







# New York City, Upstate & Niagara

Featuring New York City, Hudson River Valley, Cooperstown, 1000 Islands, Niagara Falls September 2-10, 2025 – 9 Day Tour

## **Tour Highlights**

- ◆ Two-night stay in an upscale Times Square hotel with a tour of Manhattan to include Central Park and the 9/11 Memorial and an optional Broadway musical
- ◆ Enjoy a two-night stay in the Hudson River Valley with touring to include the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, FDR's "Springwood" home, Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill Cottage, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site and Walkway Over the Hudson
- Visit Cooperstown and explore the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum
- Stay overnight in the 1000 Islands region with a narrated two-nation boat cruise and a visit to the Rhineland-style Boldt Castle
- ◆ Enjoy a two-night stay in Niagara Falls, Canada with a view of Niagara Falls from your hotel room, time in Niagara-on-the-Lake and the *Voyage to the Falls* boat tour
- Experience "Life in the Past Lane" while cruising on the historic Erie Canal

#### **Tour Inclusions**

- 8 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 11 Meals 4 dinners, 1 lunch, 6 breakfasts
- Services of a professional GTT tour director
- Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- Luggage handling throughout the tour

#### **Tour Prices**

Double Occupancy: \$2,999 per person Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$2,000 Roundtrip airfare from \$595 per person Deposit: \$1,000 p.p.









# **Itinerary**

Embark on a captivating 9-day journey through New York State, where the electric energy of New York City gives way to the serene beauty of the Hudson Valley. From the majestic spectacle of Niagara Falls and the enchanting 1000 Islands to the historic charm of Cooperstown and the iconic Erie Canal, this unique itinerary will immerse you in the diverse landscapes and rich heritage that defines the Empire State.

## Day 1 – Welcome to New York City!

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX this morning for a scheduled nonstop flight arriving in **New York City** this evening. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements* can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel. We'll board a deluxe motorcoach and continue to our upscale **Manhattan** hotel within walking distance of Times Square.

#### Day 2 – New York City

This morning we'll join a local guide and tour inside **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, walk through **Rockefeller Center** and take a short walk in **Central Park** to see **Strawberry Fields** – the tribute to John Lennon. This afternoon we'll continue past the Empire State Building, Flatiron Building and travel through various neighborhoods including Greenwich Village, SoHo, Tribeca, Little Italy, Chinatown, and more! In Lower Manhattan we'll pay our respects at the **National September 11 Memorial**. This evening, take advantage of our hotel's location within walking distance of the Theatre District. For your convenience, you may purchase your ticket(s) to the Broadway show of your choice through *Good Times Travel* when a listing will be provided approximately 60 days prior to departure.

#### Reservations



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#### Accommodations

- Nights 1-2 Sheraton New York, New York City, NY
- ◆ Nights 3-4 **DoubleTree Poughkeepsie** Poughkeepsie, NY
- Night 5 Best Western Plus, Cooperstown, NY
- Night 6 Riveredge Resort, 1000 Islands, NY
- Nights 7-8 Hilton Fallsview, Niagara Falls, ON

# **Optional Roundtrip Airfare**

Airfare is available as an optional add-on as advertised on the front of this brochure. Because airfare generally increases closer to departure, it's best to purchase airfare as soon as possible to lock in the lowest price and best schedule.

## **Optional Airport Transfers**

Roundtrip airport transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$129 p.p.

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills
  - ◆Long Beach ◆Seal Beach

### **Payment Information**

- \$1,000 p.p. deposit due at time of booking; balance payment due by June 2, 2025
- Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or by making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

#### **Cancellation/Travel Protection**

A travel protection policy (which includes cancellation protection and other benefits) is highly recommended and available through a third-party. A travel protection brochure will be provided with your payment receipt and invoice. Regardless of the reason, cancellations, credits and transfers of paid bookings require us to retain an administrative fee (ranging from \$50-\$500 depending on the date of cancellation) in addition to all non-recoverable fees paid to our tour suppliers on your behalf. Those guests who have purchased travel protection and must cancel for a covered reason, will be reimbursed by the travel protection company the balance of any non-refunded or credited monies (minus the premium itself). Visit www.goodtimestravel.com or see our tour catalog for our full cancellation policy and other terms and conditions.

#### **Tour Pace & Activity Level**





Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

## Itinerary

## Day 3 - New York City to Hudson River Valley

This morning we'll follow the Hudson River north to New York's picturesque **Hudson River Valley**. We'll stop in one of the charming Hudson Valley towns to enjoy time at leisure for browsing and lunch on your along Main Street. This afternoon we'll arrive in **Hyde Park** and **Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site** for a guided tour of **Springwood**, the home where FDR was born and later lived as a four-term President. Walk through the dining room, kitchen, and library which was the scene of several of FDR's "fireside chats." Enjoy time at leisure exploring the **FDR Library and Museum**, featuring the desk FDR used in the Oval Office and his 1936 Ford Phaeton (with original hand controls). Pay your respects at the graves of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in the rose garden. Enjoy an included dinner at a locals' favorite this evening before we begin a two-night stay at our downtown Poughkeepsie hotel. (Dinner)

## Day 4 – Hudson River Valley

This morning we'll be joined by a local guide for a full-day of touring in the Hudson River Valley. We'll visit the **U.S. Military Academy at West Point** where we'll journey through American military history amid spectacular landscapes while on a guided tour of the nation's premier leadership institution and home to the largest public collection of military artifacts in the western hemisphere. These are truly hallowed grounds – where American heroes like Generals Patton, Eisenhower and MacArthur lived and graduated. We'll take in the awe-inspiring view from **Trophy Point**, see **Cadet Chapel** and **Michie Stadium** – home of Army Football. We'll visit **Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site** to tour **Val-Kill**, the cottage where Eleanor Roosevelt lived and earned the nickname, "First Lady of the World." This afternoon we'll visit **Walkway Over the Hudson** and take a walk on the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge, providing dramatic, panoramic views of the Hudson River Valley. This evening, enjoy an included dinner at a locals' favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 5 - Hudson River Valley to Cooperstown

This morning we'll tour **Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site**, the Gilded Age mansion that features 54 rooms, a perfectly symmetrical Italian-inspired formal garden and a "Millionaire's View" of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains! Enjoy time at leisure for browsing and lunch on your own in the charming village of **Rhinebeck**. Late this afternoon we'll arrive in the village of **Cooperstown**. Situated on the edge of Otsego Lake, this small town boasts an almost unfair amount of history for its size. Enjoy time at leisure for browsing and dinner on your own in this charming town with tree-lined streets and beautiful Victorian-era houses. (Breakfast)

# Day 6 - Cooperstown, 1000 Islands

This morning we'll visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum with ample time at leisure to explore this amazing museum that features entire exhibits devoted to Babe Ruth (complete with his bat and his locker), Hank Aaron, and the Hall of Fame Gallery where the bronze plaques for all the Hall of Famers are displayed. This afternoon we'll continue north to the 1000 Islands region. Situated at the southern end of the Saint Lawrence River and eastern shore of Lake Ontario, most people's only knowledge of this area is the salad dressing that originated here. Enjoy an included dinner and an overnight stay at a waterfront resort in Alexandria Bay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### Day 7 – 1000 Islands, Niagara Falls

This morning we'll enjoy a narrated, two-nation boat tour on the **St. Lawrence River** to discover this stunningly beautiful region known as the "Venice of the New World." We'll see **Millionaire's Row** and explore **Boldt Castle** on **Heart Island**. We'll then travel west to the Canadian Side of **Niagara Falls** (a valid passport is required for this tour) and begin a two-night stay at an upscale hotel with views of Niagara Falls from your hotel room! (Breakfast)

## Day 8 – Niagara Falls

This morning we'll join a local guide for a driving tour of the Niagara Falls area including the picturesque **Floral Clock** and stops at several viewpoints to admire the Falls. Enjoy time at leisure for browsing and lunch on your own in Niagara-on-the-Lake – the charming town on the shores of Lake Ontario. This afternoon we'll experience the awe-inspiring **Voyage to the Falls boat tour** which takes us face-to-face with Niagara Falls. Enjoy a memorable farewell dinner this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 9 - Erie Canal, Journey Home

Late this morning enjoy an included lunch and narration while cruising on the **Erie Canal** including "locking through" a set of locks. This afternoon we'll arrive at the Buffalo Airport for an afternoon flight returning to LAX this evening. Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a similar flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport. Back in Los Angeles, those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective drop-offs. (Breakfast, Lunch)