

NY Day Trip!

NEW YORK CITY TRIP - for everyone; individual or family affair

(A FAASV Fundraising Activity)

DEPARTURE FROM STAFFORD: Tour Bus departs at 5:30 a.m. at the Commuter Lot along Garrisonville Road in Stafford (down the road from McDonald's, across from Lowe's in the Stafford Market place).

*** Bus drop off at the Radio City Music Hall (6th Avenue, Manhattan, NY; south side of Central Park)

*** Once dropped off, everyone is free to explore and enjoy New York City until the scheduled pick up at 8:00 p.m. at Radio City Music Hall.

DEPARTURE FROM RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL: Bus leaves New York City at exactly 8:00 p.m.

PRICE per person/seat: \$65 (includes breakfast: muffins, Danish, bottled water).

Space is limited. Bus sits 57 people only. Please make your reservation today!!

Please contact any of the officers listed below to reserve your seats or for more information: Sasha Contreras (540) 840-3605; Zarah Pulido (540) 226-5954; Ester Terry (540) 446-1994; Emman Dockendorf (540) 809-9323.

+++ Places to do and see for ideas and information are below. Please continue to check FAASV's Facebook page for additional details about this trip. +++

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We listened to the many requests – a trip to New York City during the holiday.

“It's the most wonderful time of the year to—and by "it" we mean Christmas in New York! Just a few weeks after all the Halloween events wrap up, the city and the best New York attractions turn into an illuminated winter wonderland, decked out with Christmas trees, holiday windows and Christmas lights' a pretty spectacular sight.”

**** NYC brings the holiday cheer in a big way - Ideas TO DO/SEE in New York City, to highlight a few:

1) ROCKEFELLER CENTER - Open daily from 8am – midnight. See the historic Christmas tree, the top of the observation deck, and more.

2) TIME SQUARE – “A major commercial intersection, tourist destination, entertainment center and neighborhood in the Midtown Manhattan section of New York City at the junction of Broadway and Seventh Avenue. It stretches from West 42nd to West 47thStreets. Brightly adorned with billboards and advertisements, Times Square is sometimes referred to as "The Crossroads of the World", "The Center of the Universe", "the heart of The Great White Way", and the "heart of the world".

3) BRYANT PARK WINTER VILLAGE – “Has more than 100 shops and vendors, Bryant Park Winter Village is one of the biggest and best holiday markets in New York.”

4) MACY’S HERALD SQUARE – “The Great American Department Store, an iconic retailing brand over 740 stores operating coast-to-coast and online. Macy's Herald Square offers a first class selection of top fashion brands including Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, Clinique, Estee Lauder & Levis. In addition to shoes and clothing, Macy's has a wide variety of housewares, gifts and furniture. Plan your visit to 151 West 34th Street New York NY”.

5) RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL – “Entertainment venue located in Rockefeller Center in New York City. Its nickname is the Showplace of the Nation, and it was for a time the leading tourist destination in the city. Its interior was declared a city landmark in 1978.”

6) DYKER HEIGHTS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – “No one takes their Christmas decorations more seriously than the residents of Dyker Heights. The most extravagant Christmas light displays in the country are located in the Dyker Heights section of Brooklyn, aka “Dyker Lights.” Over 100,000 people flock to this area every year to see the most over-the-top decorations.”

7) NEW YORK CITY'S MOST INTERESTING NEIGHBORHOODS - SoHo, Little Italy and Chinatown —“In SoHo, visit the historic Cast Iron District and learn about 19th-century architecture. In Little Italy, see mob sites and hear about John Gotti, an American mobster who became boss of the Gambino crime family in New York City. In Chinatown, soak up the sights, smells and sounds of this neighborhood, home to the largest portion of Chinese people in the Western Hemisphere.”

8) ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL – “A prominent landmark of New York City. It is the seat of the archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, and a parish church, located on the east side of Fifth Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets in Midtown Manhattan, directly across the street from Rockefeller Center.”

9) 9/11 and GROUND ZERO – “None of us can forget the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. This is the principal memorial commemorating the 9/11 attacks of 2001 and 1993 WTC bombing. It is located at the site of the former Twin Towers that were destroyed. The 9/11 Memorial features two enormous waterfalls and reflecting pools, each about an acre in size, set within the footprints of the original twin towers. The Memorial Plaza is one of the most eco-friendly plazas ever constructed. There is a "once in a lifetime experience" guided tour guiding through Ground Zero and the 9-11 Memorial as you hear stories of tragedy, heroism and hope.”