

GAHANNA LINCOLN HS BAND ROB CEBRIAK, DIRECTOR DESTINATION: NEW YORK CITY VETERAN'S DAY PARADE DATES: NOVEMBER 8-12, 2018

AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2017

Mike Crandall, Travel Consultant Doug Roberts, Travel Coordinator Cathie Ruth (requested), Tour Director

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00 PM Motor coaches arrive at **Gahanna Lincoln High School** for loading.

140 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

8:00 PM Depart via **deluxe air conditioned motor coaches with DVD.** (9 ½ hours have been

allotted for drive time plus 2 hours for breaks and a driver change.)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 AM Arrive in **New York City** and enjoy **breakfast** at **Naples 45.**

You will be greeted by two Professional Tour Directors, Cathie Ruth (requested), here

Following breakfast, walk to **Rockefeller Center!** Located in the heart of midtown Manhattan, it is known for its big Christmas tree and ice skating in winter, Today Show concerts, Radio City Music Hall and Saturday Night Live. There is a vast array of options for shopping and dining, whether you're looking to purchase high-end goods or just grab a quick bite to eat.

Rockefeller Center is the site where **The Today Show** is broadcast. (Maybe a chance of getting on camera?)

9:00 AM

Tour **St. Patrick's Cathedral,** the largest gothic-style Catholic Cathedral in the United States. For over 125 years, the Cathedral of St. Patrick has enriched the spiritual lives of countless New Yorkers, as well as over five million visitors and tourists each year.







10:30 AM

Take the Radio City Music Hall Backstage Tour at Rockefeller Center. Opened in 1932, the largest theater in the US has an opulent Art Deco interior. Once a movie palace, it now hosts a variety of musical performances and special events, such as the Tony Awards and the MTV Video Music Awards. The annual Christmas Show starring the world famous Rockettes, 36 long-legged dancers, is a New York tradition.

Take some time in the **Fifth Avenue area** to explore the sights and shops in the area. From stores like **Louis Vuitton, Tiffany's, Gucci,** and **Versace,** to the **NBA Store, FAO Schwartz** and the famous **Apple Store,** there are enough over-the-top shopping opportunities here to satisfy everyone's taste. Lunch on your own in the area.

2:30 PM

Explore the **American Museum of Natural History,** a New York City icon. Packed with exhibitions representing people and animals throughout the ages, the museum also have a planetarium and IMAX Theater, as well as special visiting exhibitions. The dinosaur is a must see, and if you have time, lie down under the life-size model of a Blue Whale in the Melstein Hall of Ocean Life. Central Park at West 79th Street

6:00 PM

Enjoy an authentic Italian dinner at Café Centro.

Transfer to the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts for tonight's concert.

8:00 PM

Enjoy a concert by the world renowned **New York Philharmonic** (\$65 allotted) in David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center. Esa-Pekka Salonen, conducts the Philharmonic in two of Beethoven's most popular works: the *Eroica* Symphony, whose bold, majestic score ends on a note of triumph and exhilaration, and his Piano Concerto No. 3, a virtuosic showcase for Benjamin Grosvenor. Plus a World Premiere by Iceland's Anna Thorvaldsdottir, whose lyrical and atmospheric music "has a natural beauty." (*The New York Times*)

Salonen Conducts Beethoven's Eroica Symphony (schedule form the 2017-'18 season)

Esa-Pekka Salonen, conductor **Benjamin Grosvenor**, piano

Thorvaldsdottir New Work [World Premiere – New York Philharmonic Commission]

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3
Beethoven Symphony No. 3, Eroica

10:30 PM

Transfer to the hotel for the evening.

Hilton – Meadowlands (or similar – determined by festival company)

2 Private Security Guards on duty - 11:00 PM-6:00 AM







SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 AM Breakfast included at the hotel.

9:00 AM Transfer into the city.

10:00 AM

Visit the National September 11th Memorial and Museum. This 16-acre site features two enormous waterfalls and reflecting pools, each about an acre in size, set within the footprints of the original twin towers. Its design conveys a spirit of hope and renewal, and creates a contemplative space separate from the usual sights and sounds of a bustling metropolis. With more than More than 400 trees, the Memorial Plaza is one of the most eco-friendly plazas ever constructed. The Museum serves as the country's principal institution concerned with exploring the implications of the events of 9/11, documenting the impact of those events and exploring 9/11's continuing significance.

10:30 AM Museum Entrance

12:30 PM

Transfer to **Grand Central Station** for lunch on your own. One of the world's great rail terminals, is New York's most visited with 500,000 people passing through it daily. It features 15 restaurants and over 40 shops, the New York City Transit Museum and a gourmet food market. 42nd Street, between Park & Lexington Avenues

3:00 PM

Visit the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. Berthed on the mighty Hudson River, The USS Intrepid boasts educational exhibits and exciting events. Building on the long and distinguished history of the aircraft carrier, the Museum provides a glimpse back to a time when the future of the free world hinged on these great ships. Together with the submarine USS Growler and over twenty-five aircraft, including the Space Shuttle Enterprise, visitors are treated to an inside look of life at sea, past, present and future.

Pier 86, West 46th Street & 12th Avenue

Have some time to shop and explore in the **Times Square area**. Known as "The Crossroads of the World" and "The Great White Way," it is one of the most popular commercial intersections in the world! Located in central Manhattan at the junction of Broadway and Seventh Avenue, this popular NYC attraction, is home to top destinations such as Broadway Theaters, ABC's Times Square Studios, and the Ed Sullivan Theater (home of the Late Show with Stephen Colbert).

42nd Street & Broadway

6:00 PM

Enjoy a **Buffet Dinner** at the **Crossroads Restaurant**, located on the eighth floor of the New York Marriott Marquis in the heart of Times Square! 1535 Broadway







Walk to your theater for tonight's show.

8:00 PM You will have the choice of two shows tonight (\$90 allotted):

> • Aladdin at the New Amsterdam Theater. 214 West 42nd Street

Dear Evan Hansen at the Music Box Theater (for an additional \$100) 239 West 45th Street

Gather in Times Square for your group photo!! 11:00 PM

Photos are \$20 each.

Transfer to the hotel for the evening. 11:30 PM

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 AM Breakfast included at the hotel.

9:00 AM Depart for the staging area.

10:30 AM The Opening Ceremony of the Veterans Day Parade begins at the Eternal Light

> **Monument** in Madison Square Park. This moment of remembrance and reflection features remarks by the Mayor of New York, other senior elected officials, and special guests, as well as musical tributes and readings. It is open to the public, with preferential seating available for veterans. The ceremony culminates with a wreath laying, 21-rifle salute and playing of "Taps."

Fifth Avenue at 24th Street

The Gahanna Lincoln HS Marching Band performs in the 96th Anniversary Veterans 11:30 AM

> Day Parade, the oldest and largest parade of its kind, featuring more than 20,000 participants, including veterans of all eras, active duty military, ROTC and JROTC units, civic and youth groups, all accompanied by music performed by top high school

bands from around the country.

A **boxed lunch** will be provided at the conclusion of the parade.

2:30 PM Meet your guides and depart for an afternoon sightseeing tour of Manhattan. The

> tour will take you to the sites that made the Big Apple famous! The tour will be customized to meet your group's interests, perhaps including such things as: Lincoln

Center, Columbia University, the Dakota and the John Lennon Memorial, "Strawberry Fields" in Central Park, Greenwich Village, and the Financial District

and former site of the World Trade Center.







Transfer to Chelsea Piers for your dinner cruise.

5:30 PM Boarding begins.

6:00 PM Enjoy your **Festival Awards Dinner/DJ Dance Cruise**, catered by Dallas BBQ,

experiencing the New York skyline from the waters of the Hudson River.

8:00 PM Transfer to Rockefeller Center.

9:00 PM Experience **Top of the Rock**, the six-level observatory atop the Art Deco skyscraper,

30 Rockefeller Plaza which offers fantastic 360 degree views of the New York City

skyline!

10:30 PM Transfer to the hotel for the evening.

3 Private Security Guards on duty - 11:00 PM-6:00 AM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:30 AM **Breakfast included** at the hotel.

Check out of the hotel.

8:30 AM Load coaches for Liberty State Park.

9:00 AM Arrive at **Liberty State Park.** From here you will board the ferries to take you to the

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Visit this monument to freedom and the

surrounding area of the island, as well as the Immigration Museum.

1 Audrey Zapp Drive, Jersey City, New Jersey 07305

You will proceed through airport-type security to go on the ferry to the islands. Please refrain from carrying large bags or metal objects to expedite going through security,

and leave any sharp objects (pocket knives, etc.) on the bus.

Return back to Liberty State Park on the New Jersey side.

12:30 PM Depart for home. (9 ½ hours has been allotted for drive time, plus 2 hours for lunch

and dinner on your own, breaks, and a driver change.)

12:00 AM Arrive at Gahanna Lincoln High School.

THANK YOU FOR TRAVELING WITH BOB ROGERS TRAVEL.
WE HOPE YOU HAVE MADE MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES!!



