

## Itinerary-

### Day 1 - June 5, 2026 - Friday - D

We'll depart Big Rapids Middle School at 5:00 am this morning for our exciting tour to the East Coast and Washington D.C.! We will stop at the Cleveland Zoo for some lunch (on own) and time to stretch our legs before heading to our hotel in New Jersey for the night.

### Day 2 - June 6, 2026 - Saturday - CB, L, & D

Today we will be exploring the "Big Apple". Our morning will start with a visit to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, where we will learn of the events, the aftermath and continuing implications of September 11, 2001. We then head to Rockefeller Center to see NYC from above at Top of the Rock. Next, we take a heart-stopping thrill ride on a 70-foot speedboat called the Beast, out to view the Statue of Liberty. Following that we will head to Times Square for some shopping and dinner at Planet Hollywood. Following dinner, we will spend the evening watching a Broadway show.\*

\*Itinerary may change due to ticket availability

### Day 3 - June 7, 2026 - Sunday - CB, L, & D

After breakfast at the hotel, we head out for Washington D.C.. After lunch our afternoon will be spent exploring the Smithsonian Museums. We will have dinner at the Union Station and then take a guided tour of our nations memorials before heading to our hotel for the night.

### Day 4 - June 8, 2026 - Monday - CB, L, & D

Our visit continues in Washington D.C. with a visit to Arlington Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard Ceremony. After, we will depart for Gettysburg where we will get lunch and stop into the Gettysburg Visitors Center to see the movie New Birth of Freedom and the Cyclorama. We then visit the Shriver House, where we will learn what it was like being a civilian during the Battle of Gettysburg. Last we will make a stop for dinner at the Farmhouse Restaurant on our way to the hotel for the night.

### Day 5 - June 9, 2026 - Tuesday - CB, L, & D

This morning will be spent touring the Gettysburg National Military Park with a Park Service Guide. This afternoon and evening, we'll enjoy the amusement rides at Hershey Park! Afterwards, we will reboard our motorcoach and head for home.

### Day 6 - June 10, 2026 - Wednesday

We will arrive back in Big Rapids at approximately 9:00 am

Meals Included Key: B=Breakfast CB=Continental Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

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#### Departure Point & Time

June 5 - 5:00 am at Big Rapids Middle School

#### Return Point & Time

June 10 - 9:00 am (approx.) at Big Rapids Middle School

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# The East Coast Trip



Presented by Countryside Tours

**June 5 ~ 10, 2026**

#### Your Tour Includes:

- Transportation via deluxe highway motorcoach
- Four nights accommodations at a first-class hotel
- A visit to the Cleveland Zoo
- A visit to the 9/11 Memorial Museum that examines the implications of the events of September 11, 2001
- A visit to Top of the Rock
- A 30-minute wet-n-wild ride at 45 mph through the New York Harbor, with an up-close view of the Statue of Liberty on a boat called The Beast (weather permitting)
- Shopping and Dinner at Planet Hollywood in Times Square
- See a Broadway show\*
- A visit to the Washington D.C. Smithsonian Museums
- A tour of Washington D.C. with a local guide and visit historic sights and memorials
- A visit to Arlington Cemetery to see the Changing of the Guard Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- We will learn of the harrowing experiences the civilians went through living in Gettysburg during the Civil War at the Shriver House Museum
- A guided tour of Gettysburg National Military Park
- Admission to Hershey Park, which offers roller coasters, water rides, and more
- All taxes and tips included, with the exception of \$5 per student for our bus driver's tip, which will be collected the morning of departure
- Meals are included except lunch on Day 1

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**PRICE \$1,499.00**

per student based on four students sharing a room with two double beds.



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## Reservation Coupon - Please Print Clearly

Please make my reservation for The East Coast Trip, June 5-10th, 2026. I have enclosed the \$100.00 deposit. Make check payable and mail to: Countryside Tours, Inc., P.O. Box 48, Sand Lake, Michigan 49343

Full Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male Female

**Parent or Guardian responsible for student and who should receive correspondence:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to receive any future mailings or information via: U.S Mail E-Mail

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Signature of Cardholder X \_\_\_\_\_

**We have read the Terms and Conditions and understand and accept the contents of the brochure (including cancellation policy):**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian Signature*

X \_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature*

**Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis**

## Terms and Conditions

**Reservations, Deposits, Final Payments:** Reservations will be accepted on a first come/first served basis with a deposit of \$100.00 made payable to Countryside Tours, Inc. Reservation coupon and check must be sent to Countryside Tours, Inc., P.O. Box 48, Sand Lake, Michigan 49343-0048. Final payment will be due on, or prior to, March 31, 2026. Late payments will be assessed a penalty of \$25.00.

**Insufficient Fund Checks:** There will be a \$30.00 charge for checks with insufficient funds.

**Tour Cost:** The tour cost as advertised in this brochure is based on current costs and tariffs in effect at the time of printing. Should these change, an adjustment (either way) will result. If the advertised tour cost is increased by more than 5%, you may cancel within 10 days of notification and receive a full refund.

**Cancellations and Refunds:** Cancellations MUST be made in writing (email is acceptable) to our office. For cancellations on or prior to the March payment deadline there will be a full refund less an administrative fee of \$50.00. For cancellations received after that date there will be no refund of the \$100.00 deposit. No-shows for your Spring Mandatory Meeting (without permission) will be dropped from the tour and the deposit will be forfeited. Cancellations after the March payment deadline are as follows: Cancellations received 30 days before the trip date will receive a 50% refund; Cancellations received 14 days before the trip date will receive a 25% refund; Cancellations received seven days before the trip or no-shows will receive no refund.

**Broadway Theater Tickets:** If your school's itinerary includes Broadway Theater Tickets, the cost of the ticket will be non-refundable after February 1, 2026.

**Membership on Tours:** Countryside Tours, Inc. reserves the right to accept, decline, or dismiss any person as a member of our tour. This is not a school sponsored trip. The group leader of the trip reserves the right to refund the deposit of, and deny the trip to, any student who does not demonstrate the self-discipline and responsible behavior necessary to participate successfully on this trip. Any student who becomes ineligible in extracurricular activities, or receives 3 or more days of suspension, may not be eligible for this trip. Cancellation penalties will apply.

**Unacceptable Behavior While on the Trip:** Countryside Tours, Inc. reserves the right to discipline a student while on the trip according to the Conduct Contract and/or send a student home at the parents' expense if the behavior warrants it.

**Tours Canceled by Countryside Tours, Inc.:** Countryside Tours, Inc. reserves the right to cancel a tour due to insufficient participation. In this case, complete refund of monies, minus 3% on credit card payments, will be made without penalty.

**Fundraising Opportunities:** In case of a student cancellation for any reason, any fundraiser monies earned will be forfeited and retained by Countryside Tours, Inc. to help fund the program.

**Photographs/Film:** The undersigned parent or guardian hereby consents to allow their child to be photographed individually, or as a group, and further consents to the publication of said photographs/film for the promotion of student and youth trips for Countryside Tours, Inc.

**Hotels:** Hotel accommodations for the overnight stops have been carefully selected based on four students sharing a room with two double beds with private bath. Countryside Tours, Inc. reserves the right to substitute hotels when necessary.

**Damages:** The undersigned parent or guardian will be responsible for covering the costs of any damages caused by their child. Damages include those to the motorcoach, attractions, restaurants and hotels used during the trip. If damage is caused in a hotel room and no one takes responsibility for those damages, the cost will be evenly divided among those students sharing that room.

**Tour Itinerary:** Although we strive to follow the itinerary as closely as possible, we at Countryside Tours, Inc. reserve the right to alter the itinerary at any time, with or without notice, due to unforeseen events, holidays, closings, etc., with the mutual understanding that any additional expense will be paid by the individual tour member.

**Responsibility:** Countryside Tours, Inc., P.O. Box 48, Sand Lake, Michigan 49343-0048 and its suppliers provide the services mentioned in this brochure and act only in the capacity as agent in arranging the various accommodations and services and therefore assumes no responsibility for delays of arrival or departure, theft, accidents, loss, damage or injury to person or property, or for any condition beyond its control, or for loss or expense incurred thereby.