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



• 3-night's hotel accommodations, tax included

Choosing the right hotel is important. We have some excellent hotels in the theater district that are just what you're looking for. 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.



 Admission to the Theater Collection at the Museum of the City of New York

For all you theater buffs, the Museum of the City of New York's Theater Collection traces the relationship between New York City and theater. It documents theatrical activity in the city from the late 18th century to the present day. Embracing the past, present, and future of New York City and celebrating its cultural diversity, the Museum of the City of New York is Your City Museum!



Discount admission to 2 Broadway shows

The bright lights of Broadway come alive at night! Your vacation package includes discounted orchestra or front mezzanine seats to 2 specially-selected Broadway shows.



• 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.



A 90-minute sightseeing boat cruise

The view of the Manhattan skyline and the Statue of Liberty from the water will remind you why you came to New York! Wow... is most people's reaction when they are gazing at Lady Liberty from just a few feet away. You will sail under the world-famous Brooklyn Bridge as the on-board guide talks about various points of interest and reveals the secrets to New York's unique natural harbor which made it the world capital it is today. This tour lasts 90 minutes.



Walkin' Broadway - an audio walking tour of the Theater District

The stories of Broadway, the infamous tales and the backstage secrets, are shared by the very stars and creative teams that have created 'your' favorite shows. Over 40 voices - including producers, actors, directors, designers, theater owners, and industry specialists - are woven into the tour hosted by A&E Television personality Elliott Forrest. Music from over sixty soundtracks will send a chill down your spine and make you dance in the streets. In addition to a look into Broadway's history, Walkin' Broadway™ also provides stories about the plays and musicals currently on the boards! The Times Square Theater District is essentially our nation's unofficial National Park of the American Entertainment Culture. In these 39 theaters, 26 of them over 80 years old, our nation's collective consciousness in music, dance and drama culture was formed. "Walkin' Broadway™" now brings this unofficial national urban park to life, block by block, theater by theater, story by firsthand story.



Dinner at Tavern on the Green

Dine in the fairy-tale Central Park setting of New York's famous Tavern on the Green. You'll be treated to a sumptuous 3-course pre-theater dinner. The setting here is so over-the-top that many celebrities and companies hold their private parties here!



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!

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Romancing Manhattan Tours Showtime in New York

Sample dates

Arriving: Thursday, May 21st 2009 Departing: Sunday, May 24th 2009

Your own personal concierge is:

Jared Goldstein (631) 418-6585 Jared.G@RomancingManhattanTours.com

Hotel information:

Marriott Marquis Hotel
1535 Broadway between West 45th and West 46th Street
Times Square, New York City
Tel: (212) 398-1900
Hotel confirmation #: 129981

Thursday, May 21st

- ➤ Approximately 1:25pm: You get your first glimpse of New York City from your seat on the plane. Wow! Is all you can think to yourself. You look at your fellow travel companions. You all know this is going to be the experience of a lifetime.
- ➤ **1:40pm:** This is your estimated arrival time into one of New York's three major airports, arriving directly from your city of choice.
- ➤ 2:00pm (est.): Hop in a taxi and enjoy your 45-minute to 1-hour ride into Manhattan to your hotel. If you like, your concierge will book a private car for you to meet you at the airport.

> 3:00pm (est.): You arrive at your hotel which is ready in the middle of Times Square and the Theater District. Check-in is fast and easy. Your room is comfortable and everything you expected from the detailed description and pictures we provided for you.

[Enjoy some free time. Your concierge has provided you with an assortment of personalized options to best enjoy your free time as well as some great choices for dinner.]

> 7:00pm: 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

• <u>Getting there</u>: From your hotel you can walk to the observation deck in less than 10 minutes.

[Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure. Your concierge has provided you with an assortment of personalized options on how to best enjoy your free time.]

Friday, May 22nd

➤ 10:00am: Time to head for the open waters of New York Harbor. Your 90-minute sightseeing boat cruise aboard New York Waterway will give you an up-close-and-personal bird's-eye view of Manhattan's famous skyline. Sail under the Brooklyn Bridge and experience a close encounter with Lady Liberty herself. Your on-board guide will provide an interesting commentary along the way.

New York Waterway

Pier 78 at West 38th Street

Tel: (201) 902-8711

- <u>Getting there:</u> your concierge explains your best options to get to the pier and provides detailed instructions and maps.
- ➤ **Afternoon:** 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.

➤ Late-afternoon: Visit the Museum of the City of New York and check out the special Broadway Theater exhibit. With tons of memorabilia this is any theater lover's dream come true.

Museum of the City of New York

5th Avenue and 103rd Street

• <u>Getting there</u>: your concierge explains your best options to get to the museum and provides detailed instructions and maps.

[Your concierge has provided you with some great choices for a pre- or post-theater dinner.]

➤ 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 Tony-award winning drama/comedy August: Osage County. Show length: 3hrs 20mins including two intermissions.

Music Box Theater

239 West 45th Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue

• <u>Getting there</u>: your concierge will show you the best way to get to the theater from your restaurant.

[After the show, your concierge has some exciting options for you to linger into the night. Go where the actors go after the show! Hit the perfect spot for an after-show cocktail. Or grab a bite to eat with the locals.]

Saturday, May 23rd

- ➤ **10:00am:** Enjoy a leisurely one-hour stroll through New York's famous Theater District. "Walkin' Broadway™" now brings this unofficial national urban park to life, block by block, theater by theater, story by first-hand story. Put on the headphone's, follow the directions and enjoy the show!
- > 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.
- > 5:30pm: Dinner at the legendary Sardi's Restaurant. For decades this has been the place where actors and Broadway types would gather for a drink or a late night meal.

This place is just filled with memories and stories of old Broadway. Your reservation is set and your table awaits; and, of course, your bill is already paid for.

Sardi's Restaurant

234 West 44th Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue

Tel: 212-221-8440

• <u>Getting there</u>: Sardi's is right across the street from your hotel.

➤ **8:00pm:** Time for your second Broadway show. For tonight's performance let's go see Phantom of the Opera, Broadway's longest running show and an ever popular favorite. Show length: 2hrs 30mins including a 15-minute intermission.

Majestic Theater

247 West 44th Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue

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Sunday, May 24th

➤ 12:00pm: Check-out time at the hotel. If you have a late flight out, your concierge will provide you with suggestions on things to do on this your last day in New York City!

A real letter from a happy customer...

"Hi Jason,

Well, we had just the most marvelous time!! I had imagined planning a trip for seven people to New York was going to be a chore, but with your help it was a breeze. The restaurant suggestions were wonderful and the airport pickup was a great idea, thank you. I would have no hesitation is recommending your services highly to everyone.

Best Wishes from the Cooper Clan"
"Gerry Cooper" gcooper@idmail.com

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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.

Admission to the Theater Collection at the Museum of the City of New York

- Location: 5th Avenue and 103rd Street
- You may visit the museum any time during their normal operating hours, which are Tuesdays through Sundays from 10am to 5pm (closed Mondays).
- Your museum passes 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.
- This unique exhibit contains more than 5,000 costumes and props. The heart of the Theater Collection holdings is the John Golden Archive, which consists of approximately 40,000 folders, organized by production, personality, and theater building. The folders contain such materials as photographs, contracts, correspondence, playbills, manuscripts, advertising materials, reviews, obituaries, clippings, sheet music, autographs, souvenir programs, and prompt books with marginalia on blocking and performance.

Discount admission to 2 Broadway shows

- Choose from over a dozen shows (shows that are available at a discount are subject to change. Call or e-mail us for more information) from famous Broadway musicals like Chicago, Hairspray, A Chorus Line and Phantom of the Opera to dramas, comedies and Broadway revivals.
- 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 from a list of shows that are currently offering discounts. If you would like to see a show that is not offering a discount, such as the newer, more popular shows you may do so for an additional charge (usually between \$30 and \$75 additional per ticket; call or e-mail us for an exact price for your 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 (41st Street to 57th Street between 6th Avenue and 8th 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. Taxis are always available and are an economical way to get around the City.

Walkin' Broadway - an audio walking tour of the Theater District

- The tour departs from the Colony Record store at Broadway and 49th Street.
- Tours are available any day during your stay. Your concierge will make all the arrangements for you.
- Within easy walking distance from most Midtown Manhattan hotels.
- This is an audio walking tour. There is not a guide walking with you. You simply put on the headphones and follow the directions and enjoy the stories! It's a lot of fun!

Dinner at Sardi's in Theater District

- Location: 234 West 44th Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue.
- Sardi's is open for dinner Tuesday Saturday, 3pm-11:30pm, Sunday, 3pm 7pm; 365 days a year. You may choose to dine any day, any time during your stay. *All arrangements will be made for you.* Together, we will decide the best time for you to have your meal.
- Your meal includes 3-courses, tax and gratuity. Drinks are paid for separately. No vouchers are needed. Just give your name to the hostess and you will be seated.

- A full menu with more items to choose from is also available to you. If you decide to go with this menu then you will receive a credit towards your dinner and you will only have to pay the difference in the bill.
- Sardi's is an easy 5- to 10-minute walk to all Broadway theaters and within easy walking distance to most Midtown Manhattan hotels. Transportation to and/or from the restaurant is always available upon request for an additional charge.

Grayline 2-day sightseeing 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 5th Avenue at 34th 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 102nd 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 (86th 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 86th 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 prepurchased 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 50th Street between 5th and 6th 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 70th 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.

A 90-minute sightseeing boat cruise

- Location: New York Waterway pier 78 at West 38th Street (on the Hudson River)
- Multiple departure times make it easy to fit this must-experience tour into your itinerary. Departure times vary according to the time of year but generally run at 10am, 11am, 12pm 1pm and 2pm all year round.

- 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 boat *does not* stop at the Statue of Liberty or Ellis Island but the tour does give you a breathtaking view of both of these famous landmarks. The sightseeing boat cruise is a great way to see the Statue of Liberty up close without having to wait in long lines.
- All boats have an indoor and outdoor viewing area to accommodate all types of weather.
- Food and refreshments (including beer) are served on board.
- Getting to the pier to take your tour is simple, easy and inexpensive. A taxi from most Midtown Manhattan hotels typically costs no more than \$10 total (per taxi, not per person). *Free* shuttles are available to take you back to Midtown Manhattan.

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.

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



 Orchestra or front mezzanine seats to any 2 Broadway shows of your choice

The bright lights of Broadway come alive at night! Your New York City vacation includes orchestra or front mezzanine seats to any 2 Broadway shows of your choice. The standard package offers a somewhat limited selection of shows. Your upgrade gives you *full choice of any show playing on Broadway*.



• 4-hour 'private tour' of the City (instead of a Grayline bus tour)

Experience New York in a way most visitors never get a chance to. You'll be shown around the City for 4 hours by a local New Yorker and licensed tour guide in a private vehicle (your choice of limousine, car, SUV or van) with a separate driver. This is not your average sightseeing tour! Yes, you will see all the major highlights of New York, but you will also discover and explore all those hidden gems that really make New York, New York. Your tour is interactive, fun, immensely informative and will be the highlight of your trip.

How It All Works:

Full access to any 2 Broadway shows of your choice

- 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 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 perticket 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).
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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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