

## The Original Christmas Lights of New York City- 57<sup>th</sup> year!

November 29 - December 5, 2026 (7 Days)  
**Tentative Itinerary**



Welcome aboard our **57th annual escorted tour to New York City for the Holidays!** This trip is guaranteed to be a magical experience, and sure to put you in the holiday spirit! This year we are excited to include tickets to two Broadway musicals (see current website promotions), and four nights at the Marriott Marquis hotel located in the heart of Times Square! As always, our New York City Holiday Tours include a ticket to Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes, and opportunities for world-class shopping in time for the gift giving season! Please read the information carefully. Feel free to call if you have any questions. Your Tour Manager looks forward to meeting you and delivering a well-managed and enjoyable escape where all you must do is... sit back, relax, and enjoy yourself! Collins Tours is the original tour provider to New York City from our region; we do New York better than anyone else!

*-Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO*

### Day 1: Sunday, November Nov 29 – Courtyard Marriott, South Portland, ME

- Your Christmas Lights of New York City Tour begins this morning! Meet your coach or shuttle at the designated pick-up location assigned to you.
- Guests are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes in advance to load the coach at appropriate times. Stops for passenger pickup/drop off will be brief (10 min) and we ask everyone else to remain on board the coach while new passengers get settled.
- For your convenience, today's drive includes coffee breaks and an hour's lunch along the way (your expense), before crossing the border.

#### TENTATIVE PICK-UP LOCATIONS & DEPARTURE TIMES

##### Nova Scotia Travellers:

- **Halifax**, Sobeys Lacewood Drive – 6:15am
- **Dartmouth Crossing**, Hampton Inn – 6:40am
- **Halifax Airport Hotel** – 7:05am
- **Truro Heights Big Stop** – 7:45am

##### Prince Edward Island Travellers: Shuttle to Aulac NB

- **Royalty Crossing**, near Superstore entrance – 7:00am
- **Ceretti's / Borden-Carleton** – 7:45am

##### New Brunswick Travellers:

- **Aulac** Irving Big Stop – 9:00am – 9:20am (20-minute rest stop)
- **Moncton** Magnetic Hill McDonald's – 9:50am
- **Saint John**, Rte. 1 Irving – 9:45am (shuttle to Lincoln Big Stop)
- **Fredericton**, Lincoln Big Stop – 11:25am - 12:25pm (1 hour lunch)

- All tours are pre-registered with Customs & Immigration, meaning minimal delays at border crossings.
- Your tour manager will represent you during our pre-appointed crossing time at the Houlton Maine border, but you are responsible for having \*proper valid passport for at least 3 months ensuring you can legally enter the United States. Please read the section on crossing borders (more about this in the important details section on the last page of this itinerary).
- Once we enter Maine, be sure to adjust those watches an hour back to Eastern Standard Time.

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- Relax while your tour manager checks the group in to the Courtyard Marriott in South Portland, ME for the evening. Your room keys will be distributed, and your bag (one per person included) will be sent to your room, all a part of the Signature Collins Tours service set throughout your vacation.
- Please note there is a small bistro inside our hotel that has a limited menu. We ask that you keep in mind there is limited staff service and we recommend eating at a larger restaurant located near our hotel for dinner (dinner on own).
- Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your own expense in South Portland.

### **Day 2: Monday, Nov 30 – Portland – 4.5 Star Marriott Marquis, Times Square New York City (B) - *Tonight's Performance: Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall***

- Enjoy your complimentary hot continental breakfast before our departure from the hotel this morning. Your tour manager will check out all guests, but please be sure to cover your personal room charges or incidentals prior to checking out.
- This morning's drive will have us passing through New Hampshire and Massachusetts followed by a 1-hour lunch stop at Connecticut's Blue Colony Diner (your expense). Please note, meal portions are large at this restaurant.
- We estimate a late afternoon arrival at the 4.5-star Marriott Marquis, located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan and one of the top hotels in NYC being offered from Atlantic Canada.
- Your tour manager will check everyone in at the hotel, hand out room keys and have your bags delivered to your room. Please note baggage handling may take up to one hour, but you do **not** need to be in your room for baggage delivery.
- Enjoy dinner on your own & at your expense before our Christmas Spectacular performance.
- Please meet your group at the designated location this evening, to take a short transfer to the Radio City Music Hall for this evening's highlight, Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular, featuring the Rockettes (**included**) with orchestra level seats! (Please note - security will be slow during entry of the show).
- 15 minutes following the show, meet your tour manager at a designated area to board the motor coach back to the hotel. If you choose to explore the city from Radio City Music Hall on your own, please advise your tour manager before the show starts.
- The rest of the evening is on your own and at your own expense in the "city that never sleeps".



### **Day 3: Tuesday, Dec 1 – New York City - *Included Broadway Show - TBA***

- Take time to enjoy breakfast New York City style today (your expense). You may choose between a couple of restaurants near our hotel. Jr's across the street is a great option or one of the local bodegas may be the best option for value and convenience.
- Meet your tour manager this morning for our professionally guided tour. Our local guide will take us for a tour aboard the motor coach, and it will include a short walk in Central Park at Strawberry Fields, world-famous 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grand Central Station, Upper West Side and East Side!
- Today's lunch break and afternoon will be **on your own** (your expense).
- Dinner is on your own this evening (your expense).
- Meet your tour manager once again on the motor coach next to your hotel to enjoy your complimentary transfer to the theatre. Tonight's performance is one of the tour highlights: tickets to a hit Broadway performance (**included**). Meet your tour manager once again on the motor coach next to your hotel to enjoy your complimentary transfer to the theatre. Your tour manager will distribute the theatre tickets in advance.

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- Please meet your tour manager, 15 minutes following the show for transportation back to the hotel at a location convenient for our coach (location TBA). For those who wish to walk back to the hotel please advise your tour manager prior to the start of the show.
- Enjoy the rest of the evening on your own.

### Day 4: Wednesday, Dec 2 - New York City (Group Welcome Dinner at The View!)

- Breakfast is on your own again today. There are multiple options near our centrally located hotel. Perhaps today is the day to visit The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Natural History, do some Macy's shopping or explore more of what Central Park has to offer?
- Join us this evening for a night of unforgettable dining and entertainment at the upscale restaurant called The View on the 48<sup>th</sup> floor inside our hotel! This dinner is like no other, looking over the skyline of Manhattan with a 360-degree rotating view, complete with a glass of wine or beer included. This seated dinner is served overlooking Times Square and has a value of over \$195 CAD per person.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours at your leisure (your expense).

### Day 5: Thursday, Dec 3 - New York City \*2<sup>nd</sup> Broadway Show – TBA (Limited Offer \*See Website for Promotional Details\*)

- Take time to enjoy breakfast New York City style today (your expense).
- Meet your tour manager this morning for a 2<sup>nd</sup> professionally guided tour. Our local guide will take us for a tour aboard the motor coach and will include seeing St. Patrick's Cathedral, Chelsea Market, 911 Memorial, the Financial District, Wall Street, and a photo op of Lady Liberty from Battery Park (weather permitting)
- This evening, meet your tour manager and fellow travellers for an Illuminations Tour around Manhattan to view the beautiful buildings and décor designed and displayed for the Holiday Season!
- Following the Illuminations Tour, enjoy the highlight of the day, another world class Broadway attraction - TBA (**Limited Offer - See Website for Promotional Details**)! Meet your tour manager on the motor coach outside your hotel for your transfer to the theatre. Your ticket also includes return transportation to the hotel. Or you can choose to walk back – simply let the tour manager know your intentions before leaving the hotel.
- Please meet your tour manager 15 minutes following the show for transportation back to the hotel at a location convenient for the coach (location TBA).
- Enjoy the rest of the evening on your own (your expense).



### Day 6: Friday, Dec 4 – New York City - Hampton Inn & Suites, Augusta, ME (Farewell Group Dinner)

- Take time to enjoy breakfast (your expense) before we check out of the New York City hotel. Don't forget to cover any personal room expenses or incidentals prior to checking out.
- Bid farewell to, "The Big Apple" as we make our way north.
- Our drive today includes a short coffee break, followed by a 1-hour lunch along our route (meal not included and on your own).
- We expect a late afternoon arrival at the Hampton Inn Augusta. After we arrive at the hotel, we will meet in the lobby for a transfer to our Farewell Group dinner with a glass of wine or beer (**included**) at a restaurant nearby. Time to share stories of our exciting visit to New York City... and start planning your next group getaway!
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is on your own (your expense)

### Day 7: Saturday, Dec 5 - Home (B)

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- Enjoy a delightful complimentary buffet breakfast before our departure.
- We have a lunch break scheduled along the way (on your own).
- We make our way back to the Canadian border for a brief stop at the Duty-Free Store, followed by an appointment at Canadian Customs & Immigration at the border crossing. Once again, be sure to have your valid passport ready. NOTE: Your duty-free allowance for this trip is \$800 per person.
- The coach will drop you back **at your original pick-up points**. Arrival times are dependent on border traffic and are not exact. Estimated arrival times are as follows.

### **Tentative Drop Off Times:**

#### **New Brunswick:**

- **Woodstock**, Murray's Irving – 1:00pm-2:00pm  
(1 hour lunch)
- **Fredericton**, Lincoln Irving Big Stop – 3:00pm
- **Saint John**, Rte. 1 Irving – 4:20pm
- **Moncton, Magnetic** McDonald's – 4:40pm (25 minute Dinner Stop if required)
- **Aulac Irving Big Stop** – 5:45pm

#### **Prince Edward Island:**

- **Ceretti's**, Borden/Carleton – 6:40pm
- **Royalty Crossing**, near Superstore Entrance – 7:25pm

#### **Nova Scotia:**

- **Truro Heights Big Stop** – 7:00pm
- **Halifax Airport Hotel** – 7:45pm
- **Dartmouth Crossing**, Hampton Inn – 8:10pm
- **Halifax**, Sobeys Lacewood Drive – 8:35pm

### **Hotels 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 a guideline and may need to be adjusted by CTC or your tour manager and are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, changes to concert or sporting event times, emergencies and/or an act of God. Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable for any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any area due to unforeseen events described above, or circumstances not described above yet causing similar delays, disruptions, or similar outcomes.
- \*Seat Rotation Policy will be in effect for this tour and will be explained by your tour manager once on board. Please note that front seats are not guaranteed with note from physician. To be fair to all, you will be rotated through the front half of the coach only with a physician's note, or where possible closer to the front. The 2 front seats are not guaranteed even with a doctor's note.
- We ask that everyone respect timelines, as determined by your tour manager, as well as keeping scents to a minimum due to some passengers having allergies. This will help ensure ALL clients are able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.
- \*\*U.S. Customs and Immigration – All people must present a valid passport to enter the country. 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

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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:
    - a. Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$7.00 - \$9.00 per person, per day.
    - b. Bus driver-\$5.00 - \$6.00 per person, per day
    - c. Private Guides: \$3.00 - \$4.00 per person



Thank you for choosing to travel with Collins Tours!  
We look forward to assisting you with all your future travel needs!