



## Lowndes High School Band New York City & Washington DC 2024

Group Leader: Jon Bowman

### Sunday – November 24, 2024

1:15am Buses arrive for loading.  
2:00am Depart Lowndes High School (1606 Norman Drive – Valdosta, GA) for New York City.  
Approximately 985 miles - @ 18 ½ hours of drive time w/ ESTIMATED stops

Meals and rest stop(s) at group leader's discretion

@8:30pm Arrive at the \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel  
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TBA After the check-in process is complete – Dinner on your own!

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### Monday – November 25, 2024

8:00am **Breakfast** on own.  
9:00am Load buses – Step-on Tour Guides will board each coach to provide commentary as we travel to Lower Manhattan.  
9:15am Depart for Battery Park – upon arrival guides will lead a walking tour consisting of the **Financial District** on your way to **Battery Park**. Enjoy photo stops along the way to include the **New York Stock Exchange**, **The Wall Street Bull** and so much more.

Lunch Stop ON OWN during tour – guide will make suggestion(s).

@12:30pm Arrive at **9/11 Memorial and Museum** - The 9/11 Memorial Museum invites visitors to learn about the history of the 9/11 attacks and 1993 World Trade Center bombing at the site where the Twin Towers once stood. The Museum's dynamic blend of architecture, archaeology, and history creates an unforgettable encounter with the story of the attacks, their aftermath, and the people who experienced these events.

2:30pm Load buses and depart for **Times Square**. Enjoy some free time to shop and explore the most unique section of New York City: MTV Studios, Toy's R Us, Broadway and much more!

6:45pm Meet in front of **Dallas BBQ** – 241 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.  
7:00pm Dinner reservation!

8:30pm Walk to **TOP OF THE ROCK** – 50<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues.  
Begin making the ascent to the **Observatory**. (**Times TBD**)

10:30pm Return to your hotel.

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## Tuesday – November 26, 2024

8:30am Walk, as a group, to breakfast.  
9:00am **Breakfast at Gayle’s Broadway Rose OR Ellen’s Stardust Diner.**

\* Today is a free day of exploration - NO BUSES TODAY\*

Be sure to check out **Times Square, Central Park, Bryant Park, Grand Central Terminal, Empire State Building, The High Line, Carnegie Hall, Little Italy/China Town** and so much more!

4:00pm Return to hotel to freshen up for Broadway!  
5:00pm Meet in Duffy Square (in Times Square) for a group photo.

Dinner on your own in the Times Square area.

7:30pm Meet in front of the \_\_\_\_\_ **Theatre** for the Broadway show “\_\_\_\_\_”.  
8:00pm Show begins!  
10:45pm Show ends. Return to your hotel.

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## Wednesday – November 27, 2024

**Breakfast** on own.  
Pack and check-out.  
7:45am Load buses.

8:00am Depart for Washington DC.  
Approximately 232 miles - @ 5 hours of drive time w/ ESTIMATED stops.

Lunch on your own - suggestions include the **Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center**

TBD Explore the West side of the Mall including: **Washington Monument, White House, World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial** and the **Lincoln Memorial**.

5:00pm Meet on the steps of the National Gallery of Art (567 Madison Avenue – on The Mall side)  
5:15pm Walk as a group to **Carmine’s**. 425 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW

5:45pm Dinner reservation.

7:00pm Load Buses Step-on Tour Guides will board each coach to provide commentary as we enjoy an **illuminated night tour** of DC’s most famous Monuments and Memorials including the Pentagon Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial and more.

10:00pm Return to your hotel.

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## Thursday – November 28, 2024

8:00am	<b>Breakfast</b> at hotel.
9:00am	Load buses.
9:15am	Depart for <b>Arlington National Cemetery</b> . A 500-acre site containing the graves of President John F. Kennedy, his wife Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and his brother Robert, as well as the Tomb of the Unknown, Changing of the Guard, Arlington House and the Women in the Military Memorial.
	Self-guided <u>WALKING TOUR</u> of Arlington National Cemetery at your leisure.
TBD	<b>Wreath Laying Ceremony</b> – UP TO four (4) school representatives may participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony. These participants <b>MUST</b> be dressed in appropriate attire (slacks or skirts, etc.)
@12:00pm	Depart for the National Mall. Enjoy the East side of the National Mall including: <b>National Museum of American History, National Museum of Natural History, National Gallery of Art, National Air &amp; Space Museum, National Archives</b> and the <b>Smithsonian Castle</b> .
	Lunch on your own - suggestions include the <b>Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center OR Union Station OR the McDonalds – Air &amp; Space Museum</b> .
6:00pm	Meet on the steps of the National Air & Space Museum (655 Jefferson Dr. – The Mall side)
6:30pm	Depart for dinner and dance cruise on the <b>Spirit of Washington</b> . (Board at 7:00pm)
7:30pm	Cruise Begins. Dance and eat to your heart's content.
10:00pm	Cruise ends. Return to your hotel.

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## Friday – November 29, 2024

8:00am	<b>Breakfast</b> at hotel. Pack and check-out.
9:00am	Load buses.
9:30am	Depart for home with “ <b>Memories Worth Repeating!</b> ” Approximately 755 miles - @ 15 ½ hours of drive time w/ ESTIMATED stops.

**Please Note:** Bus Driver Hours and Electronic Logs

*The US Department of Transportation (DOT), and Group Travel Network (GTN), take the safety of your students very seriously. As such, GTN supports the DOT's efforts to mitigate driver fatigue and keep bus driver hours within allowable and lawful parameters. The use of Electronic Driver Logs on every motor coach is required starting on January 18, 2018. These logs will monitor and record the activity of every driver and require them to adhere to the laws of the DOT. These laws are outlined in the following ways: 1) Bus Driver(s) are allowed to be “on duty” no more than 15 hours during any 24-hour period. 2) Bus Driver(s) are allowed to be “driving” no more than 10 hours during any 24-hour period. 3) Bus Driver(s) are required to have 8 hours of “rest time” once either of the previous two rules are reached. GTN will make every effort to mitigate any negative impacts to the itinerary. Please be aware, if your itinerary is adjusted in any way (by design, due to traffic, etc.), and causes your driver(s) to reach their allowable driving or on-duty maximums, you may be delayed until the 8-hour rest period is fulfilled.*

**Overnight Travel: It is our goal to provide the most economical/enjoyable travel experience possible for your group, including overnight bus travel IF required, however, it is our position that all groups consider daytime travel in an effort to lessen the possibility of driver fatigue.**