



NEW YORK CITY: UNDISCOVERED!

Unique, exciting and lots of hidden gems - visiting New York with TRIPS is special indeed!

United Nations Tour and Dinner, Backstage Tour at New Amsterdam Theater, Ellis Island, The Explorer's Club, Chinatown, Sardi's, Fraunces Tavern, Little Italy and 2 Broadway Musicals!

New York, New York ~ It's a Heckuva Town! The words for the 1944 Broadway Musical, *On the Town* are certainly apropos! Let TRIPS help you discover the new, the exciting, the **Undiscovered New York** with inclusions you won't find elsewhere!

How does dinner at the delegates dining room at United Nations sound?! You'll not only dine "Where the World Meets", but you'll also tour it! Have you heard of the Explorer's Club? If you're like most of us, probably not. As you discover New York, you'll tour this elite club, founded in 1904. We all love to travel and members of the Explorers Club are responsible for many illustrious firsts in travel - first to the North Pole, first to the South Pole and first to summit Mount Everest! Fraunces Tavern is yet another place that few people visiting New York know about. It served as headquarters for George Washington before the Revolutionary War and today it houses a museum and restaurant. You not only enjoy lunch where George Washington once walked, but also visit the museum. More than 40% of us can trace our lineage through the Ellis Island Immigration Station. You'll take a ferry to Ellis Island, the gateway for millions of immigrants to the United States and perhaps discover a distant, or not so distant relative. A special treat awaits as you enjoy a backstage tour at the New Amsterdam Theater! It's no ordinary tour as you get up-close and personal with original props, costumes and set pieces! Most of us have heard of Sardi's. Well, you'll enjoy dinner here surrounded by hundreds of caricatures of Broadway celebrities. It was at Sardi's that the Tony Award was conceived, truly a Broadway institution! Certainly a visit to New York isn't complete without attending a Broadway musical, and you'll have tickets to two! We don't want to have every minute of your time in New York scheduled, so there will be a free morning to shop, explore on your own or just people watch!

You'll return home having discovered the **Undiscovered New York!**

Itinerary

Day 1 - New York, Sardi's and Times Square!

You depart for the **New York** area this morning, where on arrival you'll be met and assisted with your transfer to your hotel, the **Novotel** in the heart of the theater district at **52nd and Broadway!** Newly renovated, this is the perfect home base, with enthralling views of **Times Square** from the terrace bar! This evening, walk to nearby **Sardi's**, a **Broadway Institution for dinner**. Opened in 1927, you'll dine surrounded by hundreds of caricatures of show-business celebrities, all who have dined at Sardis. From Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart to Tom Hanks and Lily Tomlin, it's a veritable who's who of Broadway!

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Day 2 - Central Park, Chinatown and Little Italy!

After breakfast on your own, enjoy a **tour of Manhattan**. Combining walking and driving, you'll see some of the highlights of this always bustling area. Included will be a walk through **Central Park**. In 1852, 750 acres were set aside to create America's first major landscaped public park, designed by the renowned **Frederick Law Olmsted**. Today, Central Park has never been more beautiful or better managed, and it is a place locals and visitors alike flock to. Your Manhattan tour will also include a walk through **Chinatown** and adjacent **Little Italy**. New York's Chinatown is one of the oldest and largest Chinatowns outside Asia and along with Little Italy is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. As you continue to Little Italy, you'll stop for an **Italian pastry**, so delicious you'll think you're in Rome! If the neighborhood looks familiar, it should! It was the locale of the fictional **Corleone** crime family depicted in the three **Godfather movies!** After a full morning of touring Manhattan, stop for lunch at the **Fraunces Tavern**. Originally built as a house in 1719, it was converted to a tavern in 1762, named the Queen's Head. Before the Revolution, it was the meeting place of the secret society of the Sons of Liberty. After British troops evacuated New York, the tavern hosted an elaborate "turtle feast" dinner in 1783 for **General George Washington** where he bade farewell to his officers. As our nation began the process of writing and ratifying the Constitution, departments of Foreign Affairs, Finance and War had their offices at Fraunces Tavern. Restorations and improvements throughout the years have resulted in a building that is 'faithful to the original'. Since 1907, a **Museum** has been located on the upper floors. With painted scenes and portraits of the **American Revolutionary heroes**, this truly a historic Manhattan location! After you've enjoyed lunch here, return to the Novotel. This evening, you'll have tickets to a Broadway Musical! Dinner is on your own prior to the show at one of the many varied restaurants in the area.

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Day 3 - Manhattan and Broadway!

The morning is yours to enjoy Manhattan - your way! You might choose to visit Rockefeller Center and take in the amazing views for 70 stories up! Perhaps walk to St. Patrick's Cathedral. The cornerstone of the church was laid in 1858 and her doors swept open in 1879. Deeply rooted in the community, **Requiem Masses** for Babe Ruth, Vince Lombardi, Robert Kennedy and Andy Warhol were held here. A three year, extensive

renovation was completed just days before **Pope Francis' visit in 2015**. The **Metropolitan Museum of Art** is a short taxi ride away. The largest art museum in the US, it's a must visit for the art enthusiast! You'll have **tickets to a Broadway Musical** today as well! With more than 40 theaters, the great successes of Broadway are many. From Cabaret to the Lion King and The Phantom of the Opera, the list of iconic musicals that debuted on the **Great White Way**, continue to grow! After the show, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the restaurants, delis or cafes in the area. From Carmine's to the Carnegie Deli, there are options galore!

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Day 4 - Ellis Island and the Explorer's Club!

This morning, depart for Battery Park and your ferry for historic **Ellis Island**. As you **sail past the Statue of Liberty**, be sure and have your cameras ready, as this is the best viewpoint of the famed monument that was a gift from the people of France. The **Ellis Island Immigration Museum's** exhibits express the hopes and realities of the voyages of more than 22 million immigrants who passed through Ellis Island. Start with a 30 minute film, **Island of Hope, Island of Fears**, then make your way to exhibits that showcase possessions that immigrants brought from their homelands, baggage used on the voyage to America, historic clippings and more. You'll also find the **American Family Immigration History Center** that contains the records of the more than 22 million immigrants who entered the US. From the famous including Irving Berlin, Knute Rockne and Bob Hope to the ordinary folks - like my parents, Ellis Island represented hope and a better way of life. After your morning here, return to midtown Manhattan to tour what might be one of **New York's best kept secrets**, the **Explorer's Club**. Founded in 1904 with the intent of uniting explorers and promoting the work of exploration by each of us, **members have traversed the earth, the seas, the skies and even the moon on expeditions of exploration**. Learn about the men and women whose accomplishments are legendary and see artifacts from their journeys. The remainder of the afternoon, including lunch is at your leisure. This evening, you're in for **another TRIPS special**, a **tour and farewell dinner at the United Nations Delegate Dining Room!** Having recently reopened after extensive renovations, you'll dine with breathtaking views of the East River enjoying a unique and upscale dining experience with globally inspired cuisine and sumptuous deserts. As befitting such a special venue, proper attire is requested, including jackets for gentlemen. (No denim or sneakers allowed.) After, return to your hotel where you might want to enjoy a nightcap at the terrace bar with the lights of Broadway all around!

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Day 5 - You've Discovered the Undiscovered New York!

After checking out of the hotel, but before your airport transfer, there is one last special TRIPS inclusion! **Enjoy a backstage tour of the New Amsterdam Theater!** Discover the beautifully restored art and architecture of this landmark Broadway theatre built in 1903. Once home to the legendary **Ziegfeld Follies** it has housed some of the biggest hits on Broadway from Mary Poppins to The Lion King. Your tour includes the chance to try on costumes from current and recent productions! What a unique way to close out your tour of **Undiscovered New York!!**

Inclusions

- Round trip airport transfers
- Round trip airfare to the New York area (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Round trip transfers from airport to hotel
- 4 nights lodging at Novotel - Times Square
- 2 dinners including Welcome Dinner at Sardi's and a farewell dinner at the United Nations Delegate Dining Room that includes a tour
- 2 Broadway Musicals
- Lunch at Fraunces Tavern
- Driving/Walking tour of Manhattan to include walk through Central Park, Chinatown and Little Italy with a stop for pastry
- All admissions as described in the detailed itinerary including Tour of Manhattan, Ellis Island, Explorer's Club, Fraunces Museum and more!
- Services of a full time escort
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- All government fees, taxes and fuel surcharges



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