

NYC DAY TRIP ITINERARY AND REMINDERS

Saturday, May 12, 2018

The bus (LW Transportation) will have wifi, electric outlets, and restrooms on board.

Here is a google link for directions where the bus will be picking up at: <http://goo.gl/nBf8JT>
Culpeper Sports Complex, 16387 Competition Drive, Culpeper. If you have not been to the Culpeper Sports Complex before, I would suggest you take a drive by it before the day of the trip.

4:45 am The bus will be on-site at 4:45am.

Board a LW Transportation motor coach at the Culpeper Sports Complex, 16387 Competition Drive. Please be courteous to others and be there on time. If you are travelling with several people, wait until everyone is on-site before boarding the bus if you want to sit together. There are no assigned seats, nor saving seats. All passengers please try to be flexible, we have a full bus so ALL seats will be occupied.

Whatever seat you occupy in the morning will be the seat you keep for the entire trip so whatever personal belongings (such as a small pillow and/or blanket) you wish to leave in your seat should be there upon your return. The front row of seats are reserved for Department Staff and the trip hosts. Once on the bus and on the road, the trip host will pass out NYC maps and visitor guides, and cell phone number. If you would like to look at information before the trip, please visit www.NYCGO.com

5:00 am The bus will be LEAVING from the Complex parking lot for New York City promptly at 5:00am.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride! The driver will make a rest stop about halfway up to allow for 30 minutes of leg stretching and a bathroom break. (If you are not on the bus by 5:00am, the bus will leave without you. Unfortunately, there are no refunds if you do not make it.)

The rest stop on the way up and back will be made at the Delaware House Travel Plaza which is approximately 3 hours from Culpeper, and a bit over 2 hours from Bryant Park. Remember the stop here will only be 30minutes. When you get off the bus and enter the Travel Plaza building, make sure that you note which side of the building you enter (north or south), so when you leave, you exit the same doors. It makes it a lot easier finding the bus.

11:30 am Approximate arrival at Bryant Park – depending on traffic.

Please write down the bus company name, bus number and remember your location. If you wish, use your cell phone to take a picture of your bus and also to ‘drop a pin’ or mark the drop off location on your smartphone Maps App. While in New York the day is yours! Watch a Broadway Show, shop Fifth Ave, or people-watch in Times Square. No matter how you spend the day, you’re sure to be energized by a day in “the city that never sleeps”. Remember, the department does not have a planned itinerary for while you are in NYC – you are on your own to do as you like.

For information on Bryant Park, visit: <http://bryantpark.org>. FYI – there are public restrooms in Bryant Park.

For information on New York City, visit: www.nycgo.com.

Be sure to eat dinner in NYC before getting back on the bus as the evening stop is only 30 minutes.

8:15pm - Be at Bryant Park and ready to board the same LW Transportation motor coach you got off of that morning at Bryant Park. Make sure the bus you get on is headed back to Culpeper (the Parks & Recreation logo will be in the front window). There will be many motor coaches picking up at Bryant Park, you wouldn’t want to get on the wrong bus.

8:30 pm - The bus is LEAVING – make sure you are on it!! We are heading for home having experienced a fun-filled day in the city!! The driver will make a rest stop about halfway home to allow for 30 minutes of leg stretching and a bathroom break. Once on the road from NYC, a tip envelope for the driver will be passed around. Please give, if you can (cash), as an experienced and safe driver is greatly appreciated. According to *Miss Manners*, a suggested tip would be around \$3.00 per adult, but this is at your discretion.

2:00 / 2:30am - Approximate arrival time back at the Culpeper Sports Complex parking lot.

Other Pointers

- You can bring a small pillow and blanket to leave on the bus **but anything left on the bus is left at your own risk so please don't leave electronics or valuables**. The bus is locked in a parking garage during the day but neither the bus company nor Culpeper Co. Parks & Recreation are responsible for any missing, lost or stolen items.
- Small amounts of drink and food are allowed but all trash and/or spills must be cleaned up to avoid fines from the bus company. Hosts will periodically be collecting trash.
- Be sure to check the weather forecast for NYC (Manhattan) before the day of the trip so you can dress appropriately. Wear comfortable walking shoes or boots. The trip will go on whether the sun is shining or rain or snow is falling in New York City.
- There are numerous options for travel around the city: Taxi Cab, Subway, Bus, Pedicab, Double Decker Tour Bus, Ferries, Cruise Ships, Water Taxi, Bicycles, Horse Drawn Carriage (Central Park), Walking and even Helicopters. If planning to travel by subway or bus, you must visit the train/subway stations or bus terminals to purchase a MTA card or bring change for the bus as they do not take credit cards or bill currency.
- For tickets and ticket information for everything from transportation options to Broadway and Radio City Music Hall shows, **Official NYC Information Centers** can be found in person at Macy's Herald Square (151 W. 34th St. - inside Macy's on the 2nd floor); Times Square (7th Ave at 44th St); City Hall (Southern tip of City Hall Park, Broadway at Park Row in the Financial District); and South St Seaport (Hornblower Cruises on the East River Waterfront Esplanade at Pier 15 in the Financial District) and online in advance at www.nycgo.com. Please research on the internet to find other deals and possible offers as well.
- To see the Statue of Liberty National Monument on Liberty Island, tickets are required and recommended to get **in advance** as the ferry and openings may fill up on the day and time you are there if waiting. **877-LADY-TIX**.
- If you pre-purchased or will purchase day of tickets to visit many of the New York City sites, once we arrive at our destination, move quickly to your primary selection destination as lines form fast! You may want to visit the official website for your specific attractions to find out about their normal wait times and/or actual tour length times to better assist you in planning out your visit. Some take longer to tour and see than you would think so plan ahead if you can.
- Not all restrooms are public in NYC. Public bathrooms can be found at certain NYC Parks & Recreation Dept. Parks (see www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/bathrooms for a complete listing), transportation hubs such as the Grand Central Station Terminal and Penn Station and most large scale department and book stores such as Macy's Herald Square, Lord & Taylor, Toys "R" Us Times Square (check out the 60' Ferris wheel if you visit here) and Barnes & Noble to name a few.
- NYC is known for its fantastic street vendors from hot dogs and pretzels to handbags, scarves and custom artwork but most don't take credit. If you're going to carry a purse, a cross carry bag is recommended. If you are only carrying a wallet, the safest place is your front pockets. **Remember - whatever you purchase, you have to carry around all day as the bus will not be available to drop off your packages and you will have to fit all of your newly acquired treasures back on the bus.**

The Culpeper Parks and Recreation staff will have a limited number of New York City Visitor's Guides & Maps that will be distributed on the bus. For any other questions about things to do, events to see, places to eat, etc. while planning to visit the big apple, please see www.nycgo.com for more information.