



## Romantic New York

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# Package Details

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**Make this package your own. Contact a Romancing Manhattan Tours travel planner to custom-tailor this package just for you.**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3-night's hotel accommodations, tax included</li></ul> <p>Choosing the right hotel is important. New York has some really great boutique hotels with a lot of ambiance – perfect for a romantic getaway! Let our expert staff do the work for you. Our experience will guide you in the right direction. We'll help you select the perfect hotel for what you need. Location, amenities, room types, atmosphere, we have just what you need.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Romantic horse &amp; carriage ride through Central Park</li></ul> <p>A relaxing half-hour carriage ride through New York's famous and beautiful Central Park will set the stage for an exciting and romantic New York City experience.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gondola ride on the Central Park Lake</li></ul> <p>A memory you're likely to never forget! Let Andre the gondolier take you on a ride on his authentic gondola (imported from Venice) on the peaceful lake in Central Park. Kick back, relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lunch on the Lake in Central Park</li></ul> <p>Enjoy a casual lunch in a gorgeous natural setting in Central Park at the famous Boathouse Café. Rowboats and gondolas, rock formations, formal gardens and fountains in the foreground, framed by towering trees and skyscrapers make this picturesque place like no other.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A romantic dinner for two</li></ul> <p>New York City and romance have gone hand-in-hand for decades now. Your concierge will specially hand-pick the perfect restaurant for you. Just let us know the type of food you want to eat, the kind of atmosphere you want and any other preference you have that would make your meal an unforgettable one. We will make all the arrangements for you.</p>



- Grayline 2-day tour

See New York from a unique vantage point from the top of a Grayline double-decker bus. Explore the City's famous sights and neighborhoods at your leisure for two full days, getting on and off the bus as often as you like.



- Empire State Building or Top of the Rock observation deck

Gaze out over the City below from one of New York's skyscraper observation decks. The hustle and bustle of New York becomes silent as you contemplate the vast metropolis that is New York! The views promise to take your breath away. Choose from either the Empire State Building or Top of the Rock in Rockefeller Center.



- Broadway show

The stars come out at night and the bright lights of Broadway come alive! Your vacation package includes orchestra or front mezzanine seats to a Broadway show of your choice.



- Metropolitan Museum of Art

6,000 years of art. New York's "Grand Dame" of museums, you'll spend time at your leisure strolling through its various galleries. This is the largest art museum in the western hemisphere. Here you'll get a chance to experience not only world-class art from all periods but also an ancient Egyptian temple, mummies, medieval collections, rooms decorated from different periods throughout history, musical instruments and a lot more.



- Personal Concierge Service

Every Romancing Manhattan Tours vacation package includes our personal concierge service. We're here for you every step of the way in the planning process of your trip & are dedicated to making your NYC experience an unforgettable one. Your concierge becomes your best friend & is here to steer you in the right direction and to help you get that *real New York experience*. Leave all those tourists behind and get in line with the authentic New York most visitors never experience. The perfect New York City vacation is just a phone call or e-mail away. You have a friend in New York, and we treat you like family!

# Sample Itinerary

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## Romancing Manhattan Tours Romantic New York

### Sample dates

Arriving: Thursday, June 4th 2009

Departing: Sunday, June 7th 2009

### Your own personal concierge is:

Jason Schuman

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### Hotel information:

Casablanca Hotel

147 W 43rd St

New York, NY 10036

Tel: (212) 869-1212

Confirmation #: R5671

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Thursday, June 4th

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- **Approximately 11:35am:** Get your first glimpse of New York City from your seats on the airplane. Immediately you both know this is going to be the experience of a lifetime.
- **11:50am:** This is your estimated arrival time into one of New York's three major airports, arriving directly from your city of choice.
- **12:15pm (est.):** Take a taxi to your hotel and enjoy a 45-minute to 1-hour ride to your hotel in Manhattan. Be sure to tell your driver to take the scenic route over the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (Queensboro Bridge).
- **1:00pm (est.):** You arrive at the Casablanca Hotel. It's amazing how this hotel is right in the middle of all the excitement yet somehow magically feels hidden and private. Since check-in time is not until 3pm, you decide to follow our suggestion to take a

leisurely day-time stroll through the historic Theater District. The bell-hop at the front desk will hold your luggage until you come back ready to check in.

- **3:00pm:** Check-in is fast and easy. Your room is comfortable and everything you expected from the detailed description and pictures we provided for you.

**[Free time. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening at your leisure. Your personal concierge has given you some great ideas on some things to do!]**

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Friday, June 5th

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- **Morning:** Begin your 2-days of sightseeing aboard Grayline's double-decker buses. The on-board tour guide points out all of the City's highlights along the way. Get off and on the bus as often as you like to further explore the City's many distinct neighborhoods and sights on foot on your own.
- **Approximately 2:00pm:** Enjoy a romantic New York tradition that's lasted for more than 150 years. Relax in a horse-drawn carriage as it takes you through beautiful Central Park. *Not included in package price (approx. \$40 for 30 mins. including tip).*
- **2:30pm:** Your horse-drawn carriage pulls up right to the restaurant where you're ready to linger over a late lunch at the romantic Boathouse Café in Central Park. Located right on the Central Park Lake the setting is perfect for an afternoon tryst.

#### Boathouse Cafe

East 72nd Street and Park Drive North in Central Park

Tel: (212) 517-2233

- Getting there: Your carriage will drop you off right at the restaurant.
- **4:00pm:** After lunch, you'll head on over to the lakefront, adjoining the restaurant, for your 30-minute gondola ride on the Central Park Lake. Memories of New York are made of perfect moments such as these!
  - Getting there: The gondola is waiting for you just outside the restaurant on the lake. The restaurant's hostess at the front desk can show you the way.

**[Your concierge has provided you with a personalized assortment of choices for tonight's dinner.]**

- **8:00pm:** See New York City from 69 stories high as the sun goes down and the lights go on! This is your time-slot to visit the Top of the Rock observation deck in Rockefeller Center. The unique view of New York from up here is just absolutely breathtaking, with the Empire State Building standing in all of its splendor so close to you that you can almost reach out and touch it! Allow one hour for your visit.

Top of the Rock Observation Deck

Entrance on West 50th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues

Tel: (212) 698-2000

- Getting there: From your hotel you can walk to the observation deck in 10 minutes.

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Saturday, June 6th

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- **Morning - afternoon:** Continue sightseeing with Grayline New York. Hop on and off their double-decker buses as often as you like and catch the sights and neighborhoods you didn't get a chance to see on your first day.
- Use some of your free time to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the largest art museum in the western hemisphere. While you're there be sure to visit the Astor Court and the outdoor rooftop gallery.
- **5:30pm:** Dinner. Your Romancing Manhattan concierge has selected the perfect restaurant for you according to your preferences. Your reservation's all set. Your table awaits. The bill's already paid. No worries.

Name of restaurant

Address with nearest cross streets

Telephone number

- Getting there: Your concierge will show you with the best way to get to the restaurant.
- **8:00pm:** The neon lights of Broadway beckon you and the curtain is ready to rise. From your seats in the orchestra or front mezzanine section your view is perfect. For this itinerary let's go see the hilarious Boeing Boeing, a Broadway comedy. Show length: 2hrs 40 mins with one 15-minute intermission.

Longacre Theater

220 West 48th Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue

- Getting there: Your concierge will show you with the best way to get to the theater from the restaurant.

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Sunday, June 7th

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- **12:00pm:** Check-out time at the hotel. Your concierge will explain your best options for getting back to the airport.

***A real letter from a real couple:***

*"Dear Jason,*

*Thank you so much for your excellent service in planning our Manhattan adventure! Your attention to detail, thoughtfulness and knowledge of NYC made our 25th anniversary trip unforgettable. We were able to see and do so many things that we would not have been able to enjoy thanks to your expertise. We will be recommending Romancing Manhattan Tours to all our friends and relatives!*

*We hope you enjoy the honey. We are beekeepers, and have eight hives here at our home, and one south of town at our friend's home. Saturday we harvested the 2008 honey crop. Our bees get pollen and nectar from raspberry, peach, apple, and a multitude of flowering plants and trees on our land. It makes a very light, mild honey.*

*Again, thank you so much. We enjoyed meeting you.*

*Regards,*

*Jim and Sharon Streeby"*

*Sharon.Streeby@heartland-health.com*

# How It All Works

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## **3-night's hotel accommodations, tax included.**

- You pay one price and your hotel and everything else listed in your package is paid for. All in one simple transaction.
- A list of hotel choices will be provided for you to select from. You will have a good amount of flexibility when choosing your hotel. If you have a specific hotel you would like to use in your package, just let us know!
- When your package reservation is complete your hotel will be secured right away and a hotel confirmation number will be given to you.
- Your package includes room and tax only. Incidentals (phone, room service, etc.) are paid for separately by you.

## **Gondola ride on the Central Park Lake**

- The gondola rides are only available from April through October (contact us for exact dates if you plan on traveling during April or October).
- Your gondola ride will not take place in inclement weather, and may be cancelled due to rain. If so, you will receive a full refund for the cost of the ride or you may choose to reschedule for a different day during your trip. Your Romancing Manhattan Tours concierge will notify you if the weather calls for rain and you may decide then to reschedule or receive a refund.
- A tip is already included.
- The gondola ride takes place at the Central Park Boathouse inside Central Park, where the Boathouse Café is located. The Boathouse Café is where you will be having your lunch. Many prefer to do the gondola ride either right before or right after their lunch. You can decide whether you want to do them together, back to back or on separate days. Their choice is yours.
- Your gondola is available from 5:30pm to 9pm.
- You may choose to take a 1-hour gondola ride if you wish for an additional \$40 total.

## **Lunch on the Lake in Central Park**

- Location: Boathouse Café – East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and Park Drive North in Central Park.
- Lunch is available Monday's through Friday's from 12pm to 4pm. Saturday's and Sunday's lunch becomes "brunch" and is served 9:30am to 4pm.



- You are pre-paid for \$100 total for lunch and you will only receive a bill if you exceed this amount. No vouchers are needed. Just arrive at the restaurant and give the hostess your name and you will be seated. Your lunch is already paid for (up to \$100).
- Many choose to have their lunch after their horse & carriage ride (which drops you off right at the restaurant) and right before their gondola ride on the Lake (which takes place in front of the restaurant). You may choose to do this, but you have the option and flexibility to have your lunch any day, any time during your trip you like.
- If you choose to have your lunch on a day other than the day you take your horse & carriage you can just take a taxi directly there (approximately \$10 total from most Midtown Manhattan hotels). If the weather's nice you may also walk there (which would take approximately 20 minutes from the south end of Central Park at 59<sup>th</sup> Street – which is the closest part of the park to Midtown Manhattan).

### **A romantic dinner for two**

- You are pre-paid for \$150 total for your dinner and you will only receive a bill if you exceed this amount. No vouchers are needed. Just arrive at the restaurant and give the host or hostess your name and you will be seated. We will make all the arrangements for you. Your dinner is already paid for (up to \$150).
- A detailed description of the restaurant will be provided for you and a menu can be viewed as well, once your restaurant is selected.
- You may choose to dine any day, any time you want. Whether it's pre-theater, post-theater, a popular 8pm table for two or a late night supper, you will be able to dine whenever any time of the day or evening that you like.
- Transportation to the restaurant is available upon request for a charge. Or you can travel inexpensively by taking a taxi (most cab fares in Manhattan cost under \$15 total) or walking.

### **Broadway show**

- Choose from over 30 shows, from famous Broadway musicals like Lion King, Jersey Boys and Wicked to dramas, comedies, Broadway revivals, and the latest productions to hit the stage.
- Your electronic tickets will be mailed to you within 30 days of your arrival in New York, along with all of your other package details and tickets. If your arrival date is less than 40 days from when you make your reservation, then you will receive your tickets within 10 days of making your reservation.
- E-tickets give you the added value of security and peace of mind in case you lose your actual tickets. Since we will have additional copies of your tickets on file, we can just e-mail them to you or fax them to your hotel!
- You may choose which play you want to see. If the show you want is sold-out or only has lesser value seats available, you have the option of either paying a higher per-

ticket price for this show (usually \$50 - \$100 more per ticket) or choose a different show. Premium seats to shows - which are the first 10 rows, center stage - are also available for an additional \$100 - \$150 per ticket depending on the show.

- If you have a preference, you may choose which day you would like to see your show. Most theaters are dark on Mondays. Evening performances are at either 7pm or 8pm while matinees are at either 2pm or 3pm (usually on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays).
- The theater does not have a dress code. The majority of people will be slightly dressed up while there will be people wearing jeans or shorts and t-shirts as well.
- All Broadway theaters are located in the Theater District (41<sup>st</sup> Street to 57<sup>th</sup> Street between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue), within easy walking distance to most Midtown Manhattan hotels. Transportation to the theater is not required in most cases and is therefore not included in our packages. Car service can always be arranged upon request.

### **Grayline 2-day tour**

- Your vouchers will be mailed to you within 30 days of your arrival in New York, along with all of your other package details and tickets. If your arrival date is less than 40 days from when you make your reservation, then you will receive your tickets within 10 days of making your reservation.
- All you need to do is exchange your vouchers for actual tickets at Grayline's convenient Midtown Manhattan ticket office and you're on your way.
- E-tickets give you the added value of security and peace of mind in case you lose your actual tickets. Since we will have additional copies of your tickets on file, we can just e-mail them to you or fax them to your hotel!
- Your tickets are good for 2 *consecutive days* of sightseeing. You may start your tour any day, any time you want during your stay.
- There is a licensed tour guide on board your double-decker bus at all time, pointing out sights and giving you interesting facts and stories about New York as you go along.

### **Empire State Building or Top of the Rock observation deck**

You may choose which observation deck you want to visit. You always have the option of adding in both observatories if you wish.

#### **EMPIRE STATE BUILDING**

- Location: 350 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

- The Empire State Building observation deck allows you to visit any day, any time during operating hours, giving you the freedom to decide while you're here when is the best time for you to go. The Observatory's regular hours of operation are: 8:00am to 2:00am 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Last elevators go up at 1:15am.
- The Empire State Building also has a newly re-opened 102<sup>nd</sup> Floor Observatory. Tickets are only sold upon arrival at the Empire State Building at a cost of \$15.00 in addition to regular admission tickets.
- Your tickets will be mailed to you within 30 days of your arrival in New York, along with all of your other package details and tickets. If your arrival date is less than 40 days from when you make your reservation, then you will receive your tickets within 10 days of making your reservation.
- The Empire State Building's observatory is the tallest in the City (86<sup>th</sup> floor observatory is 1,050 feet; 320 meters), and is reached by high speed, automatic elevators, has both a glass-enclosed area, which is heated in winter and cooled in summer, and spacious outdoor promenades on all four sides of the Building. High powered binoculars are available on the promenades for the convenience of visitors at a minimal cost. Souvenir counters are also located in the 86th floor observatory. The 86<sup>th</sup> floor observatory is handicap accessible.
- ESB Express Pass: \$26 additional per person  
The lines at the Empire State Building Observatory are as legendary as the building itself. The line actually consists of 3 different lines. The first one is the security line that everyone must go through. Next comes the ticket line. Visitors with pre-purchased tickets can skip this line which can save a considerable amount of time during our busiest times. The 3rd and last line is for the elevators that take you to the Observatory. By purchasing an Express Pass you will automatically be moved to the front of each and every line.

## TOP OF THE ROCK

- Location: Entrance on 50<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Adjacent to Times Square.
- The Top of the Rock observation deck is our personal favorite and has multi-media historical exhibits, an exciting elevator ride to the top and a unique view of the City.
- Your tickets will be mailed to you within 30 days of your arrival in New York, along with all of your other package details and tickets. If your arrival date is less than 40 days from when you make your reservation, then you will receive your tickets within 10 days of making your reservation.
- The Top of the Rock is open from 8am to midnight (last elevator up at 11pm), 365 days a year.
- Since the observation deck at Top of the Rock is on the 70<sup>th</sup> floor, you have the feeling of being suspended and floating in the middle of the Manhattan skyline. The view of the Empire State Building is picture perfect, as is the rest of the City from this awesome vantage point.

- Top of the Rock requires you to pick a date and time you would like to visit. This reduces the amount of time waiting in line.

### **Metropolitan Museum of Art**

- Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Your tickets will be mailed to you within 30 days of your arrival in New York, along with all of your other package details and tickets. If your arrival date is less than 40 days from when you make your reservation, then you will receive your tickets within 10 days of making your reservation.
- You can visit the museum any time, any day you wish during your stay. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9:30am to 5:30pm; Fridays and Saturdays until 9pm. The museum is closed on December 25<sup>th</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Thanksgiving Day.





### **Personal Concierge Service**

- Your personal concierge is assigned to you the moment you make your reservation and is available to you throughout your stay in New York until the moment you're on your plane to go back home.
- Your concierge can really come in handy when it comes to planning all those things to do that are *outside* of your package. Things like finding the best places to go shopping, what's the best way to get around town, where are the best places to listen to some live music or where to find some great local restaurants.
- Our office hours are Monday through Friday 11am to 7pm and we are on call 24 hours a day as well as throughout the weekend if we are needed.
- Our office number is (631) 418-6585.

# VIP Upgrade

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Enhance your package and make your New York City vacation extra special with the following:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Romantic horse &amp; carriage ride through Central Park</li></ul> <p>A relaxing half-hour carriage ride through New York's famous and beautiful Central Park will set the stage for an exciting and romantic New York City experience.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dinner &amp; dancing on a 3-hour dinner cruise</li></ul> <p>Good food, good music and the Manhattan skyline as your backdrop? We say that's a recipe for romance.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stretch limousine to take you from the airport to your hotel</li></ul> <p>Your chauffeur will greet you at the baggage claim. Hop in your limo and enjoy a relaxing 45-minute to 1-hour ride to your hotel. Bring along some DVD for the kids to watch in the limousine on the ride in.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4-hour 'private tour' of the City (instead of a Grayline bus tour)</li></ul> <p>Hop in your own private limousine, van or SUV and have a local New Yorker (and licensed tour guide) show you all those quirky little things that make New York so fascinating. Let your kids discover for themselves just how awesome New York City really is. On this engaging, fun, adventurous and immensely informative tour, you will discover and explore The Whispering Corners, a secret &amp; hidden tunnel in Chinatown, famous movie locations, and more, including the City's major highlights like Central Park, Greenwich Village and the Empire State Building. The thing that makes these tours so special is that you have your own private guide with you the whole time, who is separate from your driver. This is what makes the tour so much fun!</p>

# How It All Works:

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## Romantic horse & carriage ride through Central Park

- Your horse and carriage ride will take place after your 4-hour private City tour.
- A gratuity for the driver is already included.
- You may choose to have your lunch and/or gondola ride in Central Park right after your carriage ride. If so, your carriage will drop you off right at the restaurant (the gondola ride takes place from the restaurant as well).
- You may choose to have a longer carriage ride if you like for an additional \$20 total per extra 15 minutes.

## Limousine Airport Service

- Your driver will meet you in the baggage claim area and will be holding a sign with your name on it. A phone number will be provided for you to contact the driver if necessary.
- Your limousine is fully stocked with complimentary refreshments and alcohol.
- All limousines have a privacy divider for your convenience.
- Travel time to your hotel from Newark, JFK and LaGuardia airports is approximately 1 hour in normal traffic.
- Tolls are included.
- Gratuity to the driver is not included. An average tip for an airport transfer is \$20.

## Dinner & dancing on a 3-hour dinner cruise

- Location: World Yacht or Bateaux New York.
- Your dinner cruise departs at 7pm (exact departure times are subject to change) and arrives back at 10pm.
- Jackets are required for gentlemen, no exceptions.
- There is live music performed during your cruise and dancing is always encouraged.
- Your dinner includes a 3-course meal. Tax and gratuity is already included. Drinks are paid for separately by you at the end of the meal. The only tax and gratuity you pay is for the drinks, not the meal (which is already paid for).
- You *will* see amazing up-close views of the Statue of Liberty as she's lit up at night.
- Transportation and from the boat is available upon request for a charge. Or you can travel inexpensively by taking a taxi (most cab fares in Manhattan cost under \$15 total) or walking.
- All arrangements are made for you and your dinner cruise is already paid for. You will receive a confirmation # on your itinerary for you to take with you.

- The dinner cruises are available most days of the week, but always on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Seating is on a first-come first-serve basis. Arrive early for a better chance at a window seat. Upgrades are available that *do* guarantee a window seat.

#### 4-hour Private City Tour

- You will have a separate tour guide from your driver. Your driver *is not* your guide.
- You get to choose your vehicle. Limousines are great when you want to impress or want that added sense of luxury and come standard with refreshments at no extra charge. Vans are perfect for sightseeing with their much larger windows and are a lot easier to get in and out of. Vans are also ideal for parties of more than 4 people. Luxury sedans (such as a Lincoln Town Car or Mercedes) are good for 2 people. SUVs are fun as an additional option and have large windows and are a little higher up off the ground so you can see a bit more.
- You can take your tour any day, any time you want. We recommend taking it the day after you arrive so you become more familiar with the City right away. Then you can spend the rest of your trip going back and spending more time at those places you enjoyed most during your tour.
- We will pick you up and drop you off at your hotel (or anywhere in Manhattan). Pick ups and drop offs are available at airports and areas outside of Manhattan for an additional charge.
- You have an option to include a NYC-style pizza lunch in your tour for \$8 per person. The lunch is eaten in the vehicle while you are sightseeing so as to make maximum use of your time. You also have the option of choosing something else to eat if pizza does not suit you.
- Our guides work really well with kids of all ages and know how to be flexible and accommodating when needed the most. This tour is about making YOU happy.
- All tours are customized to put an emphasis on what matters most to you. We can totally customize a tour if needed to show you the parts of the City that are of most interest to you. Whether you have a special interest in history, shopping, celebrities, movie locations, certain parts of the City, art, architecture, literature, music or anything else, our guides are highly trained and extremely knowledgeable to cater to your special interests.
- We'll select our guide that will be the perfect fit for you. Everyone has a particular personality and everybody's different. We'll match you with the perfect guide that you will have the most perfectly pleasant experience with.
- Tipping your tour guide and driver is customary and is not included in your package price. Many people tip the guide and ask him or her to split the tip with the driver, and some prefer to tip each separately. Either way, if you have thoroughly enjoyed your private tour of New York, please show your appreciation to the ones who made it possible. An average total tip for a 4-hour tour is \$50.

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