

Exciting Vacation Add-Ons - New York City

by Roy Witman

Cruising provides one of the best deals for the money when it comes to vacations. Most people already know that. What you might not realize is the value of adding a pre- or post-cruise getaway to your voyage. With package-deal pricing, your overall cost for tacking on an extended stay in the port city can be minimal. For example, when departing from New York, you'll find all manner of sights to see and activities to partake in.

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

One of the most well-known sights in all the world, the Statue of Liberty was given to the United States by France in 1886 as a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. Ruling over her own 12-acre kingdom (Liberty Island), Lady Freedom serves as an icon to those who seek the American dream. Ranger-guided tours of Liberty Island and Ellis Island are available throughout the day. For those who prefer to explore on their own, the Ellis Island immigration museum is also open.

Fifth Avenue

When you think of luxury, Fifth Avenue in New York City is one landmark that leaps to mind. With posh stores including world-famous Saks, FAO Schwarz toy store, Bergdorf Goodman, Harry Winston jewelers, Tiffany & Co. and The Trump World Tower, you could easily spend several days wandering through the playground of the rich and famous. Amid the glitz and glamour, you'll also find Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the largest gothic-style Catholic cathedral in the United States.

Broadway

No trip to New York City is complete without seeing a play on Broadway. From new productions including 110 in the Shade to best-loved classics such as Cats, A Chorus Line, Jersey Boys and more, you'll thrill at the experience as well as the talent found here.

Parks

Battery Park, Central Park and others grace the landscape of New York. Take a walk, bring a picnic and enjoy lunch or dinner under a shade tree, as you step back and watch this bustling city go by. Watch out for the dogs! Central Park allows pets, and you'll frequently make new K-9 buddies if you have food at hand.

Central Park continually has special events and music performances throughout the year. Orchestral concerts, programs for children, wall climbing and other interesting events are available to the public.

Sights

From the bright lights of downtown New York to the Four Seasons or The Rainbow Room restaurants, this city moves! Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, Empire State Building, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, ... the list of world-renowned sights goes on and on.

Before or after you take a cruise, book a stay in New York City. You'll find the additional time with friends and family relaxing and refreshing.

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