JOE 2025 PRE-TRIP WeEve1-Circle Line Harbor Lights Cruise

Day: Wednesday, August 27, 2025	Start Time: 6:00 PM	End Time: 9:00 PM
Leader:	Co-Leader:	Limit: none
Transportation: Circle Line		Location: Pier 83-Hudson
		River
Tour Cost: \$49.00 – Advanced	Travel Distance: N/A	Tour Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00
Registration		pm

WeEve1 - Circle Line Harbor Lights Cruise

See the City the way it was meant to be seen from the water, admiring the stunning evening lights of New York's

celebrated skyline and landmarks. Narrated by informative and entertaining guides, this tour aboard NYC's most iconic and state-of-the-art boat is an unforgettable experience.

Sail down the Hudson River, passing the colossal Hudson Yards, impressive Chelsea Piers, and the towering One World Trade Center, before rounding the spectacular tip of southern Manhattan and ultimately cruising only a few feet away from the magnificent Statue of Liberty.



Get your camera ready for some of the best selfie opportunities of your life. And you won't miss a thing as our award-winning tour guides narrate the story of New York City as you sit back and relax in the comfort of one of our state-of-the-art boats.

Food will be available on board for purchase at the Circle Line Café. It will include sandwiches, salads, hot dogs, and chips. Beverages include soda, juice, bottled water, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, and hot chocolate. Wine and beer are also available for purchase.

- Tour Duration: 7:00 pm 9:00 pm
- Tour Cost \$54 Advanced Registration Only (includes Harbor Lights Cruise and one soft drink ticket)
- Bring money to purchase dinner, a sweater, or a light jacket, as it could be cool or windy on the water.
- Meet at Pier 83 @ W. 43rd Street Circle Line Ticket window @ 6:00 pm
- An add-on beverage package, including an open bar throughout the cruise and one food item per package, including a pizza, loaded nachos, a hotdog, a pretzel, or garden salad, is available. Click HERE for the beverage menu (tax/fees to be added, NOT included in base price).
- <u>Circle Line Café</u> Pay as You Go. No outside food is permitted on the Circle Line.
- YouTube 1 | YouTube 2
- <u>TripAdvisor</u> (4.5 stars, 865 Reviews)
- Interactive map of the cruise

Leader's Responsibilities

- Run the meet the leader meeting on Tuesday evening.
- Circle Line cruise tickets will be distributed at the Meet the Leader meeting on Tuesday
- Meet at the Circle Line Ticket Office at Pier 83 on the Hudson River W. 3rd St. & West Side Highway by 6:00 pm
- Near the end of the cruise, determine who wants to head back directly after the cruise and who wants to stay for late nights in the city.
 - See <u>Public Transit Options</u> for more information on bus or train choices and schedules.
 - Note: The most straightforward way home from the cruise is by bus, but do not suggest this option for a large group. Take the train instead due to the guaranteed availability of seats on a train vs. bus if the group is over six people.

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Logistics

6:00 pm Meet at the Circle Line Ticket window where Circle Line Harbor Light Cruise tickets will be distributed to the group at the Meet Your Leader Meeting in the hotel at 8:30 pm on Tuesday.

Note: We will invite locals to this activity. They will need to pre-pay to get a discount and will be on the list. Any locals who have not pre-paid are welcome to join us by buying their tickets at the full rate. You will be responsible for handing out last-minute tickets to this group.

6:15 pm Begin boarding Circle Line Harbor Lights Cruise. **7:00 pm -9:00 pm** Circle Line Harbor Lights Cruise departs Pier 83

9:00 pm Circle Line Harbor Lights Cruise returns to Pier 83.

Break into three groups before debarking from the ship as the cruise ends.

- 1. The first group is those who want to head directly back to the hotel. A pre-assigned leader (TBD) will lead this group back to the hotel. Make sure to get an accurate count to pass on to the pre-assigned leader.
- 2. The second group is who wants to stick around NYC with two sub-groups:
 - a. Of the group that wants to stay out longer, determine if they will stick with the group or head out on their own.
 - b. Assign a group leader to lead the group around town for those who want to stick together.
 - c. Anyone not in the group is personally responsible for getting home. Make sure they understand the <u>Public Transit Options</u>.

To get to Pier 83

By Subway (Metro):

1, 2, 3, 7, 9, A, C, E, N, or R train to Times Square 42nd Street B, D, F, or Q train to 5th Avenue and 42nd Street Then Walk 1 Mile (five avenues) for about 20 min Or catch the M42 Bus (14 Min from the corner of W 42 St/7 Av)



4, 5, or 6 train to 42nd Street Grand Central Station Walk 1 ½ Miles (eight avenues) about 30 Min Or catch the M42 bus (20 Min from E 42 St/Park Av)

By Bus:

Take the westbound crosstown M42 or M50 bus and get off at the last stop, 42nd Street and 12th Avenue.



Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises

83 North River Piers West 43rd Street and 12th Ave, New York, NY 10036, USA Departure Point: The tour departs from Pier 83, New York

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Directions from Circle Line Cruise to the Crown Plaza Hotel Newark Airport Via Bus

Get to Port Authority Bus Terminal

- 1) Via Walk one mile to Port Authority (7/10 Mile 18 Min)
 - a) Head East toward 43rd Street
 - b) Take 43rd Street to 9th Avenue
 - c) Turn right on 9th Ave
 - d) Find the entrance to Port Authority between 41st and 40th Streets on the left.
- 2) Take the M42 bus to 8th Ave. and walk one block to Port Authority (8 Min).
 - a) Catch the bus at the corner of 12 Av/42 St
 - b) Get off at 8th Ave.
 - c) Head downtown to Port Authority Entrance on 8^{th} between 41^{st} and 40^{th}
- 3) From Port Authority Bus Station (<u>Map of Port Authority</u>), take a 28-minute bus ride on Bus #112 towards Roselle and Clark to the North & Dowd Aves, Elizbeth, Stop ID: 26229
 - a) Cost is $\$8.05 / \$3.65 \frac{\text{Senior} + 62}{\text{Senior}}$ (not included in the base price).
 - b) The last bus, #112, leaves Port Authority at 11:35 pm
 - c) Schedule for Bus 112
 - d) You are at the first stop (about 30 minutes) after it leaves Port Authority Bus Station
 - e) You will know your stop is coming when the bus leaves Rt 95 just after passing by Newark Airport. Ring for a halt immediately after the bus exits the highway. The bus driver may not stop unless indicated.
 - f) The bus stop is between Elizabeth Truck Center on the left and ABC Airport Parking /Arrow Truck Sales on the right.
- 4) Once off the bus, walk 10 minutes / ¼ mile to the hotel:
 - a) Walk in the same direction as the bus travels to Rt. 9 / Spring Street (1/2 block).
 - b) To avoid traffic, turn right following the signs for Motel 6 just before Rt. 9 / Spring Street.
 - c) Go past The Lobby (nightclub) and Motel 6, heading towards Rt. 9/Spring Street.
 - d) Crown Plaza is on your right. Go through the gate to reach the hotel (125 ft.).
 - e) <u>Click here</u> to see a local map of the area around the hotel.

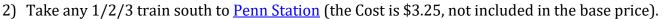






Directions from Circle Line Cruise to the Crown Plaza Hotel Newark Airport Via Train

- 1) Get to <u>42nd Street Subway station</u>:
 - a) Via Walk one mile to 42nd Street/Times Square Subway Station
 - i) Head East toward 43rd Street
 - ii) Take 43rd Street to 7th Avenue (Times Square)
 - iii) Turn right on 7th Ave
 - iv) Find the 42nd Street/Times Square Subway Station entrance on 42nd Street and 7th SE corner.
 - b) Via the $\underline{M42}$ bus to 7th Ave., follow the walking distance above.



- a) You can take the next NJ Transit Northeast Corridor, or NJ Coast train out of NY Penn Station, as long as they are not express trains. The cost is $\$8.30 / \$3.70 \frac{\text{Senior} + 62}{\text{Senior}}$ (not included in the base price).
- b) Click **HERE** to determine the schedule.
- c) There is a train leaving approximately every 30 to 45 minutes.
- d) The last train leaving NY Penn Station leaves at 1:22 am. DO NOT MISS IT.
- e) Arrive at North Elizabeth Trian Station after four stops / 26 to 30 minutes.
- 3) Once at North Elizabeth Trian Station, Walk/Drive 7/10 mile:
 - a) Go down to the parking lot and find the street. Turn right on North Avenue, uphill away from Stop & Shop.
 - b) Follow North Avenue ½ Mile to Rt. 9 / Spring Street.
 - c) Cross over Rt. 9 / Spring Street (major road) from the right side of North Avenue following the crosswalks.
 - d) Follow the walkways to turn left on Spring Street, following the direction of the traffic.
 - e) Crown Plaza is the third property down the street after The Lobby (Night Club) and Motel 6.

