**DUBLIN SCIOTO HS BAND**

***ANDY DOHERTY, DIRECTOR***

**DESTINATION: NEW YORK CITY &**

**THE PHILADELPHIA THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE**

**DATES: NOVEMBER 19-24, 2023**

**SUGGESTED ITINERARY**

**AS OF**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

*Mike Crandall, Travel Consultant*

*Brennan Stamps, Senior Travel Coordinator*

*Elise Dworkin (requested), Tour Director*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

7:00 PM Motor coaches arrive at **Dublin Scioto High School** for loading.

 4000 Hard Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016

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

 allotted for drive plus 2 hours for breaks, dinner on your own, and a driver change.)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

7:30 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.

***\*\*You will be greeted by your Professional Tour Director, Elise Dworkin, here\*\****

9:00 AM 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!

 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

2:00 PM 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

 Following the tour, 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 Theate**r (home of the **Late Show with Stephen**

 **Colbert**).

42nd Street & Broadway

5:00 PM Enjoy **dinner** at the **Hard Rock Café – Times Square**

1501 Broadway

 Transfer to your theater for tonight’s show.

7:00 PM *We will have two options for tonight’s show ($65 allotted):*

* **Blue Man Group**at the Astor Place Theater

 434 Lafayette Street

* **Radio City Holiday Spectacular** at Radio City Music Hall

1260 Avenue of the Americas

9:00 PM Transfer to the hotel to check in for the evening.

 **Doubletree Newark – Airport** (or similar)

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

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

8:30 AM Transfer into the city.

9:30 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 Plazais

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.

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** *(arranged by the director).*

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 the **RIU Theater Buffet.**

305 West 46th Street at Eighth Avenue

7:00 PM *Tonight you will have the choice of three shows ($100 allotted):*

* ***Hadestown*** *(or similar)* at the Walter Kerr Theater

219 West 48th Street

* ***& Juliet*** *(or similar)* at the Stephen Sondheim Theater.

124 West 43rd Street

* ***Wicked*** *(or similar)*at the Gershwin Theater.

222 West 51st Street

 Some current options for a Broadway show could include: ***Aladdin, a Beautiful Noise,***

 ***The Neil Diamond Musical, Chicago, Funny Girl, Hamilton, Kimberly Akimbo, The Lion***

 ***King, MJ The Musical, Moulin Rouge,*** and ***SIX: The Musical.***

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 **Independence Living History Center** located on Third Street at Walnut and Chestnut Streets, 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 smaller groups with an interpretive*

 *guide for each group.*

 During the course of your tours, have lunch at **The Bourse** on your own. Opposite the Liberty Bell, the Bourse attracts many for its architectural beauty and historic value as the country’s first commodities exchange built in 1895. Today, the grand atrium, wrought iron staircases and Corinthians columns create a nice setting for lunch available from the many eateries in the **food court.** *Please note that most of the restaurants take cash only.*

111 South Independence Mall East

3:30 PM The Group will meet back 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

5:00 PM Transfer to the hotel to check-in and freshen up for dinner.

 **Sheraton Philadelphia City Center** *(chosen by festival company)*

## 7:00 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.

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

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

Check out of the hotel.

Morning March in the **6 ABC/Dunkin Donuts Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade!!**

* 6:30 AM Load motor coaches in uniform.
* 6:45 AM Coach departs for parade drop off point.
* 7:15 AM Unload on Arch Street, between 19th and 22nd Streets.
* 7:30 AM Walk to the assembly portion on 20th Street at JFK Boulevard.
* 8:10 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.

 160 North Gulph Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

12:00 PM Depart for home. (8 ½ hours has been allotted plus 2 hours for dinner on your own,

 breaks and a driver change.)

10:30 PM Arrive at **Dublin Scioto High School.**

**THANK YOU FOR TRAVELING WITH BOB ROGERS TRAVEL.**

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE MADE MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES!!**