

with Mrs. Rich Ms. McManus Mrs. Keane (Logistics)

Wednesday, March 27: CLT to NYC, and our artistic journey begins. We're traveling like locals: The train into the city, and navigating (with our guide) the most efficient NYC subways.

Welcome to New York City! This afternoon we jump right into the heart of the city with a walking tour of some of the most popular sights and landmarks. You will love NYC as our licensed tour guides share their passion for the City That Never Sleeps.

Our guide meets us at our hotel and we head out to: Central Park & Strawberry Fields, The Dakota Apartments, the Upper West Side and Upper East Side. We may take a city bus down Fifth Avenue, passing Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the gorgeous shops of Fifth Ave. We hop off at the NY Public Library (featured in the movie Ghostbusters) and head inside the beauxarts beauty of Grand Central Terminal. Then a subway ride downtown to Battery Park where we discuss the birth of New York City. Walking tour to through Bowling Green Park and to the Charging Bull sculpture, Trinity Church, Wall Street & the Stock Exchange and the Federal Hall National Monument. There's a solemn moment of reflection at the 911 Memorial and the World Trade Center Site.

Following our first NYC dinner, we stroll back to our hotel. Be sure to bring comfy, sturdy walking shoes.

Thursday, March 28: Our day begins at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MoMa) with an Art studio theme-based gallery discussion followed by a hands-on exploration of art making processes in one of the studios, and a guided tour of some of the diverse MoMa collection.

An afternoon of Brooklyn Street Art & Eats

Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge for a tour of Street Art in DUMBO and Bushwick, Brooklyn. Our guide will explain the difference between graffiti and street art. You'll be able to see what makes these two distinct industrial neighborhoods exciting for very different reasons - DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass) is chic, cool, post-industrial and tech-and design heavy. Buswick is hipster, post-and-active industrial, gritty and chock-full of street art, cafes, galleries and restaurants. Along the way, we taste our way through a series of neighborhoods to experience the diverse, exciting ethnic

communities that make Brooklyn the place to be. Foodie hotspots: *Nom nom.* We'll take in a fantastic view of Manhattan as we return to our hotel to rest for another epic day.

Friday, March 29: Starting on The High Line, we make our way to The Whitney (Museum) for our introduction to Artists as Storytellers: A guided visit and art-making workshop in the Hearst Artspace that explores materials and experiments with artistic processes. (A bonus to our time at The Whitney: Andy Warhol - From A to B and Back Again: This limited exposition runs through the end of March.)

This afternoon: Whether a Neo-Gothic Geek or a Romanesque Romantic, or don't know one from another, our fascinating guided adventure through Midtown Manhattan brings into focus the many varieties of extraordinary Architecture. Along the way, you'll learn the differences between friezes & bas-reliefs, mansard roofs to rusticated facades. This unique tour is designed to suit all interest levels, from novice to nerd with An Awesome Architecture Tour of Midtown Manhattan and discover the grand beauty of the Beaux Arts NY Public Library at 42nd Street as well as the Art Deco examples of Rockefeller Center, the Empire State Building, and the iconic Chrysler Building.

Saturday, March 30: To the <u>Guggenheim</u> and a guided tour, including <u>Hilma af Klint: Paintings for the Future</u>, the first major solo exhibition in the United States devoted to the artist, is on view October 12, 2018–April 23, 2019 at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York.

Saturday evening: **BROADWAY!** A true highlight as you settle into your theatre seat for a fabulous Broadway performance.

Sunday, March 31: We celebrate Mass. Late this morning, we head to Herald Square for some last minute shopping in this legendary area, featuring the flagship Macy's. We return to the airport for our flight home with memories to last a lifetime.

Included: Breakfast and Dinner Daily, Local Transportation Pass, Tours & Admissions, Services of local guides, Hotel, Airfare. \$1,585. Optional: <u>Travel Insurance</u>