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Making Moments That Matter

DUBLIN SCIOTO HS BAND
ANDY DOHERTY, DIRECTOR
DESTINATION: NEW YORK CITY &
THE PHILADELPHIA THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE
DATES: NOVEMBER 19-23, 2023

FINAL ITINERARY
AS OF
NOVEMBER 14, 2023
Mike Crandall, Travel Consultant
Brennan Stamps, Senior Travel Coordinator
Mike Ruggieri, Tour Director

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 6:30 PM Two 56-passenger Barons Bus motor coaches arrive at **Dublin Scioto High School** for loading.
4000 Hard Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016
- 7:30 PM Depart via **deluxe air-conditioned motor coach with DVD**. (9 ½ hours have been allotted for drive plus 2 hours for breaks and a driver change.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 6:00 AM Arrive at the hotel to quickly freshen-up and change clothes for the day.
Doubletree Newark – Airport
128 Frontage Road, Newark, New Jersey 07114
973-690-5500

****You will be greeted by your Professional Tour Director, Mike Ruggieri, here****

- 6:45 AM Local chartered coaches arrive at the hotel.
- 7:00 AM Board your **local chartered motor coaches** and depart for the city.
- 8:00 AM Arrive in **New York City at 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. Have breakfast here on your own.
45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10111



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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.
460 Madison Avenue

10:15 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.
1260 Avenue of the Americas

- 10:15 AM Group #1 (33 people)
- 10:30 AM Group #2 (33 people)
- 10:45 AM Group #3 (27 people)

Please have groups divided ahead of time and meet in the lobby 15 minutes prior to tour time.

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**, and the famous **Apple Store**, there are enough over-the-top shopping opportunities here to satisfy everyone's taste.

Walk 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

2:10 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!
30 Rockefeller Plaza

Walk to the **Times Square area** for some time to shop and explore. 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

5:00 PM Enjoy **dinner** at the **Dallas BBQ - Chelsea**
261 Eighth Avenue at 23rd Street

Transfer to your theater for tonight's show.



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The coaches will first proceed to Blue Man Group to drop off, then head up to Rockefeller Center for the Rockettes.

We will have two options for tonight's show:

- **Blue Man Group** at the Astor Place Theater – 7:00 PM – 60 tickets
434 Lafayette Street
- **Radio City Holiday Spectacular** at Radio City Music Hall – 8:00 PM – 33 tickets
1260 Avenue of the Americas

Following Blue Man Group, coaches will proceed to Rockefeller Center and wait for the Holiday Spectacular to finish.

10:00 PM Transfer to the hotel to check in for the evening.

1 Private Security Guard on duty – 11:00 PM-6:00 AM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 AM **Breakfast** included at the hotel.

8:00 AM Transfer into the city.

9:00 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 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.
180 Greenwich Street

12:00 PM Following the Memorial, have time in the Financial District for lunch on your own in the area surrounding the new **One World Trade Center**, which at 1,776 feet, is America's tallest building, and a brand-new New York landmark.

2:00 PM This afternoon is reserved for your **Jazz at Lincoln Center Performance**.
Atrium at Jazz at Lincoln Center



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Take some time to explore and enjoy **Central Park**. This 843-acre urban oasis boasts several lakes, theaters, ice rinks, fountains, tennis courts, baseball fields, many playgrounds and other facilities. It is also home to the **Central Park Zoo** and the **Metropolitan Museum of Art**. Be sure to see **Strawberry Fields**, a living memorial to legendary Beatles member, John Lennon. Other highlights include **Bethesda Fountain, The Mall, and Bow Bridge**.

5:00 PM Enjoy **dinner** at **John's Pizzeria**.
260 West 44th Street

7:00 PM *Tonight you will have the choice of three shows:*

- **Hadestown** at the Walter Kerr Theater – 29 tickets
219 West 48th Street
- **& Juliet** at the Stephen Sondheim Theater – 14 tickets
124 West 43rd Street
- **Wicked** at the Gershwin Theater – 50 tickets
222 West 51st Street

10:00 PM Return to your hotel for the evening.

1 Private Security Guard on duty – 11:00 PM-6:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:30 AM **Breakfast** included at the hotel.
Check out of the hotel.

9:00 AM Board coaches for Philadelphia (2 hours have been allotted for drive time).

11:00 AM Arrive in **Philadelphia** at the **National Constitution Center** – explaining the US Constitution through more than 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits, including the production **Freedom Rising**, a 17-minute show projected on a 360-degree screen.
525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

- **11:15 AM** **Freedom Rising**

12:30 PM Transfer to **Reading Terminal Market**, the nation's oldest continuously operating farmers market, first opened in 1893, for lunch on your own. Today, it stands out as one of the greatest public markets in the country. Visitors can enjoy eating a wide swath of different cuisines, from sublime soul food and exquisite Asian and Middle Eastern dishes to authentic Philly cheesesteaks and traditional Pennsylvania Dutch fare — all available from largely locally owned, family-run stands.
51 North 12th Street



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You will receive a **\$30 VISA Card** to use toward today and tomorrow's lunches on your own.

2:00 PM

Meet your **three guides** at the **Independence Transportation Center** which is just off of Race Street, right before the light at Fifth Street, to tour **Historical Philadelphia** including:

- **Independence Hall & Congress Hall** – where the Declaration of Independence was ratified on July 4, 1776. An original copy is housed here.
- **Liberty Bell** – Inscribed with the words “Proclaim Liberty throughout the Land,” the bell was rung when the Declaration of Independence was adopted.
- **Declaration House** – where Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.
- **Welcome Park** – the open city square dedicated to the city's co-founder, William Penn.
- **Carpenter's Hall** – meeting location of the first Continental Congress.
- **Franklin Court** – this imaginative, informative and downright fun museum designed around the site of Ben Franklin's home reflects his wide interests in science, printing and politics.
- **Elfreth's Alley** – the oldest continuously inhabited street in the United States. Most of Colonial Philadelphia looked like this street still does today.
- **Betsy Ross House** – Where Quaker seamstress, Betsy Ross, is said to have sewn the first American flag.
- **Christ Church** – the tallest building in Philadelphia when built in 1754, the Nation's Church” including among its parishioners, Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross, and George and Martha Washington.

Due to the size of the group, you will be divided into three smaller groups with an interpretive guide for each.

2:40 PM

Visit **Independence Hall & Congress Hall**, where the Declaration of Independence was ratified on July 4, 1776. An original copy is housed here.

520 Chestnut Street, between Fifth & Sixth Streets

- 2:40 PM Group #1 (40 people)
- 3:00 PM Group #2 (40 people)
- 3:20 PM Group #3 (13 people)

Please have groups divided ahead of time and meet in the lobby 15 minutes prior to tour time.

5:00 PM

Transfer to the hotel to check-in and freshen up for dinner.

Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown

201 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

215-448-2000



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6:45 PM Enjoy **Thanksgiving dinner** at the **Moshulu Restaurant**, aboard the largest four-masted sailing ship in the world still afloat. Since launching in 1904, she has worked the ports of Europe, South America, Australia, America and Africa, and was confiscated by the Americans in WWI and by the Germans in WWII. In 1994 she was restored in the style of a turn-of-the-century luxury liner and was re-christened by Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell.
 Penn's Landing, 401 South Columbus Boulevard

9:00 PM Return to the hotel for the evening.

1 Private Security Guard on duty – 11:00 PM-6:00 AM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:00 AM **Breakfast included** at the hotel.
 Liberty Ballroom

Check out of the hotel.

Morning March in the **104th 6 ABC/Dunkin' Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade!!**

- 7:00 AM Load motor coaches in uniform.
- 7:15 AM Coach departs for parade drop off point.
- 7:30 AM Unload on Arch Street, between 19th and 22nd Streets.
- 7:45 AM Walk to the assembly portion on 20th Street at JFK Boulevard.
- 8:15 AM Parade begins

Once unloaded, motor coaches should depart and continue to travel on Arch Street. Turn left onto 23rd Street. Turn right onto Market Street – and follow signs for I-76 WEST. Follow I-76 West to the Exit #342 - Girard Avenue. Turn RIGHT onto Girard Avenue to Sedgley Drive. Turn RIGHT onto Sedgley Drive and park along Sedgley Drive. You can also use Lemon Hill Drive also (if needed). DO NOT go as far as Kelly Drive.

You will pick up your **boxed lunch** right outside of the city.
 Walmart Supercenter, 275 North Gulph Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

1:00 PM Depart for home. (8 ½ hours has been allotted plus 2 hours for dinner on your own, breaks and a driver change.)

11:30 PM Arrive at **Dublin Scioto High School**.

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



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