



Belle Plaine High School Band
Performance Tour of New York City
March 21 – 26, 2014

Proposed Itinerary

Day One – Friday, March 21, 2014

1:00pm Depart Depart Belle Plaine High School to begin your journey to New York City. (Approximate drive time is 22 hours without stops, 1,235 miles.) You will be traveling through the night to arrive in New York City tomorrow.

Day Two – Saturday, March 22, 2014

Arrival Welcome to New York City! Upon arrival, meet your Gateway Tour Manager.

Hotel Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with hotel check-in.

**Top of the Rock
Observation Deck** Visit New York City's, Top of the Rock. Board an elevator taking you to the 70th floor observation deck on top of the famous Rockefeller Plaza building, with panoramic views of Central Park, the Chrysler Building, Times Square, the Hudson River, the East River, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Statue of Liberty.

Dinner John's New York Style Pizzeria



Day Three – Sunday, March 23, 2014

Breakfast	Included
City Tour	A Licensed New York City guide will join you on your motorcoach and narrate your tour as you explore the different neighborhoods and sights of this amazing city. Some sights you are sure to see include St. Patrick's Cathedral, Little Italy, Chinatown, and Battery Park.
Lunch	On your own at South Street Seaport
911 Memorial	Visit the site of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States. The names of the nearly 3,000 victims of the September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993 terrorist attacks are inscribed on bronze panels lining the two pools. Waterfalls cascade down all four sides of each pool, creating a special place for remembrance and reflection. The surrounding plaza is filled with oak trees and a callery pear known as the Survivor Tree, which was nursed back to health after surviving the 9/11 attacks (subject to availability).
911 Museum	The Memorial Museum, located at the World Trade Center site, is to bear solemn witness to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The Museum honors the nearly 3,000 victims of these attacks and all those who risked their lives to save others (subject to opening date).
FDNY Memorial Wall	A fifty-six foot long bronze wall of cast bas-relief bronze honors those firefighters who gave their lives in service to the public on September 11, 2001. It contains the names of every active member of the department who perished in the collapse of the Towers. It is comprised of fourteen individual bronze panels brazed together into an artwork weighing over three tons; the monument tribute is set into the west wall of Engine Company 10 – Ladder Company 10 on the corner of Greenwich and Liberty Streets. "Ten House" was damaged in the collapse of the Twin Towers, sitting directly south of the former World Trade Center Plaza.
Exploring or Shopping	Enjoy free time to shop around Chinatown and Little Italy.
Dinner	SPQR in Little Italy



Day Four – Monday, March 24, 2014

Breakfast Included

**Statue of Liberty/
Ellis Island**

Transfer to Liberty Park in New Jersey this morning where you will take the Ferry to Liberty Island. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France, dedicated on October 28, 1886, was designated as a National Monument in 1924 and restored for her centennial on July 4, 1986. The self-guided audio tour is included for both Liberty Island and Ellis Island.

**🎵 Broadway
Classroom**

Your ensemble will work on a piece of prepared music with a musical director, learning techniques of instrumental dynamics and acting through song. Next, you will perform the piece with a working Broadway performer, followed by a question and answer session. The workshop lasts 90 minutes and is held in a Broadway rehearsal studio.

Lincoln Center

Visit the three grand theaters of Lincoln Center: the Metropolitan Opera House, New York State Theater, and Avery Fisher Hall. Learn the history on the world's greatest performing arts center. You might even catch a glimpse of rehearsals-in-progress.

Dinner

Dallas Barbeque

Broadway Show

Attend a Broadway show. From musicals and comedies to dramas and mysteries, Broadway has a show for everyone (based on a \$65.00 ticket value).



Day Five – Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Breakfast	Included
Check out	Check out of your hotel. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check out logistics.
Morning Show	Get up early today for a chance to catch a glimpse of the outdoor taping of the “Today Show” or the CBS Morning Show.
<input type="checkbox"/> Performance	Participate in a clinic with a local music professional or a school exchange concert in New York City or the surrounding area. <i>School exchange concerts are held in rehearsal rooms or auditoriums at local schools. Audiences are comprised of students at the local school, ranging from members of one ensemble to larger segments of the student body.</i>
Central Park	Take a walk through Central Park and see many of the popular sights, such as Strawberry Fields, the statue of Balto, the famous sled dog, the many bridges and scenic ponds, or take a horse carriage tour through the park (carriage fee not included).
Shopping or Exploring	Enjoy free time to shop in the many famous areas in Manhattan and Times Square.
Dinner	Hard Rock Cafe
Depart	Board the motorcoach and travel back to Minnesota.

Day Six – Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Arrive	Arrive at Belle Plaine High School this evening.
---------------	--

This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. Performance venues may be subject to availability and/or acceptance.

TOTAL COST PER STUDENT = \$950.00 - \$1050.00 depending on total numbers and the need for a second bus.

The estimated number of students in high school band next year is 67. I currently have 14 parents who would like to come along as chaperones. *IF* the majority of students travel with us the cost will be at the higher end due to the need for a second bus. There is only 54 seats available if we take only 1 bus.