

NYC Bus Trip Outing

TIME

Pre-paid participants meet in the Class Reunion Hotel at 7:45am. The bus will load and depart NLT 8:15am for Pier 79 in New York City (West 39th St. and the Hudson River). The return trip will be from Pier 79 with a departure time of 3:30pm. Expected arrival at the Class Hotel is NLT 5pm.

OPTIONS

A. Water Taxi Trip-\$55.00 Participants will take the 10 AM water taxi which is a narrated trip and includes five hop-on, hop-off stops. The next taxi departure time is 10:45 AM. The taxi is a large, enclosed, comfortable boat with 140 seats and a topside observation area. The travel time from the Pier 79 terminal, passing through all five stops, and back to the terminal is 90 minutes. Additional info for the water taxi can be found at <http://www.nywatertaxi.com/>

The 2nd water taxi stop is Battery Park which is a 15 minute walk to the 9/11 Memorial. Tickets are no longer required for self-touring the Memorial. There is an additional entry fee, however, if you wish to visit the newly opened Museum. The Museum entry fee is not included in this class option but you could schedule a visit and buy a ticket in advance directly through the 9/11 website <http://visit.911memorial.org/WebStore/shop/ViewItems.aspx?CG=tickets&C=museum> Museum tickets are currently \$24 with a reduced rate of \$18 for veterans and those over 65. October tickets are yet to be released but will be available several months in advance of our trip.

Those taking advantage of this water taxi option will be provided information when boarding the bus at the hotel that will include the water taxi schedule, highlighting the last water taxi that will enable you to meet the departure time, and a walking map to get you from Battery Park to the 9/11 Memorial. Once you are done with your visit you can hop on the water taxi to complete the trip back to Pier 79. The water taxi passes very close to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island for great photo opportunities. Alternatively, you can use the remaining time to visit the city. It is your responsibility to be back at Pier 79 in time for the departure. Should you miss our 3:30pm bus, you will be on your own to get back to the hotel!

B. Self Tour NYC-\$25.00 The second option also begins at Pier 79 with you spending the day in NYC on your own schedule. Those who want to visit the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum which is a ten minute walk from the drop off point at Pier 79, can simply walk there and purchase tickets. For more Intrepid Museum information go to <http://www.intrepidmuseum.org/> Current prices are \$15 (veterans), \$18 (62+), and \$22 for adults. When finished at the museum you would be on your own schedule until the return bus time of 3:30pm from Pier 79.

OTHER

For your planning purposes, those who take the water taxi will have about 4 hours of time on the ground, which includes the 9/11 site, Museum and time for lunch at a local restaurant or snack place. Those not taking the water taxi will have about 5 1/2 hours on the ground. It would be difficult to take the water taxi, visit the 9/11 Memorial, return by water taxi to the terminal and then visit the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum.

In all cases you must be back at Pier 79 Terminal for the 3:30pm departure. We cannot wait for those who are late. Traffic in the city can be difficult, so if you have taken a taxi to a favorite part of the city you must allow time to make our departure time. Taxi fare from NYC to NJ is substantial!!!!

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