

**VENICE CHOIR**  
**BRITTANY SMITH, DIRECTOR**  
**LISA SINGEISEN, TRIP LEADER**  
**DESTINATION: NEW YORK, NY – MANHATTAN CONCERT PRODUCTIONS CARNEGIE HALL**  
**DATES: JUNE 6-10, 2025**

**SUGGESTED ITINERARY**  
**AS OF**  
**AUGUST 28, 2024**  
*Terri Jo Fox, Travel Consultant*  
*Kim Hatcher, Travel Coordinator*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6**

- AM **One 55-passenger motor coach** arrives at **Venice High School**; begin loading  
*1 Indian Avenue, Venice, FL 34285*
- AM Depart for **Tampa International Airport** (*77 miles; 1 ½ hours allotted for drive time*)
- AM Arrive at **Tampa International Airport**

**~ Your BRT Airport Representative will meet you at the airport ~**

*Upon arrival* Begin check-in process and head through security. Anyone 18 years and older should have **REAL ID driver's license, REAL ID State ID, or passport** (REAL ID will be required in the near future). Anyone 17 years or younger is asked to bring a School ID for identification purposes. Minors are not expected to have REAL ID identification. Keep them handy throughout check-in and security check-in.

- AM Grab a snack/early lunch at the airport (*student cost*)

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| AM | Depart for a <b>New York area airport</b> ( <i>round-trip airfare estimated at \$500; subject to change until time of booking</i> ) |
| PM | Arrive in <b>New York</b>   |

**~ Meet your professional BRT Tour Director at baggage claim ~**

- 12:30 PM Collect luggage at baggage claim; depart for **Midtown Manhattan** via AirTrain and subway (*AirTrain ticket student cost*)  
**\*7-day unlimited metro card provided for subway and buses**
- 2:00 PM Arrive at a **Midtown Manhattan hotel**; store luggage at the front desk

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- 3:00 PM Walk as a group to **Rockefeller Center**  
45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10111
- 3:30 PM Enjoy time to explore the **Rockefeller Center area**  
*Located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan, it is known for its big Christmas tree and ice skating in winter, Today Show concerts, Radio City Music Hall, and Saturday Night Live. There is a vast array of options for shopping and dining, whether you are looking to purchase high-end goods or grab a quick bite to eat. Enjoy time to explore and experience a real New York deli!*
- Check out: **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
*See the famous high-end shops on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. You can find Chanel, Gucci, Saks on 5<sup>th</sup>, Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, and much more!*
- 5:00 PM Depart for **Chinatown & Little Italy** via subway
- 5:30 PM Enjoy dinner on your own (student cost) in **Chinatown & Little Italy**  
*The narrow streets at the heart of Chinatown and Little Italy feel utterly unlike the rest of New York City.*
- 7:30 PM Depart for the hotel via subway
- 8:00 PM Arrive at the hotel; check in and rest after a long day!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7**

- 8:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (**provided**)
  - 9:00 AM Depart for **Battery Park** via subway
  - 10:00 AM Board the **Staten Island Ferry**  
*Admire the skyscrapers and bridges of Lower Manhattan as you pull away from the dock. While on deck, enjoy the perfect view of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.*
  - 11:00 AM Walk as a group to **Brookfield Place**  
*230 Vessey Street, New York, NY 10281*
  - 11:30 AM Enjoy lunch at **Brookfield Place – Hudson Eats** (student cost)  
*Hudson Eats is a dining terrace featuring fast-casual concepts from 14 chef-driven eateries including Blue Ribbon Sushi Bar, Mighty Quinn’s BBQ, and Dos Toros Taqueria.*
  - 12:30 PM Visit the **National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial** (admission to the museum is not included)  
*This 16-acre site features two enormous waterfalls and reflecting pools, each about an acre in size, set within the footprints of the original twin towers. Visit the Oculus, which serves as a representation of NYC’s strength and resilience after 9/11.*
  - Afterward: Explore the **Financial District** and **Wall Street**  
*See the Oculus, New York Stock Exchange, the Federal Reserve, Charging Bull Statue, Trinity Church, and walk the path of the 200 ticker-tape parades that took place in NYC.*
  - 2:30 PM Depart for the hotel via subway
  - 3:00 PM Arrive at the hotel; freshen up for rehearsal tonight
  - 4:00 PM Enjoy dinner in **Times Square** in chaperone groups (student cost, bring what you need for rehearsal tonight)
  - 5:30 PM Depart for **your rehearsal location** (Time and location TBD by MCP)
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| 6:00 PM | <b>Venice Choir participates in a Festival Chorus Rehearsal</b> |
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- 9:00 PM Depart for the hotel

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8**

7:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (**provided**)

8:30 AM Depart for **your rehearsal location** (Time and location TBD by MCP)

9:00 AM	<b>Venice Choir participates in a Festival Chorus Rehearsal</b>
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1:00 PM Rehearsal ends; enjoy a quick lunch in **Times Square** (student cost)

1:30 PM Walk as a group to the theatre

2:00 PM The curtain rises on **Broadway Show** (2 options will be given; based on \$100 seats and availability)

4:45 PM Walk as a group to **Gayle's Broadway Rose**  
228 W 47<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10036

5:00 PM Enjoy a group dinner at **Gayle's Broadway Rose**  
*Menu selections include cheeseburger deluxe and fries, boneless chicken strips and fries, mac-n-cheese, and Caesar salad with grilled chicken. All entrees are served with soda and ice cream. Your singing wait staff will serenade you with Broadway hits and pop songs while you dine!*

6:30 PM Walk as a group to **Rockefeller Center**  
45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10111

7:00 PM Experience the **Top of the Rock**  
*View the "Big Apple" from the observation deck. Top of the Rock is the ultimate New York experience for groups of any generation and background.*

9:00 PM Walk as a group to the hotel

**MONDAY, JUNE 9**

8:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (**provided**)

9:30 AM Depart for **your rehearsal location** (Time and location TBD by MCP)

10:00 AM **Venice Choir participates in a Festival Chorus Rehearsal**

12:30 PM Rehearsal ends; enjoy lunch (student cost) and time to explore **Manhattan** in chaperone groups; options include:

- Explore the **Herald Square** area  
*Herald Square is home to the Flagship of the Macy's department store chain, Empire State Building, and Madison Square Garden. A short walk away is the new Harry Potter New York store in the Flat Iron District.*
- Explore **Greenwich Village**  
*Greenwich Village is NYC's neighborhood of artists. Here you will see a far more quaint side of Manhattan. In Greenwich Village, you can visit famed Washington Square Park and see the exterior of the "Friends" Apartment (90 Bedford Street).*
- Explore **Central Park**  
*Extending south to north from 59th St. to 110th St., and east to west from Fifth Ave. to Central Park West, you will find over 840 acres of landscaped & recreational areas: zoo, theater, sports facilities, lakes & more.*

3:30 PM Return to the hotel; freshen up for the evening's activities (early dinner at student cost is recommended prior to departure to Carnegie Hall)

5:30 PM Depart for **Carnegie Hall** (times TBD by MCP)  
881 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York, NY 10019

6:30 PM **Venice Choir participates in a Sound Check at Carnegie Hall**

8:00 PM **Venice Choir performs in Carnegie Hall** through **Manhattan Concert Productions**

11:00 PM Take a **group photo** in **Times Square** (every traveler receives a photo)

PM Enjoy time in **Times Square** in chaperone groups and return to hotel

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

- 8:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (**provided**)
- 9:30 AM Check out of the hotel; store luggage at the front desk
- 10:00 AM Enjoy time to explore **Times Square**  
*"The Crossroads of the World", "The Center of the Universe", "The Great White Way" – Times Square is the brightly illuminated hub of the Broadway Theater District, one of the world's busiest pedestrian intersections, and a major center of the world's entertainment industry. Check out Bryant Park and the New York Public Library if time allows!*
- PM Enjoy lunch in the **Times Square area** (*student cost*)
- 1:30 PM Walk as a group back to your hotel
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**WELCOME HOME VENICE CHOIR!  
THANK YOU FOR TRAVELING WITH BOB ROGERS TRAVEL.  
WE HOPE YOU MADE MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES!**