

NYC FAQ

- **Where are we staying?**
 - Hotel Edison-228 West 47th Street, NYC, NY 10036
- **Can I smoke or vape in the hotel?**
 - Do not smoke or vape anywhere in the hotel. If the cleaning staff even smells smoke in your room, they will immediately fine your room
- **Where will the bus be on March 1st?**
 - The bus will be in the parking lot at the corner of 3rd Ave. and Hal Greer at 6:30am. Aim to get there at 6:30.
- **When will the bus leave Huntington?**
 - The bus leaves at 7am. If you are late, we will not wait for you.
- **Where can you park or be dropped off/ picked up for the bus?**
 - The easiest thing to do will be to have a family member or friend drop you off on Wednesday morning and pick you up again on Sunday evening.
 - Alternatively, if you have a Marshall student parking pass, you can park in the student lot behind the engineering building. Do NOT park in the lot where the bus is. It is a faculty lot and you will be ticketed everyday that you are in NYC if you try to park there.
- **How much luggage can you bring?**
 - Pack one piece of luggage, which will go in the luggage hold beneath the bus. Bring an additional backpack or small bag with you on the bus, packed with supplies you want during the ride (water, snacks, movies, etc.) We'll take breaks at rest stops and a longer stop for lunch as we go.
- **How can you travel in NYC?**
 - Buy a MetroCard from a kiosk in the subway station the night we arrive. The 7-day pass is the best deal. This will allow you to make unlimited trips. It is convenient because you won't have to worry about buying a fare or putting money on your metrocard each time you want to ride the subway while you're in NYC.
<https://new.mta.info/fares-and-tolls/subway-bus-and-staten-island-railway/about-metrocard>
 - Cabs can be used for a reasonable cost, especially if they are shared with a group.
- **Should I bring cash?**
 - Use cash, not checks. There are ATMs where you can withdraw cash as necessary, though most have transaction fees. About \$300-\$500 should cover you for your meals and museum entrances. Bring your student ID and you will get student discounts at most museums. Broadway shows are sometimes expensive, but wonderful to see. Our hotel is about a block from the ½ price ticket booth. Cash is the handiest for meals since most restaurants won't give individual checks for larger parties. If you go out to eat in a group and the restaurant won't split the bill, then agree in advance who will pay with a card and then use cash or Venmo each other your part. Do not bring a personal check and expect to get it cashed unless you have an account in NYC.
- **Will there be group adventures?**
 - The Faculty and I will provide great options for your day and evening itinerary. We will meet in the mornings at 10:00 AM in the hotel lobby. Come along with us or blaze your own path. However, know where you are going and don't go alone. Take several friends with you. It's more fun and much safer. Begin making a list of what you want to see and do. I will be emailing you many options to look at prior to our departure and I will also provide handouts on the bus.
- **How should I dress?**
 - Dress comfortably - wear jeans, sweaters, and casual clothes. Bring two pairs of comfortable shoes. Dress in layers of clothing so that you can be comfortable whatever the temperature. You can go anywhere, even to the theater casually dressed.
- **Should I bring valuables?**
 - Don't leave valuables in your hotel room. You can put them in a hotel safety deposit box. Better yet, don't bring them.
- **Can I take pictures in galleries and museums?**
 - Always ask permission before taking pictures in any of the galleries or museums. Museums and galleries are sometimes very strict about photography and copyright issues. Policies vary from one location to the next so don't assume.
 - Flash photography is almost always prohibited. If you take pictures of art in museums and galleries, turn off the flash.