



Girls' Trip 2025

PLANNING PHASE

First, giving honor to God who is the head of my life (ain't that the opening line in church, lol). Greetings, church girl and thank you for expressing interest in attending our Girls Trip to NYC June 26th-29th 2025. We are currently in the planning phase. This packet is intended to provide you with preliminary information about travel & activities while visiting the big apple. We will host another interest meeting **Monday, February 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm** to finalize the details. Once finalized, the full agenda will be emailed detailing our visit to NY.

When: June 26th-June 29th (Date is confirmed)

Where: New York City (Location is confirmed)

Travel accommodations: You can certainly book your own travel; however, if you require travel accommodations, you may reach out to Loletta Hayes, travel agent, (912) 346-6890 for assistance.

Arrival Time: TBD (I recommend morning arrival to make the most of the day).

Departure Time: Most hotels will agree to store your luggage until your departure. I would recommend a later departure to make the most of your time in NY. We could opt to do some shopping this day to avoid lugging bags all days while there.

Hotel accommodations: See last page.

Attire Needs:

- Definitely bring comfortable walking shoes.
- Tea Party Dress, hat and gloves for Tea Around town (do we want to do heels or sneakers?)
- Church Girls T-shirt (shorts or jeans) boots or shoes and a large fan for our boots on the ground line-dance in times square. 😊
- I recommend traveling with a backpack and a small fanny-pack or cross body.
- One dinner party attire for our night at LV restaurant

Funds: bring some cash. It's easier to negotiate prices and some vendors only accept cash.

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES

***NOTE: Everyone will be responsible for securing their own tickets for the activities planned. Keep in mind, some ticket purchases may be non-refundable. If you wish to avoid the hassle of securing tickets and you would like Dr. L to handle booking any of your activities as listed below, you may make this request to her directly and cashapp her at \$laveishacummings. The hard deadline for Dr. L to secure your tickets for any event is March 30, 2025.**

- **Transportation:** How the heck are we going to get around NYC??
 - Prior to our trip, download the MTA app for train & bus rides to various activities check in points for the duration of our time in NYC. I recommend this option:
 - **About subway and bus fares. Get free rides when you tap to pay.** Only pay for the rides you take up to a cap of \$34 in a 7-day period, as long as you use the same card or device.
 - <https://www.mta.info/guides/apps>
- **Meet & Greet**
 - Penn Station (should everyone catch the train. If not, then the brownstone or hotel lobby). TBD.
- Sight seeing by day: Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island
- Sight seeing by night: One World observatory
- Broadway Musical
 - Hell's Kitchen
- Tea Around Town
- Group Dining
 - Melba's kitchen-Harlem
 - Café de Louis Vuitton
- Times Square
 - T-shirt , shorts or pants, fans, cowboy boots or sneakers- boots on the ground line dance
- Shopping Recommendations
 - Flea market (Brooklyn Flea Market)
 - China Town (Historic District)
 - Macy's
 - Boutiques
 - Street shopping (look before you purchase)

Down Time/Free Time/Do what you want time: TBD

SIGHTSEEING BY DAY



What: Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Tours

When: June 28th

Where: **Battery Park, NY** - New York City (Manhattan) Departure



By Subway - Local 1 (7th Avenue Line) to South Ferry, or Express (Lexington Avenue Line) 4 or 5 to Bowling Green, or Local from Brooklyn/Queens R/W to Whitehall Street Station.



By Bus - M15 (East Side) South Ferry, or M6 (West Side) from 57th street.



By Car - East Side - take FDR Drive South, Exit 1 South Ferry Battery Park. West Side - take Westside Highway South (9A) to Battery Park.

Time: proposed time 10 am? If we choose the 10 am slot, that means we would need to give ourselves enough time for our morning routine. Such as grabbing coffee/breakfast and arrive at the ferry around 9 am. This gives us time to wait for the ferry should it not be there at 9 and then be transported to the Statue of Liberty which takes about 15-20 mins). This gives us time to not be rushed.

Note: When choosing your reservation date and time, this is your entry into the Security Facility and not a specific ferry departure. The ferry ride to the Statue of Liberty from Battery Park or Liberty State Park takes about 15–20 minutes. The ferry departs every 20–35 minutes. Statue of Liberty tours are self-guided, and can last between three to five hours, depending on your pace when you visit both Ellis and Liberty Island.

Price: \$32

What's included: Tickets include access to both Liberty Island and Ellis Island by ferry boat. Tickets can be purchased in advance through our web site or in person at the ticket box offices near the ferry departure points in New York City and in New Jersey. Advanced purchases are highly recommended to avoid lines at the ticket offices and the chance that your preferred time will sell out. Your **E-Ticket** with a timed reservation ensures **Priority Check-in and Boarding** on the date of your tour.

Security Screening - Visitors to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island must pass through security screening before boarding any ferry.

Audio Tours - Audio Tours are now included with the purchase of every ticket. The audio tours, which complement the National Park Service (NPS) Ranger-led tours on the islands, provide a major enhancement to the visitor experience on both islands.

Things to know: <https://www.statueoflibertytickets.com/Plan-Your-Visit/?show=toknow>

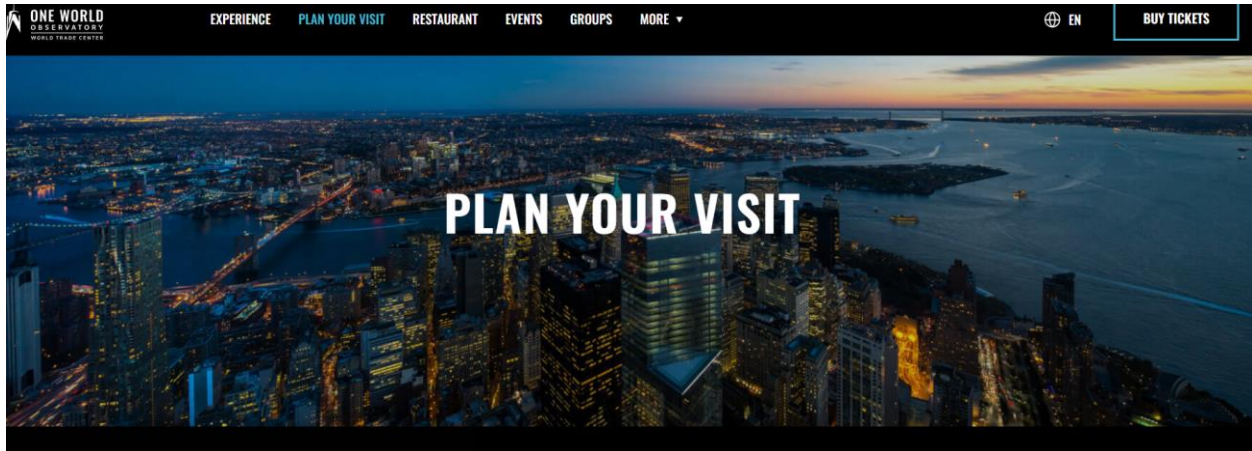
Note: Large bags are not allowed on Liberty or Ellis Islands. Backpacks, strollers and large umbrellas are not permitted in the Monument.

Securing your ticket: Once we decide on a date and time, you may proceed with purchasing your ticket by clicking here <https://www.statueoflibertytickets.com/Statue-Of-Liberty-and-Ellis-Island-Tickets/> or you may reach out to Dr. L. directly for assistance with securing your ticket. **The deadline for Dr. L to secure your tickets for any event is March 30, 2025.**

Sightseeing by Night

The best skyline (at night) the city has to offer!

One world Observatory and/or The Summit



When:

What: UNRIVALED 360° VIEWS. See the New York City skyline from over 100 stories above the streets – the highest point in the city. Take in breathtaking 360° views from the comfort of an indoor climate-controlled space. Get ready to elevate your senses at One World Observatory!

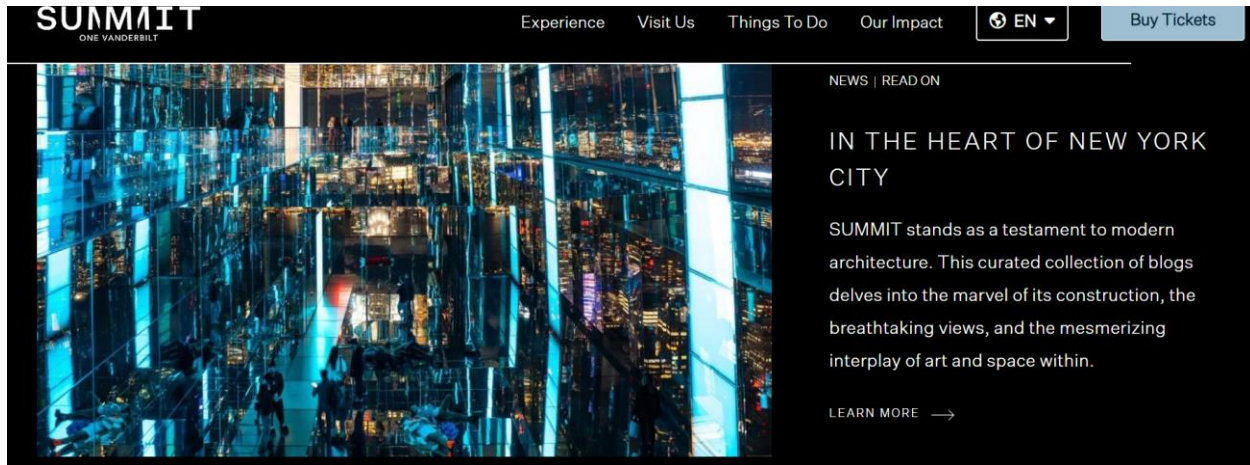
Where: One World Observatory™ is located at One World Trade Center at the corner of West and Vesey Streets in Lower Manhattan. One World Trade Center 117 West Street New York, New York 10007. <https://www.oneworldobservatory.com/plan-your-visit/>

Time: TBD: Monday – Sunday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Hours change seasonally*

Price: \$39-\$69 Depending on the package you choose.

Securing your ticket: Once we decide on a date and time, you may proceed with purchasing your ticket by clicking here: <https://www.oneworldobservatory.com/special/> or you may reach out to Dr. L. directly for assistance with securing your ticket. **The deadline for Dr. L to secure your tickets for any event is March 30, 2025.**

The Summit One Vanderbilt



What: SUMMIT One Vanderbilt is an observation deck and art complex in New York City that offers views of the city skyline.

Time: 8am-10pm

Location: It's located on the 91st, 92nd, and 93rd floors of One Vanderbilt, the tallest commercial skyscraper in Midtown Manhattan. The first is through the Transit Hall in One Vanderbilt, located at the corner of Vanderbilt Avenue and 43rd St.

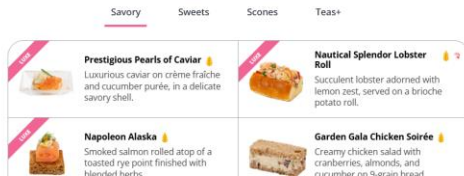
Tickets: \$46-\$60 depending on packet you choose

Dress code: <https://summitov.com/codeofconduct/>

Securing your ticket: Once we decide on a date and time, you may proceed with purchasing your ticket by clicking here: <https://summitov.com/experience/> or you may reach out to Dr. L. directly for assistance with securing your ticket. **The deadline for Dr. L to secure your tickets for any event is March 30, 2025.**

TEA AROUND TOWN NYC

Indulge in the Deliciousness



Make Reservations Today!

Choose a departure

June 27, 2025

12:00 PM 2:30 PM

Choose an experience

Luxe \$129

- ✓ Enhanced menu **luxé**
- ✓ Winter delight mocktail **luxé**
- ✓ Priority boarding **luxé**
- ✓ Sky deck seating with 360 views
- ✓ Private table
- ✓ Souvenir tea tumbler
- ✓ Valentine's special (Feb 13 - 16 only): 1 rose per guest, 1 The Sweet Heart per party

Petite \$95

When: TBD (for informational purposes, June 27, 2025 at 2:30 pm was selected).

What: Tea Around Town: **Experience duration:** Approx. 90 minutes (75 minutes touring, 15 minutes boarding/d disembarking).

Meeting location:

- **Departure point:** 42nd St between 5th & 6th Ave, across the street from 11 W 42nd St.
- **How to board:** Scan your e-pass, no print-outs needed.
- **Boarding notice:** Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time. We leave promptly and are unable to accommodate late customers. All guests, including children (ages 0+), must have a ticket to board.
- **Accessibility:** Wheelchair ramp available. Call to inquire.

Time: 12 pm or 2:30 pm?

Attire: Tea party dresses, hats and gloves...

Ticket Information: Two options:

Option A: Luxe from \$125 Enhanced menu **luxé**

Winter delight mocktail **luxé**

Priority boarding **luxé**

Sky deck seating with 360 views

Private table

Souvenir tea tumbler

Option B: Petite from \$95

Petite menu

Sky deck seating with 360 views

Private Table

Souvenir tea tumbler

Securing Tickets: Once we decide on a date and time, you may proceed with purchasing your ticket by clicking here: <https://topviewtix.com/new-york/tea-around-town-classic> or you may reach out to Dr. L. directly for assistance with securing your ticket. **The deadline for Dr. L to secure your tickets for any event is March 30, 2025.**

BROADWAY SHOW



Hell's Kitchen Tickets
A new musical featuring music and lyrics from 16-time Grammy Award winner Alicia Keys.
4.5 ★★★★★
Tickets starting at \$50¹³ [Buy Tickets](#)

When: June 26, 2025 or we can select from (6/27: 7pm or 6/28 2pm or 8pm)

Where: [Shubert Theatre](#): 225 West 44th Street New York, NY 10036

About: <https://hellskitchen.com/broadway/about>

Time: 7:00 pm or TBD (Note: 2 hours and 35 minutes, including one intermission)

Ticket information: Dr. L found 12 seats together on 6/26, 6/27, & 6/28 and the ticket information is as follows for 6/26. Ticket seating locations, dates, and times fluctuate. Below is a general idea of how much the tickets cost.

- \$64.02-\$109.61 (Balcony aisle)
- \$234.49 (Orchestra- seem to be good seats)
- \$192.86-\$234.49 (Mezzanine)

Securing tickets: Once we decide on a date and time, you may proceed with purchasing your ticket by clicking here: <https://hellskitchen.com/broadway/tickets#Jun-2025> or you may reach out to Dr. L. directly for assistance with securing your ticket. **The deadline for Dr. L to secure your tickets for any event is March 30, 2025.**

TIMES SQUARE



When: TBD

What: Show time... Not at the Apollo, but times square! We are boots on the ground!!!! Times Square is a famous intersection, entertainment hub, and neighborhood in New York City. It's one of the world's busiest pedestrian areas and most visited tourist destinations.

Time: TBD

Attire: Church Girls' T-Shirt, paired with shorts, leggings, capris, or jeans.. Boots if you feel like it, and make sure to grab a large fan... We are going to shut Times Square down with our line dance of Boots on the ground... Yeap.. everyone performs in NY and it will be fun. Who knows, we might have the whole block to join in with us. That would be great!

Tutorial to boots on the ground can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Tyn50VSd4s>

Price: Just your time- Oh if you want to grab things from downtown, bring some money for that.



We can dine at an amazing restaurant in Harlem and find things to do there as well. I've dined at the below restaurant and it is STELLAR!!!!!!

Melba's Restaurant is a Black-owned, woman-owned restaurant in Harlem, New York City. It's known for its Southern cooking, including fried chicken and eggnog waffles.



Price: Menus can be found at the link below: (note, be sure to check all menus).

<https://www.melbasrestaurant.com/menu/>



What: Group Dinner at Le Café Louis Vuitton. The dining experience centers around luxury snacking – familiar, generously portioned dishes reinvented with equal parts fun and refinement, an exchange of French flair and local touch. Drawing from global influences, the menu showcases bespoke creations conceived around local, seasonally sourced ingredients.

When: TBD

Where: 6 E 57th St New York, NY 10022

Time: We have the same opening hours as the Louis Vuitton store, 10am to 8pm Monday through Saturday and 11am to 7pm on Sunday. To ensure you have plenty of time to enjoy the full experience, our last reservations sit between 6:15 and 6:30pm Monday through Saturday, and at 5:15pm on Sunday.

Menu: <https://lecafelvnyc.com/#menu>

Price: See menu

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HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

*The challenge is finding an AirBnB in Manhattan that is close to everything. With the below hotels we are within walking distance. The metro cards will be used for train rides to some of the activities, but staying downtown puts us near everything.

To save on costs, we can consider having roommates. Below are recommended hotels. If anyone would like to help out with searching for hotel/Airbnb accommodation, I certainly welcome it.

Millennium Hotel Broadway Times Square

145 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036, United States

Guests: 12 people 4 to a room

Total cost pp: \$335.58

Individual rooms vary.

Or

Holiday Inn Express New York City Times Square by IHG

343 W 39th Street, New York, NY, 10018

Guests: 2 to a room

Total cost \$484

Individual rooms vary.

Total trip costs to consider:

- Transportation to and from NY
- Hotel accommodations
- Activities
- Food
- Shopping