

**FLOWERY BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL BAND
MIGUEL GUIASOLA, DIRECTOR
DESTINATION: NEW YORK, NY
DATES: MARCH 27-30, 2025**

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

AS OF

MARCH 14, 2024

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27

5:00 AM **One 56-passenger motor coach** arrives at **Flowery Branch High School**; begin loading
4450 Hog Mountain Road, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

5:30 AM Depart for **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport** (*54 miles; 1 ½ hours allotted for drive time*)

7:00 AM Arrive at **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

~ Meet your BRT Airport Representative at the airport ~

Upon arrival Begin check-in process and head through security. **EVERYONE** needs to bring a picture ID along with his/her ticket. Keep them handy throughout check-in & security processing. Travelers 18 years and older need a Government issued ID.

AM	Depart for a New York area airport (<i>round-trip airfare estimated at \$500; subject to change until time of booking</i>)
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AM	Arrive at a New York area airport
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~ Meet your professional BRT Tour Director at baggage claim ~

11:30 AM Collect luggage at baggage claim; begin loading **one 56-passenger motor coach**

12:00 PM Depart for **Grand Central Station**
89 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017

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- 1:00 PM Enjoy lunch at **Grand Central Station** (student cost)
Grand Central Station is a gorgeous NYC historic landmark that includes 68 shops and 35 places to eat. While the average tourist may visit the terminal to see its grandeur, the station helps daily commuters get to and from their place of work and home.
- 2:00 PM Meet your guide at **Grand Central Station**; load motor coaches; enjoy a **Sightseeing Bus Tour of Manhattan**
This tour will take you to the sites that made the Big Apple famous! The tour will be customized to meet your interests, perhaps including such things as Lincoln Center, Columbia University, the Brooklyn Bridge, Herald Square, and Greenwich Village.
- 4:30 PM Tour ends in **Times Square**; enjoy dinner on your own (student cost)
260 W. 44th Street, New York, NY 10036
- 6:00 PM Walk to the theatre for tonight's performance
- 7:00 PM The curtain rises on **Hamilton** (based on \$150 seats and availability)
- 10:00 PM Load motor coach; depart for a **New Jersey area hotel**
- 10:30 PM Arrive at the hotel; check in and rest

~ 1 Private nighttime security chaperone at the hotel from 10:30pm – 5:30am ~

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

8:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

10:00 AM Load motor coach; depart for **your workshop location**

11:00 AM **Flowerly Branch High School Band** participates in a **Broadway Up-Close Workshop**
This hour-long talk-back session gives you the unique opportunity to talk one-on-one with three Broadway professionals about their journey to Broadway. You'll have the chance to ask questions, hear backstage stories, and learn some tricks of the trade.

12:00 PM Walk as a group to **Times Square**; enjoy lunch (student cost) and time to explore "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.

2:30 PM Load motor coach; depart for **Central Park (Strawberry Fields entrance)**

3:00 PM Enjoy time to explore **Central Park**
Extending south to north from 59th Street to 110th Street, and east to west from Fifth Avenue to Central Park West, you will find over 840 acres of landscaped and recreational areas - zoo, theater, sports facilities, lakes and more.

4:30 PM Load motor coach; depart for **Gayle's Broadway Rose**
 228 W 47th 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 Enjoy more time in **Times Square** as the sun sets and the lights come to life!

7:00 PM Walk to the theatre for tonight's performance

8:00 PM The curtain rises on a **Broadway Show** (based on \$90 seats and availability)

10:30 PM Load motor coach; depart for the hotel

~ 1 Private nighttime security chaperone at the hotel from 10:30pm – 5:30am ~

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

- 8:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 AM Load motor coach; depart for **Liberty State Park**
200 Morris Pesin Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305
- 9:30 AM Arrive at **Liberty State Park**; proceed through security for the **Statue Cruises**
- 10:00 AM Board ferry for **Ellis Island (stay on the ferry)** and **Liberty Island**; disembark on **Liberty Island**
- 11:00 AM Board a different ferry route for **Ellis Island**
*Enjoy your chance to walk through the **American Immigration Museum** on **Ellis Island**. From 1892 to 1954, millions of the world's huddled masses passed through the gates following the American Dream.*
- 12:30 PM Board the ferry for **Battery Park**
- 1:00 PM Arrive at **Battery Park**; walk as a group to **Brookfield Place – Hudson Eats**
230 Vessey Street, New York, NY 10281
- En route: Walk through 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.
- 1:30 PM Enjoy lunch at **Brookfield Place – Hudson Eats** (student cost)
- 2:30 PM Walk to the **9/11 Memorial**
180 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10007
- 3:00 PM Visit the **National September 11th Museum and Memorial**
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. Go underground to the museum that creates an unforgettable encounter with the story of the attacks, their aftermath, and the people who experienced these events.
- 5:00 PM Load motor coach; depart for **House of Joy in Chinatown**
28 Pell Street, New York, NY 10013
- 5:30 PM Enjoy time to explore **Chinatown and Little Italy**
The narrow streets at the heart of Chinatown and Little Italy feel unlike the rest of NYC.
- 6:30 PM Enjoy a group dinner at **House of Joy**
This meal will be served family style and will include: crispy spring rolls, pan fried pork dumplings, salt and pepper fish filet, General Tso's chicken, sweet & sour chicken, sautéed mixed vegetables, vegetable fried rice, and of course, fortune cookies.
- 8:00 PM Load motor coach; depart for the hotel

~ 1 Private nighttime security chaperone at the hotel from 10:30pm – 5:30am ~

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

- 7:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Check out of the hotel; load motor coach
- 9:00 AM Depart for **Rockefeller Center**
- 10:00 AM 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, & Saturday Night Live.

Check out: **5th Avenue**
See the famous high-end shops on 5th Avenue. You can find Chanel, Gucci, Saks on 5th, Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, and much more!

AM Enjoy lunch in the **Rockefeller Center area** (student cost)
There is a vast array of options for dining, whether you are looking for a sit-down meal or grab a quick bite to eat. Enjoy time to experience a real New York deli!

1:00 PM Meet as a group at **Rockefeller Center**
45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10111

1:30 PM Experience the **Top of the Rock**
View the "Big Apple" from the observation deck - A perfect way to end your NYC adventure!

3:00 PM Load motor coach; depart for a **New York area airport**

4:00 PM Arrive at a **New York area airport**

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PM Enjoy dinner at the airport (student cost)

PM Depart for **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**
PM Arrive in **Atlanta**

10:00 PM Collect baggage from baggage claim; load **one 56-passenger motor coach**; depart for **home** (54 miles; 1 ½ hours allotted for drive time)

11:30 PM Approximate arrival at **Flowery Branch High School**

**WELCOME HOME FLOWERY BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL BAND!
THANK YOU FOR TRAVELING WITH BOB ROGERS TRAVEL.
WE HOPE YOU HAVE MADE MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES!**