

Apex Band  
New York City

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April 4-8, 2018

# Educational Objectives

Objective of the trip is to experience music education in a real and memorable way. This trip will offer a performance opportunity in a concert band setting, a master class with a member of the New York Philharmonic, and several sightseeing adventures.

# Itinerary- Wednesday April 4

Wednesday, April 4 (Estimated times)

6:00pm- gather at Apex HS, load equipment

7:00pm- ride the bus through the night to NYC, arriving Thursday morning (eat before you come)

# Itinerary Thursday April 5

Welcome to the Big Apple!

Meet our Tour Escort

10:00am: Visit Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Audio tour (3 hour tour)

1:00-2:30pm: Lunch with chaperone groups at local restaurants (walk with tour escort)

# Itinerary- Thursday April 5

Thursday, April 5 (continued)

3:30pm: Visit 9/11 Memorial and Museum-

Visit the site of the original twin towers and visit the museum documenting the events of September 11, 2001. Three part historical exhibition which tells the story of 9/11, events that led up to the day, and how the aftermath of 9/11 continues to shape our world.

5:00pm: Motorcoach takes us from 9/11 Museum to Times Square, where we will spend some time visiting before dinner.

# Itinerary- Thursday April 5

6:30pm Dinner at Ellen's Stardust Diner- authentic American cuisine and singing  
waitstaff

8:00pm: Motorcoach takes us to Hotel for the night

# Hotel Information

Doubletree Hilton Newark Airport

Newark, NJ 07714

\*\*Regularly scheduled check-in time is 3:00pm. Early check-in does not guarantee availability. Rooms will be released as they become available. So, we will not check-in until we arrive for the night.

# Itinerary- Friday April 6

7:30am-8:30am: Breakfast at Hotel

8:45am: Board the Motorcoach to depart for Lincoln Center

10:00am: Admission to Lincoln Center- Guided tour brings visitors through three of the grand theaters of Lincoln Center: The Metropolitan Opera House, New York State Theater, and Avery Fisher Hall or the Vivian Beaumont Theater.



# Itinerary- Friday April 6

12:00pm: Performance at Lincoln Center Fountain surrounded by Metropolitan Opera House and the Julliard School. One hour including set up and take down. Play for approximately 30 minutes.

Lunch on your own in your small groups (not in trip cost).

2:00pm: Masterclass with principal player of NY Philharmonic (2 hours!). Specific location to be determined.

5:30pm: Motorcoach takes us to Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe in Times Square

# Itinerary- Friday April 6

7:00pm: Motorcoach takes us to New York Philharmonic Concert- Beethoven's Eroica Symphony (#3). Concert begins at 8pm.

10:00pm: Return to hotel via motorcoach

Four hour guided tour of NYC aboard our own buses. Includes Times Square, Garment District, Greenwich Village, SoHo, Little Italy, China Town, Civic Center,

# Itinerary- Saturday April 7

6:45-7:45am: breakfast at the hotel

8:00am: board motorcoach and head for the city

9:00am: begin the four-hour guided bus tour of NYC. Times Square, the Garment District, Greenwich Village, SoHo, Little Italy, Chinatown, Civic Center, Financial District, Wall Street, South Street Seaport, United Nations Building, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Lincoln Center, Central Park, Fifth Avenue. There will be a couple of stops to stretch.

# Itinerary- Saturday April 7

1:00-2:00pm: lunch with small groups (not included in trip cost)

2:30-5:00pm: Radio City Music Hall Backstage Tour- one hour guided tour.  
Groups of 30 individuals begin the tour every fifteen minutes.

5:30pm: walk to dinner buffet at Sbarro in Times Square- authentic Italian food served buffet style.

7:45pm: arrive at the Palace Theater (will walk from dinner) to enjoy production of the Broadway hit *SpongeBob SquarePants*.

# Itinerary- Saturday April 7

11:00pm: return to hotel for the evening

# Itinerary- Sunday April 8

6:30am: Breakfast at hotel, then depart NYC for Apex, arriving back Sunday evening. Stop for fast food lunch on the way. Unload, clean band room, and go home!

# Student Expectations

It is expected that every Apex student will act incredibly respectful as we spend four days together away from home. Students are to be courteous and responsive to all adults on the trip, the bus drivers, and the tour guides. Students will also be respectful of all facilities and equipment.

**Bus Expectations:** students should not be loud on the bus. It's distracting to the bus drivers. Students should remain seated on the bus. Students are responsible for keeping the bus clean.

**Equipment Expectations:** students are responsible for their own equipment-instruments, music, miscellaneous items, luggage.

# Student Expectations

Hotel Expectations: Students are expected to be in their own hotel rooms all night. No student is allowed to leave their hotel room for any reason after room checks. Students will have contact information for chaperones in case of emergency. Students are forbidden from bringing any item on the trip that they are not allowed to have on school grounds.



# Chaperone Expectations

All chaperones are expected to act with the utmost professionalism at all times. Chaperones are to treat every student and other chaperones with respect and patience in all situations. Chaperones primary role is student safety. Chaperones are to keep up with all students assigned to them at all times. Chaperones are to follow the itinerary to the letter. Chaperones are expected to communicate all significant issues to Mr. Jarvis immediately and to know the proper procedures for emergency situations. These will be discussed at the chaperone meeting on February 20 at Christy Wing's house.

# It's FUNdamental

This will undoubtedly be a fantastic trip. You are required to have FUN every single day. Any students or parents found not having FUN will be tarred and feathered and thrown into the Hudson.