

Ridgeway High School Cultural Trip to New York City October 2025

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### Why take a trip to New York City?

- Schools are institutions that have a responsibility to develop the whole child
- One of the most, if not the most, iconic cities in the world
- Bring the unimaginable to life
- Visit sights, landmarks and museums that will have a profound effect
- It's an amazing city, that literally does never sleep
- We did consider other options but the package was too attractive



### Dates and schedule

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Depart early Thursday morning Arrive back to school late morning Monday

Start of autumn half term week academic year 2025/2026





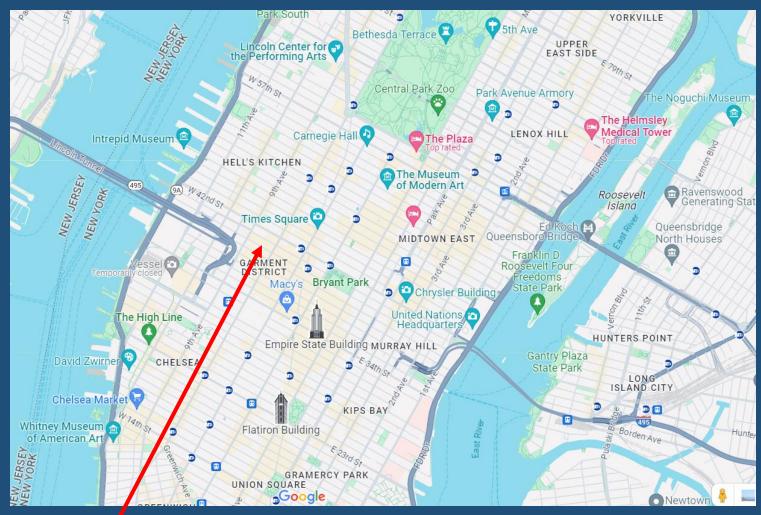
## **Itinerary 1**

5x day tour flying direct to the USA

- 3x nights bed and breakfast staying in a Manhattan hotel close to Times Square
- 3x dinner in a Manhattan diner/restaurant
- 4x full days sightseeing
- Subway travel







Hotel: Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriot Central Park



- 3 nights bed and breakfast
- Double/twin rooms
- Single sex
- Bed share basis



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
4am arrival at school Depart for Manchester airport	8am breakfast at hotel	8am breakfast at hotel	8am breakfast at hotel and clear rooms	9am arrive into Manchester airport
8am flight direct to JFK	9am Subway to Battery Park	9am depart hotel and walk through Central Park	9:30am depart hotel on subway for 9/11 memorial	10:30am coach back to school
12 noon arrive in JFK Coach transfer to hotel	10am Ferry to Staten Island and Statue of Liberty	10am Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art	10am 9/11 memorial and gardens	11:30am arrive back at Ridgeway
3pm Hotel check-in	1pm Lunch at Battery Park	12:30pm Lunch at Central Park	11:30am subway to 5 <sup>th</sup> avenue	
5pm Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe	2pm Subway to Guggenheim Museum	1:30pm Cooper-Hewitt Design Museum	12:20pm lunch and shopping on 5 <sup>th</sup> avenue	
7:30pm Top of the Rock	5pm return to hotel	4pm Walk back through Central park to hotel	3:30pm return to hotel and board coach for JFK	
9:30pm Hotel and lights out 10pm	7pm dinner at Dallas BBQ	6pm dinner at Tick Tock Diner	5pm arrive JFK	
	9:30pm Hotel and lights out 10pm	8pm Times Square at night	8pm flight to Manchester	
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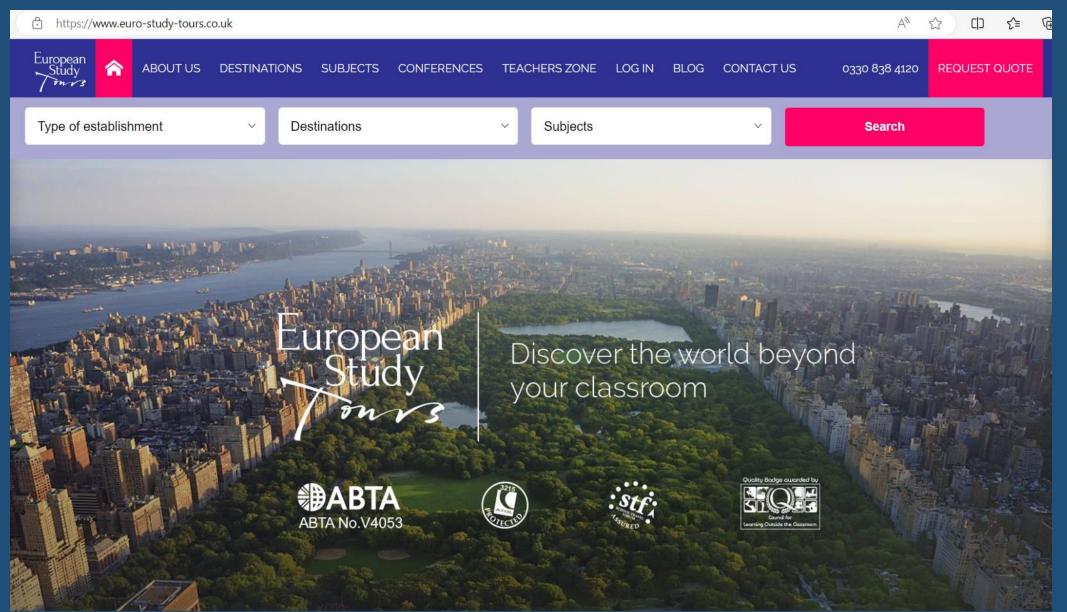
## Sights and visits

- Tour of Central Park
- Times Square
- Statue of Liberty
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Smithsonian Design Museum
- Guggenheim Museum
- Shopping on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 9/11 Memorial visit





### **European Study Tours**





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Benefits of School Travel	and beyond, into the wider community, further study, and the world of work.		
Offers What You Say	Let us help you to involve young people in experiences which can lead to: <ul> <li>Improved achievement, attainment and progress</li> <li>Enhanced self confidence</li> </ul>		
Corporate Social Responsibility	<ul> <li>Improved learner engagement and motivation</li> <li>Greater enjoyment of learning</li> <li>Improved behaviour and attendance</li> </ul>		
Work For Us	Developing skills and understanding It's very difficult to put it into words how much fun we had, the students I teach come from one of the most		
	socially deprived areas in the north west so to be able to give them this opportunity was amazing. Thank you for helping me create my dream.		
	Gateacre School		

#### Learning Away

Through extensive action research, Learning Away has gathered profound evidence that shows that school residentials have a transformative impact on everyone involved:





## **Costings and what's included**

### £1550

This includes:

- All transfers, flights and travel whilst in NYC
- 3 nights bed and breakfast at the Marriott hotel
- 3x evening meals at a New York diner/restaurant
- All visits and excursions
- Comprehensive travel insurance



# What's not included?

- Passport
- ESTA (currently this is \$21) and is registered online
- Hotel security deposit



• Spending money





### **Payment Schedule**

- First £150 deposit to be paid by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Second £150 by 31<sup>st</sup> April 2024
- Balance due to tour company 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- Trip will be live on Arbor from Thursday 7th December at 9am



## Fundraising and Sponsorship

- Hoodies
- Trip rucksacks
- Caps and bobble hats
- Lunch and drinks money
- Reduction in travel costs



### Thank you for attending

We would like to make it known that students do not have to be considering art and/or design and technology at GCSE to accompany the trip. This is a cultural visit that is accessible for all students of the school.

