



March 7, 2025

FINAL ITINERARY

Prepared especially for: **Mission Viejo High School Choir**

Sarah Norris, Choral Director

NEW YORK CITY TOUR & Choirs of America Nationals – March 26 – 30, 2026

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Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Meals Today: ON YOUR OWN

- 4:30pm Assemble and load luggage onto coach at **Mission Viejo High School**
25025 Chrisanta Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691 – *Bus Loading in front of school on Chrisanta Dr.
- 5:00pm Depart **Mission Viejo High School - 75 pax**
 - Transportation to LAX – arranged by **Sechrist Travel** and provided by **LA COACH**
 - **LA COACH - (310) 421-8404**
 - You will have one (1) 56 seat and one (1) 36 seat coach to accommodate 75 pax
- 9:10pm Depart **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)** on **UNITED flight #2397** to **Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) – 75 pax**
 - Confirmation code: See Flight Confirmation Document

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Meals Today: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

- 5:04am **Welcome!** Arrive at **Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)**. Your Sechrist Travel Tour Manager will meet you at baggage claim and assist with loading the coach and transfer - **75 pax**
 - **Breakfast Bags provided by John's Caffé**
- 7:00am Transfer to the **Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College– Coach**
65-30 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367

8:00am-3:00pm Choirs of America Nationals

- 8:15am Check-in with COA Festival Staff – **Music Building Atrium Lobby**
- 8:30pm-8:50pm Warm-up – **Room 226**
- 9:00am-9:30am Adjudicated Performance – **LeFrak Concert Hall** (each ensemble is allowed 20 minutes max)
 - *Adjudicators: James John (Queens College), David Fryling (Hofstra), and Jason Max Ferdinand*
- 9:30am-10:30am Choral Clinic – **Rehearsal Room 270**
 - *with Jason Max Ferdinand, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Maryland*
- 10:30am-11:00am Break
- 11:00am-11:50am **Workshop #1: Pen2Podium – Colden Auditorium**
 - *During this engaging workshop, our composer-in-residence, Rollo Dilworth, will engage your performers in the creative process and industry of composition from start to finish with some new music you won't want to miss!*
- 12:00pm-12:50pm Lunch provided at Queens College from Gino's Pizza
- 1:00pm-2:00pm **Workshop #2: xChange – A Meeting of Voices** (performance exchange) – **Colden Auditorium**
 - *At the xChange workshop, be prepared to introduce yourself and your choir by telling everyone a little bit about your community. Your choir will present one selection (can be from your adjudicated performance repertoire) for the other participating choirs. Led by Coty Raven Morris*
 - *Participating choirs include: Benjamin Franklin Charter School (AZ), Mission Viejo High School (CA), Pearland Junior High School West (TX), Noe Middle School (KY), Miss Porter's School (CT)*
- 2:00pm-2:30pm Break
- 2:30pm-3:00pm Observational Requirement – **LeFrak Concert Hall** (30 minutes)

Thursday, March 27 - continued

- 3:00pm Board your coaches and transfer to **SPRINGHILL SUITES CHELSEA** for check-in - **Coach**
140 W. 28th St, New York, NY 10001
- 4:30pm Transfer to **Times Square – Subway**
- 5:00pm Dinner provided at **Gayle’s Broadway Rose - Walk**
228 W 47th St (Edison Hotel), New York, NY 10036
- 6:30pm Transfer to **Jacobs Theatre – Walk**
242 West 45th Street, New York, NY 10036
- 7:00pm-9:30pm Attend Broadway performance of **The Outsiders - Reservation #202063 – 75 Tix**
- 9:45pm Transfer back to the **SPRINGHILL SUITES CHELSEA** for overnight – **Subway**
140 W. 28th St, New York, NY 10001

Friday, March 28, 2025**Meals provided Today: Breakfast**

- 7:00am-8:30am **Breakfast** provided at your hotel
- 9:15am Transfer to **W83 Ministry Center – Subway**
150 W 83rd Street, New York, NY 10024
- 9:45am Report to **W83 Ministry Center - Sanctuary**
- 10:15am-12:15pm COA Massed Choir Rehearsal with Rollo Dilworth and Jason Max Ferdinand**
- Please have all Singers bring (1) sheet music for each of the 3 assigned massed choir pieces; (2) the *Premiere! Piece*; and (3) a pencil to the rehearsal.
 - **Please Note:** This will be a Closed Rehearsal and open only to Singers and Directors. Your Chaperones should not attend the Rehearsal.
- 10:00am-12:00pm Non-essential chaperones and non-performers will enjoy a morning walking tour of **Central Park**
- To include Castle Clinton, Strawberry Fields, The Dakota
- 12:30pm Transfer to Carnegie Hall area
- Lunch **ON YOUR OWN**; near Carnegie Hall – **Subway**
- 1:45pm Report to **Carnegie Hall Back Stage Door**
- 2:00pm-3:45pm COA Logistics, Sound Check, and Rehearsal @ Carnegie Hall**
- **Please Note:** This will also be a Closed Rehearsal and open only to Singers, your Accompanist (if you have a Spotlight Performance), Essential Chaperones, and the Director. **Please do not bring any personal belongings backstage (including, but not limited to, purses, backpacks, non-disposable water bottles, coats, etc.)** Your Chaperones should not attend the Rehearsal and will not be allowed backstage per Carnegie Hall policy. We will distribute your concert admission tickets to your additional Chaperones/Friends/Family the day before at Queens College.
- 12:00pm-5:00pm Non-essential chaperones and non-performers may enjoy some time at your leisure to enjoy NYC and to return to the hotel early to grab a bite to eat and to change for the big **Carnegie Hall Performance**
- 4:00pm Performers return to Hotel to change into concert attire and to prepare for the concert – **Subway**
- Light dinner/snack **ON YOUR OWN**; Plan to grab a bite to eat @ restaurants near the hotel
- 5:00pm Transfer to **Carnegie Hall – Subway**
- 5:30pm Report to your holding room backstage at **Carnegie Hall**
- Singers, Directors, and Accompanists Only
 - Non-singing participants may enter Ch Main Doors as audience member

Friday, March 28 - continued**6:00pm-9:00pm****Choirs of America Nationals for Top Choirs – Harmonic Convergence**

- *Members of your choir will be on stage together surrounded by other Participating Choirs*
- *During spotlight performances, only the individual performing choir will remain standing. Other members of the mass choir will be seated on the risers during this time. Due to the performance time constraints, spotlight performers MUST remain on the risers in their mass choir arrangement. Re-staging is not permitted on the Carnegie Hall stage for the individual spotlight performance choirs unless expressly allowed by Choirs of America. Directors will be allowed to make only minor adjustment to their standing arrangement within the mass choir during the logistics rehearsal*

9:15pm

Transfer to **Rockefeller Center**

10:00pm-11:30pm

Visit the **Top of the Rock Observatory (75 pax)**

- *Enjoy amazing views of the city from the top of Rockefeller Center*

11:30pm

Transfer back to the **SPRINGHILL SUITES CHELSEA** for overnight – **Subway**140 W. 28th St, New York, NY 10001**Saturday, March 29, 2025***Meals provided Today: Breakfast and Dinner*

7:00am-8:30am

Breakfast provided at your hotel

9:00am

Transfer to **The Cathedral of St. John the Divine – Subway**1047 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10025**9:45am-10:15am****Recital at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine**

- *Piano available*

10:15am-10:45am

Self-guided tour of **The Cathedral of St. John the Divine**

11:00am

Transfer to **World Trade Center – Subway**

Lunch

ON YOUR OWN at restaurants and food carts in and around **Zuccotti Park**

12:45pm

Meet in **Zuccotti Park** and transfer to **9/11 Memorial Museum – WALK**

1:00pm

Visit the **9/11 Memorial Museum - Reservation #5508538**

3:00pm

Transfer to **Chinatown/Little Italy** to enjoy some time to explore the area – **Subway**

4:45pm

Transfer to **Times Square – Subway**

5:30pm-7:00pm

Dinner provided at **John's Pizzeria**

7:30pm

Transfer to **Walter Kerr Theatre** to see **Hadestown – Walk**219 W 48th Street New York, NY 10036

8:00pm-10:30pm

Performance of **Hadestown** at **Walter Kerr Theatre - Reservation #202062 – 75 Tix**

10:45pm

Enjoy some free-time in Times Square at night in small travel groups – **ON YOUR OWN**

11:30pm

Transfer back to the **SPRINGHILL SUITES CHELSEA** for overnight – **Subway**140 W. 28th St, New York, NY 10001

Sunday, March 30, 2025*Meals provided Today: Breakfast*

- 7:00am-8:30am Breakfast provided at your hotel
- 9:00am Checkout of hotel and load luggage onto your coaches
- 9:30am Transfer to **Rockefeller Center – Coach**
1260 Avenue of the Americans, New York, NY 10020
- 10:00am Enjoy the **Stage Door Tour at Radio City Music Hall**
 - Tours are in small groups and lasts approximately 75 minutes. There are reservations for 10:15am (22); 10:30am (33), and 10:45am (20) – groups will have some structured free-time around Rockefeller Center and Plaza while waiting to start the tour or waiting for others to finish the tour
- 12:00pm Meet in front of **Radio City Music Hall**, meet your coaches and depart for **Battery Park – Coach**
- 12:45pm Estimated arrival to **Battery Park**
- 1:00pm Enter the security line for the **Statue Cruises Ferry**
- 1:30pm Board the **Statue Cruises Ferry** for your visit to the **Statue of Liberty** and **Ellis Island**
 - RESERVATION #3643983 - (112 pax + 2)**
 - Visit and view the **Statue of Liberty** and Gift Shop while taking in views of Manhattan
- 3:30pm Board the **Statue Cruises Ferry** to **Liberty State Park, NJ**
- 4:00pm Transfer to **Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)** for flights home – **Coach**
- 6:40pm Depart from **Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)** on **United Airlines flight #2641 – 75 pax**
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- 9:50pm **United Airlines flight #2641** arrives at **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)**
 - Transportation home from LAX – arranged by **Sechrist Travel** and provided by **LA COACH**
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WELCOME HOME!**RESIDENCY HOTEL****Spring Hill Suites - Chelsea**

140 West 28th Street, New York, NY 10001
 Tel: (929) 990-2800

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/nycsl-springhill-suites-new-york-manhattan-chelsea/overview/>

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NYC TOUR GROUP MENUS

Each Morning

BREAKFAST @ Hotel

- Choice of breakfast meats (bacon, sausage, ham or turkey sausage); choice of eggs, pancakes or waffles; toast; fresh orange juice; coffee/tea

Thursday, March 27

BREAKFAST BAGS

LUNCH @ GINO'S PIZZA

- Choice of assorted pizzas and sodas/water

DINNER @ GAYLE'S BROADWAY ROSE

Starter: Small House Salad

Choice of any of the entrées listed below:

- Cheeseburger Deluxe, French Fries
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich, French Fries
- Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken
- Mac N Cheese
- Cheese Quesadilla, French Fries

Dessert: Ice Cream

Beverages: Unlimited Soft Drinks

Saturday, March 29

DINNER @ JOHN'S PIZZERIA – Times Square

Starter: Caesar Salad

Main Course: Variety of John's Famous Pizza

- Cheese| Pepperoni| Sausage| Bianca| Bruschetta

Dessert: Chocolate Brownies

Beverages: Unlimited Soft Drinks

Dietary Concerns:

- 3 Vegetarian
- 1 Gluten-Free/ Lactose-Free/Nut-Free/No Eggs/No Shellfish
- 2 Lactose Intolerant
- 2 Shellfish allergies
- 1 Nut-Free/Dairy-Free
- 2 Nut-Free
- 1 No Eggs

