

4 Dys 3 Nghts in NYC for \$32.30

Sound too good to be true? Nowadays that certainly would be the case. But in 1945 that's what the Hotel New Yorker charged members of the senior class of Townsend (Massachusetts) High School for their graduation trip to the big city. That was not just for lodging. Also included, as the itinerary reproduced here dramatically shows, was roundtrip rail transportation between Boston and New York City, most meals, tips, taxes and tickets to a variety of shows and tours.

Not included were subway and bus fares, including the roundtrip cost of 30 cents to ride a Fifth Avenue double-decker bus to LaGuardia Airport where the students ate lunch in the swank Kitty Hawk Room and watched "The Floor Show of the Air" from the observation deck overlooking the LaGuardia runways.

Anne Reeves of Oakleaf Drive and one of the Townsend High students, recently uncovered her copy of the 1945 itinerary (which she considers a gem of memorabilia) from one of her "messy desk drawers." Anne acknowledged that she had the 30 cents for the double-decker bus fare in her purse, but not much more. She also noted that Townsend was a pretty small town, with just 17 boys and girls in the graduating class. Not all of them made the trip to New York because several of the boys left school early to enlist in the armed forces as World War II continued to rage. "They were still awarded their diplomas," Anne adds with an emphatic hint of pride.

Townsend High School
New York Trip
1945



First Day

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| 1. Leave Boston – New Haven Railroad | 12 Noon |
| 2. Due New York – Pennsylvania Station | 5:12 p.m. |
| 3. Upon arrival, rooms with "Protecto-Ray" bathroom, containing both tub and shower, four-station radio, circulating ice water, servidor and four individual beds will be assigned for three nights. | |

4. Tickets provided for Observation Roof of Empire State Building, the tallest in the world.
5. Dinner provided at Hotel New Yorker.
6. National Broadcasting and Television Tour provided in the evening.
7. Proposed: Planetarium.

Second Day

8. Breakfast provided at Hotel New Yorker.
9. Group will leave hotel at 10:30 a.m. for ride on Fifth Avenue Double-decker motor coach to LaGuardia Airport. (Fare .15 each way, not included.)
10. Lunch will be provided in the swank Kitty Hawk Room, overlooking the Flying Field, also admission to the observation deck for a closer view of the "Floor Show of the Air" will be included.
11. Dinner provided at Hotel New Yorker. Tickets provided for Spectacular production, "Hats off to Ice."

Third Day

12. Breakfast provided at Hotel New Yorker.
13. Tickets provided Rockefeller Center Tour.
14. Lunch at individual expense.
15. Tickets provided for performance at Radio City Music Hall. Group must be in theatre before 12 o'clock noon.
16. Dinner provided at Hotel New Yorker.
17. Evening open. Play proposed: "Life With Father" or "Song of Norway."

Fourth Day

18. Breakfast provided at Hotel New Yorker.
19. Morning open for individual activity. Proposed: Statue of Liberty.
20. Lunch will be provided in the beautiful Terrace Room of the Hotel New Yorker where a Gala Skating Show, Music and Dancing will be enjoyed.
21. Leave New York, Pennsylvania Station 6:00 p.m.
22. Due Boston 10:00 p.m.

Cost of Tour: \$32.30 per person, four in a room.

Includes taxes, tips, and one complimentary chaperone for every twenty students.

Subway and bus fares are not included.

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