# New York Travel Guide and Activities

*New York is a city which needs no introduction; you already know about its famous skyline, Central Park, Wall Street, Broadway and inhabitants from every walk of life and corner of the world. Not so much a 'melting pot', but a 'salad bowl' of cultures, colours and sounds. There's no other city like this in America or the world.*

### 5 THINGS TO SEE

- Visit Bronx Zoo
- Watch a Broadway Show
- Go Shopping on Fifth Avenue
- Picnic in Central Park
- Art at The Metropolitan Museum of Art

### 5 THINGS TO DO

- Statue of Liberty
- The Empire State Building
- Times Square
- Brooklyn Bridge
- Rockefeller Center

### CLIMATE

NYC has a humid subtropical climate. Winters are cold and damp with rain and /or snow while summers are typically warm and humid. The hottest month of the year is July while the coldest is January.

### CURRENCY

Currency: $ (US Dollars)
Avoid carrying large amounts of money, EC New York recommends to all of these students to get a bank account for the duration of their time at the school.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- 11 November 2019
- 28 November 2019
- 29 November 2019
- 25 December 2019
- 01 January 2020
- 20 January 2020
- 17 February 2020
- 25 May 2020
- 03 July 2020
- 07 September 2020
- 12 October 2020
- 11 November 2020
- 26 November 2020
- 27 November 2020
- 25 December 2020
- 31 December 2020

### TIME ZONE/ SEASONS

GMT -5

### ELECTRICITY

### COST OF LIVING

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| Coffee/Cappuccino (Starbucks) | $3.50-$5.00 |
| Bottle of water/soda (0.33 liter) | $1.00-$2.50 |
| Fast-Food combo meal | $6.00-$12.00 |
| Meal, inexpensive restaurant | $15.00-$25.00 |
| Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult) | $35.00-$150.00 |
| Public transport (local transport) | $2.75 (one-way) |
| Public transport (monthly pass) | $121.00-$130.00 |

### MAPS (TUBE MAPS / BUS ROUTES)

- NY Transport Maps
- NY Transport Schedules

### VISA REGULATION

For Visa information please read Applying for a Visa in USA

### USEFUL LINKS

- NYC Guide
- What's On
- Weather in New York
- How to get to your desired location

### TAP WATER - DRINKABLE!

Tap water is safe unless there's a sign to the contrary.

### TELEPHONE COUNTRY CODE

+1

### DRIVING AGE

The legal driving age in New York City is 18. Most rental companies require that you be at least 25 years old, have an international driving license, a second form of identity and a major credit card.

### ALCOHOL AGE

Legal age for purchasing or consuming alcohol in the US is 21 and many places will ask for identification.

### SMOKING LAWS

Smoking indoors is illegal. To buy cigarettes, you must be 18 years of age or older and must show identification.

### MEDICAL

If you are not at school and are in an emergency you can call 911 for ambulance, fire department or police department from any telephone or call the school's emergency number +1 347-567-3843.

If you need to see a doctor when the school is closed, the following clinics are open and close to EC New York:

#### Duane Reade Immediate Walk-In Medical Care

You do not need to make an appointment and they have locations all over New York.

#### Docs Walk-In

You do not need to make an appointment. They are open Mon- Thur 8am-8pm, Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-3pm and Sun 9am-2pm.

Make sure that the doctor you are visiting accepts your insurance. If the doctor has any questions about your insurance protection, ask him or her to call the insurance company directly.

We do not recommend going to the emergency room unless it is a major emergency. Emergency Room visits are extremely expensive in the United States.

### HEALTH & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All EC students must be covered by health insurance for the entire length of their stay in the U.S.