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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY "Goin' Band from Raiderland" MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK







November 20-24, 2023 5 Days / 4 Nights

Monday, November 20 Departure to NYC / Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Upon arrival of your flights into the New York City area airport(s), staff from MUSIC FESTIVALS and TOURS will meet your group and coordinate the loading of our chartered motor coaches for transfer to your hotel.

NOTE: Please see information at bottom of the Package Plan page regarding flights and airport transfers.

Our staff will be at the hotel to make sure check-in goes smoothly and assist in any way necessary.

Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

811 7th Avenue 53rd Street

New York, NY. 10019

This afternoon, we'll gather in the hotel ballroom for a "Welcome to New York" meeting where we'll provide an introduction to the city, meal options, attractions and updated plans for the upcoming week. Dinner on your own this evening. Everyone will receive admission tickets to the 7:00 pm **Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular.** The theatre is within easy walking distance from the hotel.

Tuesday, November 21 Free Time / Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Purchase breakfast, lunch and dinner on your own today. You'll have time this morning and afternoon to enjoy all that New York City offers. Some of the most popular attractions include **Rockefeller Center**, **Top of the Rock, Empire State Building, 5th Avenue, St. Patrick's Cathedral, National September 11th Memorial and Museum, American Museum of Natural History, and many more.** Today would be a great day to visit **Macy's** in Herald Square to do some shopping and see the beautiful Christmas displays. This evening will be an ideal time for you to attend one of New York City's popular Broadway Shows.

Wednesday, November 22

Free Time / Texas Tech University Pep Rally

Purchase breakfast, lunch and dinner on your own today. You'll have time today to explore more of "*The Big Apple*". . It would be a good time to visit **Bryant Park** or go to **Hudson Yards** for shopping or make a visit to the "**Edge**" or the "**Vessel**". You will certainly want to view the balloon inflation today and further details will be provided. (last year's viewing times were 11:00 am-6:00 pm, so be sure to check times in advance). This afternoon you'll want to attend the "*Texas Tech University Pep Rally*" in Times Square.

Thursday, November 23 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade/Dinner Cruise

Today is the "big day", the **97**th **Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** steps off at 9:00 am from Central Park West. You'll be provided with some suggestions on where you may wish to stand to watch the parade. This evening we'll enjoy a *Thanksgiving and Farewell to New York Dinner*" on the **Spirit of New York Dinner Cruise.** Please plan to be ready to meet at a pre-determined location in the lobby at 5:00 pm We'll then proceed to our charter buses and transfer to the pier where we'll board the boat. (D)

Friday, November 24 Departure

This morning we'll check-out of our hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight home.

PACKAGE PLAN

PACKAGE PLAN INCLUDES:

\$625 per person	\$709 per person	\$895 per person	\$1,428 per person
(Quad Occupancy)	(Triple Occupancy)	(Double Occupancy)	(Single Occupancy)

MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION

- Motor coach transportation round-trip from New York City area airport to your Manhattan hotel will be offered separately as an extra cost for those purchasing airfare through MUSIC FESTIVALS & TOURS
- Motor coach transportation to and from the Sheraton Hotel to the Thanksgiving evening Dinner Cruise

ACCOMMODATION - 4 NTS

• 4 nights accommodations in the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel. Choice of quad, triple, double or single occupancy.

ADMISSIONS/VISITS

• Admission tickets to Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular.

DINNER

• Thanksgiving and Farewell to New York Dinner on the Spirit of New York Dinner Cruise boats. Based on estimated number of guests, we will reserve 3 boats for this evening.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

• Attend the Pep Rally in Times Square on Wednesday afternoon

OTHER

- Fulltime escorts from MUSIC FESTIVALS & TOURS with your group for the duration of your visit to New York City
- Service fees, gratuities, taxes, road tolls, venue charges and motorcoach city fees.
- Baggage tags for each participant
- \$2,000,000 Professional Liability Insurance Coverage carried by MUSIC FESTIVALS & TOURS
- Porterage of one (1) piece of luggage per person at hotel

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Prior to July 1, 2023 - Full Refund July 2, 2023-August 31 - \$200 pp cancellation fee September 1-November 20, 2023- No Refund

FLIGHTS & AIRPORT TRANSFERS

We will be offering group flights on Southwest Airlines from a number of Texas airports to and from New York City's Laguardia Airport and possibly some other local airports. Southwest will not be opening their flight schedule for these dates until May 5th. Once their schedule opens, we will be booking group space and then sending everyone the details. You will then be able to sign-up for a flight and we'll have airport transfers included in the price.

If you will be flying from an airport where we don't have group space booked, we will be glad to assist in booking individual flights for you.

Further flight information will be available on May 11th.

Please also note the following:

Charter Air Service from Lubbock to New York

The Texas Tech Alumni Association is considering an air charter from Lubbock to New York as an add on to the existing travel packages listed above. If you're interested in participating in an air charter, please contact Kahlie Callison at <u>kahlie.callison@ttu.edu</u> or 806-834-4412.