

*Ankeny High School Choirs Trip*  
*Custom New York City Itinerary*

**DAY 1: Tuesday, April 09, 2024**

3:30pm: Motorcoaches arrive at **Ankeny High School** for loading  
4:30pm: Depart for **NEW YORK CITY!**  
7:00-7:45pm: Dinner (*own expense*) and prepare for overnight travel  
12:00-12:20am: Rest stop for drivers

**DAY 2: Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

5:30-6:30am: Breakfast (*own expense*) en route  
11:00am-12:00pm: Lunch (*own expense*) en route  
  
2:30pm: Arrive at **Hampton Inn & Suites, Newark-Harrison** for Check-in; *100 Passiac Ave, Harrison, NJ, 973-483-1900*  
3:30pm: Depart Hotel  
  
4:45pm: Arrive at Ellens to be seated  
5:00-6:20pm: Dinner (*included*) at **ELLEN'S STARDUST DINER**  
  
6:30pm: Walk to **Gershwin Theatre**  
7:00-9:30pm: Attend the Broadway Production of **WICKED**; when Dorothy famously triumphed over the Wicked Witch of the West, we only ever heard one side of the story. The life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West re-imagines the Land of Oz, creating a parallel universe to the familiar story, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz  
  
9:45pm: Depart  
  
10:30pm: Return to the Hotel  
10:00pm-5:00am: *Overnight Security Guard on duty*

**DAY 3: Thursday, April 11, 2024**

6:30-7:30am: Expanded Continental Breakfast (*included*) at the Hotel  
7:30am: Depart Hotel  
  
8:15am: Arrive at **Liberty State Park**  
8:40am: Security check and board ferry  
9:00am: Ferry departs  
  
9:20-10:15am: Explore **ELLIS ISLAND**; Take a self-guided tour of the **Immigration Museum**  
10:15am: Board ferry  
10:25pm: Ferry departs  
  
10:50am-12:30pm: Explore **Liberty Island** and see the **STATUE OF LIBERTY!**  
 Lunch (*own expense*) at Ellis Island Café

12:30pm: Board ferry  
12:40pm: Ferry departs

1:20-1:45pm: Arrive at **BATTERY PARK** and take in the entertainment!  
**Photo Opportunity** with the Wall Street Bull!

1:45-2:00pm: Walk to 9/11 to check in

2:00-4:30pm: Visit the **9/11 MEMORIAL**, a national tribute of remembrance and honor to the 2,983 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. Also visit the **9/11 MUSUEM** that displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11, while presenting stories of loss and recovery.  
 2:00pm: Group 1 of 90: Arrive for security check  
 2:30pm: Group 2 of 89: Arrive for security check

4:30-4:45pm: Walk to dinner

4:45-5:45pm: Dinner (*own expense*) at **HUDSON EATS**  
5:45pm: Depart

6:30pm: Arrive at **Walter Kerr Theatre**  
7:00-9:30pm: Attend **HADESTOWN** Broadway Production; this masterful Broadway spectacle intertwines two mythical tales of love from Ancient Greece. The Tony Award winning musical, which first enchanted audiences off Broadway in 2016 before its debut in 2019, retells the tragic romances of Orpheus and Eurydice and Hades and his wife Persephone.

9:45pm: Depart

10:30pm: Return to the Hotel  
10:00pm-5:00am: *Overnight Security Guard on duty*

**DAY 4: Friday, April 12, 2024**

6:30-7:30am: Expanded Continental Breakfast (*included*) at the Hotel  
7:30am: Depart

8:30am: Arrive at **RIVERSIDE CHURCH**  
8:30-8:45am: Unload busses and equipment  
**Ankeny High School Choirs** participate in the **NYC HERITAGE FESTIVAL:**

**Ankeny HS Singers**  
 9:00-9:30am: Warm-up  
 9:30-9:55am: Perform in Heritage Music Festival at *The Nave*  
 9:55-10:00am: Remain on stage for adjudication  
 10:00am-12:30pm: Listen to other performances

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**Ankeny HS Concert Choir**  
 11:30-11:55pm: Warm-up  
 12:00-12:25pm: Perform in Heritage Music Festival at *The Nave*  
 12:25-12:30pm: Remain on stage for adjudication

12:30-12:45pm: Load busses and equipment  
12:45pm: Depart

1:15-2:45pm: Lunch (*included*) at **HARD ROCK CAFE**, 1501 Broadway, NY  
2:45pm: Depart

3:00-4:05pm: Stroll through **CENTRAL PARK** to check out the sights and sounds of Manhattan's biggest park!  
4:15pm: Depart

4:30-5:05pm: Experience **GRAND CENTRAL STATION**, one of the most visited destinations in NYC for history, architecture, dining, and shopping all under one magnificent roof.  
5:15pm: Depart

5:30-7:45pm: Explore the sights and sounds of New York City's epicenter, **TIMES SQUARE!** *Last chance for souvenirs!*  
7:45pm: Walk to dinner

8:00-9:30pm: Dinner (*included*) at **GAYLES BROADWAY ROSE**  
9:40pm: Depart

10:30pm: Return to the Hotel  
10:00pm-5:00am: *Overnight Security Guard on duty*

#### DAY 5: Saturday, April 13, 2024

6:00-7:00am: Check-out of the Hotel and load Motorcoaches –*Remember all of your belongings!!*  
7:00-8:00am: Expanded Continental Breakfast (*included*) at the Hotel  
8:00am: Depart Hotel

9:15am: Arrive at Radio City Music Hall and check in  
9:45am-12:45pm: Tour **RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL**, located in the Rockefeller Center complex, the largest indoor theater in the world.  
*Group 1 of 30: 9:45-10:45am*  
*Group 2 of 30: 10:00-11:00am*  
*Group 3 of 30: 10:15-11:15am*  
*Group 4 of 30: 11:15am-12:15pm*  
*Group 5 of 30: 11:30am-12:30pm*  
*Group 6 of 29: 11:45am-12:45pm*

9:45am-12:45pm: Time to Explore **ROCKEFELLER CENTER, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,** & shop **5<sup>TH</sup> AVE!**

- Explore **Rockefeller Plaza** the world's largest privately-owned business and entertainment complex, shop at the **NBC** store
- Visit the beautiful **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, the largest decorated Neo Gothic style Catholic Cathedral in North America.
- Enjoy shopping along dazzling **Fifth Avenue** in the heart of Manhattan.

Lunch (*own expense*) in Rockefeller Center

1:00pm: Depart

1:30pm: Arrive at One World Trade Center for Check in  
1:45-3:00pm: Visit the new **ONE WORLD OBSERVATORY** and experience expansive 360 degree views in all directions from the top of One World Trade Center. Take in the iconic sights, surrounding waters and panoramic views of the skyline and beyond.

3:00-3:15pm: Walk to the Oculus  
3:15-3:45pm: Explore **THE OCULUS**, *opportunity for group photo!*

3:45pm: Depart

4:00-5:15pm: Walk along **THE HIGH LINE** and experience New York City's architecture and biodiversity as you walk along the old rail tracks 30ft above street level. This gorgeous walk runs through the Meatpacking District and Chelsea to the edge of Hell's Kitchen with many stops along the way for photos.

5:15pm: Depart

5:45pm: Arrive at Riverside Church  
6:30-7:20pm: Attend the **HERITAGE FESTIVAL AWARDS CEREMONY** at Riverside Church  
7:30pm: Load and Depart for Dinner Cruise

8:00pm: Arrive at the Circle Line dock for boarding  
8:30-10:30pm: Experience the beauty of New York City as the sun sets and the city lights up on this two hour **CIRCLE LINE HARBOR LIGHTS DINNER & DANCE CRUISE** along the Hudson River!

10:30pm: Load and Depart for home  
2:40-3:00am: Rest stop for drivers

**DAY 6: Sunday, April 14, 2024**

6:00-7:00am: Breakfast (*own expense*) en route  
11:00am-12:00pm: Lunch (*own expense*) en route  
3:30-3:50pm: Rest stop and snack  
6:30pm: Approximate arrival at **Ankeny High School**