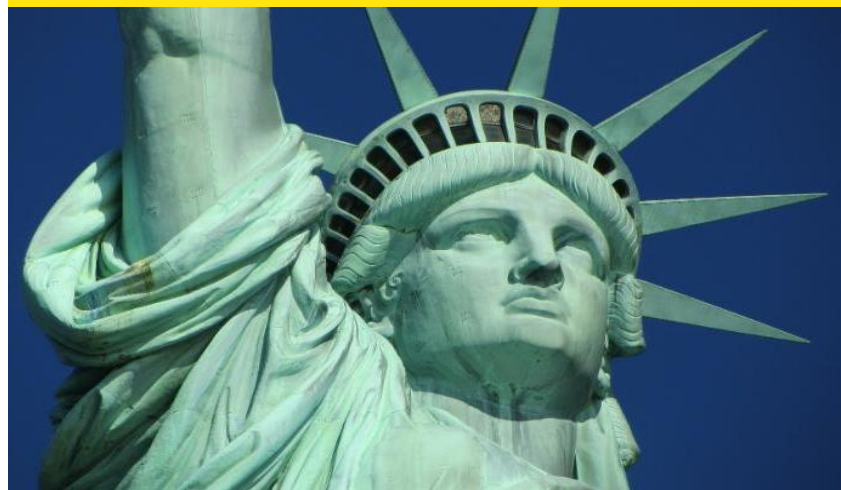




New York City: Music, Landmarks & Lights

*June 3 - 7, 2026
5 Days*



Experience the very best of the Big Apple on this unforgettable 5-day journey. Delight in three spectacular nightly concerts, including the New York Philharmonic, a jazz performance at Lincoln Center, and the Metropolitan Opera. Explore iconic landmarks such as Grand Central Station, Times Square, Central Park, and the Top of the Rock Observation Deck, and the iconic Empire State Building. Enjoy a scenic Harbor Lights Cruise and a visit to Liberty and Ellis Islands, stroll the elevated High Line, and go behind the scenes on a guided tour of legendary Carnegie Hall. This trip perfectly blends world-class music, rich culture, and the vibrant energy of New York City.

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Day 1- Our trip begins with a flight to New York City and a visit to Grand Central Station.

Tonight we will enjoy the Harbor Lights Cruise which offers a breathtaking evening on the water as the sun sets, and the city lights come alive. Glide past the iconic Manhattan skyline, the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge, and other landmarks, all beautifully illuminated against the night sky. With live narration and spectacular photo opportunities, this two-hour cruise is one of the most memorable ways to experience New York City after dark. **D**

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Day 2- Today we step aboard the ferry for a journey through America’s history. We will cruise across New York Harbor to visit the Statue of Liberty, an enduring symbol of freedom, and Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants first set foot in America. With breathtaking skyline views and inspiring stories at every stop, this tour is a moving experience that connects the past with the present.

This evening we will experience an unforgettable concert at Lincoln Center as Maestro Semyon Bychkov leads the New York Philharmonic in Bruckner’s monumental Eighth Symphony. Often called the “Apocalyptic,” this vast and soaring masterpiece is filled with power, drama, and transcendent beauty. With Bychkov’s masterful interpretation, the performance promises to be a stirring journey through one of the greatest symphonic works ever written. **B/D**

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Day 3- This morning we will discover one of New York City’s most unique parks as you stroll the High Line, an elevated greenway built atop a historic freight rail line. This beautifully landscaped walkway winds through Manhattan’s West Side, offering gardens, public art, and striking views of the city skyline and Hudson River. Our next stop will be iconic Times Square for lunch and free time before we visit Top of the Rock, where panoramic views stretch from Central Park to the Statue of Liberty. Located atop Rockefeller Center, this iconic observation deck offers breathtaking vistas of the skyline, perfect for photos and unforgettable memories.

Tonight we join Grammy-nominated trumpeter Etienne Charles for an electrifying performance celebrating Caribbean rhythms and jazz innovation. Folklore Live Vol. 2 blends traditional folk melodies with contemporary jazz, creating a vibrant, soulful, and deeply moving musical experience.

With infectious energy, masterful improvisation, and rich cultural storytelling, this concert promises to be an unforgettable journey through sound and heritage. **B/D**
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Day 4- Our day begins with a visit to the iconic Empire State Building for amazing views of the city. The next stop is one of the world’s most legendary concert venues for a guided tour of Carnegie Hall. Explore its stunning auditoriums, historic lobbies, and backstage areas while learning about the Hall’s rich legacy of iconic performances and renowned artists. We will escape the city’s hustle and bustle in the heart of Manhattan at Central Park, a sprawling urban oasis spanning over 800 acres. With its gardens, fountains, and recreational spaces, Central Park offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, relaxation, and iconic New York sights.

This evening we will experience Turandot at the Metropolitan Opera—a breathtaking blend of drama, passion, and spectacle. Set in ancient China, Giacomo Puccini’s final masterpiece tells the story of the beautiful but cold Princess Turandot, whose suitors face deadly riddles in their quest for her heart. From the hauntingly powerful aria “Nessun dorma” to the lavish sets and costumes that fill the grand stage, this production immerses audiences in a world of mystery, love, and triumph. Performed by world-class singers and accompanied by the Met’s renowned orchestra, Turandot is an unforgettable evening of operatic splendor at one of the world’s most iconic venues. **B/D**
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Day 5 - Today, we say good bye to New York City and fly home. **B**

Tour Price: per person

Double: \$3,880	Ins. \$275
Single: \$4,610	Ins. \$325

Deposit: \$500 per person + insurance

Price Includes:

- Transportation To/From O'Hare
- Round-Trip Airfare
- Deluxe Motor Coach
- Lodging
- All Admissions
- 8 Meals (4 breakfasts, 4 dinners)
- Donation to Rockford Symphony Orchestra

Price does not include:

- Personal Items
- Gratuities for driver
- Optional Travel Insurance