

Michael Ballam invites you to join him in...

New York City



along with friends of Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre

March 20-25, 2012

- ♪ *5 nights deluxe hotel accommodations at the Novotel. This great hotel is located in Broadway's Theatre District.*
- ♪ *Two evenings of Broadway's top productions: "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying" and a second Broadway performance to be announced soon*
- ♪ *An evening of Opera with the Metropolitan Opera for the fabulous performance of "L'Elisir d'Amore"*
- ♪ *Two spectacular sightseeing tours:*
 - ~*Uptown Tour will feature Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Central Park, LDS Temple, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fifth Avenue, Times Square and much more!*
 - ~*Downtown Tour will feature Wall Street, Brooklyn Bridge, 9-11 Memorial at the World Trade Center and Ground Zero, Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and more!*
- ♪ *Special exclusive informance/concert at Steinway Hall featuring Michael Ballam. Discussion with Jo Loesser, widow of Frank Loesser (Tony, Grammy & Academy Award winning songwriter)*
- ♪ *A rare opportunity to take a look behind the scenes of the magnificent Metropolitan Opera House on the backstage tour*
- ♪ *Private motor-coach transportation for sightseeing tours and the evening performances. Also roundtrip New York City airport transfers.***
- ♪ *Your choice of one of the following attractions with guide and transportation: Empire State Building Observatory Level, Tour of the United Nations building, or Ferry to the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island*
- ♪ *New York City Scenic Harbor Lights Cruise*
- ♪ *Plenty of free time to discover New York City*



Brooklyn Bridge



Lincoln Center



Financial District



Skyline of New York City

Tuesday, March 20th – “Start Spreading the News, We’re Leaving Today!”

Welcome to one of the world’s most beloved cities, New York City, where our comfortable accommodations are at the Novotel, which is located in theatre district and just minutes from Times Square. This evening you will have time on your own to relax or explore the “City That Never Sleeps.” You are welcome to join your Tour Manager for a spectacular view of the city from the Empire State Building* observation deck. There is so much the city has to offer.....your Tour Manager will provide you with many suggestions to fill your evening hours.

Wednesday, March 21st - In a city filled with famous cultural artistic centers, Steinway Hall stands as a musical treasure and the world’s most renowned piano landmark. It is here at Steinway Hall that Michael Ballam will provide an opera informance and short concert for the tour group and share some of his memorable experiences of living and performing in this exciting city. An additional treat this morning will be to have in our presence, Jo Loesser - the wife and widow of Frank Loesser. Mr. Loesser wrote the lyrics to over 700 songs and wrote and composed the Tony Award winning musicals “Guys and Dolls” and “How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying,” the comedy musical which we will be seeing at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre Thursday night.

We have purposely left this afternoon free simply because Wednesday is the only weekday that Broadway theatres offer matinee performances. A few of the great productions now playing include: Memphis, Anything Goes, Billy Elliott, Lion King, Mary Poppins, Wicked, Mama Mia!, Sister Act, Phantom of the Opera, War Horse, The Adams Family, Million Dollar Quartet, Jersey Boys, Spiderman and more.

If not attending a Broadway play, you may wish join your Tour Manager this afternoon for a fascinating tour of the United Nations Building.* You will still have time this afternoon to visit a museum, do some shopping, or do as you wish in the city with endless possibilities.

This evening our private motor-coach will transfer us to the Lincoln Center where we will spend time at the world renowned Metropolitan Opera House witnessing the glorious opera “L’Elisir d’Amore.” Donizett’s opera appears as number 12 on the Operabase list of the most-performed operas worldwide. It contains the popular aria “Una furtive lagrima,” one of the most famous and often-excerpted arias in all of opera.

Thursday, March 22nd – A special feature of this tour will be the opportunity to sit in on auditions held by Michael Ballam. Each year Michael Ballam travels from coast to coast to audition professional talent that would like to perform in Logan during the summer opera season. This morning you’ll get to experience several artists as they audition and share their beautiful voices in hopes of securing a contract with the Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theatre Company.

Later this morning we will enjoy our Uptown Tour in our comfortable private motor-coach joined by our local city guide. This tour is filled with many great sights of the city such as: Columbia University, Central Park, Manhattan LDS Temple, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Harlem, Apollo Theatre, Museum Mile, Carnegie Hall and Radio City Music Hall. We will stop on Fifth Avenue where we will have time to enjoy lunch, visit the sights at Rockefeller Center and go inside St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

New York City promises and delivers the world’s top entertainment and tonight we’ll be treated to “How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying.” This popular musical opened on Broadway in 1961 and earned 7 Tony Awards. It reopened last February to celebrate its 50th Anniversary, with the role of Finch being played by Daniel Radcliffe. This Broadway musical classic is one of the hottest tickets in town and a must-see show according to Michael Ballam.

Friday, March 23rd – Today we’ll take a bite out of “The Big Apple” by embarking on a sightseeing tour of Lower Manhattan. To help us learn more along the route, our local city guide will point out interesting sights, with facts and information along the way. We will see the sites you’ve always heard of, including: Times Square, Madison Square Garden, Empire State Building, Herald Square, Chinatown, Greenwich Village and more. We will make a lunch stop at the South Street Seaport Historic District followed by visits to the Financial District, Wall Street, Trinity Church, Ground Zero, and the new 9-11 Memorial and Museum (which will open this September) and view the Statue of Liberty from Battery Park. (Please keep in mind that this is your vacation. You are not required to participate in all group activities. If you prefer to spend time at other attractions you are welcome to do so. Please let us know at Knight Tours & Cruises how we can help you with your personal requests).

The lights of Broadway will welcome us with our second Broadway performance (which is included in your tour package). The actual musical production will be announced soon. It's bound to be another magical night in New York City!

Saturday, March 24th – *Today is your day to discover the city as you desire at your own pace. Perhaps you'll take pleasure in a visit to the magnificent Metropolitan Museum of Art, enjoy lunch at Carnegie Deli, take a relaxing carriage ride in Central Park, take a stroll down fashionable Fifth Avenue or have fun shopping at Macy's. You may want to visit the site of the Manhattan temple or enjoy an afternoon performance or tour at Carnegie Hall. There is never time to do all the exciting things that this great city has to offer....but have fun trying to accomplish as much as you desire.*

*Please keep in mind that matinees are offered on Saturday afternoons in the event that you want to experience another great Broadway production. For those who don't want to venture out on their own – you are welcome to join your Tour Manager, Barry Knight, this morning for an excursion to Liberty Island to visit the Statue of Liberty.**

Tonight we will enjoy the dazzling skyline views of Manhattan on our two-hour Harbor Lights cruise. It is one of the best ways to see this fabulous city! From the Statue of Liberty to the famous Brooklyn Bridge, New York's landmarks are especially memorable when lit up at night. So sit back, relax, sip your favorite drink and watch the sun set, the moon rise and New York City light up for the night on our narrated cruise down the Hudson and up the East River.

Sunday, March 25th – *This morning you can sleep in, take a carriage ride in Central Park, or attend a worship service of your choice. However, later this morning we have reservations for the group to attend the backstage tour of the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center. This fascinating tour will give you a greater understanding of how the company works, and a rare opportunity to see the production areas seldom seen by the general public. Later this afternoon it's off to the airport for returning flights home.*



\$1798.00	per person/double occupancy
\$1659.00	per person/triple occupancy
\$1586.00	per person/quad occupancy
\$2400.00	single occupancy

Rates include: 5 nights hotel accommodations, two sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary, one Opera performance with the Metropolitan Opera, two Broadway productions, private concert by Michael Ballam, Harbor Lights Cruise, backstage tour of the Metropolitan Opera House, 1 optional side tour as listed in the brochure, motor coach transportation for group activities within the city, arrival and departure airport transfers** and more!

Not included in rate: Items of a personal nature, gratuities, meals, and travel insurance. Airfare is not included in the rates but can be added for \$420.00 from Salt Lake City. Should you need assistance with flight arrangements from other cities please contact Barry Knight for assistance toll-free 1-877-811-3244.

**Your tour cost includes one of the three mentioned optional sightseeing excursions. You are welcome to join more than the one optional tour for the additional tour cost.*

For guests flying from Salt Lake City we have secured group airspace with Delta's nonstop service to Newark for \$420.00 (including taxes). You are welcome to secure you own airfare or you may contact Knight Tours and Cruises for assistance with setting up airline reservations.

***transfers are included for the Salt Lake City group flight and for all other flights arriving March 20th at the Newark, N.J. airport before 4:20 pm. Departing flights on March 25th must be scheduled to depart Newark airport 5:00 pm or later to qualify for the transfers. For flights arriving at other times or other airports, transfers can be purchased with Super Shuttle.*

We look forward to welcoming you on this exciting tour filled with music, history, culture and fun. Please avoid any disappointment by placing your reservations early as space is limited and traditionally this tour fills up fast. A nonrefundable deposit of \$300.00 will secure your space on the tour. Final payment will be due January 10, 2012.

Cancellation Penalties: We understand that you may need to cancel your trip for whatever reason. Should you need to cancel; the following scale of charges will apply when notice of cancellation is given after the deposit/payment is received by Knight Tours & Cruises.

Cancel before December 10th, refund of half of the deposit paid (\$150.00).

Cancel between December 11th, 2011 and January 10th, 2012 – loss of full deposit (\$300.00).

Cancel January 11th, 2012 and later, including not showing up for the tour – no refund.

The purchase of optional travel insurance is available and recommended. Please inquire.

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Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the motor coach. You must report any disability requiring special attention at the time the reservation is made. The purchase of this tour package is the purchase of a complete package, therefore, no refunds will be made for individual components or activities not used or participated in. This tour is based on a minimum of 26 participants. Less than 26 guests could result in a cancellation of the tour or an increase in the tour cost. We reserve the right to alter the itinerary as deemed necessary for the betterment of the group and to take advantage of any last minute offerings that will enhance the tour.

Please mail in your deposit & reservation form to:
Knight Tours & Cruises ~ Attn: Barry
777 East 400 South ~ Smithfield, UT 84335
(435) 563-5874 or toll-free 1-877-811-3244

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**Reservation Form ~ New York City Tour with Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre ~
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Name: (as it appears on your drivers license) _____

Rooming with: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Birthdate: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Special requirement: _____

By submitting this reservation form, I indicate that I have read and agree to the cancellation policy and the terms & conditions outlined about this tour. Birthdates and full names as they appear on drivers license is required by the airlines for security purposes.