AAA Akron Tour Operations / Tour #402
NEW YORK CITY
July 20-23, 2015

Day #1 / Monday / July 20

6:00 AM  Depart AAA Akron’s downtown location, 111 W. Center St. in Akron
6:30 AM  Depart Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18) at I-77 in Montrose
Rest stop with breakfast availability plus lunch stop and afternoon rest break en route

6:00 PM  Hotel check-in: Hotel Edison
111 West 47th St.
New York City, New York  10036
Phone: (212) 840-5000

(Note that Hotel Edison is in an excellent location situated within the Broadway Theater District and just a few blocks from Times Square, Rockefeller Center and Radio City Music Hall. You’ll truly be in the “Heart of Manhattan”).

7:20 PM  Depart Hotel Edison and proceed to St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the largest Catholic cathedral in the United States. With its two soaring 330 foot spires, it is one of New York City’s most spectacular Gothic-style architectural structures built between 1850 and 1878. Inside, we’ll experience the magnificent magnitude of this cathedral with a seating capacity of 2,500, several altars, numerous stained glass windows up to 26 feet across, and a marvelous pipe organ with more than 7,300 pipes.

8:20 PM  Depart St. Patrick’s Cathedral and walk two blocks to Rockefeller Center where you will have a choice of either going to “Top of the Rock” (read description below) and experience spectacular views of New York City just after sunset and seeing the lights illuminating this vibrant city or going to the newly opened One World Observatory in One World Trade Center at Ground Zero later in the tour during the day time.

(The “Top of the Rock” reopened to the public on November 1, 2005. This newly renovated observation deck uses state-of-the-art materials and engineering to amplify the historic elegance, art deco heritage of the 1930s, and showcase the astonishing beauty of New York City with closer views of Central Park, the Empire State Building, and other historic landmarks. The three-tiered observation decks on the 67th, 69th, and 70th floors of Rockefeller Center are 850 feet above street level with unobstructed open-air views from the outdoor terraces featuring fully transparent, non-reflective safety glass panels as well as indoor viewing areas with floor to ceiling windows).

8:45 PM  Those not going up “Top of the Rock” will walk with Eric Wertz back to Hotel Edison
9:40 PM  Those going up “Top of the Rock” depart Rockefeller Center with Eric Wertz and return to Hotel Edison
Day #2 / Tuesday / July 21

6:30-7:50 AM  Full American breakfast (included) at Hotel Edison

8:00 AM  Depart Hotel Edison via motor coach and head to Battery Park in lower Manhattan
Take ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island where we will disembark and visit both sites
(Eat lunch on your own at either the Statue of Liberty or Ellis Island)

12:30 PM  Reboard motor coach at Battery Park

12:50 PM  **ARRIVE AT GROUND ZERO WITH 1:00 PM ADMISSION TO NATIONAL 9-11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM ~ View National 9-11 Memorial afterward**
(Those who do not wish to see inside the National 9-11 Memorial Museum can spend additional time outside perusing the National 9-11 Memorial at Ground Zero)

2:30 PM  **ASCEND ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER AT GROUND ZERO TO ONE WORLD OBSERVATORY FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE THIS OPTION**
(One World Observatory is scheduled to open by late April 2015 and is on floors 100 to 102. It is a 60 second ride on a high speed elevator up to One World Observatory at 1,254 feet. The main view will be lower Manhattan, the Hudson River, Brooklyn, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the Empire State Building. One World Trade Center is the tallest building in North America).

3:45 PM  Depart Ground Zero and walk to St. Paul’s Church nearby, which played an important role in providing a place to sleep for volunteer workers spending long hours helping at Ground Zero after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. *(View 23 different artifacts – a collection of cots, crosses, banners, letters, and teddy bears donated after September 11 – and learn more about the stories behind them. George Washington visited this church and you will see a very interesting artifact relevant to his visit. While at St. Paul’s Church, anyone interested in walking down to Wall Street to see the exterior of the New York Stock Exchange can join tour escort Eric Wertz).*

4:20 PM  Depart St. Paul’s Church and walk across the street to the 9-11 Tribute Center
(The 9-11 Tribute Center opened in September 2009 and describes ongoing plans for Ground Zero)

4:45 PM  Depart 9-11 Tribute Center and drive through Chinatown, Soho, and Greenwich Village

5:45 PM  **ENJOY FREE TIME FOR THE REST OF THE DAY**
(You could enjoy an additional evening Broadway show of your choice. On Tuesday evening, most Broadway shows are open with a few beginning at 7:00 p.m., and the remainder starting at 8:00 p.m. Note that discounted theater tickets for same-day Broadway shows are sold at the TKTS booth on Times Square at the junction of Broadway and 47th St., just a 5 minute walk from Hotel Edison. Your tour guide will provide information on other New York City sights so you can make informed decisions regarding your free time).

Day #3 / Wednesday / July 22

6:30-7:50 AM  Full American breakfast (included) at Hotel Edison

8:00 AM  Depart Hotel Edison and walk to Rockefeller Center where we can watch some of the Today Show live from outside their studio and hopefully see some of the show’s cast if they come outdoors to mingle with the audience

9:00 AM  Meet our local guide outside NBC Studios at Rockefeller Center for an in-depth look at “The Big Apple.” Enjoy seeing many New York City highlights including Central Park, northern Manhattan, plus a remarkable tour to Harlem to see more fascinating sites including a photo stop at the famous Apollo Theater.
We will have lunch (on our own) while on tour.

3:00 PM  Arrive at Radio City Music Hall for included tour ~ our group will be split in two with tours at 3:15 PM and 3:30 PM

4:55 PM  Return to Hotel Edison

5:45 PM  Depart Hotel Edison for included dinner at Ginger’s Restaurant or comparable restaurant near Times Square

8:00 PM  **INCLUDED ORCHESTRA SEATS TO BROADWAY MUSICAL**
BROADWAY MUSICAL WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN LATE FEBRUARY 2015

10:40 PM  Return to Hotel Edison
Day #4 / Thursday / July 23

7:00 AM Luggage out
6:30-7:55 AM Full American breakfast (included) at Hotel Edison
8:00 AM Depart Hotel Edison and travel to the Empire State Building
(Anyone wishing to visit Macy’s flagship store can do so in lieu of going up the Empire State Building.
Note that Macy’s does not open until 9:00 AM. Macy’s is a three block walk to the Empire State Building
where you will be picked up).
10:00 AM Depart Empire State Building
10:30 AM Arrive at Trump Tower and Tiffany’s with time to visit both sites
(Those interested in visiting FAO Schwartz can take a two block walk with Eric Wertz.
You can also walk to see the famous Plaza Hotel one block from FAO Schwartz).
11:30 AM Depart Trump Tower and Tiffany’s and begin our journey home with rest breaks and a lunch stop
(on your own) as well as a dinner stop (on your own)
9:45 PM Return to AAA Akron’s downtown location, 111 West Center St. in Akron
10:15 PM Return to Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18) at I-77 in Montrose

All times are tentative and subject to change without notice. Final documents will be mailed about 2 weeks prior to departure.

TOUR INCLUDES: Roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation – Brecksville Road Transit
3 nights hotel accommodations at Hotel Edison near Times Square
4 meals (3 full American breakfasts and 1 dinner)
Visit to St. Patrick’s Cathedral
Admission to either “Top of the Rock” at Rockefeller Center
or One World Observatory at One World Trade Center at Ground Zero
Ferry to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island where we disembark to visit both sites
Visit to Ground Zero and St. Paul’s Church in lower Manhattan
Admission to National 9-11 Memorial Museum
Visit to 9-11 Tribute Center
Admission to Empire State Building
Guided tour of Radio City Music Hall
Extensive guided tour of Manhattan and Harlem
Orchestra seats to a Broadway musical to be announced in late February 2015
Baggage handling for one piece of luggage per person
Tax and tip on included meals, admissions and hotel accommodation
Services of AAA Akron Tour Escort

MEMBER PRICE
$999.00 per person based on double occupancy
$1,399.00 per person based on single occupancy
$959.00 per person based on triple occupancy
$919.00 per person based on quad occupancy

NON-MEMBER PRICE
$1,049.00 per person based on double occupancy
$1,449.00 per person based on single occupancy
$969.00 per person based on triple occupancy
$929.00 per person based on quad occupancy

DEPOSIT: $100.00 per person is due at the time of booking. The final balance is due in on June 20, 2015.

SPECIAL NOTE: This tour involves moderate walking and activity levels. Comfortable shoes are advised.
Young adults under age 21 are welcome on this tour if accompanied by an adult over age 21.

CANCELLATION POLICY: The $100 deposit for this tour is refundable up until June 20, 2015. It becomes non-refundable
after June 20, 2015 unless your space can be resold. Cancellations under 30 days prior to
departure will incur penalties. The amount will depend on refunds from vendors, whether the
tour is sold out or not, and several other factors. Cancellation insurance is recommended.

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NEW YORK CITY
JULY 20-23, 2015

$999.00 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY FOR AAA MEMBERS
$1,049.00 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY FOR NON-MEMBERS

TOUR #402 / REGISTRATION

NAME (PLEASE PRINT):______________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:____________________________________________________________________________________

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE:_____________________________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE: Home:_____________Work or Cell Phone:_________________

AAA MEMBERSHIP TYPE: Basic_____ Plus_____ Premier_____ Membership #:_______________________________

BOARDING AT:__________AAA Akron’s downtown location, 111 West Center St. in Akron
__________Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18) at I-77 in Montrose

LICENSE PLATE:_____________________________________________________________________________

YEAR, MAKE AND MODEL OF VEHICLE:_________________________________________________________

ROOMING WITH:_____________________________________________________________________________

REQUEST:   Non smoking room_______________________All hotels in New York City are now non-smoking

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:__________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR UPDATES ON AAA AKRON ESCORTED TOURS:_________________________________

SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS (requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed):
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CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATION DECKS FOR EACH PERSON IN YOUR PARTY:

Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Center

One World Observatory in One World Trade Center at Ground Zero

Please note that a $100.00 deposit per person is required to reserve space on this tour. The final payment is due on June 20, 2015. This tour may be booked and paid at any AAA Akron office using cash, check or a major credit card. If paying by check, please make it payable to AAA Akron and mail it along with the completed registration form to Eric Wertz at the address below.

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