

**Tentative Tour Itinerary**



Welcome aboard our 43rd annual escorted tour to New York City for the holidays! This trip is guaranteed to be a magical experience, sure to put you in the holiday spirit! Once again, we will stay at the stunning Marriott Marquis Hotel in the heart of Times Square! Experience Radio City Music Hall's famous Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes. Thanksgiving week in NYC is an extra special week as you have a chance to attend the world-famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Plus, your stay in New York includes 2 professionally guided tours! Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you and delivering an enjoyable escape where all you have to do is... sit back, relax, and enjoy yourself!

*Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO*

**Day 1 – Monday, Nov 23 – Courtyard Marriott, South Portland, ME**

- Your holiday getaway begins today! Meet your coach or shuttle at the designated meeting point assigned to you.
- All stops for passenger pick-up/drop off will be brief (10-15 min.) and we ask that you remain on the coach unless the stop is a scheduled coffee break or lunch.

**FINAL PICK-UP LOCATIONS & DEPARTURE TIMES**

**Nova Scotia Travellers:**

- **Halifax**, Sobeys Lacewood Drive – TBA
- **Dartmouth Crossing**, Hampton Inn – TBA
- **Halifax Airport Hotel**, Former Quality Inn – TBA
- **Truro Heights**, Circle K Big Stop – TBA

**New Brunswick Travellers:**

- **Aulac** Irving Big Stop – TBA 20 min rest stop
- **Moncton**, Magnetic Hill McDonalds – TBA
- **Saint John**, Rte. 1 Irving – TBA
- **Fredericton**, Lincoln Big Stop – TBA

**Prince Edward Island Travellers: Royalty Crossing**

Mall, near Superstore Entrance – TBA

- For your convenience, today's drive includes coffee breaks and an hour lunch along the way (your expense), before crossing the border.
- All tours are pre-registered with Customs & Immigration, meaning minimal delays at border crossings.
- Your tour manager will represent you, during our appointment at the border; however, you are responsible for having proper identification and ensuring you can legally enter the United States. Kindly read the section on prescription medication when crossing border (last page).
- Once we enter Maine, be sure to adjust those watches an hour back to Eastern Standard Time.

- Please note there is a small bistro inside our hotel and does have a limited menu. We ask that you keep in mind there is a limited staff serving this in the evening and recommend eating at a larger restaurant located near our stay.
- We are providing a drop off and pick up at the Maine Mall for shopping and time to eat dinner on own at restaurants nearby if you choose.
- Relax while your tour manager checks the group in, distributes your room key, and has your bag (one per person included) sent to your room.
- The remainder of the evening is on your own and at your own expense.

## **Day 2 – Tuesday, Nov 24 – Portland – Marriott Marquis Times Square, NYC (B)** ***Christmas Spectacular Show starring The Rockettes (Included)***

- Enjoy a full breakfast (**included**) this morning. Your tour manager will check the group out of the hotel. Please be sure to cover the cost of any incidentals (e.g., room service, movie rentals) as you are responsible for these personal charges. Today, we check out of the hotel and make our way to the Big Apple!
- We have rest stops and a lunch stop (on own) along our route.
- After our brief stops, we will drive our way to our next accommodation! Welcome to the magnificent 4.5 Star Marriott Marquis Hotel located in the heart of Manhattan!
- Take your first bite out of The Big Apple. Dinner is on your own tonight (your expense). Plenty of dining options surround you, such as Rosie O’Grady’s Irish Pub, Applebee’s, the Olive Garden in Times Square, Ray’s Pizza or TGI Friday’s just to name a few!
- Following dinner, we will meet inside the hotel and then take our private motorcoach to the Radio City Music Hall. Tickets are included for a performance of the Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes! This 90-minute production is sure to put you in the holiday spirit and one to remember!
- Meet your Tour Manager 15 minutes after the show at a designated meeting point for a motorcoach shuttle back to our hotel. Transfer back to the hotel is included following the show and the rest of the evening you are free to roam the Big Apple on your own! For those who are wishing to walk back to the hotel, please advise your tour manager prior to doing so.



## **Day 3 – Wednesday, Nov 25 – New York Marriott Marquis – (Group Dinner) **Optional**** ***Broadway Show - TBA***

- Take time to enjoy breakfast New York City style (your expense). There are plenty of options within walking distance of our centrally located hotel.
- Meet your tour director in the lobby for an exciting 4-hr guided sightseeing tour, with our local tour guide, featuring a short walking tour of Central Park, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Rockefeller Plaza, Grand Central Terminal, and more.
- Today’s lunch break will be at the along our route (price not included).
- After lunch, return to our hotel and enjoy some free time before tonight’s Group Dinner. A glass of wine or beer is included.
- After dinner, opt to join your tour manager and group for an optional Broadway performance (show TBA).
- Following the show, meet your Tour Manager and board the motorcoach for your transfer back to the hotel. Please make the Tour Manager aware BEFORE the show if you plan to stay out on the town and make your own way back to the hotel. Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

## Day 4 - Thursday, Nov 26 – New York – Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade (American Thanksgiving Day) **Optional Broadway Show - TBA**

- Today is all about getting in the Holiday spirit! Start this special day with a great breakfast at a location of your choice **(on your own)**.
- Today is another free day for you to enjoy your way! The hustle and bustle of the holiday season officially begins today with the running of the annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, something you can enjoy just a block from the hotel. Each year 2.5 million people line the streets of NYC to watch the balloons, floats, celebrities, and bands in this spectacular holiday celebration.
- Enjoy lunch and the remainder of the afternoon on your own and at your expense.
- In the evening, meet your tour manager if you wish to join the group for a second optional Broadway performance (Show TBA)!



## Day 5 - Friday, Nov 27 – New York - Hampton Inn, Augusta (B, Farewell Group D)

- We check out of our hotel this morning and make our way north to Augusta Maine. Coffee breaks and rest stops will be scheduled for this drive. We will also stop for lunch on route before arriving at Augusta Maine late this afternoon at the Hampton Inn & Suites.
- Time to check in at the Hampton Inn, located at Maine’s Capital City, Augusta.
- Relax while your tour manager checks the group in, with bag handling service (one bag per person) included.
- Enjoy a short rest at our hotel before our “Farewell Dinner” including a complimentary glass of wine or beer **(included)** at a restaurant near our hotel. It is the perfect time to reflect on the festive sights and experiences we have shared... and start planning your next getaway!

## Day 6 - Saturday, Nov 28 – Home (B)

- After a buffet breakfast **(included)** we board the bus for departure. Enjoy an hour brunch stop along our route (meal your expense).
- We then head to the Duty-free shop (25 minutes only, please) for any last-minute purchases. Don’t forget, the duty-free allowance for this trip is \$800 per person. Be sure to have your valid passport ready for our pre-registered border crossing returning to Canada.
- Below is the final drop-off locations with APPROXIMATE arrival times. All passengers will be returned to their pick-up locations. Thank you for travelling with Collins Tours! See you on the road, next time!

### New Brunswick:

- **Fredericton**, Lincoln Big Stop – TBA
- **Shuttle from Lincoln to Saint John**, Rte. 1 Irving – TBA
- **Moncton**, Magnetic McDonald’s – TBA
- **Aulac Big Stop** – TBA

### Prince Edward Island:

- **Charlottetown** Royalty Crossing – TBA

### Nova Scotia:

- **Truro Heights**, Circle K Big Stop – TBA
- **Truro**, Hampton Inn – TBA
- **Halifax Airport**, Quality Inn – TBA
- **Dartmouth Crossing**, Hampton Inn – TBA
- **Halifax**, Sobeys Lacewood Drive – TBA

## **Hotel Contact Information:**

Courtyard Marriott, 100 Southborough Dr. South Portland, Maine, Ph: 1-207-253-5005  
Marriott Marquis Hotel NYC – 1535 Broadway New York NY, Ph: 1-212-398-1900  
Hampton Inn Augusta, 388 Western Ave. Augusta, Maine, Ph: 1-207-622-4077

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Tour itineraries are only a guideline and may be modified by your tour manager. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues in all forms of transportation, emergencies, and or an “Act of God,” can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events described above or not described above yet may cause similar outcomes. No refunds/reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrence.
- \*\*U.S. Customs and Immigration – All people must present a **valid passport to enter the country (A valid passport for the U.S is one that will not expire during your visit)**. The U.S. has the right to refuse entry to anyone with a past record. Please check with them to clarify your status BEFORE departing. Collins Tours is not responsible for decisions by U.S. Customs & Immigration; Collins Tours is not responsible for any expenses associated with being denied entry at the border, any return transportation costs, or losses of tour due to the above or any similar occurrences not described above, with similar outcomes.
- Crossing the border with Prescription Medication: All prescription medication needs to be clearly labeled for Customs Immigration to clear it.
- Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800pp when you are out of the country for at least 48-hours
- Please remove all personal belongings when departing the bus.
- Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any delays of transportation, schedule changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above, yet that may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind or credits, for these potential or actual additional expenses, loss of use, loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate persons travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage, or quarantine insurance. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchased in advance.
- REMEMBER: Your Collins Tours & Consulting tour manager handles your bags, check in/checkout, overall group management (e.g., timely transitions, itinerary development) & represents the group during Customs & Immigrations.... All this to ensure you enjoy your experience to the fullest!

Gratuities for your Tour Manager & Driver are **NOT** included in the tour price.

Here are guidelines on Tipping Etiquette:

- Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$7.00-\$9.00 per person, per day
- Bus driver-\$4.00-\$6.00 per person, per day
- Private city tour guides- \$3.00 per person, per day

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