



Welcome aboard our annual springtime tour to New York City! We are thrilled to share wonderful memories of “The Big Apple” as it blossoms into vibrant and warm colours! Visit famous Central Park as the flowers and trees come into full bloom, see a top Broadway show and marvel at the lights of Times Square. We look forward to professionally and effectively managing this escape so you can forget the usual travel hassles and simply enjoy yourself! Below is a daily itinerary. Take time to read through the daily layout and imagine yourself living it up in the city that never sleeps. Pay close attention to the “Important Information” section, located on the last page of this itinerary and do not hesitate to call the office with any questions or concerns. Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you and providing a safe and fun travel experience.

- Sincerely, Greg Collins, President Collins Tours

Tentative Pick-Up Locations & Times

NOVA SCOTIA - Main Coach

- Halifax, Sobeys Lacewood Dr – TBA
- Halifax Airport Quality Inn – TBA
- Dartmouth Crossing – Hampton Inn - TBA
- Truro Heights, Irving Big Stop – TBA

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- Charlottetown Mall-Superstore Entrance shuttle to NB – TBA

NEW BRUNSWICK

- Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonald’s – TBA
- Saint John Route 1 Irving Big Stop – TBA
- Fredericton, shuttle to St. Stephen – TBA
- Lincoln, Irving Big Stop - TBA

Day 1: Thursday, May 16 – Home -> Courtyard Marriott, South Portland ME

- Your group travel and NYC experience begins today! Meet your coach or shuttle at the designated meeting point assigned to you. All pick up locations are final, please see list of pick ups above.
- All stops for passenger pick-up will be brief (10-15 min). We ask that you remain on the coach. Today’s drive includes coffee and lunch breaks (your expense).
- All our tours are preregistered with Customs & Immigration so expect minimal delays at border crossings. Your tour manager will represent you during our appointment at the



U.S. border, but you are responsible for having *proper identification and ensuring you can legally enter the U.S. Be sure to adjust your watches (1-hr back).

- Enjoy a 25-minute stop for coffee and snacks in Bangor before our late afternoon arrival in Portland, Maine.
- For those who are interested in being dropped off at the Maine Mall in Portland before hotel check in, we will make a short stop and drop off at the mall first, and then return at 8:00 p.m. for your transfer back to the hotel. While shopping and enjoying dinner (on own) your luggage will be sent to your room.
- For those going directly to the hotel, we will continue there after our short drop off and your tour manager will check you in, have your bag sent to your room, and hand out your key cards, all part of our signature group tour check in service, offered on all our motorcoach tours - one of the many perks of group travel.
- Dinner is on your own this evening (price not included). For those going to the Maine Mall you have many choices in the eatery or at different restaurants located outside of the Mall in the parking lot area. Our hotel also has a Bistro pub and can offer dinner (limited menu) and alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages for convenience. Shoppers - The coach will pick you up and transfer you back to the hotel.

Day 2: Friday, May 17 – Portland -> Marriott Marquis, New York City (B) ****Broadway Show TBA****

- This morning, enjoy breakfast (**included**) before checking out of your room in time for our departure. Your tour manager handles group check out.
- Today's drive takes us from Maine and on into New Hampshire before stopping for lunch at the Blue Colony Diner (your expense). From here, we do not have far to go before we enter New York state, and arrive at our hotel.
- Our hotel for the next two nights is the iconic Marriott Marquis Times Square Hotel, located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan! Collins Tours signature check-in provided again today.
- Feel free to sample New York's world-famous cuisine (on own) before your amazing night to see the Broadway performance.
- This evening it is time to enjoy your night on Broadway! Your tour package includes a ticket to a famous Broadway musical! Meet your tour manager once again on the motor coach next to your hotel to enjoy your complimentary transfer to the theatre. Your tour manager will distribute the theatre tickets in advance.
- Please meet your tour manager 15 minutes following the show for transportation back to the hotel at a location convenient for our coach (location TBA) and for those who wish to walk back to the hotel please advise your tour manager prior to the start of the show.
- After the performance you are free to explore the "city that never sleeps" (on own).



Day 3: Saturday, May 18 – New York City (City Tour)

- Get set for another fabulous day with our professionally guided tour of New York City courtesy of our local guide! Experience magical Central Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Centre, a drive through financial district, Wall Street, St. Paul's Chapel, and Battery Park for a photo opportunity of the Statue of Liberty (weather permitting).
- Today's lunch break will be on your own.
- After lunch we make our way to the "Top of the Rock Observatory" located in Rockefeller Plaza. This is New York City's most amazing attraction! The unforgettable experience includes a panoramic 360-degree, unobstructed view from the 70th floor observatory, 850 feet in the sky! (**included**)
- We return to the hotel late this afternoon. Enjoy a rest or head out for more shopping



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& dining! Enjoy dinner and the rest of the evening on your own.

Day 4: Sunday, May 19 – New York -> Hampton Inn, Augusta, ME

- Wake up in New York City! Enjoy breakfast this morning (on your own). Be sure to cover any personal expenses (i.e. Internet charges, movie rentals) at check out this morning.
- Enjoy a late morning check out! Please have your luggage ready for pick up and it will be stored on the bus so you can shop and enjoy the area around the hotel at your leisure, all morning.
- Meet your tour manager for departure from the Big Apple and head North to Augusta, Maine.
- Our first stop this afternoon will be a brief rest stop, and then we will continue for our stop for dinner (your expense). From there we will travel to the Hampton Inn Augusta - our home for the night.

Day 5: Monday, May 20 – Augusta -> Home (B)

- Enjoy a hot buffet breakfast (**included**) before our morning departure. We will be making a rest stop and a one-hour-long lunch stop along our route.
- Next stop is the Duty-Free shop where you will have quick stop to find those last-minute value purchases. Duty free allowance for this trip is \$800 per person (important details section).
- Our group is then set to check in with Canadian Customs & Immigration for our scheduled crossing. Please have your passports ready along with your Customs & Immigration forms completed while your tour manager represents the group.
- Back on Atlantic Standard Time, we begin to bid farewell to our fellow travelers, dropping all clients back at their original pick-up points:

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Lincoln, Irving Big Stop – TBA
Saint John Route 1 Irving Big Stop – TBA
Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonald's – TBA

NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, Sobeys Lacewood Dr – TBA
Dartmouth Crossing – Hampton Inn - TBA
Quality Inn, Halifax Airport – TBA
Truro Heights, Irving Big Stop – TBA

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Charlottetown Mall-Superstore Entrance – TBA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are **ONLY a guideline (estimates)** and may need to be modified by your tour manager and are subject to change due to various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, and other “Acts of God.” Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd. is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events. No refunds or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences.

Hotels Contact Information:

Courtyard Marriott, 100 Southborough Dr. South Portland, Maine, Ph: 1-207-253-5005
Marriott Marquis Hotel NYC – 1535 Broadway, New York, NY, Ph: 1-212-398-1900
Hampton Inn Augusta, 388 Western Ave. Augusta, Maine, Ph: 1-207-622-4077

- Customs & Immigration: **Everyone entering the U.S. must have a Valid Passport.** U.S. Customs has the right to refuse entry to anyone with a past record. Please check with border agents to confirm your status if you are concerned about entry in the USA. Collins Tours is not responsible for any matters relating to your refusal at the border, and will not provide compensation, reimbursements or refunds for denied entry into the USA. All passengers who may be affected by a past record or criminal offence will be responsible for their own transportation back to original pick up locations. All prescription medication needs to be clearly labeled in order for Customs and Immigration to clear it.
- Duty Free Rules allow each person to claim \$800 if they have been out of the country for at least 48 hours.

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- To simplify your shopping experiences, purchase American currency in advance, as many US banks will not exchange your money without a US bank account. Debit cards must be VISA or MasterCard flagged in order to be accepted at US stores.
- Please remove all personal belongings when departing the bus. We're not responsible for items left behind
- **REMEMBER:** your tour manager handles: hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation at Concerts and Customs and Immigration. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or her experience to the fullest.
- **Gratuities for your Tour Manager and driver are not included in your tour price.**
 - Tour director **tipping guidelines** are \$6 - \$8 per person per day
 - \$4 - \$6 per person per day for the bus driver
 - \$3 per person per day for any professional city tour guides.



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We look forward to assisting you with all your future travel needs!