

# NEW YORK TRIP 2025

## #OKNY25

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1. Depart: 6AM **Sat., Mar. 8, 2025** from King Street Entrance to Budweiser Gardens, west side of street. We will arrive in NYC about 4PM on **Sat., March 8, 2025**.
2. Feel free to bring a pillow/blanket to sleep on the bus. We will leave the Edison Hotel at 10AM on **Thurs., March 13, 2025**. We will return to London, Ontario around 8PM on **Thurs., March 13, 2025** at the same place. Parents - expect a phone call from the 401 Woodstock travel stop or by cell phone. We will be home about 45 minutes after the call.

Hotel: Edison Hotel - 228 West 47<sup>th</sup> St. New York, NY.10036. 1-212-840-5000.

Corey Agnew & Andrew Tribe is available for individual consultation and meetings about the trip with parents and trippers. We welcomes families to set up a meeting with him — [nyc@oktc.ca](mailto:nyc@oktc.ca).

### \*\* IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS \*\*

A valid Passport is mandatory. If applying for passport, don't leave it too late. You can the easily take the completed form, passport photos and your CC to the east end of Cherryhill Mall to the Passport Office. To be signed at the **December 8** meeting is the **STATUTORY DECLARATION**, which shows immigration that we have parental permission to take your son/daughter out of Canada.

***\*\*We hope to have a Lawyer/Notary Public at the December 8 meeting at 9:30am-10:30am, to witness and stamp these customized declarations that we have prepared and will bring. Since the lawyer must witness the parental signatures, all custodial parents must be present with proof of identity.***

***If you do not get it stamped at this arranged time, I'll get the document to you for your own arrangements with a Notary Public, but here's your chance to save yourself hassle and possible expense!***

3. We are steps from the one half price ticket booth on Times Square and rush, standing room and student discount tickets are available at theatres each day. There also a lot of phone apps that offer discounts and lottery entries. There is no need to pay full price for any ticket. Also we will pick up student discount tickets. Cheapest are student rush seats, standing room or lottery tickets on day of performance at the box office. For these, you need photo ID proving you are a student.
4. Luggage restrictions. 1 suitcase, and carry-on for the bus. Keep it light. You will carry your own. Travel young!
5. Clothing- casual, comfortable. Plan for cold and wet; pray for warm and dry! Proper footwear is important. Comfortable old shoes. No new shoes. Shoes that keep your feet warm and dry and blister free. You will walk miles a day! Bring a nice outfit.
6. \$\$\$- You and your parents decide whatever combination of American cash in US denominations (\$20's best), and credit cards you like. Debit cards can be tricky in NYC! So if you're arranging one, check with your bank on how this will work in the USA (there is a TD a few blocks from the hotel). We'll discuss this at Meeting #2. Plan on a daily budget of \$50 for food, \$5 for transportation, \$65 for entertainment etc. (USD). Shopping is extra. Bring US cash for the first day at least. You can keep cash and passports in your room safe. I use VISA and cash (which I store in my room safe).
8. Have a conversation about use of cell phones etc. We discourage constant calls and texts back home. Also, a cell can amass huge roaming charges — though there is lots of free Wifi around New York (including at the Edison Hotel!) Triple check that the extended medical plan you've arranged applies to the correct dates (Mar 8 - 11), and that I we have any updated information on it that I need to have at my fingertips.
9. We will discuss our adventures - so know a bit about these neighbourhoods: Theatre District, Lincoln Center, Greenwich Village, East Village, Upper West Side, Garment District, Central Park, Harlem, Financial District, Lower East Side, Chinatown, Little Italy, SoHo, Tribeca, Hell's Kitchen, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

10. Websites to get to know- [www.playbill.com](http://www.playbill.com) , [www.broadwayworld.com](http://www.broadwayworld.com), [www.theatermania.com](http://www.theatermania.com) , [www.broadway.com](http://www.broadway.com) , [www.nycvisit.com](http://www.nycvisit.com) and the Today Tix app.
  11. We do not conform to a predetermined itinerary. Rather we research the city and plan what we want to do before we go. We have meetings twice each day to plan and execute agendas. With only four Kids per supervisor, we have the luxury of planning small group tourism not “BLOB” travel.
  12. Evening curfew is 11:30pm. The 1 Broadway shows end by 1045pm (if they start at 8pm). Time to pick up some goodies and return to hotel. “Curfew” means “in the hotel to stay”, not “in bed and lights out”. That’s up to the Kids to negotiate themselves.
  13. The basic rule is “Quiet in the hall.” If anyone runs into trouble with Hotel Security for noise or rowdiness, the offender has to deal with it— not poor us trying to get a decent sleep.
  14. On special occasions, Kids may be out later than 1130pm with my consent and with supervisors present (does not need to be their specific chaperone, but instead, any chaperone). Examples: going up the Empire State Building after an evening show, taking the Staten Island Ferry, late night cheesecake at Junior’s.
  15. We’re absolutely insistent on the Kids preparing thoroughly and will hound any of them in advance whom we think are not. If we have a sense that anyone has not shown the maturity to handle a trip like this with safety and solid preparation, we’ll deal with it! Be warned!!
  16. Basic theory! Register and pay- then **earn** your right to go.
  17. If any Kids plan to spend time in NYC with relatives or friends who live there, we’ll need to file a permission letter from parents.
  18. Lots of other questions will be asked and answers given. Basically, this is a safe but adventuresome trip for teens who love theatre led by a dedicated and savvy group of adult staff who are there for the young people all the way.
- 20. Reminder of Meetings:**
- #1. Sun., Dec 8, 2024: 9:30am - 11:30am. OKTC Rehearsal Hall, 130 King Street.**  
**Parents & Participants from 9:30am - 10:30am.**  
**Statutory Declarations witnessed and stamped.**  
**Participants only from 10:30am - 11:30am.**  
**Bring passports! Quiz #1 due.**
  - #2. Sun., Feb. 23, 2025: 10:00am - 12:00pm. OKTC Rehearsal Hall, 130 King Street.**  
**For participants only. Quiz #2 is due. OK’s must bring passports.**
  - #3. Sun., Mar. 2, 2025: 10:00am - 11:00am. OKTC Rehearsal Hall, 130 King Street.**  
**For participants only. OK’s must bring passports.**
21. We will be emailing quizzes, hints, tips, suggestions, demands, to participants regularly (to their personal emails). Many of these require rapid attention and replies. This is part of preparation for the trip. So, some work, research, group meetings, testing are involved!
  22. We also have the Parents as an email group and will send group emails to you as relevant. But we want our emails to the participants answered by them- not by the parents. That’s because, it is the kids we’re taking!

#### **Payment**

Tuition = \$1,250 includes 5 nights accommodation and round-trip transportation.  
 Want a good sense of our numbers by November 1, 2024  
 Rooming Request E-mail will go out on November 1, 2024

#### **Refund Policy**

Full Refunds Prior to November 1, 2024  
 Loss of Deposit (\$350) Prior to December 31, 2024  
 No Refunds after January 1, 2025

#### **Payment Options**

- Full payment of \$1,250  
 - \$350 deposit then November 15, December 15, January 15 (\$300 each)  
 Register online at <http://originalkids.campbrainregistration.com>.