

2024 – New York City Holiday Trip

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During the holiday season, there is nowhere in the world like New York City! Experience the decked-out department stores and stunning window displays, the iconic Rockefeller Christmas Tree, and festive twinkling lights everywhere you look. Enjoy the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, shop at a few of the many Manhattan Christmas Markets, listen to Christmas Jazz at the Lincoln Center, and view enchanting Manhattan holiday lights at night via a private bus tour.

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Tuesday, December 3, 2024

- Meet at [UWSP Parking Lot](#)
- Coach Bus leaves for Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport
- Depart **Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport** for **LaGuardia Airport via Delta**
- Arrive at LaGuardia Airport and take private shuttle to hotel
- Arrive at **MSocial Hotel** (*in Midtown*)
226 West 52nd St, New York
Tel: 1-212-315-0100
- Walk to and shop the **Columbus Circle Holiday Market**
 - Located at Central Park's southwest corner is historic Columbus Circle where a medium-sized market is a great place to stop by after skating in Central Park's iconic Wollman Rink. Treat yourself to hot cocoa and gingerbread while browsing the stalls.
 - **Hours:** Monday-Saturday 10am to 8pm.
 - **Location:** West 59th Street and Broadway
- Dinner on own at Columbus Circle Holiday Market or at nearby restaurants.
- Walk to **Rockefeller Plaza to see "The Tree"**

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

- *If unable to see Rockefeller Center and Tree last night, try before 9am this morning.*
- Breakfast at hotel (*included*)
- Walk to and shop the **Grand Central Terminal Holiday Fair**
 - What a spectacular location for a holiday market! Since it is indoors, you will keep warm while checking out the 76 vendor stalls offering a wonderful array of holiday gifts including art, clothing for adults and children, handbags, jewelry and accessories for men and women, hand-made candles, bath and body items, collectible toys and holiday items.
 - **Hours:** Monday-Saturday 10am-8pm.
 - **Location:** Grand Central Terminal, Vanderbilt Hall (42nd St. and Park Ave.)
- Lunch on own (*at Grand Central Terminal or nearby restaurants*)
- See a “Yet To Be Determined” **Broadway Show Matinee** (*included*)
- Enjoy a **Private New York City Holiday Lights Bus Tour** (*included*)
 - See the iconic tree at Rockefeller Center, combined with Christmas displays at Lincoln Center, South Street Seaport, and Wall Street as well as the legendary window displays of Fifth Avenue. The tour will also include an area of Brooklyn known as Dyker Heights. This is a residential area clearly populated by competitive holiday lovers! See a concentrated area of individual homes whose owners seem to compete for the most over-the-top lighted displays of every conceivable Christmas motif! This area is a wonderful contrast to the professionally designed displays on Fifth Avenue and elsewhere in Manhattan. This is a heart-warming display of community spirit!



Thursday, December 5, 2024

- Breakfast in hotel (*included*)
- Walk to and shop at **Bryant Park Christmas Market**
 - This is one of the prettiest and most centrally-located holiday markets. It surrounds the skating rink that is installed in wintertime in the middle of Bryant Park and the atmosphere is magical. There are more than 100 small stalls offering one-of-a-kind items including winter clothing, sweaters, hats and mittens, hand crafted bags, jewelry, decorative goods, local foods, and more. There is something for everyone – adults, kids and even pets! Why not go ice-skating while you are there. You can also find delicious food stands mostly near the 6th Avenue border of the park with a variety of treats including hot drinks, kettle corn, and holiday sweets of all kinds.
 - **Hours:** Mondays through Fridays, 11am-8pm, and Saturday, 10am-8pm.
 - **Location:** Grand Central Terminal, Vanderbilt Hall (Bryant Park 42nd St. and 6th Ave.)
- Lunch on own (*at Bryant Park Christmas Market or nearby restaurants*)
- Dinner on own
- Attend a **Lincoln Center Jazz Event** (*included*)



Friday, December 6, 2024

- Breakfast in hotel (*included*)
- Attend the **Rockettes Christmas Spectacular** (*included*)
- Lunch on own
- Enjoy a **New York City Cocoa and Carols Holiday Cruise** (*included*)
 - See New York's skyline from the water—and soak up a festive atmosphere—aboard a holiday-themed cruise. Choose from several departure times and set sail aboard an elegantly decorated enclosed yacht. As you go, discover the Statue of Liberty, Manhattan skyline, and other scenic vistas. You can sing along to carols played by the live jazz band, nibble Christmas cookies, and enjoy a cup of spiked hot cocoa from the bar.
- Dinner on own
- Evening is free for you to catch a show on your own (*perhaps the Nutcracker or a Broadway show*)



Saturday, December 7, 2024

- Breakfast in hotel (*included*)
- Take advantage of a few free hours for last minute shopping
- Lunch on own
- Check out of hotel and board private shuttle to LaGuardia Airport
- Depart **LaGuardia Airport** to **Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport via Delta**
- Arrive at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport
- Private Shuttle Bus Departs for Stevens Point
- Arrive in **UWSP Parking Lot**



Pricing

Registration Fee

Double occupancy rates: **\$3,798 per person**

Single occupancy rates: **\$5,358 per person**

***Registration closes Thursday, August 8, 2024**

Payment Schedule:

\$450 due upon registration (*This fee is nonrefundable*)

\$1,674 due by **Thursday, August 8, 2024**

\$1,674 due by **Friday, October 4, 2024**

\$1,560 Single Room Supplement

***Since we make financial commitments in advance, no refunds will be issued for cancellations less than 90 days prior to the trip. Cancellations received more than 90 days before the trip will receive a full refund minus \$100. However, you may send a substitute in your place. Please email us at uwspceweb@uwsp.edu to inform us of a cancellation or substitution.**

Please note: With weather and uncontrollable variables, some activities/lodging/schedules/meals may change.

Price includes:

- Coach transfers between airport and hotel.
- Lodging centrally located near Times Square/Broadway and subway lines (four nights double occupancy).
- Full breakfast buffet at the MSocial Hotel New York (four mornings).
- Private New York City Holiday Lights Tour.
- Three or more Christmas markets.
- One Rockettes Christmas Spectacular Performance.
- One Broadway Show.
- One Lincoln Center Performance.
- Holiday Boat Cruise around Manhattan Island.
- Two tour leaders throughout the trip.
- Orientation meeting approximately two months before trip.