

Itinerary

Mercer Island HS Band Mercer Island HSB- Macy*s Thanksgiving Program – November 19-24, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Flight Group 1

3:30AM Check-in Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) Alaska Airlines

6:00AM Flight from SEA to EWR – Alaska (AS) 280

2:22PM Arrive Newark NJ (EWR) Terminal B

Eastern Time +3 hours



Flight Group 2

6:00AM Check-in Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) Alaska Airlines

9:08AM Flight from SEA to EWR – Alaska (AS) 398

5:29PM Arrive Newark NJ (EWR) Terminal B

Eastern Time +3 hours

****FLIGHT GROUPS WILL BE ASSIGNED BY BAND LEADERSHIP****

Meet NYC Licensed Tour Guides (5) (1/coach/Touring group) in baggage claim

Charter Coaches for duration per itinerary

Guides conduct "Set for Success" safety briefing enroute to hotel

4:00PM+ Hotel Check-in: **Hyatt Regency Jersey City "On-the-Hudson"** in Jersey City, NJ (5 nights)

Meet NYC Licensed SBNYC Tour Manager at hotel – *Tour Manager remains on-site for duration*

6:30/45PM Re-board coaches, transfer to Times Square for dinner

8:30-10:00PM Dinner Buffet at **Margaritaville Times Square** – 40th Street & 7th Ave

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10:15PM Re-board coaches, transfer to hotel

10:45PM Approximate return to hotel, overnight 1/5

11:00PM Overnight security at hotel - 2 Guards (11:00PM-7:00AM+1)

Monday, November 20

6:45AM Meet Chaperones & Tour Guides at MIHS Info Central

7:00AM Board Coaches, transfer to Chelsea Piers in Stamford, CT

Bag Breakfast (Hot) catered by Chelsea Piers

9:00-12:00PM Band Rehearsal in Field House

12:10PM Lunch: Pizza/Salad/Fruit catered by Chelsea Piers

1:00PM Re-board coaches, transfer to NYC – view Yankee Stadium, Harlem coach tour

2:30-5:30PM American Museum of Natural History w/ IMAX

5:45PM Re-board coaches. transfer to Times Square for dinner

6:15-7:30PM Dinner at Dallas BBQ Times Square

7:45PM-8:30PM Free time to Explore Times Square (groups of 4+/chaperone groups)

8:45PM Group Photo in Times Square (*Families will have the option purchase online*)

9:15PM Re-board coaches, transfer to hotel

9:45PM Approximate return to hotel, overnight 2/5

11:00PM Overnight security at hotel - 2 Guards (11:00PM-7:00AM+1)

Tuesday, November 21

6:15-7:30AM Breakfast Buffet at hotel

7:45AM Meet Chaperones & Tour Guides at MIHS Info Central

8:00AM Board Coaches, transfer to Liberty State Park

9:00AM Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island (Ferry) – Tour & Discussion

Lunch voucher for use on Liberty Ellis Island Cafe

12:30PM+/- Re-board Ferry to Battery Park, NYC

Guided Walking Tour of the **Financial District**: Wall Street, “The Bull”, St

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Paul's Chapel

Souvenir stop across from Bull (*10% discount for MIHSB*) – time permitting

National 9/11 Memorial (Pools/Glade/Survivor Tree)

(12-2:30PM **Director's Lunch** hosted by Macy*s at **The Roxy Hotel**, 2 6th Ave., NYC 10013) SBNYC will transport Director(s) to/from Director's lunch

2:15PM PATH Train (1-stop) from World Trade Center to Exchange Place (Hotel)

2:30PM Return to hotel to change for dinner & show

3:30PM Meet Chaperones & Tour Guides at MIHS Info Central

3:45PM Re-board coaches, transfer to Times Square for Dinner

4:45-6:15PM Pre-Theater Dinner at **Bubba Gump Times Square**

6:30PM (7:00PM Curtain) **Broadway Show: Back To The Future**

9:45/10PM Re-board coaches – exact locations tbd, transfer to hotel

– After all are accounted for on coaches, guides are released

10:30/45PM Approximate return to hotel, overnight 3/5

11:00PM Overnight security at hotel – 2 Guards (11:00PM-7:00AM+1)

Wednesday, November 22

7:00-8:30AM Breakfast Buffet at hotel

8:45AM Meet Chaperones & Tour Guides at MIHS Info Central

9:00AM Board Coaches, transfer to Central Park, Fifth Ave. between 73rd & 71st Streets

10:00-12PM Central Park Jam Session, Naumburg Bandshell (permit approved)

Lunch at the Grand Central Food Court, \$20 Stipend

2:40-4:10PM Visit **The Edge** in Hudson Yards

3:00-4:30PM Visit **The Edge** in Hudson Yards

4:30PM Re-board coaches, transfer to hotel

5:30PM Approx. return to hotel (*coaches off duty until 2:15AM on 11/*

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6:00–7:30PM Dinner Buffet in the **Manhattan Ballroom** at hotel

Get uniforms, sleep fast – overnight 4/5

9:00PM Overnight security at hotel – 2 Guards (9:00PM – 3:00AM+1)

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day "The BIG Day"

2:30AM+/- Meet Tour Manager at MIHS Info Central

2:45AM+/- Board coaches, transfer to 36th & Broadway for NBC Rehearsal

3:30AM+/- Pre-Parade NBC Rehearsal in Herald Square

4:15AM+/- Re-board coaches, transfer to Breakfast

4:30–6:30AM Pre-Parade Breakfast Buffet at **Bubba Gump** on 42nd Street in Times Square

6:30AM Re-board coaches, transfer to Columbus & 86th Street

7:00AM Drop at 86th & Columbus as directed by Macy's Captain for Parade line-up

9AM–12PM 97th Annual Macy*s Thanksgiving Day Parade

Meet Tour Manager upon completion of the Parade on 8th Ave and 34th or 35th Street

Post-Parade Band Photo on the Steps of the Moynihan Building
(Families will have the option purchase online)

12:15/30PM Re-board coaches on 33rd Street (between 8th & 10th Aves), transfer to hotel

Box Lunch –distributed at hotel or coaches – consumed in rooms

4:45PM Meet Tour Manager & Chaperones & Staff at MIHS info Central

5:00PM Board the Hornblower **Serenity** at the Hyatt Regency Pier (sails @ 5:15PM)

Quick sail across the Hudson to Pier 40 (10–15 minutes)

5:30/45PM Disembark Serenity at Pier 40 (Hudson River Park)

Easy walk on Pier 40 to board the *mothership*, the Hornblower Infinity

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6:00/15PM Board the Hornblower **Infinity** at Pier 40 (Hudson River Park)

**7-10:00PM Mercer Island HS Band Family Thanksgiving Celebration
Dinner / DJ Cruise**

10:15/30PM Disembark **Infinity** at Pier 40 (Hudson River Park), walk to coaches

10:30/45PM Board assigned Mercer Coach for return transfer to hotel

11:15PM+/- Return to hotel - overnight 5/5

11:00PM Overnight security at hotel - 2 Guards (11:00PM-7:00AM+1)

Friday, November 24

7:00-8:30AM Breakfast Buffet at hotel

Meet Chaperones & Tour Guides at MIHS Info Central

10:15AM Hotel check-out, bring baggage to coaches

United Nations (photo-op)

Grand Central Terminal – Tour & Discussion

Lunch at Grand Central Terminal

1:00PM Board coaches, transfer to EWR

Flight Group 1

4:00PM Depart Newark (EWR) Terminal B on Alaska (AS) 281 (to SEA)

7:15PM Arrive Seattle-Tacoma International (SEA)

Pacific Time -3 hours

Flight Group 2

6:29PM Depart Newark (EWR) Terminal B on Alaska (AS) 477 (to SEA)

9:44PM Arrive Seattle-Tacoma International (SEA)

Pacific Time -3 hours

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