

# *New York City*



## **AAA Akron Tour Operations / Tour #979 NEW YORK CITY August 9-12, 2009**

### **Day #1 / Sunday / August 9**

- 6:30 AM** Depart AAA Akron's downtown location, 111 W. Center St. in Akron  
**7:00 AM** Depart Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18 and 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**  
228 West 47th St.  
New York City, New York 10036  
Phone: (212) 840-5000
- (Note that the 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 we will go to "Top of the Rock" and experience spectacular views of "The Big Apple" just after sunset and see the lights illuminate Manhattan.  
*(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).*
- 9:30 PM** Depart Rockefeller Center and return to Hotel Edison

## Day #2 / Monday / August 10

- 7:30-8:30 AM Full American breakfast (included) at Hotel Edison  
8:45 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  
(Eat lunch on your own at either the Statue of Liberty or Ellis Island)  
1:30 PM Reboard motor coach at Battery Park  
1:50 PM Arrive at Ground Zero  
2:20 PM Take a short walk from Ground Zero to a fire station that lost all firemen on 9-11 and view a large bronze mural on a wall depicting the scene of the aftermath. We will not be able to go inside this fire station due to their busy schedule. We then walk to St. Paul's Church, 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. (A walking tour will commence as soon as we reach St. Paul's Church for those who wish to see Wall Street and the exterior of the New York Stock Exchange. Those not interested in seeing Wall Street can remain at St. Paul's Church until we return).  
4:00 PM Depart St. Paul's Church and drive through Chinatown, Soho, and Greenwich Village  
4:45 PM Arrive at Trump Tower and Tiffany's with time to visit both sites  
5:35 PM Depart Trump Tower and Tiffany's  
6:00 PM Return to Hotel Edison

### ENJOY FREE TIME FOR THE REST OF THE DAY

*(You can explore New York City on your own and/or go to an additional evening Broadway show of your choice. On Monday evening, some Broadway shows are closed but there will be a few shows open. Note that discounted theater tickets for same-day Broadway shows are sold at the TKTS booth in Times Square at the junction of Broadway and Seventh Avenue at 46th Street, just a 5 minute walk from Hotel Edison. Your tour guide will provide information on the sights in New York City so you can make informed decisions.)*

## Day #3 / Tuesday / August 11

- 7:00-8:15 AM Full American breakfast (included) at Hotel Edison  
8:30 AM Meet our local guide at Hotel Edison 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. We will have lunch (on our own) while on tour.  
2:35 PM Arrive at NBC Studios where we will have a behind the scenes tour of several famous show sets. Our group will be divided into two with one tour beginning at 2:45 P.M. and the other beginning at 3:00 P.M.  
4:15 PM Return to Hotel Edison  
5:00 PM Depart Hotel Edison for dinner at Center Stage Restaurant near Times Square or other comparable restaurant (included)  
7:00 PM Attend the included Broadway show *BILLY ELLIOT*  
(This memorable play is based on one young man's exceptional gift of dance. The entire musical score was composed by Elton John. We have reserved orchestra seats for the show).  
10:30 PM Return to Hotel Edison

## Day #4 / Wednesday / August 12

- 7:00 AM Luggage out  
7:00-8:15 AM Full American breakfast (included) at Hotel Edison  
8:30 AM Depart Hotel Edison and travel to the Empire State Building  
10:45 AM Depart Empire State Building and begin our journey home  
Rest breaks and meal stops as needed  
8:30 PM Return to AAA Akron's downtown location, 111 West Center St. in Akron  
9:00 PM Return to Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18 and 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 – Anderson Coach  
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 “Top of the Rock” at Rockefeller Center  
Ferry to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island  
Visit to Ground Zero and St. Paul’s Church in lower Manhattan  
Visit to Wall Street to see the exterior of the New York Stock Exchange  
Admission to Empire State Building  
Guided tour of NBC Studios  
Extensive guided tour of Manhattan and Harlem  
Orchestra seats for Broadway show *BILLY ELLIOT* at the Imperial Theatre  
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

**PRICE:** \$899.00 per person based on double occupancy  
\$999.00 per person based on single occupancy  
\$869.00 per person based on triple occupancy  
\$839.00 per person based on quad occupancy

**DEPOSIT:** \$100.00 per person due at the time of booking.  
The final balance is due in full on July 9, 2009.

**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 July 9, 2009. It becomes non-refundable after July 9, 2009 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.

***For further information on this AAA Akron escorted tour,  
Please contact one of these offices:***

***Cuyahoga Falls: (330) 923-4826  
Downtown Akron: (330) 762-0631***

***Fairlawn: (330) 867-0694  
Hudson: (330) 650-6727***

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## AUGUST 9-12, 2009

### \$899.00 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

#### TOUR #979 / REGISTRATION

IF YOU ARE AN AAA MEMBER, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARDING AT: \_\_\_\_\_ AAA Akron's downtown location, 111 West Center St. in Akron  
\_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Inn, junction of I-77 and Route 18 in Montrose

LICENSE PLATE: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR, MAKE AND MODEL OF VEHICLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR UPDATES ON AAA AKRON ESCORTED TOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMING WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST: Non smoking room \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking room if available \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS (requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed):  
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**Please note that a \$100.00 deposit per person is required to reserve space on this tour. The final payment is due on July 9, 2009. 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.***

Direct questions to:

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