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Classic and offbeat ideas for a successful incentive in New York City and the Hudson Valley

MANHATTAN PASSPORT Is known for fresh ideas executed with style and precision. Whether your clients prefer to stay on the main streets or are inclined to go “off road,” be assured that the trip will be approached with a sharp pencil, cultural sensitivity and flair. From proposal to execution, we serve you with unlimited patience and a sense of humor. On site, 25/8 service and multilingual, great think-on-your-feet personnel. And throughout, a keen appreciation that in these unusual times, every piece of business is more precious than ever.

Hotels

Our most frequently used hotels
W-Times Square
The London
Marriott Marquis

Boutique properties
The Crosby
The Greenwich
And soon, NoMad

Transportation

56 or 38 passenger luxury coaches
Minicoaches
School buses
Limousines of all sizes, Hummers, SUV's
Bicycles
Pedicabs

Water Taxis
Yachts, Sail Boats, Jet Skis
Helicopters
Rowboats
Kayaks

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IDEAS: ON THE ROAD AND OFF-ROAD

Day One

Unusual arrivals

Instead of the same old airport transfer, add pizzazz

First Bite of the big Apple

Stop at Central Park for a stroll through Strawberry Fields, pause at the lovely Boat House for a hot dog and French fries and cool beer, and then amble through the park and Times Square to the hotel.

Why not? Become a kid again; take a spin or two on the lovely Central Park carousel.

Why not? Pedicab transfer to the hotel from the park via Broadway or Fifth Avenue

From EWR or JFK, take a quick ride to a Water Taxi pier and board a "taxi" for a delicious, casual lunch and cruise around the tip of Manhattan, enjoying great views of the skyline and Lady Liberty. Coaches will have delivered luggage at the hotel and meet the vessel for a quick ride to the hotel.



From EWR, short ride to Liberty State Park and the ferry to Ellis Island. Light lunch on the island, then time to explore the museum dedicated to the 13 million who passed through this famous immigration centre on their way to the New World.

Why not? Disembark at the foot of Manhattan and walk through the Financial District and subway to the hotel.

Arrival at the hotel: Bags and welcome letters in the rooms, private check in desk with keys, maps and New York State apples and York mini mints to refresh the palate.

Incidentals guaranteed, guests invited to register their credit cards at leisure



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Evening

Dinner

Lots of choices just steps from the Times Square area hotels

Small groups:

RLounge Glass enclosed aerie overlooking Times Square

Porterhouse - One of the city's top steakhouses

Robert Atop of the Museum of Art and Design, a trendy perch with views of Central Park and Broadway.



Large groups

Bar American - American regional specialties from celebrity chef Bobbie Flay.

Boat House in Central Park on the lake, surrounded by trees, framed by skyscrapers.



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Day Two

Why not? Breakfast outside the hotel, a **typical** New York tradition.

Small groups

Balthazar - Trendy hot spot in SoHo.

Le Train Bleu - Replica of a 19th century rail dining car at Bloomingdale's

Whole Foods - Croissants and coffee in a grocery store

Barney's Department Store, penthouse restaurant

Large groups

Carnegie Deli Typical Jewish deli, lovingly and often featured in Woody Allen films.

Rock Centre Café Next to the famous ice skating rink in winter, lovely garden in summer

Why not? Pier on the Hudson, next to decommissioned floating lighthouse



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Tours

All Manhattan Passport tours include icons, old and recent vintage.

One of our signature tours. One Guy Tour: How the vision of one person can influence the look and outlook of a neighborhood or an entire city. Think Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, Trump. Yes, Trump.

Sets in the City – Your customized blend of TV and film sites

Bike NY - Seeing the city on two wheels along great new bike routes

Why not? “Dolla Dumplings” Street food in Chinatown, 5 delicious dumplings for \$1

Why not? Target practice at a NY Police department approved gun range

Why not? Pre-opening hours tour of one of Gotham City's great museums

Why not? Learn to make a perfect American hamburger, paired with the perfect beer

Why not? Ride the shift with New York's finest in a squad car

Why not? Create a cake in New Jersey at the Cake Boss baking school. No extra charge for the NJ accent.

Why not? Photo rally, lunch at Robert De Niro's Tribeca Grill followed by a slide show of selected guests photos in the director's private screening room.

-BINGO in Greenwich Village. Game is hosted by a veteran drag queen.

Why not? Night bike tour of Central Park. Yes, it's safe.

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Any tour should begin or end with a view from the top. Current favorite perch is the Top of the Rock, the three stories of decks at Rockefeller Centre. Schedule willing, catch the sunset and still have time to shop at nearby stores: Saks Fifth Avenue, Nike, Armani Exchange, Abercrombie & Fitch, Juicy Couture and many others. Or shop and then go to the top.

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Large groups

- Dine-around New York's great steakhouses "Steaks so big they need a saddle"
- Around the World on one Island (ethnic restaurants)
- Armani Ristorante - Sleek and elegant, just like the clothes.
- Salon de Ning - Rooftop at the Peninsula Hotel with stupendous views of Fifth Avenue.

With hotels in the Times Square area, a dinearound for 800 can be organized with nary a coach.



Cheap and Cheerful

Planet Hollywood
Heartland Brewery

Raucous

Carmine's - Like being a guest at an Italian wedding

Small and intimate

Vice Versa Delicate Italian specialties

Beacon Fire grilled fare

Brasserie Cognac French bistro

Le Bernardin Posh fish and other fare

Nobu Sushi and such

Gabriel's Venetian, great celeb watching

Why not? Dinner in an artist's loft, street musicians to entertain. Instead of an expensive caterer, Chinese take away. Or Thai. Or Korean. Or Italian. Or Indian. A night in NY like a New Yorker.



Why not? End any evening with a professional story teller, delicious cookies and milk.

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Day Three

Private concierge desk at the hotel to help guests make the most of their time.

New York City lost the bid for the 2012 Olympics, but shopping here wins gold medals every day. Ralph Lauren, Bloomingdale's, Saks Fifth Avenue, FAO Schwarz, Ugg, Tiffany's, and Abercrombie are some of the most famous. To discover are Juicy Couture, Bergdorf Goodman, TSE (cashmere), Coach and many others.

Why not? For the hard core shopper, visits to designer show rooms in the Garment District.

Why not? Backstage tours of Lincoln Centre, famous auction houses, Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, NYC jail

Why not? Shoot New York Learn/improve technique from a top professional photographer.

Why not? Manhattan walking tour featuring indoor and outdoor public art.

Optional excursions

Woodbury Commons - 220 up market discount shops in a village setting. One hour north in the glorious Hudson Valley

West Point - The famous military academy on the Hudson River

Storm King - Vast sculpture park, to be seen by bike, tram or on foot.

The Hamptons - Famous beaches and homes visited by bike or bus

-Historic homes in the Hudson Valley

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Boscobel in the Hudson Valley

-Why not? See the Hamptons from the back of a Harley

-Why not? Walking tour of the new Brooklyn Bridge Park, stroll across the Brooklyn Bridge, group photo on the steps of City Hall

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Anytime

Shuttle service to the helipad

Helicopter flips

Of all the activities, helicopter rides and free time and a heli ride win the most kudos.

The 12-15 minute heli flip flies over two rivers (East and Hudson), crosses Central Park, and passes almost close enough for a kiss on Lady Liberty's cheek



From the helipad, it's easy to hop on a ferry to Governor's Island or to Brooklyn, bike the island or walk the Brooklyn Bridge, enjoy a free ride on the Staten Island Ferry, or, for the retail obsessed, go mad with bargains available at Century 21. In 2013, the discount department store will be double its current size.

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Gala Dinners

River Café - Renowned four-star restaurant on a barge (75 pax)

Ben Benson's Steak House - set in a former Bank vault. (75 pax)

Buddakan - Used often in *Sex in the City*, over the top décor and excellent Asian fare (300 pax)

Cipirani 42nd Street - Elegant, soaring, dramatic former bank lobby inspired by Venetian palaces (800 pax)

The Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations (reopens late 2013 after a total renovation); (estimated 600 maximum)

Ellis Island - A castle built for immigrants (1,000 pax)



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Look at this! www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WZAO_tqmDY

Tribeca Rooftop - Former industrial space converted into a fabulous event venue (1400 on two floors plus roof terrace)



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Day Four

Gospel brunch: Exit Manhattan after rousing gospel music. Gospel in a church, gospel in a restaurant, gospel on the street, or at the hotel. Or attend a private jazz concert in a Harlem apartment. No better way to leave Manhattan than with tapping feet.

Departure



Farewell to
The Big Apple
Gotham City,
The World Capital of Excitement
Manna-hatta
Or,
As in the song, *New York, New York*
Liza Minelli's version
www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLeC9RvrKrU

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