

New York City



AAA Akron Tour Operations / Tour #213 NEW YORK CITY June 27-30, 2010

Day #1 / Sunday / June 27

- 6:30 AM** Depart AAA Akron's downtown location, 111 W. Center St. in Akron
7:00 AM Depart Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18 and I-77) in Montrose
Rest stop with breakfast availability plus lunch stop and afternoon rest break en route
- 6:00 PM** Hotel check-in: Hotel Edison
228 West 47th St.
New York City, New York 10036
Phone: (212) 840-5000
- (Note that the Hotel Edison is in an excellent location situated within the Broadway Theater District and just a few blocks from Times Square, Rockefeller Center and Radio City Music Hall. You'll truly be in the "Heart of Manhattan").*
- 7:20 PM** Depart Hotel Edison and proceed to St. Patrick's Cathedral, the largest Catholic cathedral in the United States. With its two soaring 330 foot spires, it is one of New York City's most spectacular Gothic-style architectural structures built between 1850 and 1878. Inside, we'll experience the magnificent magnitude of this cathedral with a seating capacity of 2,500, several altars, numerous stained glass windows up to 26 feet across, and a marvelous pipe organ with more than 7,300 pipes.
- 8:20 PM** Depart St. Patrick's Cathedral and walk two blocks to Rockefeller Center where we will go to "Top of the Rock" and experience spectacular views of "The Big Apple" just after sunset and see the lights illuminate Manhattan.
- (The "Top of the Rock" reopened to the public on November 1, 2005. This newly renovated observation deck uses state-of-the-art materials and engineering to amplify the historic elegance, art deco heritage of the 1930s, and showcase the astonishing beauty of New York City with closer views of Central Park, the Empire State Building, and other historic landmarks. The three-tiered observation decks on the 67th, 69th, and 70th floors of Rockefeller Center are 850 feet above street level with unobstructed open-air views from the outdoor terraces featuring fully transparent, non-reflective safety glass panels as well as indoor viewing areas with floor to ceiling windows).*
- 9:30 PM** Depart Rockefeller Center and return to Hotel Edison

Day #2 / Monday / June 28

- 7:30-8:30 AM Full American breakfast (included) at Hotel Edison
8:40 AM Depart Hotel Edison via motor coach and head to Battery Park in lower Manhattan
Take ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
(Eat lunch on your own at either the Statue of Liberty or Ellis Island)
1:30 PM Reboard motor coach at Battery Park
1:50 PM Arrive at Ground Zero
2:20 PM Take a short walk from Ground Zero to a fire station that lost all firemen on 9-11 and view a large bronze mural on a wall depicting the scene of the aftermath. We will not be able to go inside this fire station due to their busy schedule. We then walk to St. Paul's Church, which played an important role in providing a place to sleep for volunteer workers spending long hours helping at Ground Zero after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. View 23 different artifacts – a collection of cots, crosses, banners, letters, and teddy bears donated after September 11 – and learn more about the stories behind them. George Washington visited this church and you'll see a very interesting artifact relevant to his visit.
3:15 PM Depart St. Paul's Church and walk across the street to the 9-11 Tribute Center
(*The 9-11 Tribute Center opened in September 2009 and describes future plans for Ground Zero*)
3:45 PM Depart 9-11 Tribute Center and drive through Chinatown, Soho, and Greenwich Village
4:30 PM Arrive at Trump Tower and Tiffany's with time to visit both sites
5:20 PM Depart Trump Tower and Tiffany's
5:45 PM Return to Hotel Edison
6:15 PM Those interested in seeing the fabulous ***KING TUT EXHIBITION OR MADAME TUSSAUD'S WAX MUSEUM*** (both on Times Square) will depart from Hotel Edison lobby with Eric Wertz. ***Admission to KING TUT EXHIBITION OR MADAME TUSSAUD'S WAX MUSEUM is included in this tour package*** and you can take a self guided tour of either museum. ***Note that the King Tut Exhibition closes at 9:00 PM and Madame Tussaud's closes at 8:00 PM.***

ENJOY FREE TIME FOR THE REST OF THE DAY

(Another option would be to explore New York City on your own and not go to the KING TUT EXHIBITION or MADAME TUSSAUD'S WAX MUSEUM. You could enjoy an additional evening Broadway show of your choice. On Monday evening, some Broadway shows are closed but there will be a few shows open. Note that discounted theater tickets for same-day Broadway shows are sold at the TKTS booth on Times Square at the junction of Broadway and 47th St., just a 5 minute walk from Hotel Edison. Your tour guide will provide info. on New York City sights so you can make informed decisions).

Day #3 / Tuesday / June 29

- 7:00-8:15 AM Full American breakfast (included) at Hotel Edison
8:30 AM Meet our local guide at Hotel Edison for an in-depth look at "The Big Apple." Enjoy seeing many New York City highlights including Central Park, northern Manhattan, plus a remarkable tour to Harlem to see more fascinating sites. We will have lunch (on our own) while on tour.
2:35 PM Arrive at NBC Studios where we will have a behind the scenes tour of several famous show sets. Our group will be divided into two with one tour beginning at 2:45 P.M. and the other beginning at 3:00 P.M.
4:15 PM Return to Hotel Edison
5:00 PM Depart Hotel Edison for dinner (included) at Center Stage Restaurant on Times Square
8:00 PM Attend included Broadway show ***COME FLY AWAY*** from visionary director Twyla Tharp
This memorable musical blends the legendary vocals of Frank Sinatra with a live onstage 19 piece big band and 15 of the world's finest dancers. This production features a hit parade of Sinatra classics as well as newly discovered vocal performances from the Sinatra archives.
We have reserved orchestra seats for this fabulous show.
10:40 PM Return to Hotel Edison

Day #4 / Wednesday / June 30

- 7:00 AM Luggage out
7:00-8:15 AM Full American breakfast (included) at Hotel Edison
8:30 AM Depart Hotel Edison and travel to the Empire State Building
10:45 AM Depart Empire State Building and begin our journey home with rest breaks and meal stops as needed
8:30 PM Return to AAA Akron's downtown location, 111 West Center St. in Akron
9:00 PM Return to Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18 and I-77) in Montrose

All times are tentative and subject to change without notice. Final documents will be mailed about 2 weeks prior to departure.

TOUR INCLUDES: Roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation – Brecksville Road Transit
3 nights hotel accommodations at Hotel Edison near Times Square
4 meals (3 full American breakfasts and 1 dinner)
Visit to St. Patrick’s Cathedral
Admission to “Top of the Rock” at Rockefeller Center
Ferry to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
Visit to Ground Zero and St. Paul’s Church in lower Manhattan
Visit to 9-11 Tribute Center
Admission to Empire State Building
Admission to King Tut Exhibition **OR** Madame Tussaud’s Wax Museum on Times Square
Guided tour of NBC Studios
Extensive guided tour of Manhattan and Harlem
Orchestra seats for Broadway show **COME FLY AWAY** at the Marquis Theatre
Baggage handling for one piece of luggage per person
Tax and tip on included meals, admissions and hotel accommodation
Services of AAA Akron Tour Escort

PRICE: \$899.00 per person based on double occupancy
\$999.00 per person based on single occupancy
\$869.00 per person based on triple occupancy
\$839.00 per person based on quad occupancy

DEPOSIT: \$100.00 per person due at the time of booking.
The final balance is due in full on May 27, 2010.

SPECIAL NOTE: *This tour involves moderate walking and activity levels. Comfortable shoes are advised. Young adults under age 21 are welcome on this tour if accompanied by an adult over age 21.*

CANCELLATION POLICY: The \$100 deposit for this tour is refundable up until May 27, 2010. It becomes non-refundable after May 27, 2010 unless your space can be resold. Cancellations under 30 days prior to departure will incur penalties. The amount will depend on refunds from vendors, whether the tour is sold out or not, and several other factors. Cancellation insurance is recommended.

AAA Akron Locations to Serve You

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JUNE 27-30, 2010

\$899.00 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

TOUR #213 / REGISTRATION

IF YOU ARE AN AAA MEMBER, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

BOARDING AT: _____ AAA Akron's downtown location, 111 West Center St. in Akron
_____ Holiday Inn, junction of I-77 and Route 18 in Montrose

LICENSE PLATE: _____

YEAR, MAKE AND MODEL OF VEHICLE: _____

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE: Home: _____ Work: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR UPDATES ON AAA AKRON ESCORTED TOURS: _____

ROOMING WITH: _____

REQUEST: Non smoking room _____ Smoking room if available _____

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:

SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS (requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed):

ON JUNE 28, YOU HAVE THREE CHOICES REGARDING FREE TIME IN THE EVENING IN NEW YORK CITY (PLEASE SELECT ONE ACTIVITY FOR EACH PERSON IN YOUR PARTY BY 5/27/10)

Admission to King Tut Exhibition on Times Square (no additional charge) _____

Admission to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum on Times Square (no additional charge) _____

Prefer to just have free time during the evening of June 28 to do my own thing _____

Please note that a \$100.00 deposit per person is required to reserve space on this tour. The final payment is due on May 27, 2010. This tour may be booked and paid at any AAA Akron office using cash, check or a major credit card. If paying by check, please make it payable to AAA Akron and mail it along with the completed registration form to Eric Wertz at the address below.

Direct questions to:

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