

# Visual and Performing Arts in the USA



## A study tour for students of Performing and Visual Arts

All inclusive pricing provided based on itinerary and number of participants

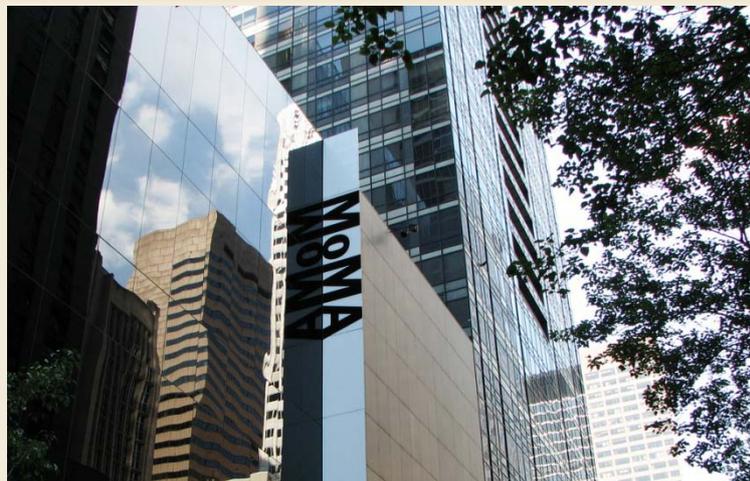
- ✓ Airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges – included
- ✓ Comprehensive travel insurance – included
- ✓ Services of a professional tour manager – included
- ✓ All land transportation – included
- ✓ All breakfasts and dinners - included
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites – included
- ✓ Tips to guides, restaurants and drivers – included

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## Tour Highlights

This 13 day tour specifically designed for students of theatre, drama, dance and visual art, engages students with a diverse cultural program, including skill-based workshops, gallery and museum visits and attendance at a range of performances.

- Itinerary includes: 3 nights in Chicago, 3 nights in Washington DC and 4 nights in New York
- Students of Visual Arts investigate some of the world's best collections, including:
  - > The Art Institute, Chicago
  - > The National Gallery of Art in Washington DC
  - > The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in NYC
- Students of Theatre and Drama develop skills in practical workshops in Chicago and New York. Dance workshops are also available
- Attend performances in Chicago, Washington and New York
- Enjoy rich cultural and sightseeing experiences in three great American cities



### A genuine learning experience!

- Itinerary carefully planned by experienced educators
- Fully escorted by a knowledgeable tour manager
- Special lectures, education programs and detailed site notes provided
- Qualified local guides at major sites

### Itinerary

*Breakfast and dinner are included daily*

**Day 1: Departure** – Flights depart Australia in the morning. Flights arrive in Chicago the same evening. Overnight Chicago.

**Day 2: Chicago art and architecture** – Morning walk through Millennium Park, brimming with contemporary architecture followed by a visit to the Art Institute of Chicago, a leading museum of European and American art. This afternoon relax on an architectural river cruise of downtown Chicago, learning about Chicago's famous skyscrapers. This evening we attend a performance of the legendary Steppenwolf Theater Company. Overnight Chicago.

**Day 3: Comedy and contemporary art** – Morning improvisation workshop at Chicago iO. Students will learn the fundamentals of long form improvisation, while building confidence, developing communication skills, and improving teamwork. Art students have the option to visit the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago instead of participating in the workshop. This evening return to Chicago iO for a night of improvised comedy. Overnight Chicago.

**Day 4: Washington's monuments** – Morning flight to Washington. Coach and walking tour of major monuments that are synonymous with the nation's capital. The White House, U.S. Capitol, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial are just some of the iconic landmarks. Overnight Washington.

**Day 5: Smithsonian** – A full day to explore Washington's marvellous museums, including the National Gallery of Art. This evening attend a performance at the Kennedy Center. The venue presents the nation's best music, dance, and theatre programs across nine theatres and stages. Overnight Washington.

**Day 6:** This morning visit Ford's Theatre, where Abraham Lincoln was shot and still a working theatre today. Afternoon free in historic Georgetown. Overnight Washington.

**Day 7: To New York** – Travel to New York this morning. See the city on a hop-on hop-off bus tour, visiting mid-town art deco architecture, Harlem, Wall St and downtown and Central Park. Evening stroll to the lights of Times Square. Overnight New York.

**Day 8: The Met and Central Park** – Morning visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a vast museum of works from around the world spanning a 5,000-year time period. Afternoon guided walk through Central Park, seeing Bethesda Fountain, the Literary Walk, Belvedere Castle, the beloved Alice in Wonderland and many sites from movies and TV shows. Overnight New York.

**Day 9: Art, drama and dance** – This morning is a Broadway Classroom workshop for Performing Arts students, based on tonight's performance. Visual Arts students have the opportunity to visit the Museum of Modern Art, containing the most significant collection of 20th-century art in the world. In the afternoon, students will rendezvous to walk the 'High Line', a park created on an abandoned industrial railway line. Attend a major Broadway musical tonight. Overnight New York.

**Day 10: Lincoln Center and MAD** – This morning take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Lincoln Center, housing the main opera house and concert hall of New York. Art students visit the Museum of Art and Design which explores the intersection of art, craft and design today. Overnight New York.

**Day 11: Depart** – This morning we tour the NBC television studios at the Rockefeller Center and then ascend to the 'Top of the Rock' viewing platform for an unbeatable view over the city before an afternoon transfer to JFK airport for flight.

**Day 12: On flight** – crossing the International Date Line.

**Day 13: Arrive** Australia in the morning.