

## Travel in New York City: Things to Remember and Safety Tips

### Things to Remember:

- Each day will require lots of walking. Wear comfortable shoes.
- The weather can change quickly. Pack a light rain jacket, windbreaker or cheap, plastic rain poncho for any rain showers that may pop up.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Recommend traveling with an external battery charger for use during the day. It's difficult to find wall outlets for public use.
- Don't carry any more than you need. Recommend using a small, lightweight backpack to carry essential items.
- Public restrooms can be difficult to find. Use them when you see them! Most establishments only allow paying customers to use their restrooms.

### Safety Tips:

- New York City is very safe for its size but it's a popular tourist destination so there are going to be pickpockets, panhandlers and folks trying to scam you out of money.
- Keep your valuables in your front pockets or your purse in the front when walking around the city.
- Do not engage with panhandlers, street performers or the people in character costumes (mostly seen around Times Square area.) They will hassle and harass you for money if you take something from them (although they gave it to you) or take a photo with them. If they try to engage you, just keep walking. If you don't engage, they won't bother you.
- Do not get into any vehicles or cabs. Our tours will always use walking, subway and motorcoach transportation for moving throughout the city.
- **No one should ever be alone.** Always travel in a group.
- Do not jaywalk. Follow the pedestrian signals at crosswalks. **ONLY CROSS IF YOU ARE PROMPTED TO DO SO.**
- Be aware of your surroundings.