

# **American - International Travel and Tours**

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## **TRAVEL NOTES – NYC 2026 – CHATFIELD HS BAND/CHOIR/ORCHESTRA/THEATRE**

### **TRIP PLANNING AND PACKING**

#### **TEMPERATURES/WEATHER:**

The average temperatures in Manhattan in March generally range from a low of 32 degrees at night to a high of 47 degrees during the day. Owing to our location near the water the air can feel very cold, chilly and damp, even on a sunny day. It could rain and/or snow, so be prepared! **You will want to check the weather forecast prior to packing.**

#### **PACKING:**

Clothing: Think layers! 2 pairs of comfortable shoes are a must (in case one gets wet). If inclement weather is predicted, consider waterproof boots or shoes. Chooka and Totes make inexpensive ankle to knee high varieties. An umbrella and/or poncho and warm items such as a waterproof jacket, hat, gloves and scarf should be brought. It is better to have something you don't need than to need something you don't have. Be prepared!

Snacks can be brought in your carryon or checked luggage, but do not transport carbonized beverages in your checked luggage! Anything containing lithium batteries should be in your carry-on luggage. Applying cellophane under the cap of liquids and gels, and/or plastic bags, can help avoid leakage with toiletries.

Water bottle (empty through airport security – ice is okay), cell phone charger, medications (enough for 1 -2 extra days) in the original prescription bottles if possible. **Medications should be carried onto the plane.** As NYC is a very vibrant (and noisy) city at night, you may want to consider an eye mask and ear plugs to assist with sleep. You may want to bring an empty stringy or backpack in your checked luggage to make movements easier.

**MONEY:** Large amounts of cash should not be brought. 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners are included in your tour package. NYC is expensive, and you may want to plan on \$25 - \$35 per day for meals/snacks. Should a Credit or Debit card is being utilized, you may need to notify the issuing financial institution (on the back of the card) that the traveler will be out-of-state. Also, make note of the PIN number if planning to withdraw cash. ATM's are readily available throughout the cities.

**NEW YORK HOTEL – The Ameritania:** Wi-Fi is free in the guestrooms and throughout the hotel. The rooms have 2 double beds, a TV, hairdryer, and bathroom amenities.

**FOOD:** There are fast foods like Starbucks, Subway, Pret a Manger, Burger King, Taco Bel, McDonald's, Chipotle and many more restaurants near the hotel. Duane Reade, CVS and Rite Aid are available nearby and have fresh food and snacks.

### **GIFTS/SOUVENIRS**

Make sure to leave room in your suitcase if you are planning to bring home souvenirs or gifts. Please note that snow globes can only travel in checked luggage and plan accordingly.

## **FLIGHTS AND AIRPORT PROCEDURES**

All passengers will be checked in as a group by our staff 24 hours prior to each flight to ensure earliest boarding. Currently, for airport check-in & security, **anyone 18-years or older will need ID.** This should be a "Real ID Compliant" Driver's License, U.S. Passport, U.S. Military ID or State Issued ID. Anyone 17 years or younger does not need an ID for the airline or security, but we would suggest bringing a School ID, Permit, or Driver's License. Please arrive at the airport no later than the designated time to meet your Tour Manager for group check-in and security.

### **LUGGAGE \*:**

Each traveler is permitted to travel with: **1 carry-on and 1 personal item** to bring onboard, along with **1 checked bag** for each airline. Checked luggage will need to be paid by the traveler (see below).

### **CARRY-ON LUGGAGE – No charge.**

This bag should not exceed 24" length X 16" width X 10" height, including wheels and handles. You are allowed to carry a one-quart size plastic bag with any liquids, gels or aerosol containers in a 3 oz. or smaller container. Anything containing lithium batteries should be in your carry-on bag.

### **PERSONAL ITEM – No charge.**

This can include purses, briefcases, laptops and instruments that should not exceed 17' length x 13" width x 8" height and must fit under the seat in front of you. A jacket/coat can be brought in addition.

### **CHECKED LUGGAGE – Will incur fees:**

**Please attach your completed luggage tag provided by American International Travel and Tours to your checked luggage handle prior to your arrival at DIA.** Checked bags should not weigh more than 50 pounds or exceed 62" (length + width + height). All amenities to include oils, lotions, gels and aerosols in containers larger than 3 oz. should be in your checked bag. Cellophane under the cap and/or plastic bags can help avoid leakage.

**WE SUGGEST TAKING A PICTURE OF ANY CHECKED LUGGAGE (NOTING A LABEL) TRAVELING.** In case of loss or damage, having a picture and description can expedite the process (there are a lot of "big black bags".)

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