



Welcome aboard our 43rd annual escorted tour to New York City for the holidays! This trip is guaranteed to be a magical experience, sure to put you in the holiday spirit! Once again, we will stay at the stunning Marriott Marquis Hotel in the heart of Midtown Manhattan! Experience a hit Broadway musical included in your tour and an optional second Broadway show (included for new bookings made until Dec 31, 2023), plus experience Radio City Music Hall's famous Christmas Spectacular, starring the Rockettes, and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Manhattan. Thanksgiving week in NYC is an extra special week as you have a chance to attend the world-famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Plus, your stay in New York includes a professionally guided tour! Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you and delivering an enjoyable escape where all you have to do is... sit back, relax, and enjoy yourself!

Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

Day 1 - Sunday, Nov 24 – Courtyard Marriott, South Portland, ME

- Your holiday getaway begins today! Meet your coach or shuttle at the designated meeting point assigned to you.
- All stops for passenger pick-up/drop off will be brief (10-15 min.) and we ask that you remain on the coach unless the stop is a scheduled coffee break or lunch.

TENTATIVE PICK-UP LOCATIONS & DEPARTURE TIMES

Nova Scotia Travellers:

- **Halifax**, Sobeys Lacewood Drive – 6:15am
- **Dartmouth Crossing**, Hampton Inn – 6:45am
- **Halifax Airport**, Quality Inn – 7:05am
- **Truro Heights**, Circle K Big Stop – 7:45am

New Brunswick Travellers:

- **Aulac** Big Stop – TBA, 20 min rest stop
- **Moncton**, Magnetic Hill McDonalds – 9:50am
- **Saint John**, Rte. 1 Irving – 10:110am (shuttle to Lincoln)
- **Fredericton**, Lincoln Big Stop – 11:30am-12:30pm

Prince Edward Island Travellers: Charlottetown

Mall Superstore Entrance – 7:00am

- For your convenience, today's drive includes coffee breaks and an hour lunch along the way (your expense), before crossing the border.
- All tours are pre-registered with Customs & Immigration, meaning minimal delays at border crossings.
- Your tour manager will represent you, during our appointment at the border; however, you are responsible for having proper identification and ensuring you can legally enter the United States. Also, please read the section on prescription medication when crossing border (last page).
- Once we enter Maine, be sure to adjust those watches an hour back to Eastern Standard Time.

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- For those interested we will drop you off at the Maine Mall to allow shopping and dining at that location (**on own, your expense**). Later, we will pick you up and shuttle you to our hotel where your luggage will be waiting in your room for you.
- Please note there is a small bistro inside our hotel and does have a limited menu. We ask that you keep in mind there is a limited staff serving this in the evening and recommended to eat at the mall or a larger restaurant located near our stay.
- Relax while your tour manager checks the group in, distributes your room key, and has your bag (one per person included) sent to your room.

Day 2 - Monday, Nov 25 – Portland – Marriott Marquis Times Square, NYC (B) *Christmas Spectacular Show*

- Enjoy a full breakfast (**included**) this morning. Your tour manager will check the group out of the hotel. Please be sure to cover the cost of any incidentals (e.g., room service, movie rentals) as you are responsible for these personal charges.
- Today's drive takes us from Maine and on into New Hampshire & Massachusetts. We'll make our way to Connecticut and will stop at the Blue Colony Diner for a fabulous lunch (your expense). Please note, the portions are large at this restaurant, we suggest splitting most meals.
- Next stop, the Big Apple! Welcome to the magnificent Marriott Marquis Hotel located in the **heart of Manhattan!**
- Take your first bite out of The Big Apple. Dinner is on your own tonight (your expense). Plenty of dining options surround you, such as Rosie O'Grady's Irish Pub, Applebee's, the Olive Garden in Times Square, Ray's Pizza or TGI Friday's just to name a few!
- Following dinner, we will meet inside the hotel and then take our private motorcoach to the Radio City Music Hall. Tickets are included for a performance of the Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes! This 90-minute production is sure to put you in the holiday spirit and one to remember!
- Meet your Tour Manager 15 minutes after the show at a designated meeting point for a motorcoach shuttle back to our hotel. Transfer back to the hotel is included following the show and the rest of the evening you are free to roam the Big Apple on your own! For those who are wishing to walk back you may advise your tour manager.



Day 3 - Tuesday, Nov 26 – New York Marriott Marquis – *Included Broadway Show (TBA)*

- Take time to enjoy breakfast New York City style (your expense). There are plenty of options within walking distance of our centrally located hotel.
- Meet your tour director in the lobby for an exciting 4-hr guided sightseeing tour, with our local tour guide, featuring a short walking tour of Central Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Plaza, the Financial District and Battery Park for a photo opportunity of the Statue of Liberty (weather permitting).
- Today's lunch break will be at the American Express Financial Center's eatery with two level of cafeteria style dining options (price not included).
- After lunch, return to our hotel and enjoy some free time before tonight's included hit Broadway performance (TBA)!
- Following the show, meet your Tour Manager and board the motorcoach for your transfer back to the hotel. Please make the Tour Manager aware BEFORE the show if you plan to stay out on the town and make your own way back to the hotel. Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Day 4 - Wednesday, Nov 27 - New York (Group D)- *2nd Optional Broadway Show (See Website for current promotions)

- Enjoy a free day your way in New York City! Take the day to visit world-famous museums, bargain-hunt in Chinatown, dine in Little Italy or do some Holiday shopping at Macy's Department Store.
- This afternoon, you are free to explore more of New York's famous museums, galleries, and attractions on your own. Don't forget about all those Black Friday sales that are now all the rage in the U.S.
- Meet your Tour Manager to join the rest of the tour members for a night of unforgettable dining at the sophisticated Revel & Rye Bar and Restaurant located in the newly lobby at the Marriott Marquis; complete with non-alcoholic beverages or a glass of wine/beer. This dinner is a seated dinner overlooking Times Square and has a value of \$175 CAD per person.
- After your gourmet dinner, enjoy the Optional Excursion: a second Broadway Show - TBA tonight (see current promotions on our website). If you choose to do an additional Broadway show, join your fellow tour members for this evening's Broadway performance and return motor coach transportation.



Day 5 - Thursday, Nov 28 - New York - American Thanksgiving Day

- Today is all about getting in the Holiday spirit! Start this special day with a great breakfast at a location of your choice **(on your own)**.
- Today is another free day for you to enjoy your way! The hustle and bustle of the holiday season officially begins today with the running of the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, something you can enjoy just a block from the hotel. Each year 2.5 million people line the streets of NYC to watch the balloons, floats, celebrities, and bands in this spectacular holiday celebration.
- Enjoy lunch and the remainder of the afternoon on your own and at your expense.
- In the evening, meet your tour manager if you wish to join the group for a 1.5-hour Illuminations Tour around Manhattan to view the beautiful buildings and décor designed and displayed for the Holiday Season!



Day 6 - Friday, Nov 29 - New York - Hampton Inn, Augusta (B, Farewell Group D)

- We check out of our hotel this morning and make our way north to Augusta Maine. A coffee break has been scheduled. We will also stop for lunch on route before arriving at Augusta Maine late this afternoon at the Hampton Inn and Suites.
- Time to check in at the Hampton Inn, located at Maine's Capital City, home to Maine State Museum and Capitol, near Augusta Civic Center.
- Relax while your tour manager checks the group in, with bag handling service (one bag per person) included.
- Enjoy a short rest at our hotel before our "Farewell Dinner" including a complimentary glass of wine or beer **(included)** at a restaurant near our hotel. It is the perfect time to reflect on the festive sights and experiences we have shared... and start planning your next getaway!

Day 7 - Saturday, Nov 30 - Home (B)

- After a buffet breakfast **(included)** we board the bus for departure. Enjoy an hour brunch stop along our route (meal your expense).

- We then head to the Duty-free shop (25 minutes only, please) for any last-minute purchases. Don't forget, the duty-free allowance for this trip is \$800 per person. Be sure to have your valid passport ready for our pre-registered border crossing returning to Canada.
- Below is the final drop off locations with APPROXIMATE arrival times. All passengers will be returned to their pick-up locations. Thank you for travelling with Collins Tours! See you on the road, next time!

New Brunswick:

- **Fredericton**, Lincoln Big Stop – TBA
- **Saint John**, Rte. 1 Irving – TBA
- **Moncton, Magnetic** McDonald's – TBA
- **Aulac Big Stop** – TBA

Prince Edward Island:

- **Charlottetown** Mall Superstore Entrance – TBA

Nova Scotia:

- **Truro Heights**, Circle K Big Stop – TBA
- **Halifax Airport**, Quality Inn – TBA
- **Dartmouth Crossing**, Hampton Inn – TBA
- **Halifax**, Sobeys Lacewood Drive – TBA

Hotel 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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- *Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by CTC or your tour manager and are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, changes to concert or sporting event times, emergencies and/or an act of God. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable for any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any area due to unforeseen events described above.**
- **U.S. Customs and Immigration – All people must present a **valid passport to enter the country**. The U.S. has the right to refuse entry to anyone with a past record. Please check with them to clarify your status BEFORE departing. Collins Tours is not responsible for decisions by U.S. Customs & Immigration; Collins Tours is not responsible for any expenses associated with being denied entry at the border, any return transportation costs, or losses of tour due to the above or any similar occurrences not described above, with similar outcomes.
- *Crossing the border with Prescription Medication: All prescription medication needs to be clearly labeled for Customs Immigration to clear it.*
- *Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800pp when you are out of the country for at least 48-hours*
- Please remove all personal belongings when departing the bus.
- Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any delays of transportation, schedule changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above, yet that may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind or credits, for these potential or actual additional expenses, loss of use, loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate persons travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage, or quarantine insurance. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchase in advance.
- REMEMBER: Your Collins Tours & Consulting tour manager handles your bags, check in/checkout, overall group

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management (e.g., timely transitions, itinerary development) & represents the group during Customs & Immigrations.... All this to ensure you enjoy your experience to the fullest!

Gratuities for your Tour Manager & Driver are **NOT** included in the tour price.

Here are guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:

- Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$6.00-\$8.00 per person, per day
- Bus driver-\$5.00-\$6.00 per person, per day
- Private city tour guides- \$3.00 per person, per day