



Virgil Grissom High School Band Performance Tour of New York City March 9 – 13, 2022

Proposed Itinerary

Day One – Wednesday, March 9, 2022

- Depart** Meet at Virgil Grissom High School to travel to the Nashville Airport. (Transportation to and from airport is not included.) It is recommended that groups arrive at least three hours prior to departure. Government issued photo identification is required of all passengers 18 years of age or older.
- Beginning Oct. 1, 2021, every air traveler 18 years of age or older will need a REAL ID, enhanced driver's license or ID, passport, or another acceptable form of ID to fly within the United States or enter federal facilities. Visit <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id> to learn more.
- Arrival** Welcome to New York City! Upon arrival, head to the baggage claim where your Gateway Tour Manager and motorcoaches will meet you.
- Brooklyn Bridge** Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge. The bridge is one of the oldest suspension bridges in the United States. Completed in 1883, it connects the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn by spanning the East River.
- Hotel** Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with hotel check-in.
- Dinner** Included
- One World Observatory** Board one of five dedicated elevators and ascend to the 102nd floor of the observatory in under 60 seconds, with 360-degree views in all directions, taking in the iconic sights, surrounding waters and panoramic views of the city and beyond. The Main Observatory also features the Sky Portal, where you will step onto a 14-foot-wide circular disc with an unforgettable view, using real-time, high-definition footage of the streets below.

Day Two – Thursday, March 10, 2022

Breakfast Included

🎵 School Exchange Concert

Participate in a school exchange concert in New York City or the surrounding area. *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.*

City Tour

A Licensed New York City guides will join you on your motorcoaches 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.

Times Square

Enjoy free time in Times Square one of the most iconic tourist destinations, adorned with billboards, advertisements, and shopping. This area is also one of the busiest pedestrian areas and hub to the Broadway theater district.

Dinner Included

Broadway Show

Attend a Broadway show. From musicals and comedies to dramas and mysteries, Broadway has a show for everyone and no tour to New York City would be complete without it (based on a \$100.00 ticket value).

Day Three – Friday, March 11, 2022

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.

9/11 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.

9/11 Museum

The 9/11 Museum, located at the World Trade Center site, bears solemn witness to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The museum honors the victims of these attacks and all who risked their lives to save others.

Dinner Included



Day Four – Saturday, March 12, 2022

Breakfast Included

American Museum of Natural History At this New York City museum – see the thrilling new Space Show in the Hayden Planetarium Space Theater, one of the world's most powerful virtual reality simulators.

Central Park Take a walk to 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).

Dinner Included

Day Five – Sunday, March 13, 2022

Breakfast Included

Check Out Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check out logistics.

The High Line The High Line is a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan's West Side. Walk along The High Line, ending at the Hudson Yards.

Vessel The extraordinary centerpiece of Hudson Yards is the spiral staircase called Vessel; a soaring new landmark meant to be climbed. Comprised of 154 intricately interconnecting flights of stairs, almost 2,500 individual steps and 80 landings, the vertical climb offers remarkable views of the city, the Hudson River and beyond.

Shops at Hudson Yards Enjoy free time exploring the Shops at Hudson Yards, with more than 100 diverse shops and culinary experiences.

Depart Travel to the airport for return flight.

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