooms for chaperones)
- ✓ Airport/Hotel transfers and 2 half days transportation in one 54 seater coach per itinerary
- ✓ 7 day New York Subway passes
- ✓ Guided NY City panorama tour
- ✓ Lower Manhattan walking tour
- ✓ Daily Breakfast at hotel
- ✓ Sunday Brunch and Harlem Gospel Choir performance

- ✓ 4 Group Dinners
- ✓ Gratuities for the tour guides
- ✓ Entrance to the Metropolitan Museum
- ✓ Broadway Classroom Workshop
- 3 Choir performances
- ✓ 4 concerts including: 2 Musicals, Lincoln Center and the Metropolitan Opera
- ✓ \$50 per person luggage allowance towards airline luggage fees (1 piece of luggage PP each way)
- ✓ Out of Province Emergency Medical Insurance (coverage for all Canadian residents up to age 65 who have valid provincial health coverage)
- ✓ Taxes and service charges
- ✓ Services of Affinity Group Tours

Not Included:

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Ferry costs
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Optional tours, activities and excursions
- Upgrade to Student Youth Insurance Package includes: Emergency out of Province Medical, Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Flight & Travel Accident and Baggage Insurance (based on a minimum of 16 purchasing the cost is \$105.00 CAD Per person)
- Excess luggage Fees charged by the airlines

All monies are non-refundable and there are no refunds for unused services. Services are subject to availability at time of booking. Another important note is that your final price is dependent on your final numbers. Therefore, if your numbers fluctuate then so will your tour price. Tour package subject to fuel price increases. This tour is costed at a guaranteed 1.25 exchange rate based on the Canadian – US Dollar.

Important: All participants must be in possession of a valid Passport to enter the United States. If any persons are not Canadian citizens, they may require special paperwork or a US Visa. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure they have the correct documentation to enter the US and to re-enter Canada following the tour.

MEALS ON BOARD YOUR FLIGHT

Alaska Air **only accepts credit cards for meals and onboard entertainment** (headset rental) **onboard their flights**. We recommend students carry a preloaded credit card and/or purchase food at the airport after clearing customs and security.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DESTINATION

HOTEL: Complimentary WiFi in each hotel room.

Phones: Phones will be turned off in student rooms. Students should purchase phone card or make calls from the pay phones in the lobby or use their cell phone. Note: roaming and long distance charges can be very high. Please check with your cell phone provider before your trip or consider purchasing a phone in the US or using prepaid phone cards.

SAFETY

Please leave jewellery and other valuables at home. The teachers should be storing the passports and theater tickets in the hotel safe. Each hotel room has a safe. Students should be responsible for holding their own cash and debit/credit cards. We recommend using a money pouch which should be waterproof.

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Radio City Music Hall
 45 mins
 → 1 hr (behind the scene)
 Lincoln Centre

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