

### Women of the Midwest

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# **NEW YORK CITY**

MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

with Women of the Midwest

November 26-30, 2024







Dear Women of the Midwest,

Ever since I was a small girl, experiencing Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has been on my bucket list! I invite you to join me on a fun-filled, custom-tailored tour of the Big Apple!

Our journey begins with a sightseeing tour - a panoramic view of the city. It also includes an exceptional Broadway show of your choice, the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, a behind-the-scenes tour of Radio City Music Hall, a visit to Grand Central Station, the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, a ride with Staten Island Ferry to admire New York City by night, and then ...Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! Oh, what a joy; I can't wait!

Eight million residents and a five-borough spread make New York one of the most kaleidoscopic cities in the world. The culinary culture is as vibrant as you would expect: a total mix of multiethnic delicacies sold by food vendors on every corner, Michelin-starred restaurants, diners, craft cocktail joints, and infamous dive bars. Bicycle through the city, kayak in the East River, visit the best museums in the world, or simply "shop till you drop!" - the possibilities are endless!

New York's dynamic arts community, anchored by Broadway and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, provides extensive entertainment. At the same time, shopping ranges from top-end boutiques to handcrafted goods sold at neighborhood flea markets. What's not to love?!

And finally: It's that time of the year! The store-front windows have started decorating for Christmas!

Join me, solo or two-by-two; take a bite of the Big Apple with Women of the Midwest!

Sincerely yours,

Lora Black

Women of the Midwest Ambassador







Our wonderful journey begins as we fly to the Big Apple, New York City.

Upon arrival, we will be greeted by our Women of the Midwest Ambassador, Lora Black, who will travel alongside us during all the days in New York City.

With our local tour guide, Jared, we will board our private motor coach to take a panoramic city tour of Manhattan. We will pass by Central Park, drive down 5th Avenue, swing by Battery Park with a view of Lady Liberty, and finally, take a short walk around Ground Zero. Jared will share all the inside secrets of his



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amazing city with us. A lunch box is provided during the tour.

In the late afternoon, we will check in to the Millennium Broadway Hotel, one step off Times Square.

We will walk to a recognized restaurant for a wonderful welcome dinner tonight. L (boxed) | D

# November 27, 2024 Wednesday

We will enjoy breakfast and then meet with our tour guide, Jared. We head out by foot to experience Bryant Park and the Public Library. We will enjoy a visit, including seeing the original stuffed animals that inspired the Winnie-the-Pooh stories.

A few blocks further down is Grand Central Station. This place is "grand" by all means; you will love the myriad things to taste, touch, hear, and smell in Grand Central Terminal. But for a truly remarkable experience, we will head to the Main Concourse, stand still, and look up at the zodiac mural on the ceiling, one of New York City's most beloved public art pieces. Relax and let the others rush to catch the train! After a quick lunch, we will catch our and head to Ground Zero for a guided tour of the 9/11 Museum and Memorial.

We will travel back to our hotel in the late afternoon by subway.

Tonight, enjoy a Broadway show of your



own choice. Most shows start at 7:00 or 8:00 PM. B

### November 28, 2024 Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

Breakfast is included and enjoyed with your fellow travelers.

Next, we gather to walk to our favorite spot to take in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. You are welcome to join Lora or head out on your own.

The Parade first took place in 1924, tying it for the second-oldest Thanksgiving Parade in the United States with America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

In the 1920s, many of Macy's employees were first-generation European immigrants. They wanted to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with the type of festival they loved and cherished back home. The Parade marches through the streets of New York City, featuring enormous balloons, marching bands, Broadway musical casts, and celebrity performers. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for us to be here!

Our Thanksgiving Day lunch is served at a wonderful pub. We will take a moment to reflect on all the things we are so thankful for.

Time on your own this afternoon and evening. Less than half an hour from our hotel, you can step into one of the coolest markets in the world, the Chelsea Market

Bagels, Anyone?





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in the Meatpacking District. It is one of the best food halls in New York, but it's not your average neighborhood market. While it is similar to the average market in that its vendor stalls line a maze of hallways, it veers towards the gourmet end of the food markets. Several movies and series are filmed here, such as "Law and Order," "American Gangster," and "The Blacklist."

If you love to walk, we highly recommend returning from Chelsea Market via the High Line. Once destined for demolition, luckily, the community rallied together to repurpose it instead, creating the park you can experience today. But the High Line is more than a park - it is a public space where you can view art, walk through gardens, experience a performance, savor delicious snacks, or just people-watch, while enjoying a unique perspective of the city. Built on the historic, elevated freight line. the High Line is really a wonderful place to stroll. To walk the entire length (1.45 miles) takes around 30 minutes.

The Meatpacking District is a hip commercial area on the far west side. It's home to high-end designer clothing stores, and the cobblestone streets are filled with trendy restaurants and clubs that have taken over the cavernous spaces once occupied by the namesake meatpacking plants. B | L

# November 29, 2024 Friday

After breakfast, we meet with Jared to

take a 15-minute walk to Radio City Music Hall to enjoy a guided insider's look at this legendary place. Upon opening its doors for the first time on a rainy winter's night in 1932, the Radio City Music Hall was proclaimed to be so extraordinarily beautiful as to need no performers at all. The first-built component of the massive Rockefeller Center, the Music Hall, has been the world's largest indoor theater for over eighty years. We will discover its art-deco masterpieces, learn the secrets of the Great Stage, and meet a Rockette. At the end of the tour, we will enjoy the Spectacular Christmas Show; it's ...spectacular!

We are just around the corner from St. Patrick's Cathedral. Follow Jared as he visits the Neo-Gothic-style Roman cathedral, a prominent landmark of New York City.

We return to our hotel on foot, and the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

In the evening, we meet up and join Jared as he takes us (by the Subway) to Staten Island Ferry. Get the best views of Manhattan during this unforgettable panoramic lights-of-the-City tour. Ladies, enjoy! B

# November 30, 2024 Saturday

Breakfast at your own pace. It's time to check out, store your luggage safely away, and enjoy the last hours in the city.

The morning hours are free to do some last-minute shopping or grab a last bite at one of the fun New York delis.

All too soon, our Big Apple journey has ended.

Mid-afternoon, we will transfer to the airport for the return flight back home. B

The itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



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#### Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$2,995 Per person in a single room: \$3.595

Remember our "Pair & Share" program for solo travelers.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on July 29, 2024, is nonrefundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

#### **EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:**

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card! **SAVE 3.5%!** 

#### **Travel Insurance:**

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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### Tour Activity 1 2 3 4 - This journey is a soft level 3:

Between the scheduled sightseeing tours included in the program and personal exploration, you can expect to walk 3-5 miles or more over the course of a day typically on pavements. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

### Airfare, included in your package:

Group airfare details will be available by the end of January 2024. A small supplement may occur, if you fly from/to a different city than Omaha, NÉ.

#### **Accommodation:**

Moderate 4-star hotel; the Millennium Broadway Hotel or similar. Final accommodation will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.

The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 travelers and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should we, for any reason, not be able to guarantee this departure, we will offer a refund of all funds paid to Executive Travel for land, air and travel insurance 90 days prior to departure.

#### Included

- Airfare to/from New York, economy class (direct flights not quaranteed
- 4 nights accommodation (moderate 4-star hotel)
- 4 x breakfast (vouchers style)
- Lunch box on arrival day, Thanksgiving Day lunch
- Welcome dinner w/drinks
- 1 Broadway show of your own choice\*
- Radio City's Spectacular Christmas Show
- 9/11 Memorial and Museum entrance fee
- Airport transfers & tour on day 1 by private motor coach
- New York City MetroCard
- Porterage at hotel (one bag per person)
- Gratuities to local guide and drivers
- Professional tour guide as per tour program
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador from day 1-5
- All local taxes as per December 17, 2023

\*A Broadway show of your choice is included in the package price. Any show that exceeds \$150, can be reserved and the price difference will be included on your final statement. No refund will be given for ticket prices under \$150. Women of the Midwest/Executive Travel will assist with reserving show tickets.

#### **Excluded:**

- Airline baggage fees (est. \$40 p/checked bag p/way)
- Travel Insurance
- Professional fees, \$50 per person due at time of registration
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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#### **GROUP AIRFARE DETAILS!**

Group airfare with American Airlines is included in your package:

November 26, 2024 Omaha\* - LaGuardia 6:28 AM - 10:30 AM

November 30, 2024 LaGuardia - Omaha\* 6:29 PM - 8:56 PM

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha; reach out for your quote. If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet the group at LaGuardia on November 26 and return from LaGuardia around the same time as the rest of the group on November 30.

Individual additional transfers may be necessary if meeting the main group is not possible. If this is the case, the additional cost is included in your package.

### Important notes regarding group airfare:

- Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Executive Travel/Women
  of the Midwest cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure,
  and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to
  honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- Premium seating upgrades are not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (AAdvantage® program), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to a different class of service. Contact us if you have any questions and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

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