

Tartan Days - NYC

Itinerary



Wednesday, April 3, 2019: On Arrival you will be met at the airport by a local guide who will assist you with the transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a midtown walking tour with your guide, starting off with Time Square, Radio City Music hall and 5th avenue where you will see all the high-end retail shops (tiffany's, Henri Bendel, Saks Fifth Avenue, Trump Tower, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Rockefeller Center). Enjoy the 360-degree views from the Top of the Rock Observation Desk, high above the NYC skyline.

Thursday, April 4, 2019: Experience NYC from the comfort of a double decker bus, enjoy the hop on hop off of this wonderfully narrated tour through NYC. Celebrate with Saint Andrew's Society at the National Tartan Day Annual cocktail party host for the NYC Scottish community to celebrate its love of all things Scotland.

**Jacket and tie required/Highland dress preferred*

Friday, April 5, 2019: Continue with the 2nd half of your double decker bus experience tour and see more interesting sights. Join the NY Caledonian Club for their annual, highly popular Pre-Parade Ceilidh – an established highlight of Tartan Week! Enjoy Scottish entertainment and music, dancing, food and refreshment.

Saturday, April 6, 2019: Today is the National Tartan Day Parade – A day for celebrating Scottish Heritage and Pride!
Kick off parade with the Kirkin o' the Tartan Church Service and Pre-Parade brunch. A time-honored event for the entire family. All are welcome to march with Saint Andrew's at the parade. There is no charge to march in the parade but you must register to do so, no registration needed to watch.

Sunday, April 7, 2019: Departure transfer to the Airport and return home from a great adventure. (Add-on to Ellis Island Festivities available).



**Price: \$1,375 pp/Double
\$1,775 pp/Single**

Tartan Week in New York



Tartan Week in New York – a week-long celebration of Scottish heritage. During Tartan Week lots of Scottish-themed events and activities are organized throughout the city, the highlight of which being Tartan Day. Tartan Day is known for its parade: with bagpipe bands, Highland dancing and other Scottish-themed displays. America is home to around six million people of Scottish descent: who celebrate just as enthusiastically as their kin in Scotland on their own Tartan Day. In New York, Tartan Week is even known to rival March’s extravagant St. Patrick’s Day.

Tartan Day in New York

The 6th of April is the official Tartan Day which commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which was used as a basis for the American Declaration of Independence. Tartan Day was introduced ‘to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions of Scottish Americans to the United States’. The day is about celebrating all that is good about Scotland: its people, its history, its heritage, its culture and its legacy to the world.

When is the Tartan Day Parade?

The Tartan Day Parade takes place on the closest Saturday to Tartan Day itself. 2019’s Tartan Day Parade in New York will take place on Saturday 6th April from 14:00.

Tartan Day Parade in New York

In 2019, the 21st Annual New York Tartan Day Parade is on the 6th of April and begins at 14:00. The Parade starts on 45th Street and moves up 6th Avenue to 55th Street. Hundreds of bagpipers and drummers in bands from all over America join the parade. They wear traditional Scottish dress and march with their clans, associations, societies and even some Scottish Terriers! It’s a big event led by a Grand Marshal. During the parade, thousands of participants march their way up 6th Avenue, whilst throngs of New York spectators show support along the route.

If you want to start the celebrations before the parade, head to one of the city’s pubs or bars. There’s even a ‘pub crawl’ the week before the parade. The starting point is St. Andrews Pub and Restaurant (140 West 46th Street) in Midtown.

What else can you expect on Tartan Day?

Between the 6th and 8th of April 2018 you can also pay a visit to Ellis Island: at the Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island National Monument. Here, The Clan Currie Society, one of the largest Scottish heritage organizations in the US holds their annual celebrations. The free program includes pipers, drummers and highland dancers showcasing Scottish culture. Attendees of non-Scottish ancestry get a chance to experience the nation’s traditional music, drink, and tasty food.