

New England's Premiere Travel Company Since 1974

Educational / Developmental Travel Programs









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Welcome To The World of Educational Student Travel!

Since our company's founding in 1974 we have been providing school systems and student groups the very best in high-quality, value-oriented trips and tours. We specialize in customizing programs specifically to the needs and wants of the

individual group, whether large or small. Whether you are the U.S. History Teacher, the Foreign Language Teacher, the School Band Teacher, or the Athletic Director we have the very best tours in the industry for your students.

WHAT SEPARATES US FROM THE REST OF THE PACK

Customize, Customize, Customize

One of the biggest challenges we hear from educators is that most student tours are simple cookie-cutter programs that don't really provide any educational experience. Educators want the ability to customize a program to their curriculum. We will take the time to meet with you and design a travel program that is an extension of your curriculum. We take a consultative approach with our educators to make sure we are providing the tour you are looking for, and at an unmatched value. We customize our itineraries to meet the specific needs of Middle School, High School, and College Students as the needs of these students differs. In keeping with the tour to classroom curriculum concept, we also customize the itineraries to match general education versus Honor/Advanced Placement student tours. We utilize our 45 years of operating trips to handle all logistics of the trip and guide you through the process of creating a magnificent program.

Your Tour is an Extension of the Classroom

We have always held the belief that your student tour is an extension of the classroom. Think of us a mobile classroom, as our tours are not just recreational in nature but are a substantive learning experience that has been customized specifically for you and your students. That is what truly separates us from other tour companies and why our programs are known as Student Development Tours. We believe that learning through experience is one of the best ways for students to gain new perspectives on life and build skills for the future. Allowing students the ability to experience the world around them, to experience new cultures and places, to discover who they are, and grow more confident and independent are essential components of our travel programs. We look to work with the teacher to engage the students before, during, and after their tour to create the best educational tour experience possible.

Quality and Value

We realize that student tours are an expense to the parent. Raising a student is an expensive endeavor and we work extensively with you to develop a program that meets the financial capabilities of your community. Just like no two people are alike,

neither is every school system. We make sure we provide high quality components in your trip at a very economical price. We use our leverage of operating hundreds of trips a year to obtain the best pricing possible. Through experience we have learned that for many student tours they wish to have every meal included in their program and unlike most, we're able to make that happen. We believe in the old saying "you get what you pay for", and we make sure we provide you the very best quality, very best experience, very best service, at a price your families can afford.

Big or Small - We've Got You Covered

Whether you're a student group that plans to travel with just 20 students or you operate a program with a few hundred students we've got you covered. For over 45 years we have been operating trips and are extremely experienced in managing large groups. We've handled all of the logistics and operations of many trips that incorporate more than 3,000 people in attendance. But don't worry, we provide equal attention and caring to groups of all sizes.

Safety

The safety and security of your students is one of our top priorities. All of our student programs include an experienced Tour Director who supports you 24/7 and knows the in's and out's of every destination on your itinerary. Our Tour Directors are seasoned professionals, have undergone extensive training, and in many circumstances are former educators. Our Tour Directors are equipped to manage challenging situations while on the road, and have direct access to our Best of Times Travel office for additional assistance if needed. As part of our commitment to student safety, we provide professional overnight security in the hotel, and perform standard inspections of our travel partners/suppliers. We also conduct criminal background checks on the Tour Directors and all adult travelers (such as parents and chaperones) that join your group. We also offer all of our student groups the ability to purchase Traveler's Insurance through our partner, Chubb Travel Protection, in order to cover any issues before or during the tour. And of course, you, your students, their parents and your administrators can reach us, if anything comes up before or while your group is out on tour.

Peace of Mind

In today's world there's nothing more valuable than peace of mind. Not only do we carry our Corporate Liability Insurance that protects all of our customers, but we also provide all of our student tours the ability to offer Personal Travelers Insurance for all students. This gives you, your administration, and your parents peace of mind that the student is protected from the moment they register for the trip. We work with Chubb Travel Insurance to provide a package that includes Pre-Departure protection, Trip Interruption protection, Trip Delay protection, Medical Expense Coverage, Luggage Coverage, and Assistance Services while traveling. We never want anyone worried about their student while out on tour.

Advertising and Promotion

It's one thing to plan a trip, but if it doesn't look appealing, it's hard to get people to sign up. That's why once we have finished the process of planning and setting up your tour we will create professional customized flyers for you to begin promoting the trip. Our staff is also available to provide informational presentations for parents, students, and your staff to assist in not only selling the program but assisting in the registration process.

Best of Times Travel Proudly Presents The International VA Military Tattoo Annapolis, MD & Williamsburg, VA

5 Days / 4 Nights - April Vacation Week



Featuring:

Toby's Dinner Theatre, The U.S. Naval Academy,
National Marine Corps Museum, Norfolk International
Military Tattoo Festival, Colonial Williamsburg, Norfolk
Naval Base, Ocean City MD & More

Join Best of Times Travel for one of the most culturally enriching tours you will ever experience as we celebrate the men and women that provide us the liberties we know today. We begin our adventure with an action-packed musical stage adventure - at Toby's Dinner Theatre. Explore Annapolis, MD and the U.S. Naval Academy - see first-hand some of the great highlights of life at the U.S. Naval Academy past and present. Then it's onto the National Museum of the Marine Corps - A Monument to HONOR, COURAGE & COMMITMENT. Then discover Colonial Williamsburg and become a citizen of the Revolutionary City. Our program transports you back to the days of the Colonies and is one of our great historic treasures. Our second featured entertainment is the VA International Military Tattoo Festival (the largest in the U.S.), and is only second to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Of course Best of Times Travel takes our program to the next level providing you more value for your money. Enjoy our visit to the Norfolk, VA naval base and the Douglas MacArthur Memorial, a museum and research center dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the life of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. We culminate our tour with Oceanfront lodging in Ocean City MD with a tour of Assateague Island famous for its wild horses. All of these extras and more make this an unforgettable trip of fun and excitement. Don't miss out...join us today!

Trip Highlights / What's Included

- Roundtrip Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- 4 Nights Lodging 1 Night MD 2 Nights Williamsburg, VA - 1 Night Oceanfront in Ocean City MD
- Luggage Handling
- 8 Meals 4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch at Historic Williamsburg Tavern, 3 Dinners
- Guided Tour of Annapolis & the U.S. Naval Academy
- Ticket to the show at Toby's Dinner Theatre

- Tour of the Douglas MacArthur Memorial & Museum
- Admission to the Virginia International Military Tattoo Festival Show (this is a 2 hour show)
- Tour of Colonial Williamsburg
- Tour of the Norfolk VA Naval Base
- Tour of Assateague Island famous for their wild horses
- Best of Times Travel Tour Director Throughout Your Trip (Gratuity Included)

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Our Standard 4 Day / 3 Night Program - Add Additional Days As

Needed For More Content

Program Highlights Include: World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial, FDR & Korean Monuments, New Air & Space Museum at Dulles, Lincoln & Jefferson Memorials, Arlington National Cemetery

Day 1: Rest stops along the way, with lunch on our own. Arrive at the Courtyard by Marriott in Landover, MD our home for the next three nights. Dinner tonight is included at the Golden Corral Buffet.

<u>Day 2:</u> Complete, full and hearty **Breakfast at the Hotel**. Following breakfast, we head into our Nation's Capital making our way to Arlington National Cemetery for a Tourmobile Ride (included) to the Grave of the Three Kennedy Brothers JFK, Bobby, & Teddy, and the very moving Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We'll drive by the Pentagon, Site of the 9/11 plane strike. We'll enjoy lunch this afternoon, at Carmine's Legendary Italian Restaurant. After lunch we continue our tour to the Memorials (WWII, M.L.K., F.D.R., Jefferson). We'll enjoy dinner tonight at the Union Station Food Court (on our own). Washington is truly a breathtaking city, and tonight you will experience an ILLUMINATED NIGHT TOUR of our nation's Capital. We'll stop and disembark the motorcoach for a walk to the White House Beautifully Illuminated for a presentation, take in Washington's great monuments and memorials with an illuminated view of our National Capital from the west front.

Day 3: Breakfast at the Hotel. We begin our day with visits to the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and Korean War Memorial. We then allow you to choose your next stop at one of the many Smithsonian Museums On the Mall (Natural History, Art (3), National History & Technology, Sculpture, African Art, Native American, etc.) or you may continue with our Tour Director to the NEW National Air & Space Museum at Dulles (which is home to the Space Shuttle Discovery, the Enola Gay, Cruise Missiles, Concorde, Blackbird & the 7 Story Observation Tower overlooking Dulles Airport). Lunch is on our own today. This evening we celebrate our time together with another scrumptious dinner (included) with a Musical Production at Toby's Dinner Theater.

Day 4: Breakfast at the Hotel. We then head north with a special rest stop in Liberty Park, NJ for a view of the New York City Skyline, Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, and the emergence of One World Trade Center in the skyline. We'll arrive home this evening with incredible memories of our Patriot Visit to our Nation's Capital.

Program Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, 3 Nights Hotel Lodging at the Courtyard by Marriott Landover, MD, Six (7) Meals: 3 Dinners, 1 Lunch, 3 Breakfasts including an evening at Toby's Dinner Theater, Admission to all Washington Touring Venues, Tour Mobile at Arlington National Cemetery, Services of a highly experienced Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director with you throughout the trip, Tour Director Gratuity, Luggage Handling & Taxes

For High School, Advanced Placement, and College Students a more in-depth program is available. We add in items such as: a tour of the Capital building with a meeting with a lobbyist or State Senator; Visitation of the Library of Congress; National Archives; Tour of the U.S. Supreme Court

New England Heritage Tour

Our Standard 4 Day / 3 Night Program











Featuring:

Concord, MA & Old North Bridge, The USS Constitution, Boston's Freedom Trail, Fort Independence, The Mayflower, Plimouth Plantation, Cape Cod/Hyannis, Kennedy Memorial, Korean Memorial, Newport RI w/Historical Mansions, Battleship Cove and more!

This is a One of A Kind Program that allows students to visit the historical sites that molded and created the foundation of our country. This professionally guided tour has been perfected by Best of Times Travel for over 45 Years making it an unforgettable adventure. Led by our incredible seasoned tour directors you will find yourself immersed in history like no other trip you have taken.

Step back in time as we journey into the settlement of the colonies by visiting the ship that brought pilgrims to the New World - the Mayflower. Then immerse yourself in their daily life as we visit Plymouth Plantation a living history museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts founded in 1947 that replicates the original settlement of the Plymouth Colony established in the 17th century by the English colonists. We'll step forward in time to give students a firm understanding of the seeds of Independence as we visit Concord, MA where the shot heard around the world was fired. Walk along Boston's Freedom Trail and feel the presence of national icons like Paul Revere. See the sights where colonists thwarted the British Army and set the foundation for our Independence from Great Britain. We'll also visit Cape Cod & Hyannis including the Kennedy Memorial and Korean Memorial. The Gilded Age of America comes alive as we visit Newport, RI and take in one of America's greatest mansions the Breakers. We'll also visit the world's largest collection of World War II naval vessels and home to the highly decorated battleship USS Massachusetts - Battleship Cove. All of this and more awaits you on our New England Heritage Tours

Home of FDR, Vanderbilt Mansion,

West Point, Hyde Park, NY, Dinner Theatre Show, & The Hudson River Valley



2 Day / 1 Night Program - Additional Itineraries Available

Day One: After an early morning departure and a breakfast stop enroute we arrive at West Point Military Academy. Since its founding two centuries ago, it has accomplished its mission by developing cadets through extensive moral and ethical development. We start our day at West Point with our professionally conducted, fully guided tour of the Academy. This is a riding tour aboard our coach with several stops included: Old Cadet Chapel rich in history, The Plain (where George Washington drilled the American forces – now the parade ground for the Academy) and Trophy Point (site of relics of wars dating back to the Revolution). This is the best way to experience this historic United States Military Academy. After our guided tour we will arrive back at the welcome center for a self-guided tour of the Museum. Here we'll view the oldest and largest diversified public collection of militaria in the Western Hemisphere. Highlights also include some special collections of General Douglas MacArthur, George Patton and President Dwight Eisenhower (all graduates of West Point). Enjoy lunch on your own this afternoon at your choice of the many restaurants within steps of the museum and welcome center. We then head for Tarrytown NY and our hotel for the night. Following some time to freshen up we head out for our INCLUDED evening dinner and entertainment at the Westchester **Dinner Theatre.** Enjoy a scrumptious meal from off the menu and enjoy a fabulous Broadway quality show.

Day Two: This morning enjoy our included breakfast at the hotel. Then we board our coach heading to Hyde Park, New York where we will enjoy a visit and tour of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Home. Enjoy the estate that he loved & the place he considered home. Our visit also includes the Presidential Library & Museum to learn about the only President elected to four terms. Lunch this afternoon is on our own. Our final stop for the day is The Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. The estate illustrates a way of life modeled on the English country house and is unusual today because so few examples survive in the 21st century. More than a place to discuss the lifestyles of the rich and famous, the park offers a window into the philosophy of the American country house, the lives of its domestic staff, and its relationship to the surrounding community. We depart late afternoon with supper on our own en-route home.

*Please note that the order of touring may be subject to change.

<u>Price Includes:</u> Deluxe Motor Coach, Hotel Lodging, Two (2) Meals (1 Dinner, 1 Breakfast), Dinner Theatre Show, Touring, All Admissions and the services of a Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director. Gratuities for Step on Guides at the Academy & Mansions, & Best of Times Travel Tour Director.

Additional Touring components that may be added to this trip are items such as a cruise on the Hudson River, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Famous Lyndhurst Castle, Kykuit the Rockefeller Estate, Washington Irving's Sunnyside, and more.

Our American Heritage Tour

Our Standard 8 Day / 7 Night Program











New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Gettysburg, Williamsburg, Yorktown & More

This is a One of A Kind Program to visit the places that helped mold our country into the great nation that it is today. This professionally guided tour has been perfected by Best of Times Travel for over 45 Years making it an unforgettable adventure. Led by our incredible seasoned tour directors you will find yourself immersed in history like no other trip you have taken.

On our journey we'll trace the steps of our nations founding as we visit New York City and include stops at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Experience Philadelphia, PA the Birthplace of our Nation. Visit the Liberty Bell, Ben Franklin's Grave, the Philadelphia Mint, Carpenter's Hall, Independence Hall & the First Supreme Court and Congress of the USA. Feel the impact of the Civil War as we tour Gettysburg, PA - the historic battlefield. See the home of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello, step back in time to the Colonial days when we tour both Williamsburg, VA and Yorktown, VA and learn how our nation gained its' independence. Experience Baltimore's Inner Harbor and see Fort McHenry where the battle for this fort inspired the writing of our National Anthem - The Star Spangled Banner. Of course we could not forget Washington D.C. We will tour the major sites of our Nation's Capital including it's most famous monuments, Arlington National Cemetery, National Air & Space Museum, & so much more. This truly is a trip of a lifetime.

Battlefields of the Civil War w/

Bull Run, Harpers Ferry, Antietam, & Gettysburg



Our Standard - 4 Days/ 3Night Program - Additional Days and a more extensive itinerary are avaiable upon reequest

Best of Times Travel is using over forty years of personal Civil War Travel and History experience to put together this once in a life time experience. We bring the studies in the classroom to life on this amazing journey. Come join us and relive some of the most decisive battles in our nation's history. But don't be fooled, this trip is more than a historical journey. We've packed plenty of fun and entertainment in our travels to provide memories of a lifetime.

The Major Highlights:

- The Battle of Bull Run, the first battle of the great conflict. The site where people from Washington came out, with their picnic baskets and lemonaid to watch the north defeat the south and end this "foolish" rebellion. The battle that sent these spectators trampling each other as they fled back to DC. Where the north suffered their first of many defeats, and where the great confederate general "Stonewall Jackson" earned his name.
- Beautiful and quaint <u>Harper's Ferry West Virginia</u>, the site of where the famed anti- slavery activist John Brown's failed raid on the federal gun arsenal located there in order to arm slaves to rebel against the south. This event is perhaps the singular event that prompted the southern states to realize that northerners would stop at nothing in their attempts to end slavery. Brown would later be hanged for his role at Harper's Ferry, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the beautiful Shenandoah River.
- The <u>Battle of Antietam.</u> A battle near the small town of Sharpsburg, MD, that would become to be known as the "single bloodiest" day of the war. Twenty three thousand brave men would fall on this day. While not a northern victory, it was the closest thing that President Abraham Lincoln had to one, and it prompted him to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. Now the war would be two fold. To preserve the Union and to end slavery.
- The <u>Battle of Gettysburg</u>. The crown jewel of our trip, and the turning point of the war. A three day battle in July of 1863, Gettysburg is the most famous and tragic battle ever fought on American soil. A field that spans some forty two square miles, is where Robert E. Lee made his worst mistake of the war, giving the north a victory that would signal the eventual end of the conflict. The cemetery where President Lincoln would deliver his famed address, is a very moving site. Visited by millions of people, it is without question "hallowed ground" and a must see for every American.

What's Included:

- Roundtrip Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- 5 MEALS: 3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners
- Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre featuring Broadway Class Shows
- Riding Night Tour of Washington D.C.
- Visit and Entrance to Harpers Ferry National Historic Park
- Guided Tour of Bull Run Battlefield
- Guided Tour of Antietam Battlefield
- Guided Tour Gettysburg Battlefield Including the Cyclorama
- Guided Backcountry Tour of PA Dutch Country
- Best of Times Travel Tour Director (Gratuity Included)
- Luggage Handling & Taxes

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MONTREAL & QUEBEC GETAWAY



Our Standard 4 Day / 3 Night Program

Join Best of Times Travel as we explore two of Canada's great cities in this wonderful 4 Day / 3 Night program. Montreal is the second largest city in Canada and the largest city in the province of Quebec. Originally called Ville-Marie, or "City of Mary", the city takes its present name from Mont-Royal, the triple-peaked hill located in the heart of the city, whose name was also initially given to the island on which the city is located. Designated a World Heritage treasure by UNESCO, Old Québec is the only walled city north of Mexico. As the cradle of French civilization in North America, it's a living history lesson with a remarkable mix of architecture, heritage, art, and culture.

Our Program Itinerary:

Day 1 - Montreal - We depart from home and head to Montreal Canada. We will have lunch on our own in Burlington, VT as we head north but not before we make a stop at one of New England's sweetest spots, Ben & Jerry's. Upon our arrival in Montreal our Best of Times Travel Tour Director will acclimate you with your hotel, the Marriott Chateau Champlain, Located in the heart of downtown and just steps away from Old Montreal, and Montreal's famous "Underground." Our tour director will guide us and explore the "Underground" before we head out for our included dinner at Montreal's oldest continuous restaurant - DuVieux Port Restaurant.

Day 2 - Montreal - After our bountiful full American Buffet breakfast we will have a guided tour of Montreal. Discover Montreal with its bi-cultural heritage and cosmopolitan blend of the old and new on this comprehensive overview of our city. Old Montreal's rich architectural and historical legacy, the financial district, Montreal's leading museums, the cultural and performing arts institutions, Montreal's elegant upper class communities and Montreal's four universities. Along the way, the tour includes a stop at the summit of Mt. Royal for a panoramic view of Montreal and a guided visit of Notre-Dame Basilica, an outstanding example of neo-gothic architecture. Then you're off to the Olympic Park, the Botanical Garden and the unique Biodôme. We will drive through St-Helen's and Notre-Dame Islands, sites of Expo 67', and the Montreal Casino. Lunch is on our own in Jacques Cartier Square in Old Montreal. This evening we will include dinner in the city to enjoy the nightlife of this booming metropolis.

Day 3 - Quebec - After our bountiful full American Buffet breakfast we head for Quebec City. Upon arrival enjoy our riding tour taking in sights such as the Latin Quarter, Plains of Abraham, Ramparts, world famous Château Frontenac, National Assembly, Basilica, City Hall, Place-Royale, and a glimpse of modern Québec City are the perfect introduction to the city. We will also have time to visit the Basilica of Saint-Anne de Beaupre. People from all around the world come to visit the Basilica (about a 1/2 million each year). Pillars in the front entrance are covered in crutches from people who are said by the parishioners to have been miraculously cured and saved. On our way back into Old Quebec we will make a picture perfect stop at Montmorency Falls. We check in this afternoon to the Hilton Hotel in downtown Quebec City. This is a full service hotel directly across from the Old City and within walking distance to all of the major attractions in Quebec. Enjoy dinner tonight (included) in the city to experience the French culture that surrounds us.

Day 4 - Depart For Home - After our bountiful full American Buffet breakfast we make our way over to the Citadelle for a guided tour. An active military installation, the oldest military building in Canada, and a World Heritage Site, the Citadelle features the famous "Changing of the Guard" including Batisse the Goat, the regimental mascot. Also included is time to visit the Royal Regiment Musuem. After our tour of the fort we will begin our journey towards home. We will make stops along the way as we make our way back to the United States.

<u>Price Includes:</u> Roundtrip Motor Coach Transportation, 2 Nights Hotel Lodging - Marriott in downtown Montreal, 1 Night Hotel Lodging - Hilton downtown Quebec, Six (6) Meals, Touring as described, Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director, & All Gratuities

Additional/alternate touring sights & itineraries are avaiable upon request, including cultural experiences to support foreign language tours.

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Best of Times Travel Proudly Presents Mt. Rushmore, Big Sky Montana, & Yellowstone

The Lands of Great Faces and Great Places Bucket List Program





Our Standard 8 Day / 7 Night Program











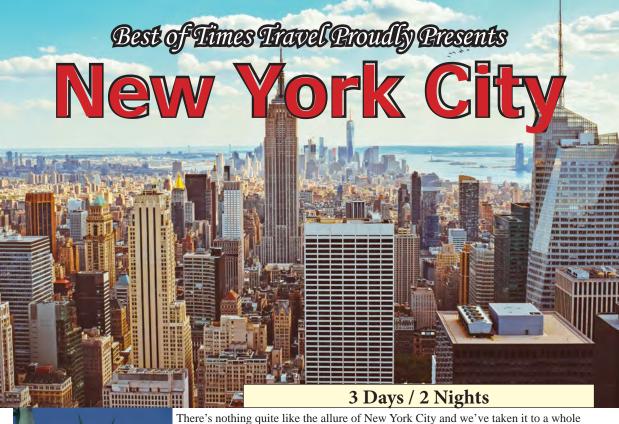
Come experience your bucket list trip to see the great faces and great places of the United States. Travel out west to exeprience what travelers all over the world come to our homeland, America, to see up close and in person. This 8 Day / 7 Night program isn't your average, ordinary, run-of-the-mill vacation. This is an adventure!! It has the perfect blend of incredible sights, incredible tours, fantastic accommodations, and time to relax and enjoy our destination. There's no better place to learn about the American spirit than from the foot of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The 60-foot faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are carved into the mountainside - it's something you have to see to believe. Wait there's more, like, Crazy Horse Memorial, Badlands National Park, Needles Highway, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Park, a stop in Billings Montana and more. Then.....Welcome to Big Sky Montana, an amazing piece of heaven that is the perfect resort location for visiting Yellowstone National Park. This incredible destination has so much to offer: The ultimate scenic view and high point of your summer is at the top of Lone Peak an experience of a lifetime to stand at an 11,166 ft. summit and view two national parks, three states, and many mountain ranges. You'll ride to the summit via chair lift, expedition vehicle, and tram with a guide to point out different areas, views, and more. You bring the camera, we'll provide the binoculars. Around every corner a new and marvelous landscape awaits the summertime visitor to Yellowstone National Park and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. In the warm months, Yellowstone park comes alive with vegetation, wildlife and the same stunning panoramas that moved early explorers to declare Yellowstone "The greatest marvel we have yet met with." The world's greatest concentration of geysers bubble and spout amidst the glorious backdrop of the Gallatin Range, all within our sights as we visit Yellowstone National Park. Ever wanted to try some whitewater rafting or just take a gentle cruise down the river? Not to worry, we've got you covered! Scrumptious meals, incredible views, terrific accommodations, Championship Golf Course, Big Sky Resort's Lake, and scenery that will take your breathe away awaits you on this wonderful journey. Truly a trip of a lifetime!

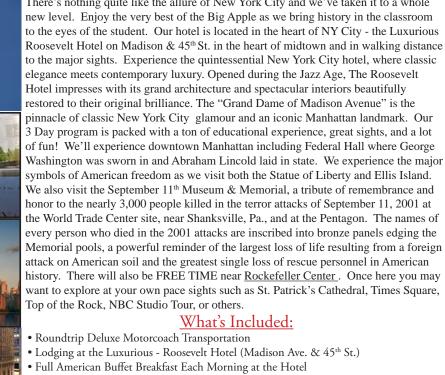
What's Included:

- Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation with Hometown Pick-Up Guarantee*
- Roundtrip Airfare from Boston Logan Airport**
- 3 Night Lodging in Rapid City South Dakota
- 4 Nights Lodging at Big Sky Deluxe Resort
- 16 Delicious Meals 7 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners, 2 Lunches
- Tour of Mount Rushmore (Day & Night Viewing)
- Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park, Needles Highway, Badlands National Park

- Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument & Tour
- Billings Montana Visit & Brewery Stop
- Touring in Yellowstone National Park
- Tour to Top of Lone Peak
- Whitewater River Adventure
- Additional Touring & More Add-On's
- Best of Times Travel Tour Director Throughout w/ Gratuity Included***

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- Lodging at the Luxurious Roosevelt Hotel (Madison Ave. & 45th St.)
- Visit to the September 11th Museum & Memorial
- Ferry Ride to Liberty Island (Statue of Liberty) & Ellis Island
- Tour of Manhattan and timeto visit Federal Hall
- Best of Times Travel Tour Director Throughout Your Trip (Gratuity Incl.)

There are a number of sights that can be added into your itinerary when developing a customized trip including: The Intrepid, the Empire State Building, Museums, Broadway Plays, NBC Studio Tour, Radio City Music Hall Backstage Tour, Six Flags Amusement Park, and more.

The American Music Cities of Nashville & Memphis

Our Standard 5 Day/ 4 Night Program



Join Best of Times Travel as we experience the history, heritage and culture on this toe-tapping journey to America's Music Cities of Nashville & Memphis, TN. Revel in the sounds of the blues, jazz, country, and good old rock 'n' roll. This is where America's musical culture came to be. Experience the magical sights of the Grand Ole Opry, famous Beale Street in Memphis, and Graceland up close and in person. Enjoy the amazing blend of past and present on this fantastic journey. You'll be singing the sounds of the heartland well after our return home!

Trip Highlights / What's Included

- Roundtrip Transportation to/from Logan Airport
- 3 Nights Lodging at the Premier Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN
- 1 Nights Lodging in Memphis, TN
- 8 Meals 4 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts, 1 Buffet Brunch on the General Jackson River Boat
- Guided City Tour of Memphis, TN
- Visit to see the Marching of the Ducks at the Peabody Hotel
- Tour of Graceland Home of Elvis Presley

- Guided City Tour of Nashville, TN
- Tour of the Ryman Auditorium
- Tour of the Grand Ole Opry
- Show at the Grand Ole Opry
- Dinner & Dancing at the Wildhorse
- Admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame
- Guided Tour of Historic Studio B
- And More is Included
- Best of Times Professional Tour Director throughout trip



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Niagara Falls



Our Standard - 3 Day / 2 Night Program - Additional Days and Itineraries are
Available On Request



Day 1 - Niagara Falls, Canada We begin our adventure with an early morning pick-up in your local town on board a deluxe motorcoach equipped with lavatory. We travel today to Niagara Falls with multiple rest stops enroute. This afternoon we arrive in Niagara Falls and cross the border into Canada. PLEASE NOTE:



(passport or passport card is required). Our accommodations this evening are at the Hilton Niagara Falls Fallsview. This 34 story tower directly overlooks the widely recognized Canadian "Horseshoe" Falls. The property is just steps away from all of teh attractions in Niagara Falls. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to enjoy the indoor pool or visit the area before our evening activity. Tonight enjoy a true Canadian treasure Dinner & Show at O' Canada Eh Dinner Theatre, scrumptious & fun!

Day 2 - Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake & Vineyard Tour with Tasting - This



morning enjoy a **Deluxe Full American Buffet Breakfast complete with omelet station and more** before embarking on our narrated riding tour of the Niagara Falls area enjoying sights such as the Horseshoe Falls, Table Rock, the Floral Clock, & more. Then hold onto your heart and get ready for the thrill of a lifetime on our **Voyage to the Falls Boat Tour**. We

will sail in the Great Gorge, past the American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls, finishing with an up-close and personal experience of the thundering roar, awesome power and amazing mist of the mighty Canadian Horseshoe Falls. The experience a Journey Behind the Falls where we descend 150 ft. by elevator, where a short tunnel (150 ft.) gives access to two outdoor observation decks and two portals located directly behind the Falls. At Journey Behind the Falls, you'll experience the awesome spectacle of one-fifth of the world's fresh water crashing down to the basin below. Dinner tonight will be at the Skylon Tower with it's 360 degree observation deck overlookingg the falls.

Day 3 Cooperstown/Baseball Hall of Fame - This morning enjoy a Deluxe Full American Buffet Breakfast complete with omelet station and more prior to our departure for Cooperstown. Welcome to Cooperstown, NY where baseball's past and present unite! Today we pay tribute to our National Pastime by visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame, an institution which honors excellence, preserves history and connects generations. We'll provide time to explore the Hall of Fame, Doubleday Field and take time to grab a bite to eat in downtown. We'll depart with rest stop(s) enroute to home with fond memories of our adventure!

Best of Times Travel Proudly Presents Pennsylvania Dutch Country w/ Historic Philadelphia, Gettysburg, & Hit Shows



Our Most Popular PA Dutch 3 Day / 2 Night Program

<u>Day 1:</u> We begin our travel to PA aboard a fully equipped motorcoach. There will be rest stops enroute before before we arrive at the home of our nation's independence **Philadelphia**, **PA.** Enjoy a fully narated, educational, and enjoyable **overview tour of the historic section of Philadelphia**. We'll learn about the people and places that had such an integral impact on our fight for independence and freedom. We will visit some of the great landmarks such as: The Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Benjamin Franklin's grave site, and more. Bring the history lessons of the classroom to life as we we history unfold before our eyes. Time is included for lunch. Later this afternoon settle into the Sleep Inn Hotel in Mountville, PA our home for the next two nights. See the life of the Amish from a whole different perspective as our tour director brings their traditions to life on this 3 day tour. Tonight we enjoy dinner at the **Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre** along with a wonderful broadway class production. (**L, D**)

Day 2: Enjoy a Deluxe Continental Breakfast before we depart for Gettysburg. The Battle of Gettysburg - The crown jewel of our trip, is known as the turning point of the Civil War. A three day battle in July of 1863, Gettysburg is the most famous and tragic battle ever fought on American soil. A field that spans some forty two square miles, is where Robert E. Lee made his worst mistake of the war, giving the north a victory that would signal the eventual end of the conflict. We begin our journey here with a Narrated Battlefield Riding Tour. We will stop at Robert E. Lee Memorial - View Pickett's Charge Battlefield - Drive through the Wheat Fields and along Devil's Den - Ascend Little Round Top - Cross over Cemetery Ridge(Union Side) - and reach the High Water Mark of the Confederacy. You will also see the National Cemetery where President Lincoln gave his famous Gettysburg Address. After our riding tour we arrive at the visitors center to see the film "Fields of Freedom" depicting the sounds and fury of the battle at Gettysburg. Time is provided to enjoy the "Cyclorama" along with time to visit the Gettysburg Battle Museum. Lunch will be on our own at the Cafe in the Gettysburg Museum. Late this afternoon we will arrive at our hotel to freshen up before our evening activities. We will have dinner in the heart of Amish Country before we continue onto the the Historic Fulton Theatre for another terrific theatrical performance. (B, D)

<u>Day 3:</u> Following our <u>Deluxe Continental Breakfast</u> at the hotel we depart for a <u>Full Commentary Back Country Tour</u> of the Farmlands of Lancaster Country. See the life of the Amish from a whole different perspective as our tour director brings their traditions to life on our tour. Multiple stops will be made in the back country for some great shoppping including time at the Kitchen Kettle Shops in Intercourse with ample time for lunch. Then we'll head for home with rest stops and a dinner stop enroute. (**B, L**)

Please note that Best of Times Travel offers more than 20 Different Touring Options for the Pennsylvania Dutch Country Tours. Please be sure to contact us to develop a program that specifically fits the needs of your school.



Best of Times Travel Proudly Presents
WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS THE BOSTON
RED SOX vs. THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES
Including BALLPARK TOUR, The UNITED
STATES NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, &



Our Standard 3 Day / 2 Night Program - Additional Touring Options Available Upon Request

Day 1 - Baltimore, MD We begin our adventure with an early morning pick-up on board a deluxe motorcoach equipped with lavatory. We travel today to **Baltimore, Maryland** with multiple rest stops enroute. This afternoon we arrive at our hotel with time to rest, relax, and refresh after our journey. This evening **we head to Camden Yards to watch our beloved Red Sox take on the Baltimore Orioles.** Enjoy watching our **First Game** from your **Lower Reserved Seats**. Dinner this evening is on our own at the park.

Day 2 - Camden Yards, Annapolis & the US Naval Academy This morning enjoy Breakfast at our hotel before embarking for Baltimore's Inner Harbor. We begin with a tour of one of America's Great Ballparks, Camden Yards. This walking tour will take us behind the scenes of this historic ballpark. From here we will head to Maryland's Capital City Annapolis. Here we will get an overview of this famous port city with the highlight of our day a guided walking tour of the US Naval Academy. This one and a half hour walking tour will have us experience some of the great highlights of life at the U.S. Naval Academy past and present. Our visit of this military institution includes sites such as Lejeune Hall, Bancroft Hall, Tecumseh Court, Herndon Monument, Main Chapel (when open) and Crypt of John Paul Jones. Lunch is on our own in downtown Annapolis before we head back to Baltimore's Inner Harbor to enjoy our Second Red Sox game in Lower Reserved Seats. Dinner this evening is on our own at the ballpark.

Day 3 - Fort McHenry / Liberty Park, NJ This morning enjoy a Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel after our night out at the game. We will make a stop this morning at For McHenry the inspiration for our national anthem - The Star Spangled Banner. On our way back to New England we will be making a stop at Liberty Park, NJ. From this terrific location you will get a magnificent view of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and a postcard picture of Manhattan Island. Enjoy interpretive commentary of this stop from your Best of Times Tour Director. A very Interesting and educational stop indeed! Enjoy rest stops enroute to home with fond memories of our adventure together.

Includes: Roundtrip Motorcoach, 2 Nights Hotel Lodging, Breakfast at Hotel, Lower Reserved Seating to 2 ballgames, Touring as Described, Services of a Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director, Gratuities for Best of Times Travel Tour Director.

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THE BOSTON RED SOX

VS.

The New York YANKEES







Our Standard 2 Day / 1 Night Program

Day 1 - We depart from your designated pick-up location today to make our way south to New York. Along the way we will be sure to take an appropriate rest-stop for everyones comfort. We will arrive at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx in time to see the pre-game warm-ups. Then enjoy all of the action from your Terrace Level Reserved Seats as the Red Sox take on the Yankees at 7:05pm! But wait there's more! Our tickets INCLUDE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT & DRINK UP THROUGH THE 5TH INNING OF THE GAME (Hot Dogs, Sausage, Pretzels, Soda, & Water). After the game we head for Tarrytown NY and our hotel the Springhill Suites. Relax, take some time to unwind, and enjoy a great night of rest.

Day 2 - After our included Breakfast at the hotel we make our way into downtown New York City. Enjoy the very best of the Big Apple as your Best of Times Travel Tour Director points out some of the great sites it's known for as we make our way through Manhattan towards downtown and Battery Park. Once here we will take the ferry to both Liberty and Ellis Islands. See lady liberty up close and personal as you walk around Liberty island for fantastic views of the city and Lady Liberty herself. We ride over to Ellis Island which was the gateway for over 12 million immigrants to the United States as the nation's busiest immigrant inspection station from 1892 until 1954. Enjoy time here to explore the museum and enjoy some lunch on our own. We will have a comfortable afternoon departure for a reasonable return time home from our adventure.

Includes: Roundtrip Motorcoach, 1 Night Hotel Lodging, Breakfast at Hotel, Terrace Level Reserved
 Seating at Yankee Stadium for ballgame, All You Can Eat & Drink Package at the Ballgame, Ferry Ride to Liberty & Ellis Islands, Services of a Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director, Gratuities for Best of Times Travel Tour Director. - Additional Touring Options Available Upon Request

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Spectacular Saratoga





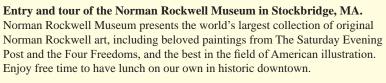
Our Standard 3 Day/ 2 Night Program

Join Best of Times Travel as we explore the very best of Saratoga Springs and Lake George on this amazing 3 day adventure. Enjoy Saratoga Raceway, see Lake George, step back in time to our Revolutionary days, and experience WW II history up close and personal. All this and more awaits you on this fantastic journey to Spectacular Saratoga.

Our Touring Highlights Include:

Our lodging is The Comfort Suites located just minutes away from all the activity of Lake George. The hotel also features a Heated Indoor Pool Complex complete with Jacuzzi to relax and unwind. And yes every room is a Suite!

Enjoy a **2 Hour Scenic Evening Dinner cruise** of beautiful & historic Lake George on board the **Lac Du Sacrement**.



The National Museum of Racing, which houses a diverse collection of art, artifacts, and memorabilia that seeks to document the social, economic, political, and cultural history of Thoroughbred racing in America from the eighteenth century to the present.

The historic **Saratoga Race Course** with **Reserved Grandstand seating** with plenty of time to see the horses in action.

Guided Tour of the Saratoga Battlefield. On pastoral fields and gently rolling hills above the Hudson River, two hotly contested Revolutionary War battles fought here ended in an American victory so momentous that it is known as one of the most important in world history. This tour begins at the Visitor's Center with a description of the British Campaign of 1777 and then continues with a riding tour through the battlefields with stops enroute. Saratoga Battlefield is a National Historical Park.



A Private Guided Tour of the USS Slater - The Last Destroyer Escort Afloat in America. During World War II, 563 Destroyer Escorts battled Nazi U-boats on the North Atlantic protecting convoys of men and material. In the Pacific they stood in line to defend naval task forces from Japanese submarines and Kamikaze

air attacks. Today, only one of these ships remains afloat in the United States, the USS SLATER. Enjoy our private tour through the ship and take a step back in history and honor our brave men and women who have served our country.

PROGRAM INCLUDES: Luxury Motorcoach Transportation, SIX (6) Meals -

(2 Lunches, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners), 2 Nights Lodging, Touring as Described, Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director w/ Gratuity Incl. Additional Touring spots such as Fort Ticonderoga, Burlington - VT, Shelburne Museum, Boat tour of Lake Champlain, and more are available.

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ATTENTION MUSIC TEACHERS & BAND LEADERS



YOUR # 1 SOURCE FOR MUSIC GROUP TRAVEL IS BEST OF TIMES TRAVEL

Best of Times Travel is Your Number One Source for Musical Group/Band Travels. We undertand the unique travel needs of musical groups. Unlike other tours, you have to account for extra items such as oversized musical instruments and band uniforms. This and so many additional items add a complex layer of travel that only Best of Times Travel understands. We take a unique solution-based approach with musical groups that travel all across the country. That is why we partner with both Music in the Parks and Festivals of Music programs to provide a plethora of available travel destinations creating a musical experience that best fits the needs of your school. Participating in a music festival should not be just about performing. It should also be about the destination itself. We make sure that when we develop a touring program that it includes the major sights of where you are traveling as well as incorporating the musical festival. Tired of traveling to the same location with your group. Call Best of Times Travel and let us work with you to create a fantastic program that students, parents, administration, and you will enjoy.

Here Are A Few Sample Destinations For Band Travel

The International VA Military Tattoo Annapolis, MD & Williamsburg, VA & VA Music Festival

5 Days / 4 Nights - April Vacation Week





Our trip to the Williamsburg, VA Music Festival is the perfect combination and balance of fun, education, and music enrichment in a magical 5 Day journey. The commentary and clinics from the adjudication panel at the festival provides a variety of ideas, opinions and feedback to our band/students from several experienced educators with differing viewpoints and expertise. This provides a wider range of ways to improve musicianship of the band, all from a single performance. This is a music students' dream trip come true. Our musical components include a live Broadway quality show, the VA International Military Tattoo Festival (the largest in the U.S.), a public performance by your band at the Tattoo Festival, and participation at the Williamsburg Music Festival in multiple performance categories. Add to that the fun and excitement of Busch Gardens Amusement Park, plus the historical educational components of Annapolis, Colonial Williamsburg, and more, make this an unforgettable trip of fun and excitement. Of course Best of Times Travel takes this program to the next level providing more value for our money with virtually no extra out of pocket costs while on the trip. Don't miss out...join us today as space is limited!

Pennsylvania Dutch Country w/ Historic Philadelphia, Gettysburg, Hit Shows, & Hershey Park



This magnificent program combines the very best of our PA Dutch Country touring program with Music in the Parks music festival at Herhey's Chocolate World. A Music In The Parks festival provides a year-end assessment by an outside panel and reinforces music skills that have been presented by your faculty. Experienced instrumental and vocal teachers will offer suggestions on how to improve your students performance. Frequently, our teachers comment that when a nationally known adjudicator reinforces the same concepts they have been pointing out all year, it has a major impact on their students. So join us on a great program filled with a Fun, Education, and Excitement!

Walt Disney World & Universal Studios, FL with Port Canaveral and More!



Welcome to the most magical place on the planet - Walt Disney World in Florida. We offer a unique perspective of travel for your Disney trip. We offer you the ability to perform at Walt Disney World with a multitude of musical performance options or if you so choose you can perform at Universal Studios. Our standard 6-Day program provides entrance to both Walt Disney World and Universal Studios. But that's not all as we also visit and tour Kennedy Space Center. Enjoy a riding bus tour of Kennedy Space Center, see the Astronaut Hall of Fame, take part in a shuttle launch experience, learn about NASA now and so much more.

New Orleans Music Festival!



Join us on a wonderful adventure to the "Big Easy" - New Orleans, Louisiana. Stay in the famous area of New Orleans known as the French Quarter at our deluxe hotel. We tour the area from the French Quarter to the stately, graceful old homes of the Garden District to the giant oaks that stretch across Esplanade Avenue or drip with ghostly Spanish moss in City Park, the Plantation of Oak Alley. Known for its music, dancing, and food we stretch the limits of our senses as we explore New Orleans the Best of Times Travel way! But not only do we have a ton of fun but enrich your students musical experience through the music festival performances.

A Patriotic to Washington D.C. Music Festival!



This magnificent program combines the very best of our Washington D.C. touring program with the Fesitvals of Music program. This fully customized program allows you the band director to choose what performance categories you want to participate in, how many days you want to tour the area, and what sights are most important to your group. We taylor the content and program to fit the age demographic of your band to ensure the best touring experience possible.

The American Music Cities

of Nashville & Memphis & the Nashville Music Festival



Join Best of Times Travel as we experience the history, heritage and culture on this toe-tapping journey to America's Music Cities of Nashville & Memphis, TN. Revel in the sounds of the blues, jazz, country, and good old rock 'n' roll. This is where America's musical culture came to be. Experience the magical sights of the Grand Ole Opry, famous Beale Street in Memphis, and Graceland up close and in person. Enjoy the amazing blend of past and present on this fantastic journey. But wait there's even more. You will participate in the Nashville Music Festival to enhance the skills of your students. If you want we can even plan to have your band be recorded in one of Nashville's reording studios where your students will come home with a recording of their session. You'll be singing the sounds of the heartland well after our return home!

New York City Music Festival!



This wonderful tour combines our standard New York City tour with a Music Festival. We have the option of the more in-depth Festivals of Music program OR you can choose to participate in the Music in the Parks program at Six Flags Amusement park in NJ. Give us a call and let us customize a program that fits the needs of your band.

Niagara Falls & Toronto Canada Music Festival!



This wonderful tour combines our standard Niagara Falls program with the Toronto Canada Music Festival. For those that want we will add in an overnight stay in Toronto and tour the area including the Hockey Hall of Fame and the famous CN Tower. We will customize to your needs.

Chicago Music Festival!



Welcome to the windy city - Chicago. A city known for it's skyline, it's museums, art culture this is a perfect location for a band festival. Enjoy touring of this magnificent city and choose between either the more indepth Festivals of Music program or the Music in the Parks program at Six Flags amusement park. Your choice and we'll help you plan it.

The Great Smoky Mountains

Gatlinburg, TN - Pigeon Forge, TN - The Biltmore Estate Asheville, NC - Dollywood Theme Park Music Festival





Join us for an unforgettable journey as we travel to the Tennessee mountains and Gatlinburg, TN. We'll explore the wonders of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and take in some great entertainment - as this is the homeland of Dolly Parton. Your students will participate in the Music in the Parks program by visiting Dollywood Theme Park. Then Discover the wonders of George Vanderbilt's "little mountain escape" the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. Situated on an 8,000-acre estate with the Blue Ridge Mountains as the backyard make this the perfect setting to create unforgettable memories. Enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the magnificent 250-room Biltmore House with incredible commentary. Stroll acres of formal and informal gardens, including the Italian Garden as well as the ancient trees comprising America's first managed forests. We also have the ability to add in the Music in the Parks in Charlotte, NC as an added bonus. This destination is a not-to-be-missed part of American history!

Welcome to San Francisco!



The Very Best That San Francisco Offers - Welcome to California's beautiful "City by the Bay." You'll truly get a sense of this popular city with our incredible touring package combined with the Music in the Parks program at Six Flags Amusement park. You'll see San Francisco's most famous landmarks including the Golden Gate Bridge, Bay Bridge, the imposing Twin Peaks, Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz, and much more during this fun filled adventure. We'll make

sure we have plenty of time explore the shops in Union Square, ride the famed cable cars up and down thrilling hills, and even do a behind the scenes tour of Alcatraz. Whatever your fancy, this package has it all.



Did You Say California??

Join Best of Times Travel as we travel to Southern California for an amazing adventure. We offer the Music in the Parks festivals for Disneyland Resort, at Universal Studios in Hollywood, and Six Flags Magic Mountain. With so many touring options available we don't dare try to type them all out. Our experience will help you customize the perfect tour of Los Angeles and if you like we can even add in a tour of San Diego. Best of Times Travel can handle all of your touring needs.



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