

# The Big Apple, Niagara and Washington, D.C.

Trip Map



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|  Start Location |  Visited Location |  Plane |
|  End Location   |  Cruise           |  Train |
|  Over night     |  Ferry            |                                                                                           |

## Day 1 | Arrive Washington, D.C.



Welcome to Washington, America's capital city and the seat of political power. Fast paced, politically charged and culturally revered, 'DC' is the place you've seen a thousand times on screens small and large. Boasting arguably America's finest collection of museums, a vibrant Waterfront area and memorials to many of the nation's greats, you've certainly chosen an iconic spot to kick off your adventure. After settling in to your hotel you'll meet up with your Travel Director this afternoon, then why not pay a visit to bustling Georgetown for a wander 'round the shops and restaurants.

**Hotel:** Courtyard by Marriott Washington, DC/U.S. Capitol

## Day 2 | Washington DC Sightseeing and Free Time



Today is all about unearthing the political and cultural highlights of this high-flying city. You'll kick things off with a sightseeing tour that will feel more like a walk through a real-life movie set, see icons including the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the jewel in America's political crown, the White House. Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the only national museum dedicated exclusively to documenting African American life, history, and culture, and housing over 40,000 fascinating artifacts. And if that whets your appetite for history, maybe also choose to visit the Air and Space Museum. With the rest of the day to explore as you please, the question is really where to start? Perhaps take a walk around the Tidal Basin Loop Trail or choose experiences like visiting George Washington's sprawling Mount Vernon Estate. This evening we then have another Optional Experience, Washington Illumination Tour, where you'll see DC's most famous monuments lit up in their nighttime glory.

**Hotel:** Courtyard by Marriott Washington, DC/U.S. Capitol

## CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**George Washington Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens** - Step back in time at Mount Vernon, the esteemed plantation that once buzzed with 18th-century life and now stands as one of the nation's most beloved historic landmarks. This unparalleled treasure blends the authentic charm of George Washington's home with enchanting gardens, insightful museum galleries, engaging programmes, and top-notch dining and shopping experiences. Embark on a self-guided tour and explore the museum, Washington's final resting place, the meticulously maintained gardens, slave memorials, and the homes of servants.

**Adult: 28.00 USD**

**Washington Illumination Tour** - Get ready to be dazzled by Washington D.C. like never before on this night tour. Marvel at the illuminated sights of the Capitol, the White House, and the Jefferson Memorial. Cap off the evening with a visit to the Iwo Jima Marine Corps Memorial (Stops are subject to weather and local restrictions.)

**Adult: 57.00 USD**

### Day 3 | Washington, D.C. – Lancaster



Today you'll travel back in time as we reach Pennsylvania Dutch farm country, home to America's oldest and largest settlement of Amish people. Spot farmers working the fields with their horses and manual tools and traditional horse and buggies passing you by as you take in the beautiful rural surroundings. We'll then meet up with a Local Specialist who will share all about the 'plain' lifestyle of the Amish community, who live without cars, televisions, mobile phones or modern-day appliances. This evening why not choose to dine at a local restaurant serving traditional Amish fare?

**Hotel:** Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

### Day 4 | Lancaster – Niagara Falls, Canada



Traveling northwest today, you'll follow the surging Susquehanna River as you make your way through the western region of New York State. As you pass through the Appalachian Mountains, you'll no doubt be in awe of the breathtaking scenery. Bear in mind that this ancient mountain range is one of the oldest on Earth, formed around 480 million years ago and stretching across the border between the USA and Canada. Later, we will cross from the US into Canada.

**Hotel:** Days Inn Niagara Falls Fallsview

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Skylon Tower Restaurant** - Elevate your dining experience at the Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls' most iconic restaurant, perched 775 feet above the cascading waters. This world-renowned Revolving Dining Room not only offers breath-taking views but also award-winning continental cuisine, served at the pinnacle of dining excellence. As the room gently rotates 360 degrees every hour, savor each bite against the backdrop of the illuminated Falls, the sparkling city lights, and the seasonal fireworks display. Ready for a meal that's as spectacular as the view?

**Adult: 98.00 CAD**

### Day 5 | Niagara Falls Sightseeing and Free Time



This morning you're off to visit a natural phenomenon, Niagara Falls! The biggest falls in North America, an incredible 75,750 gallons of water thunder into the gorge below every second. We'll be getting you up close on a cruise to Horseshoe Falls, allowing you to see both the Canadian and American sides. Remember that raincoat? Now's the time to use it.

**Hotel:** Days Inn Niagara Falls Fallsview

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two experiences depending on availability:

**Niagara Falls Helicopter Flightseeing** - Enjoy an exhilarating and scenic helicopter flight and experience the views of the awe-inspiring Niagara Region as you gently lift off over the Whirlpool Rapids and Rainbow Bridge. See the green grass and floral beauty of Queen Victoria Park stretch below you as the helicopter passes by the American Falls and Skylon Tower. Follow the curve of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls and see rainbows magically appear and disappear. This is a ride you do not want to miss! Operates daily, weather permitting.

**Adult: 203.00 CAD**

\* Please Note: this optional experience is weather permitting.

**Niagara Parks Generating Station** - Step into the heart of Niagara's power at the Canadian Niagara Power Company generating station. Dive into a world of immersive exhibits, meticulously restored artifacts, and engaging storytelling that spans a century. Get up close with the innovative spirit of hydropower pioneers who harnessed water's mighty force to light up lives for 100 years. This mix of fun and learning reveals the incredible history and distinctive architecture, showing you the revival of a true powerhouse.

**Adult: 40.00 CAD**

**Niagara-on-the-Lake Excursion with Wine Tasting** - Embark on a journey through the heart of a picturesque vineyard with a senior wine consultant guiding your exploration. From the expansive observation deck to the lush vineyard rows and bustling production area, you'll gain insider insights into the art of winemaking. Conclude your adventure in the elegance of the Grand Tasting Hall, where a seated tasting awaits. Savor the effervescence of sparkling wine, the depth of reds and whites, and the signature sweetness of the famous Peachwine.

**Adult: 40.00 CAD**

### Day 6 | Niagara Falls – New York City



Bidding a fond farewell to Niagara Falls this morning, you'll journey back across the border through leafy and picturesque upstate New York. Passing by the fun to pronounce Poconos Mountains, which literally mean 'creek between two hills', you'll venture towards the fast and fabulous metropolis of NYC. Arriving late afternoon and no doubt itching to explore, why not spend your first night here getting acquainted with the city's foodie scene? From gourmet food trucks to Michelin Star restaurants, the city that never sleeps ensures you'll never go hungry.

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn New York City - Times Square

## Day 7 | New York City Sightseeing and Free Time



Wake up and get ready to dive into the heart of New York City! Start your day at an NYC institution — Junior's restaurant. Whether you're craving eggs and bacon, fluffy pancakes, or French toast, you'll fuel up for a day of adventure, all washed down with fresh roasted coffee. Next, you're off with our Local Guide to explore the real New York. Discover the stories behind some of Manhattan's most iconic spots, like Broadway, Greenwich Village, and the hustle and bustle of Wall Street. You can also visit the poignant 9/11 Memorial, a moment to reflect amidst the city's energy. This afternoon, it's time to make New York your own. You could wander through trendy Brooklyn, catch a Broadway show, or choose from a curated list of Choice Experiences. Whether it's the dizzying heights of SUMMIT One Vanderbilt or an inspiring tour of art galleries, you'll find the perfect way to enjoy your Big Apple adventure.

**Meals:** Iconic Breakfast

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn New York City - Times Square

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Summit One Vanderbilt - Regular Season** - Discover the cutting-edge Summit One in Midtown Manhattan, a newly erected marvel boasting four levels dedicated to the fusion of art and design. Marvel at the stunning NYC skyline while navigating a narrative-driven, immersive art journey through five unique sections, each featuring reflective glass, optical illusions, and installations designed to shift your perspective. Step onto the wrap-around viewing deck for breathtaking vistas and unparalleled photo opportunities. Note: Peak viewing times vary throughout the year, ensuring each visit offers a new perspective. Ready to see New York City from a whole new angle?

**Adult: 55.00 USD**

**Art Gallery Circuit Tours** - Experience the vibrant art scene of New York City with the Art Gallery Circuit tour. Guided by artist Jody Lee Drafta, this private two-hour trip explores eight to nine galleries in the Chelsea neighborhood, featuring a mix of well-known and emerging artists. Each tour is unique, reflecting the dynamic nature of the gallery exhibits.

**Adult: 122.00 USD**

**New York City Landmarks Cruise** - Embark on a thrilling 90-minute journey through New York City's iconic landmarks aboard our modern Bronx-class boats. Cruise down the majestic Hudson River, passing by Hudson Yards and Little Island, with stunning views of One World Trade Center and Ellis Island. Get up close to the Statue of Liberty and enjoy breathtaking vistas of lower Manhattan. Glide under the Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Williamsburg bridges, then sail up the East River before returning to Pier 83 in midtown Manhattan. Our knowledgeable tour guides will narrate the city's fascinating story as you relax in comfort. You can indulge in food and drinks from our concessions areas all while soaking in the sights of NYC. Experience the essence of the Big Apple in less time than a matinee!

**Adult: 45.00 USD**

## Day 8 | Depart New York City



With fond memories of spectacular waterfalls and political icons still fresh in your mind, your trip will come to an end this morning. Why not head out for one final cream cheese bagel and stroll around Central Park before heading to the airport, or if you're not ready to say goodbye just yet, why not extend your stay at the Holiday Inn New York City - Times Square for a few more days. In a city as varied and wonderful as New York, you're never short of new things to discover.