



Joliet West High School to New York City!

Apr 26, 2023 - Apr 30, 2023

Trip Summary

April 26 - Wednesday

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Depart Joliet West High School for New York City

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Arrive in New York City!
Meet your Guardian Tour Director.
Moynihan Food Hall
Lunch at student's expense
Radio City Music Hall Backstage Tour
Top of the Rock
Gayle's Broadway Rose
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Gansevoort Liberty Market
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9/11 Memorial Museum
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New York Philharmonic
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Chinatown
Little Italy
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Grand Central Station
Dinner at John's Pizzeria
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401 N Larkin Ave, Joliet, IL 60435



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Miles: 809

Hours: 13

1 hour time change

3 1-hour meal stops in transit

Meals in transit at student's expense

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Meet your Guardian Tour Director.

Your tour director is very knowledgeable about your destination city. Looking for the best restaurants or insider tips? We've got you covered! This person is with you during your time in this city.



*Here
to
help!*



Moynihan Food Hall

421 8th Ave, New York, NY 10001

Options for lunch:

- Blue Bottle Coffee (Concourse Level)
- The Bar (Food Hall | Concourse Level)
- Chopt Creative Salad Company (Food Hall | Concourse Level)

- Damselfly Flowers (Concourse Level)
- Duane Reade by Walgreens (Concourse Level)
- H&H Bagels (Concourse Level)
- Lovepop Cards (Concourse Level)
- Magnolia Bakery (Concourse Level)
- Post Office (Level 1)
- Starbucks (Concourse Level)
- Taste NY (Concourse Level)



Lunch at student's expense



Radio City Music Hall Backstage Tour

1260 6th Ave, New York, NY 10020

Radio City Music Hall was originally built on a plot of land intended for a Metropolitan Opera House. Today, it is home to the world-famous Radio City Rockettes, an art-deco interior, and multiple film-and-stage-spectacle format shows, including the annual Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Tour this world-famous hall and decide for yourself if it lives up to its nickname, "Showplace of the Nation."



Top of the Rock

30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112

Located within the historic Rockefeller Center, the Top of the Rock Observation Deck allows visitors to ascend 70 floors above the ground to experience the breathtaking New York City skyline.



Gayle's Broadway Rose

228 W 47th St, NYC (between Broadway and 8th Ave), New York, NY 10036

Located in the heart of Manhattan, Gayle's Broadway Rose features the most talented aspiring New York City Broadway performers as their wait staff. While dining on New York classics and ice cream creations, the singing wait staff will serenade you with your favorite Broadway hits, old and new, as well as beloved pop songs from the last century!



Arrive at the hotel



Check into the hotel



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Metropolitan Museum of Art

1000 5th Ave, New York, NY 10028

Visitors usually spend one full day at the Met, and that's a shame, because to truly appreciate everything this gigantic museum offers would take at least a week. The museum's permanent collection of some 2 million works includes masterpieces from history's greatest artists, as well as countless wonders from ancient civilizations, the Egyptian Temple of Dendur being, perhaps, the most notable example.



Gansevoort Liberty Market

101 Liberty St, New York, NY 10007

Conveniently located on the outskirts of NYC's Financial District, the Gansevoort Liberty Market provides a wide variety of popular counter service eateries and stalls to please every palate.



Lunch at student's expense

9/11 Memorial Museum

180 Greenwich St, New York, NY 10007

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum is the country's principal institution concerned with exploring 9/11, documenting its impact, and examining its continuing significance. Honoring those who were killed in the 2001 and 1993 attacks is at the heart of its mission. Located at the World Trade Center in New York City, the 9/11 Memorial Museum tells the story of 9/11 through media, narratives, and a collection of monumental and authentic artifacts, presenting visitors with personal stories of loss, recovery, and hope.



Rowland's Bar & Grill Macy's Herald Square



Macy's Herald Square, 151 W 34th St, New York, 10001

Named for Rowland H. Macy, the storied founder of Macy's, Rowland's Bar & Grill builds upon his magnanimous character with intriguing bits of his life, quotes, and favorite foods, like the signature cheddar-stuffed RH Burger. Rowland's is the perfect gathering place when shopping New York's most famous store.



New York Philharmonic

10 Lincoln Center, New York, NY 10023

The New York Philharmonic, officially the Philharmonic-Symphony Society of New York, Inc., globally known as New York Philharmonic Orchestra or New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, is a symphony orchestra based in New York City. It is one of the leading American orchestras popularly referred to as the "Big Five".



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Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island

New York, NY 10004

Immigrants arriving to the United States in the late 19th century via Ellis Island were treated to this immense statue, a representation of freedom and American ideals, as their first glimpse of the country. Though no longer shining in its original copper hue, visitors flock here for a closer look at one of New York's most enduring symbols.

Ellis Island is more likely to connect with a majority of the American population than any other site in the country due to the number of immigrants who made their way to the states between 1892 and 1924. It has been estimated that nearly half of all Americans today can trace their family history to at least one person who passed through the Port of New York at Ellis Island. Today, nearly a century since the peak years of immigration, Ellis Island is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the National Park Service.



Chinatown

Chinatown, New York, NY

Vibrant Chinatown is a densely populated neighborhood that draws foodies and tourists to its many Chinese and Southeast Asian restaurants for dumplings, pork buns and hand-pulled noodles. The busy sidewalks are packed with souvenir stores, bubble tea shops, and markets selling everything from fresh and dried fish to herbs and spices.



Little Italy

Little Italy welcomes a heavily tourist crowd to its high concentration of souvenir shops and traditional Italian eateries and bakeries. Tenement buildings, once home to the immigrants who settled the area in the late 1800s, line the narrow streets. Mulberry Street, the main thoroughfare, turns into a pedestrian mall on summer weekends.



Lunch at student's expense



Grand Central Station

89 E 42nd St, New York, NY 10017

Infamously located at 42nd Street and Park Avenue, Grand Central Station serves the northern parts of the New York Metropolitan area. You may recognize it from a multitude of movies and is an NYC shopping, dining, and cultural landmark. With over 60 shops and 35 restaurants, Grand Central Station is a must-see on any New York City itinerary!

Performance can be arranged based on availability and approval.



Dinner at John's Pizzeria

260 W 44th St, New York, NY 10036

John's of Times Square has been voted one of New York's best pizzas because of its unique characteristics. All pizzas are made to order in one of our four coal-fired brick ovens and like a cast iron pan, our ovens season with age, making no two pizzas the same. The 800 degree coal fired ovens have no thermostats to control heat and are operated by our pizza men who have gone through months of extensive training.



Broadway Show

The selection of world-class musicals and performances available in New York's most famous theater strip is unparalleled in the world.

Date, time, theater, and show to be determined based on availability.



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Information & Documents



Why Guardian?

Guardian is happy to take care of all your group travel needs. No matter what corner of the world you want to travel to, Guardian can take you there. We service groups of all types and sizes to all destinations. Guardian has provided group travel to six continents, and we love creating the opportunity for our participants to experience the culture, history, music, and cuisine of your chosen destination.

Our travel consultants, tour directors and detail-oriented staff will help your group's experience the world while engaging in activities and performances within their area of study. With our reliable tour guides, both domestic and international, we ensure your trip will be a success.

Let Guardian make your group travel dreams a reality!



Guardian is one of the very few Minority Owned Businesses in the group travel industry. We are proud to be and hire a diverse staff that brings a valuable perspective to our unique industry and our unique clients.

Guardian is also a family-run business. As a private and debt-free company, we are not beholden to investors or public concerns. We treat our staff, clients, and community as part of our family, and we love being able to support your travel dreams!

About Us

Founded by educators, Guardian's staff looked to improve upon the model of group travel based on our experiences while teaching and has enhanced the participant experience through creating custom itineraries tailored to each group's specific needs. Collectively, we have well over 300 years of group travel experience. Our staff are award winners in their field and are excited to serve you!

How Else Can We Serve You?

Guardian also offers a completely integrated fundraising program from our sister company, Guardian Fundraising. Guardian offers over a dozen fundraising products and online services to help raise money for your group. Our fundraising lines include food products like, pizza, popcorn, candy, and cookie dough, as well as Guardian exclusive fundraisers like custom-engraved tumblers, spice blends, bed sheets, and more! All of our product lines can be sold online eliminating accepting cash and tabulating brochures. We handle all organizing, payment processing and distribution. Guardian Fundraising can also track individual sellers and then our travel side can apply the fundraising credits to the participant's trips. Some students fundraise the entire cost of their trips!





Guardian Memberships and Associations

Guardian actively takes part in numerous organizations to provide better opportunities for our clients, enrich their experience, provide more competitive pricing and invest in their safety. These memberships also provide Guardian with wonderful resources to become an even stronger tour operator through our training and network of vendors.

Your Needs

With the best interests of your group in mind, our staff will plan your trip to be both fun and educational. Every trip is custom designed based on the specific wants and needs of your group. Our staff, consisting of current and former teaching professionals, strives to create enriching and memorable experiences, while keeping the perspectives of the teacher, students, and parents in mind. Let us design an unforgettable experience for you and your group!

Education

Guardian values creating excellent educational experiences for you and your students. With an established and growing network of clinicians around the world, whether you need one clinic or five, our clinicians will help develop your group with valuable feedback to aid in your ensemble's continued growth. We provide incredible workshops, training sessions, and immersive cultural and educational experiences nationally and internationally.

Attractions

Our goal is to create enjoyable and educational experiences to foster community and camaraderie within your group. From horseback riding at a Texas dude ranch to channeling your inner wizard at Hogwarts at Universal Studios, we take the time to do the research to ensure your students are experiencing the culture, cuisine, and all that is unique to your destination. Our itineraries are custom built to meet your specific needs.

Protection & Safety

Guardian cares about your safety and protection. From on-trip issues to long-term forecasting, Guardian has your best interests in mind. All travel packages come with a post-departure travel insurance plan to protect against illness, injury, trip interruption, and more. Our company is fully licensed and insured with an extensive professional liability policy. Using a Student Youth Travel Association recommended Consumer Protection Plan, we offer a variety of travel protection plans for participants. Guardian also offers the options of an experienced tour guide to handle on-trip issues, to make sure your trip runs smoothly, and overnight security to help put your mind at ease. Our 24/7 hotline is available for emergencies.

Payments

Our Payment options are just as customized as our trips. We work with group's specific needs and timelines. We offer an online payment system for groups when needed to take the responsibility from the group leaders, so they can focus on what is truly important, their group. Guardian also offers fundraising that can be applied to each traveler's account and offers a platform for family members and friends to contribute to traveler costs to make the trip more affordable for them.



Trip Protection Plan

Anything can happen, and with the Guardian Trip Protection Plan we promise to protect your investment in the event of a trip cancellation

The Trip Protection Plan (TPP) is the only option for a FULL REFUND in the event of a group cancellation. Guardian is the only company in the industry offering this option. The COVID pandemic taught us the importance of protecting your travel investment. Travel packages with Guardian are non-refundable, so we encourage you to purchase this plan. The Trip Protection Plan also includes individual cancellations, which will return up to 80% if paid in full. 20% of the cost of the trip shall be kept to offset losses and as a service charge. This plan is significantly better than 3rd party CFAR plans that return on average 50-75%.

Notification of cancellation must be made to Guardian least 72 hours before scheduled departure to activate the refund plan. The TPP can be purchased at trip enrollment or can be added up until 14 days after initial deposit. After that time, enrollment in the TPP cannot be made.

Payments@GuardianTravelGroup.com

Terms and Conditions Apply:

- The cost of enrolling in the Trip Protection Program is non-refundable, even in the event of trip cancellation where all other fees are refunded.
- You must enroll in the TPP at the time of registration for the trip or within the first 14 days after deposit is received. All purchases after 14 days of enrollment are non-refundable and will not qualify for the plan.
- If an airline or other vendor will only refund Guardian in the form of airline or vendor credit, you may receive part of your refund in the form of an airline/vendor credit.
- Please see additional terms and conditions at trip registration



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Peace of Mind...

Post Departure Travel Insurance

All overnight travel with Guardian includes insurance to protect your on-trip experience. We do our best to expect the unexpected and we decided to include this great inclusion in all packages. Should a snowstorm hit, participant become ill, luggage become lost, or one of many possible scenarios, we have a staff in place to support you 24/7 with travel solutions, medical assistance and financial compensation when necessary.

Our experienced team is ready to support you domestically and internationally as our emergency phone line is always available for on-trip emergencies. We offer overnight security to help your group leaders and chaperones rest well at night.

To protect your financial investment, please consider our Trip Protection Plan should you need to cancel your trip in advance of departure.

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- Trip Interruption Assistance
- Travel Delay—6 hours—150.00/day up to 750.00 maximum
- Missed Connection—3 hours—500.00
- Baggage/Personal Effects—1500.00
- Baggage Delay—24 hours—300.00
- Non-Medical Emergency Medical Evacuation
- Emergency Medical Evacuation
- Accident and Sickness Medical Expense—25,000.00
- Emergency Assistance Services
- Online Medical Appointments with state-licensed doctors for any trip illnesses (U.S. trips only)



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