

Highlight Passport

May

2024

Weekends are now Highlight times!

If you were bored on weekends and didn't know what to do, well you missed a lot. Highlight day trips are back and we hit the pavement running. At the end of April, the club hosted three wonderful day trips in the area. On Sat, 27th, our first trip of the year was to one of our travelers famous places, the Hard Rock Cafe for lunch and then walk around Time Square. On Sunday, we headed to Long Island for the



American Airpower museum. We had a guided tour of the museum and afterwards, we ate lunch outside watching the planes landing and taking off. It was a fun day, but we had one more day to go. Monday, a couple of travelers went to the NY public library in NYC (It's the main branch of the library in New York). We had a group tour of the library and then went to explore the Treasures exhibit. The Treasures exhibit had some amazing items on display, from the Gutenberg bible to the stuffed animal that inspired the books, Winnie the Pooh. The tour and exhibit are free and you can pick up your library card when you are there. We did!

The following weekend, we were at it again. It was a new month, so three more day trips. We started the weekend off at the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Long Island, the home of Theodore Roosevelt. After picking up our Access pass, (which is a lifetime free pass to all National Parks in the United States for people with disabilities. You need a letter from a doctor describing the disability the person has to qualify for the pass) we walked around the museum before heading on the nature trail. It was a beautiful walk in the woods that took us down to the beach. Next we walked up to the Sagamore Hill house and farm to see where



Theodore Roosevelt lived. It was a nice peaceful, enjoyable day and if you like National Parks, it is a must see. On Sunday, we were back in NYC. The weather wasn't the greatest, so we decided to change our plans. So, we headed uptown to Central Park and did a walking tour of the city. We saw; American Museum of Natural History, The MET, Central Park, Belvedere Castle, Fashion district, Grand Central, Times Square and Penn Station. By the time we got to Penn Station, it was



raining pretty heavily and we walked over 10 miles. It was a good day and we put a lot of steps on our fitbits! Our last day trip was on Monday and took us to Hoboken NJ to find Carlos' bake shop. The travelers had to use street maps and signs to locate the Bakery on the map, no phones. We walked through Frank Sinatra Park and enjoyed the views of Manhattan from NJ. The two travelers did an amazing job and we all got treats for the bakery.

The cakes were so good, I even bought one for my brother. If you are interested in any of our day trips, check out our website for information about them. A lot of our outdoor day trips are free with only a \$25 admin fee for the traveler. All trips are open to the public. If you have any questions, email: Mary highlightvacations@gmail.com

Trips for 2024

The Germany trip is closed and we are not taking more travelers on that trip unless they pay for a single room or sign up with a roommate. You can still sign up for the New Mexico, and Finger Lakes trip. Sign up with a friend and save money. Let's see who is reading the newsletters, sign up by May 30, 2024 and SAVE. At the bottom of your enrollment form, write: **I'm a Highlighter! and you will get \$100 off your trip if you have not signed up already.** It must be on the enrollment to get the discount! (Remember to write - "I'm a Highlighter!" On your enrollment form).

Please mail all deposits and enrollments to: Highlight Vacations, 2969 Avenue T, Brooklyn NY 11229 before March 30th.

Pay with Zelle

We are happy to say that we are a legitimate business company now! We are set up to take payment by Zelle. (which is bank to bank transfers) we have finished setting up the credit card

system as well. There will be a 3% charge for using the credit card system (sorry), but there is no charge for Zelle. We will continue to take checks and Money Orders as usual.

Friends and Family Program!

Our Friends and Family program is open to everyone and it is going well. We have people from our community going on each trip and it is enriching the program. Sign up with a friend and you both save on your trip. If you know someone that would like to join us on a trip and they sign up, you both save on your trip and they save on their trip even if it is a different trip. If you have any questions, please email me: highlightvacations@gmail.com

Day Trips:

On Sat. June 8th, we head to Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, NY at 12:00 noon. Take a walk through history as you visit the place where Howard Hughes took off to fly around the world. Bring your lunch, there is no place to buy lunch. Please sign up by June 4th, 2024. All day trips have a \$25 fee per traveler for admin cost.

On Sunday June 9th, Lunch at Ben's Kosher Delicatessen in Queens. We will meet 59 Old Country Rd. Carle Place, NY 11514 at 12:00 noon. We will be ordering off the menu, so the cost will differ with each traveler, but I would like to work on budgeting skills to keep them between \$20 - \$25 per traveler for lunch. Please sign up by June 4th, 2024, so that I have a head count. All day trips have a \$25 fee per traveler for admin cost.

On Monday, June 10th, Tenement Museum Tour in NYC at 12 noon. Come see how people lived in the lower east side of Manhattan. Learn the history from a National Park Ranger as we tour the tenement building. The tickets for the tour are \$30 per person and must be purchased in advance. You must sign up for the trip by June 4th. All day trips have a \$25 fee per traveler for admin cost.

Please sign up for the June day trips by June 4th. Remember all day trips have a \$25 administration fee to cover costs. For more information about the day trip, go to the website: www.highlightvacations.com or email me at: highlightvacations@gmail.com

Activity Levels:

When signing up for a trip/vacation, please consider the activity level of the trip. This gives the traveler an idea of the amount of walking/activity that is per day. Here is the list of the Activity Levels for all day trips and vacations for the upcoming year.

Guide to Activity Level for Trips

Activity Level 1: I'm a Chilling •

-This is your trip to sit back and relax. Walking is to the minimal, maybe walk a mile during the day. Stopping and smelling the roses is a must on this trip. You like to take your time and enjoy what you are doing. You don't want to be rushed to the next activity. (Lots of stops to rest).

Activity Level 2: Keep the Pace: ••

-You like to spend most of the day walking and sightseeing, and you can keep up with the group. You like to see a lot and to stay busy, but you also like a restful afternoon by the pool or reading a good book occasionally. These travelers can walk from 2 to 4 miles in the morning with ease and enjoy a quiet afternoon.

Activity Level 3: On Your Feet traveler! •••

-This is for the traveler that likes to be on the go. To spend the morning in a museum or sight seeing a castle. Then they have the opinion to go swimming in the afternoon or shopping or continuing exploring the area. These travelers like to constantly like to be on the go! This group can walk from 5 to 9 miles a day, it's up to what you do!

Activity Level 4: What's Next on the List: ••••

-You enjoy spending the day on the move! You are comfortable spending the day walking around town, or uneven paths, or taking public transportations. You are ready for anything!!! You want to see everything and you are willing to try new things. These travelers can walk up to 10 miles or more a day and be ready tomorrow to do it again.

Activity Level: Choose Your Pace:

This is a trip that is the traveler's pick. It allows the traveler to pick the activity level that they would like to do for that day. Staff will be available for them on a day-by-day rotation, so that each traveler will be able to do their activity level that they choose for the day. If the activity level cannot be covered on a particular day because of staff shortage, it will be selected on the following day



Our teatime socials are the second Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm

It is a great way to discuss what is important in the club with our travelers. We talk about what is going on in the community and spend time with good friends and learn skills for when we are traveling.

This month's helpful hint: How to convert US dollars into foreign currency and budgeting our money.

If you have already been to one of our teatime socials, you do not have to sign up again. If you would like to join us for the first time, please **sign up on our website:** www.highlightvacations.com or highlightvacations@gmail.com

Meeting ID: 252 877 3186

Passcode: 002029.

Celebrate Good times!!!



Birthday Wishes:

May: Jennifer R. (27th), Stacey D. (28th), Matthew C. (31st) & Joey M (31st)

June: Michael B (1st), Liz S. (4th), Gina L. (8th), Lee P (20th) James T (23th)

Condolence to Jennifer R. on the passing of her sister-inlaw Sandy.

The staff and travelers would like to wish all the mothers in our families a happy and healthy Mother's Day.



Email me and let me know when it's your birthday, anniversary, graduation or any good news that you have, so I can share it with everyone. please email me at: [**highlightvacations@gmail.com**](mailto:highlightvacations@gmail.com)

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