



Center Grove HS Band

of
Greenwood, IN

PHILADELPHIA & NEW YORK CITY

Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade
New York City
Shows & Sightseeing

November 22 - 27, 2011

Tuesday, November 22

Travel Day

DEPART FOR PHILADELPHIA

After School Board your coaches and depart for Philadelphia. Bring a sack dinner to eat along the way!

Wednesday, November 23

Philadelphia Sightseeing

BREAKFAST AT HARD ROCK CAFE

Since its 1971 opening in London, Hard Rock Cafe has become a global phenomenon. With over 100 restaurants all over the planet, this popular eatery features great rock memorabilia, music and food in a high-energy setting.

STEP-ON GUIDE SIGHTSEEING

This three-hour tour includes a visit to Independence Square to see the Liberty Bell, Christ Church, and Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence first was read publicly on July 4, 1776. Visit 239 Arch Street to see the restored home of Betsy Ross, the Colonial seamstress who stitched the first American flag in 1777. Congress Hall, Carpenter's Hall and Elfreth's Alley are also included.

INDEPENDENCE HALL

Both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were created in this World Heritage Site. An historian is available to interpret events and the lives of the diverse population during the years when Philadelphia was the capital of the United States from 1790 to 1800.

LUNCH IN THE AREA

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Located on Independence Mall in downtown Philadelphia, the National Constitution Center teaches values that are the foundations of freedom: the sovereignty of the people, the strength of diversity, the virtues of a civil society, the power of free expression, and of independent speaking. Learning how all of these are framed in the U.S. Constitution, and how citizens are responsible to protect them, is the focus of the center's mission, which it accomplishes effectively in modern fashion through more than 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits, photographs, sculptures, text, films and artifacts.

DINNER AT BUCA DI BEPPO

Enjoy dinner at your hotel or in the area.

Thursday, November 24

Parade Day/NYC

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel this morning before the parade.

RETURN TO THE HOTEL/CHECK-OUT

After the parade return to the hotel, check out and load the coaches for NYC. A box lunch for the ride to NYC.

TOP OF THE ROCK

Open 365 days a year, Rockefeller Center's newly renovated Top of the Rock™ will win you over with its Art Deco look, Swarovsky Crystal sculpture and chandelier. Begin with fun, interactive exhibits on the mezzanine level, then ascend to the open-air Observation Deck. 70 stories above Manhattan can be very peaceful, especially when you view 360 degrees through crystal-clear, transparent safety glass panels. See the Statue of Liberty, New Jersey, the Bronx and Brooklyn and wonderful Central Park. Timed entry serves as crowd control, and the shop sells neat souvenirs of your visit. Open 8:30am to midnight, the last elevator goes up at 11:00pm.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Memorable surroundings, the company of good friends, and the traditional Thanksgiving favorites...turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie, combine to make for a delightful, satisfying evening as you enjoy Thanksgiving with your band family.

Friday, November 25

Chinatown/Lion King

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

Enjoy a breakfast buffet at the hotel.

STEP-ON GUIDES

Capture the pace; feel the throb of a great city as local guides take you from Midtown to the Upper West Side to Harlem, Central Park, the Upper East Side, Lincoln Center, Times Square, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fifth Avenue and New York City's colorful ethnic neighborhoods.

LUNCH IN THE AREA

CHINATOWN & LITTLE ITALY

For more than a century, Chinatown has shared a border with Little Italy but the border keeps expanding in China's favor! Enjoy the hustle and bustle and strange dialect of this colorful area. For unique souvenirs, check out the shops on Mott, Bayard and Mulberry Streets.

DINNER AT LA MELA RISTORANTE

Down in Little Italy, SPQR is the place where the locals congregate for great food and service. Enjoy fresh, authentic Italian cuisine at this fine establishment!

LION KING

A visit to New York just wouldn't be complete without seeing one of Broadway's smash hits!

Saturday, November 26 Museum/Cruise

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast check out and depart for the City.

Once in the city visit the Times Square area for some sightseeing and shopping.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S WAX MUSEUM

In this city of celebrities, spend some time meeting lots of them up-close in this fascinating hall filled with life-like replicas of the famous, powerful, notorious and beautiful personages of yesterday and today.

SPIRIT LUNCH CRUISE

Board this great entertainment vessel docked on the Hudson River for a two-hour luncheon cruise around Manhattan. Enjoy festive dining, great entertainment, dancing and spectacular views of Manhattan and New York Harbor.

AFTERNOON SHOPPING

Spend sometime this afternoon with more sightseeing and or some NYC shopping.

DINNER IN THE AREA

Enjoy dinner in the area.

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SHOW

Discover why over 50 million people have chosen to celebrate the holiday season at Radio City Music Hall. Featuring the world-renowned Rockettes, this annual 90-minute show traditionally showcases perennial holiday favorites like the show-stopping "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and the majestic "Living Nativity," plus Santa's magical 3-D Sleigh Ride!

Sunday, November 27 Return Travel Day

BREAKFAST ENROUTE

Stop for breakfast enroute.

Arrive back at Center Grove High School early afternoon after a great trip to the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade and New York City.