

Tentative Itinerary



Welcome aboard our Summer Getaway tour to New York City! We are excited about the opportunity to make your experience in, “The BIG APPLE,” something you’ll treasure! We look forward to professionally and effectively managing this escape so you can forget the usual travel hassles and just enjoy yourself! Below is your tentative daily itinerary. Please read this information carefully and call our office if you have any questions. Pay close attention to the “Important Information” section, located on the last page of this itinerary. With over 60 years of experience in tourism and group travel, I’m confident your tour with us will be fantastic!

-Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO

Day 1: Wednesday, Aug 28 – Portland, ME, Courtyard by Marriott

- Your group travel and New York City experience begins today! Meet your coach or shuttle at the designated meeting point assigned to you. All pick up locations are tentative, please see list of pickups below
- Please arrive 15 minutes before the times listed below to ensure luggage load & boarding.
- Stops to pick up passengers will be brief (10 min.), and we ask that you remain on the motor coach unless the stop is a scheduled coffee break or lunch.

TENTATIVE PICK-UP LOCATIONS & DEPARTURE TIMES

Nova Scotia Travellers:

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

New Brunswick Travellers:

- **Aulac Big Stop** – TBA, 20 min rest stop
- **Saint John**, Rte. 1 Irving – TBA
- **Moncton**, Magnetic Hill McDonalds – TBA
- **Fredericton**, Lincoln Big Stop – TBA

Prince Edward Island Travellers: Charlottetown Mall Superstore Entrance – TBA

- For your convenience, today’s drive includes several coffee breaks, and an hour lunch stop (your expense). All our tours are pre-registered with Customs & Immigration so expect minimal delays for all border crossings when traveling with Collins Tours.
- 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 in Maine, it’s time to adjust those watches back one hour (from Atlantic Standard (AST) to Eastern Standard Time (EST)). Enjoy another brief stop this afternoon along our route for coffee and snacks before our later afternoon arrive in Portland, ME.

- Your tour manager will drop off passengers at the Maine Mall prior to check in for those interested to enjoy some time shopping and dinner on own. After dropping the shoppers off at the mall, the remaining passengers will be brought to the hotel where your tour manager will check the group in, have your bag sent to your room **(fee for one bag included)**, and your room keys handed out... all part of the signature group check in we offer on all our motor coach tours. The remainder of the evening is free for you to enjoy at your leisure with plenty of dining options within walking distance of our hotel. All passengers who were dropped off at the mall will be picked for your complimentary shuttle to our hotel. The return time and meeting point will be provided by your tour manager before departing at the mall.

Day 2: Thursday, Aug 29 - Portland-NYC, Marriott Marquis Times Square Hotel (B, Welcome D)

- This morning, enjoy your hot continental breakfast **(included)** before our departure. Your tour manager will handle the check-out process; however, be sure to cover any incidentals you may have charged to your room (i.e., movie, room service) as these are at your expense.
- Today's drive takes us from Maine and into New Hampshire, before a lunch stop along our route (your expense). Once back on board the coach, we don't have too far to go before we enter New York State and arrive in the "The Big Apple!"
- Our hotel for the next three nights is the iconic Marriott Marquis Times Square Hotel, located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan! Collins Tours signature check-in provided again today.
- 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 a glass of wine, a beer or a non-alcohol beverage. This dinner is a seated dinner overlooking Times Square and a value of \$175 CAD per person.
- Enjoy the rest of your evening at your leisure.



Day 3: Friday, Aug 30 – New York City ****Broadway Show TBA****

- Take time to enjoy breakfast New York City style today (your expense). There are multiple options near our centrally located hotel. You may choose between a couple of restaurants near our hotel, Café 53, or Pret-A-Manger just steps away from our hotel entrance.
- Today meet your tour manager for today's highlight, our professionally guided morning city tour; highlights include Central Park, St Patrick's Cathedral, a brief visit to Battery Park, for a photo opportunity of the Statue of Liberty (weather permitting).
- Today's lunch break will be on your own.
- 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 4: Saturday, Aug 31 - NYC, Marriott Marquis Times Square Hotel – Free Day Your Way!

- Breakfast will be on your own again this morning (not included).
- Today is your opportunity to take a bite out of the Big Apple. Enjoy all New York City offers! Perhaps today is the day to visit The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Natural History, do some Macy’s shopping or explore more of what Central Park has to offer?
- Dinner this evening is on your own.



Day 5: Sunday, Sept 1 - New York City - Augusta, Hampton Inn by Hilton (Farewell Dinner)

- Breakfast will be on your own again this morning (not included).
- Wake up on your last day in New York before we depart our hotel late this morning. Be sure to cover any personal expenses (i.e., phone charges, movie rentals) before checking out.
- Meet back at the hotel for our official farewell to the “Big Apple.”
- Our first stop this afternoon will be in Massachusetts for a late lunch (your expense).
- Additional rest stops will be made during the drive to Augusta, Maine.
- We expect a late afternoon arrival at the Hampton Inn Augusta. After we arrive at the hotel, we will meet in the lobby for a transfer to our Farewell Group dinner (**included**) at a restaurant nearby. Time to share stories of our exciting visit to New York City... and start planning your next group getaway!

Day 7: Monday, Sept 2 - Home (B)

- Enjoy a delightful complimentary buffet breakfast before our departure.
- We have a lunch break scheduled along the way (on own).
- We then make our way back to the Canadian border for a brief stop at the Duty-Free Store, followed by an appointment at Canadian Customs & Immigration. Once again, be sure to have your valid passport ready. NOTE: Your duty-free allowance for this trip is \$800 per person.
- 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.
- The coach will drop you back **at your original pick-up points**. Arrival times are dependent on border traffic and are not exact. Estimated arrival times are as follows.

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**, Sobeyes Lacewood Drive – TBA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

of any such occurrences. Travel delays are at your own risk and expenses. Travel insurance is highly recommended in case of any sickness or illness prior to traveling or while travel. Collins Tours will not be held responsible for personal medical expenses, loss of days, or events caused by any medical concerns or conditions of individual passengers.

- *Seat Rotation Policy will NOT be in effect for this tour and will be explained by your tour manager once on board. Please note front seats are not guaranteed with note from physician. To be fair to all, you will be rotated through the front half of the coach only with a physician's note, or where possible closer to the front.
- *United States Customs and Immigration requires **everyone** entering the country to have a **valid passport**. U.S. Customs has the right to refuse entry to anyone with a past record. **Please verify any concerns about border status with U.S. customs before departing Canada**. Collins Tours is **not** responsible for any decisions by U.S. Customs and Immigration officials. Passengers refused entry will be responsible for their own transportation arrangements and are **not** entitled to refunds, credits, paid return travel costs, or reimbursements from Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd.
- Prescription Medication: All prescription medication needs to be clearly labeled and on-board coach with client for Customs and Immigration to clear it.
- Duty Free Rules: You can claim \$800 per person for travel outside the country 48 hours or more.
- When departing, please remove all personal belongings from your seat, as well as any luggage or parcels stored under the bus. Collins Tours is not responsible for items left behind.

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

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- REMEMBER: Your Collins Tours and Consulting tour manager handles check in /check out, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and represents the group during Customs and Immigrations...All this to ensure you enjoy your experience to the fullest!
- **Gratuities for Tour Manager & Driver are NOT included. Our guidelines on Tipping Etiquette are as follows:** Collins Tours Tour manager-\$6.00 to \$8.00 per person **daily**. Driver- \$5.00 - \$6.00 per person **daily**. Private city guides: \$3.00 - \$4.00 per person