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R.C. PALMER SECONDARY SCHOOL
6 DAY / 5 NIGHT FASHION TOUR TO NEW YORK CITY
MARCH 14 – 19, 2018 (tentative)
Preliminary Itinerary– November 21, 2016

*Note: It is the responsibility of all participants to be in possession of the correct documentation to travel out of the country. Failure to do so will result in participants being denied entry/boarding and returned home at the expense of the individual. **Canadian Citizens require a valid passport** (the Canadian Government recommends that passports are valid at least for the duration of your travel). **Groups are advised to obtain witnessed letters of consent for persons under 18 years of age.** Non-Canadians must check entry and transit requirements. Please notify the group leader at time of booking if you will be traveling with a passport from another country so we can check requirements and advise you accordingly.*

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 14 – DEPARTURE DAY

D

- transportation to the airport is the responsibility of the group
- 6:15am - arrive at **Vancouver International Airport, US Departures**
- groups are requested to check in 3 hours prior to scheduled departure
- pre-clear US Customs and proceed to your departure gate
- we recommend purchasing food at the airport to take on board the aircraft with you
- 9:15am - scheduled departure on **your flight from Vancouver to New York**
- food available for purchase on board via credit card only (cash no longer accepted)
- remember to change your watches to local time at destination
- 5:00pm - scheduled arrival at **Newark International Airport**
- collect luggage and locate your **coach**
- load coach and **transfer to Manhattan**
- 7:00pm - arrive at the **hotel** and check in for **5 nights**
- you have the use of a **One Week Unlimited Metro Pass** for transportation throughout the city
- make your way to the restaurant
- 8:00pm - **group dinner**
- dinner ends; return to your hotel on foot or by subway and retire to your rooms for the evening

Day 2 – Thursday, March 15 –NEW YORK CITY

B

- **breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:00am - meet your **local guide from Beyond Times Square** in the hotel lobby and enjoy a **3 hour Metro 101 tour** of the city
- 12:00pm - tour ends at Rockefeller Center
- time to purchase lunch in the area
- after lunch meet up with your **guide** for a visit to **Harlem**
- almost a city unto itself, Harlem is one of the most famous neighborhoods in the world. Founded by the Dutch in 1658, Harlem was once farmland and the first US home of hundreds of thousands of European immigrants. The center of New York City's African American culture, Harlem is a diverse neighborhood with a vibrant and influential history. Your **fully guided tour** explores the changing face of Harlem, with special focus on the Harlem Renaissance of the

1920s and 1930s. A literary, music, drama, and art revival in Harlem, the Renaissance period cultivated and nurtured the talents of great jazz musicians like Duke Ellington and Cab Calloway, and authors such as Zora Neale Hurston and W.E.B. Du Bois. Home to the famed Apollo Theater and Cotton Club, the effect of the Harlem Renaissance can still be felt in America's artistic and cultural life today.

- **guided tour** of the **Apollo Theatre** included
- after the tour the guide will take you to a nearby soul-food restaurant
- purchase dinner
- return to your hotel by subway and retire to your rooms for the evening

Day 3 – Friday, March 16 - NEW YORK CITY

B

- **breakfast** at the hotel
- make your way to the **Fashion Museum at F.I.T.** (address: Seventh Avenue at 27th Street, NY 10001)
- arrive and check in for your tour
- **tour begins**
- tour ends; time to explore the other exhibitions in chaperoned groups
- time to purchase lunch – perhaps at the Chelsea Market
- enjoy a stroll along The High Line which runs through three of Manhattan's most dynamic neighborhoods: the Meatpacking District, West Chelsea, and Hell's Kitchen/Clinton. When the High Line was built in the 1930s, these neighbourhoods were dominated by industrial and transportation uses. Now many of the warehouses and factories have been converted to art galleries, design studios, retailers, restaurants, museums, and residences.
- make your way to the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) (address: 11 W 53rd St, New York, NY 10019; nearest subway: 5th Ave @ 53 St or Rockefeller Center)
- admission is free for all visitors during UNIQLO Free Friday Nights, every Friday evening from **4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** To avoid long lines, visitors are strongly encouraged to arrive after 6:00 p.m. Please refrain from bringing large bags, as all items larger than 11 x 15 x 5" must be checked. The line for UNIQLO Free Friday tickets begins at the Museum's 54 Street entrance. Your UNIQLO Free Friday Night ticket permits entry to all Museum galleries and exhibitions. Film admission is free, but a separate ticket is required.
- make your way to Times Square area
- time to purchase dinner in chaperoned groups
- make your way to **Discovery Times Square** (address: 226 West 44th Street, NY 10036; nearest subway: Times Square-42 St)
- arrival at Discovery Times Square; group leader is required to check in with DTS Management before bringing students into the building
- entry to **Current Exhibition (if Fashion related – TBA)** (please allow 1 to 1 ½ hours for the duration of your visit – chaperones must accompany student groups throughout the exhibit)
- after your visit return by subway or on foot to your hotel

Day 4 – Saturday, March 17 – NEW YORK

B/D

- **breakfast** at the hotel
- gather as a group in the hotel lobby
- meet your **guide** from **Shop Gotham** in the hotel lobby for a **3 ½ hour Fashion Tour of SoHo and Nolita**
- tour will consist of – discussion with a Store Manager on the topic of branding and merchandising, guide-led merchandising and marketing discussions at approximately 3 stores, fun shopping time with exclusive discounts, walking tour of the area including fascinating architecture and history with celebrity trivia, Industry Technology and Fashion Trends discussions, informal fun quiz at the end
- tour ends; time to purchase lunch
- time for exploring and shopping in supervised groups at some of the most famous department

- stores in New York; Bloomingdale's, Saks Fifth Avenue, Barney's, Lord and Taylor, etc
- **Fifth Avenue** – located in the center of Manhattan, the best Fifth Avenue shopping takes place between 39th and 60th Street at NYC flagship stores. Whether you are searching for the latest fashions, NY souvenirs, or useful house wares, New York outlets on Fifth Ave cater to every taste and budget.
- stop to see the iconic New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street and St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue and 50th Street
- make your way to **Madame Tussauds Wax Museum** (address: 234 West 42nd Street, NY 10036; nearest subway: Times Square-42 St)
- arrive for a **self-guided visit** with your **All Access Pass** where you can sing live at the American Idol Experience, audition for a block buster movie, and get up close and personal with J. Lo!
- walk as a group to the **restaurant**
- **group dinner**
- dinner ends; walk to the **Theatre**
- arrive in time to pick up your tickets and find your seats
- **Broadway Show begins!**
- show ends; return to your hotel by foot or by subway

Day 5 – Sunday, March 18 – NEW YORK

B/D

- **breakfast** at the hotel
- 9:00am - make your way to the **Metropolitan Museum of Art (the MET)** (address: 1000 Fifth Avenue, NY 10028 – nearest subway: 86 Street (or go by bus))
- on arrival please enter through the Museums entrance at 81st Street; group leader to check in at the Group Registration Desk located in the Carson Family Hall – Uris Center for Education
- 10:00am - enjoy a **self-guided visit** of one of the world's great art museums – works date from prehistoric times to the present – it houses collections from all continents, including ancient Egyptian art and American sculpture and decorative art since colonial times – those interested can join a **free guided tour Fashion in Art** which offers insights into the landmarks of costume history and examines the different materials used from the sixth century B.C. through modern times (tour times TBA)
- exit the museum and enjoy a walk through **Central Park**
- this world famous urban park covers 843 acres, which is 6% of Manhattan. The Park stretches from Central Park South (59th St.) to 110th St. at the northern end and from 5th Ave. on the East Side to Central Park West (8th Ave.) on the West Side.
- walk from the MET to Belvedere Castle; continue to Loeb Boathouse for lunch (fast food outside); on to the beautiful Bethesda Fountain and Terrace – a great place for a group photo
- at Central Park West is the American Museum of Natural History (admission fees on your own)
- head to Rockefeller Plaza where you can visit the NBC Experience Store – Shopping's never been so entertaining. A brand new store. A whole new shopping experience. More fun, more interactive content, and more exclusive merchandise from your favorite NBC shows.
- make your way to **Ellen's Stardust Diner** (address: 1650 Broadway at 51st Street, NY 10019 – nearest subway: 50th Street)
- **group dinner**
- dinner ends; make your way to the **Empire State Building** (address: 350 Fifth Avenue, NY 10118 – nearest subway: 34th Street Herald Square; journey time 15 mins – or walk)
- arrival and check in at the Empire State Building; Ms. Hay to pick up your tickets
- enjoy **timed entry to the Observation Deck** for a spectacular view of the city
- on your way to the observatories you will explore the Sustainability Exhibit – this thought-provoking installation translates the technical retrofit story into an easy-to-understand experience that introduces the top of energy efficiency in the context of the Empire State Building, New York City, and the planet; the vibrant exhibit combines physical artifacts with technology and seamlessly integrates digital and sculptural elements to create interactive museum that educates and entertains visitors

- return to your hotel on foot or by subway

Day 6 – Monday, March 19 – DEPARTURE HOME

B

- **breakfast** included at the hotel and check out
- store your luggage for the morning
- your last chance to explore in chaperoned groups and pick up souvenirs
- time to purchase lunch
- return to the hotel and retrieve your luggage
- 2:30pm - load your **locally chartered coach**
- 3:00pm - transfer to **Newark International Airport**
- 4:00pm - arrival and check in at the **Air Canada** airline counter
 - *groups are requested to check in 3 hours prior to scheduled departure*
 - we recommend purchasing food at the airport to take on board with your
- 7:00pm - scheduled departure of **your flight** from **New York to Vancouver**
 - *food available for purchase on board via credit card*
 - *remember to change your watches to local time at destination*
- 9:40pm - scheduled arrival at **Vancouver International Airport, International Arrivals**
 - proceed through Passport Control, collect luggage and clear Customs
 - WELCOME HOME!

B - Breakfast / D - Dinner / M – Airline Meal / S – Snack - denote meals included in tour cost

Please advise your group leader in advance of any allergy and/or dietary restriction, so that we can advise our suppliers of the request. Not every location may be able to accommodate allergy and/or meal requirements for unique circumstances.

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