



Marie to NJ for Christmas Holidays 2016 Trip Notes
December 18, 2016 – January 1, 2017

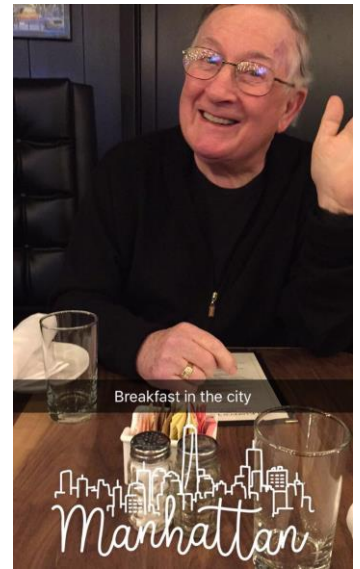
This visit didn't exactly start off like we planned. First her plane was delayed, then delayed more, then after hours of delays it was totally canceled. The last two flights of the day were out and the first two of the next day were fully booked which meant she'd be coming in very late and at the last minute and risking losing some BIG ticket plans for the next day. Eventually a first class seat opened up on the afternoon flight and we bit-the-bullet and paid up.

Day One which should have been Day Two

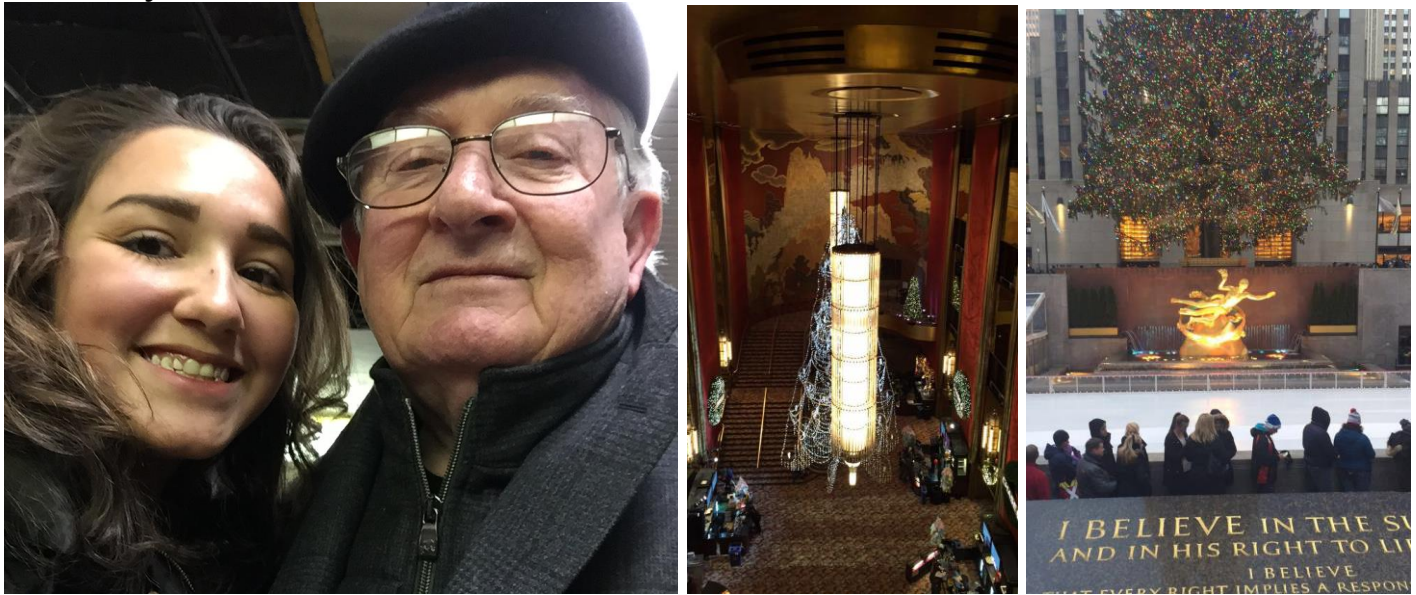
Tom and Marie took the bus into the Port Authority, then walked to Radio City Music Hall, before walking back to the Port Authority area and their favorite restaurant. I couldn't tell for sure which one of them caused some extra blocks of walking They'd hedged their bet and went early, giving time for breakfast before the Back Stage Door tour, then a 2pm show. They saw the above Falling Soldiers during an earlier performance (from back stage) and for their own show.

I should find a description of the show, but it's truly a Christmas Spectacular complete with live animals, three camels, and even a flying Santa Claus sled. Of course it includes the famous Rockettes which is the foundation of the performance.

Some happy folks here. Maybe next year we'll have enough planning time to go to Europe again but we sure did a lot for being local. There's a lot to do in our area and we managed four separate days in New York City and four days in Washington D.C. Lots of IMAXs and a couple big NYC shows too.



Radio City Music Hall



Tom and Marie to NYC for the day. Inside Radio City Music Hall and Outside for the famous Christmas tree and Ice Rink of Rockefeller Center.



Escargot ❤️



Duck breast



Crème brûlée

At their favorite restaurant, Marseilles, in Hell's Kitchen near to the Port Authority, and showing the truth that they aren't much interested in health But they sure like their food!

Washington DC – as reported during the trip

Train – Marie and I took Amtrak fairly early in the morning on Wednesday so arriving at 11:30 AM in Washington DC gave us a good amount of day left.

I really like Union Station. All the shops, all the restaurants, and such a wonderful convenience. Though it is right in town and within 2 miles of our hotel and also easily connected to the metro, the logic seem to be to take a taxi.

However was I going to top Tom and Marie's trip into New York City to see the radio city music Hall's Christmas spectacular with a live nativity and the Rockettes? Ha ha. I'll try.

JW Marriott. Some of you know that I have a special arrangement with this and the Sheraton now. As I also have a frequent stay status, we were upgraded to a larger room with some extra amenities, a sitting area with sofa, a corner with lots of windows, and on the 15th top floor.

Concierge's Floor is on the 14th floor and it gives breakfast then snacks then heavy hors d'oeuvres then at the last of the day, desserts. There are always drinks and snacks.

The Old Ebbitts Grill is a long-time favorite that I have eaten at many times as has Marie as has Tom. It is quite close to the hotel and the visitor center and the White House. So off we went. There were so many things that we wanted on the menu that we had to come back every day. But we had lucked out and got in there between lunch and dinner and by the time we left the dinner crowd was lined up.

The White House Christmas tree was our next stop. Most unique to have walkways with all 50 states represented plus the territories, plus Washington DC. Each tree was decorated by a representative from the state and supposedly to represent the state though many of them we had trouble figuring out. Yet each were with their own Christmas tree decorations.

Christmas market. It was just getting dark when we saw the Christmas tree and next we saw the lights of the Christmas market and walk through there though they were hordes of people.

Weather? Cold but dry. I layered up. Then the second day it got into mid-50s.

Ford's Theater and museum was our last stop of the day. We acquired tickets for a production of The Christmas Carol. Lovely costuming and stage setting in this very small, cozy, old and historical theater.

Interesting? Equality is alive and well. I kept seeing representations of this but one example was Ebenezer Scrooge being portrayed as a colored guy and yet the representation of his son was a very pale white guy. It struck me as nice and special that it made no difference.

I say the theater was our last stop of the day but actually we dropped by the concierge floor for dessert. Each day so far.

Thursday - Of course. A big breakfast on concierge's floor.

We had an extra half hour or so off we went to the Box Office for a Thursday night production of The Nutcracker at the Warner Theater. At Ford's Theater there were only three seats remaining of which we took two and in separate sections of the theater and both Thursday and Friday nights were sold out. At Warner Theater we had a few choices and took the front row of the first balcony.

We had booked a Bus Tour to Mount Vernon with various stops to include an overview of Old Alexandria. We had considered another Washington DC overview Bus Tour but we have done that at least twice.

They stopped for a docent guided tour at Alexandria Christ church where both George Washington and Robert E Lee had pews and where George Washington belonged for some 20+ years. The drive



through Alexandria was a surprise to me as I hadn't realized how much history was there nor how many pricey and colorful little tiny houses existed.

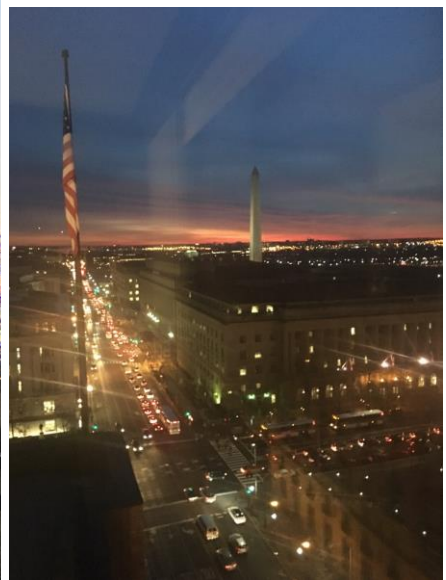
At the church we saw more equality with a female head rector. She was a pretty little gal with her two young children in the church with their Hulu hoop. That's no typo.

But we were off to Mount Vernon and we ended up with 6 3/4 hours of a guided tour. I think we could have spent two days.

Since this was the estate of our first president, and a new one is just ready to take old, I have been asked and thus asked locals "What is the tone of Washington DC as it faces new inhabitants in less than a month?" I got an earful. Allegedly 93 percent of voters were for Hillary and folks couldn't figure out what the h---- the 7 percent thought they were doing. Or that there was voter fraud or corruption.

Did I tell you we went into the old post office, now the Trump Hotel? Where we used to get bubble tea. But all that is another story for another time.

Photos include Old Ebbitts Grill, the White House Christmas tree, out our room window at sunset, a narrow house in Alexandria, the huge estate at Mt Vernon, George Washington and his family, and the Warner stage.



Friday from DC

A word about our hotel the JW Marriott. Years ago with first kid Alayna and then grandkid Joseph we stayed here and found the hotel location to be next to perfect. It is not to be confused with the Marriott at metro center where Marie and I stayed last time, nor the Mayflower Hotel which is also a Marriott where Tom and I stayed. One other time Marie and I stayed just around the corner at the W Hotel. Tom and I have stayed out at the capital area, we've stayed in Crystal city, and we've stayed with friends in MacLean and friends in Manassas.

But back to the JW Marriott, it often has situations. With Joseph it was a fire alarm and in the middle of the night when we stood outside in the park in our pajamas. One time we were advised that we could walk toward the mall but definitely do not venture in the other direction. This time the elevators were being serviced and we couldn't get to our 15th floor room for 10 or 15 minutes and then we were offered the service elevator. Last night we received under our door a letter explaining they would be doing maintenance during the night and all water would be turned off from 11 PM until 5 AM. At 7 AM the hot water wasn't back up yet. So though we continue to come and the location is perfect it is not without glitches.

In the 80s I would come here with kids for the Fourth of July when the Beach boys were always playing on the mall. In the 90s we came not only as tourists but also for our Koi club events. More recently I came for running events and did both the Marine Corps Marathon and the national monuments marathon. Of course we would never come just for a couple days but rather as tourists looking to educate ourselves through the multitude of Smithsonian museums that are free to all. Once we came just for a very special Japanese exhibit yet to be duplicated.

Here we are by the request of Marie and her third trip to D.C. We feel that we have put on a lot of miles. We started our day again with a big breakfast on the 14th floor with a wonderful view of the city. We can see all of the mall from the capital down to the Lincoln Memorial. From the lounge and from our room.

During breakfast we arranged for an evening show at Air and space Museum. It was an IMAX of something Star Wars related and I had no idea what I was getting myself in for. It was hairy and scary and nervous making. Why do we watch all this killing? The story was haunting. And just before the show I mentioned having heard Carrie Fisher do an interview on NPR about her recent Star Wars acting and up popped on my screen that she had a heart attack (at age 60) just moments before on an airplane going to LA.

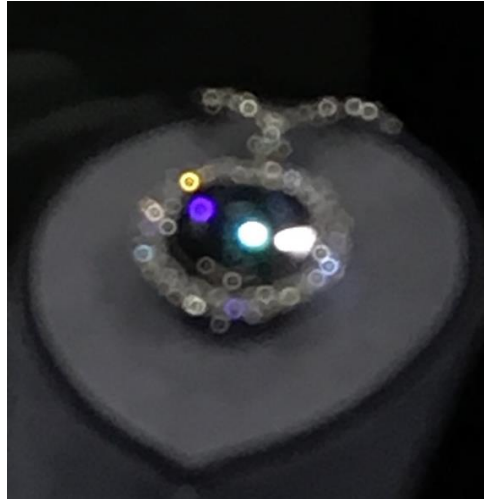
Museums. That is generally what we came for but we did a lot of other things. Yet today we headed first off to the museum of natural history and got a morning docent tour which was, as usual, excellent. The docent gave us enough ideas of what to return to so we continued.

IMAXs are a big calling card and we saw one called something like Oceans One. Amazing Cousteau filming. I'd offered an elegant lunch next door but Marie chose a bowl chili instead so we could focus on visiting more of the museum.

It was mid-afternoon by the time we walked over to air and space museum where world war two displays was the focus of our attention. My sore knee (left over from Wednesday in Paris) gave us two additional afternoon shows. One was Beautiful Planet and another was in the planetarium called Dark universe. My father would've loved it as he loved to talk and think about black holes. This is one step beyond.

Then we had from museum closure at 5:30 until our 7:10 PM show to find something to do so we walked down Seventh Street and chose Carmine's Italian. We considered and went into the Parisian restaurant that faces the ice skating rink. My goodness but Carmine's is a lot of food. We ate it all.

Tired! We were at home until nearly 10 PM and might sleep in in the morning. Rain is due and we have an early afternoon train to New Jersey.



The new African American Museum. The famous and mysterious Hope Diamond. A photo booth where one can see what they'd have looked like during early times.



Somewhere in Washington D.C. At the Skating Rink and sculpture garden between the Natural History Museum and the Art Museum. A Roy Lichtenstein allusion sculpture.



Photos include The Hope diamond, the Parisian restaurant in the park facing the ice skating rink, The photo booth where you can choose to see what you would have looked like at certain periods in the world's formation, (but where I decided that only Marie should be able to send her own picture), The Roy Lichtenstein house sculpture where it appears to change shape as you move and walk around it, the old post office which is now the Trump Hotel (where we refused to spend any money), Diana doing what she does best which includes a wine glass, our family style platter of chicken Parmesan at Carmine's, and the new African American museum where tickets are sold out until late March.

Monday into Wall Street

We went in at 7am via Sea Streak Water Ferry from Atlantic Highlands to Pier 11 in Wall Street. Two Wall Street type tours: <https://www.thewallstreetexperience.com/financial-crisis-tour> - See videos on website. *Learn the Secrets at the Heart of the Collapse - The economic collapse of 2008 was the most devastating shock suffered by the financial sector since the Great Depression. The effects of the recession were felt world-wide, yet the reasons behind it are still shrouded in mystery. What mistakes led to the collapse of some of the longest and most enduring financial institutions in America? And how can we avoid the same missteps in the future?*

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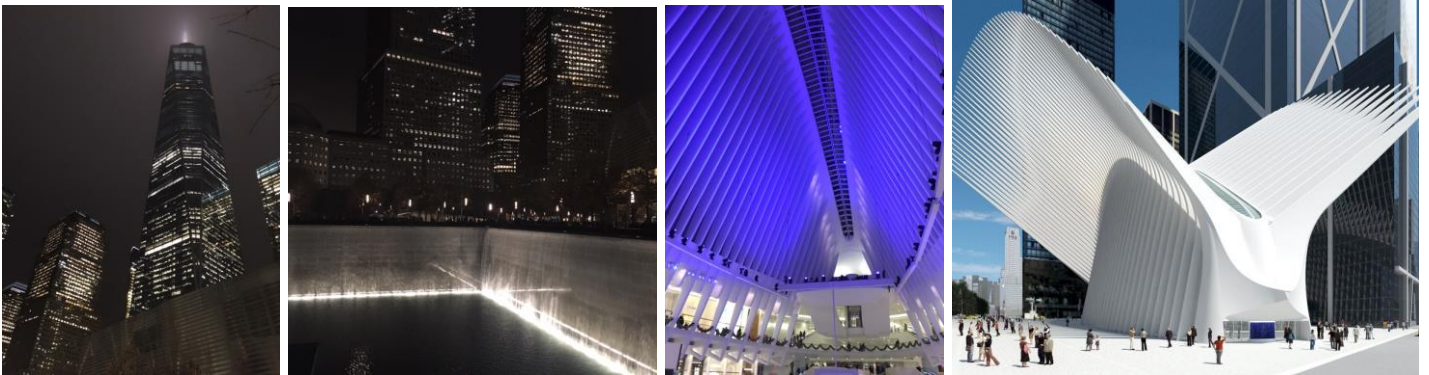
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On the way into NYC from the Ferry. The Wall Street Bull has another side, a back side, and it's rubbed to a bright brass. Well, "they" are rubbed to a bright brass. When we went back to this area in the afternoon the line was long to get your picture taken from the back side.



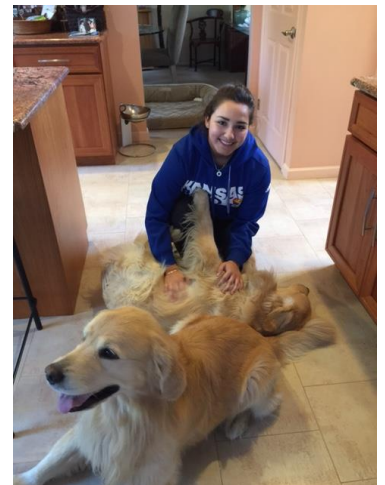
Inside Trinity Church, then fresh apple cider at Fraunces Tavern, before fish and chips and a vegetable flat bread.



Freedom Tower replaced the world trade centers, which are memorialized by two major acre size holes in the ground with double waterfalls – which still bring strong emotion. The Calatrava subway station is amazing though it is also thought of as a huge \$4.5 billion boondoggle. The last picture is from the web since it's impossible to get an aerial view. See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Trade_Center_station_\(PATH\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Trade_Center_station_(PATH)). We walked through, some window shopping, noticed how much more has opened since seeing it a month ago, and wandered to see the memorials, before catching a late ferry home.

Tuesday to Pat's house to make two new BFFs: Koji and Simon.

Pat has known Marie as long as we have and has always been very good to her. She had invited Marie to lunch and a hike in the woods with the dogs. Marie had a visit with her friend Dr. Vincent Margiotta in the morning and they are now BFFs too, and she's to call him Uncle Vinnie.



Brooklyn Food Tour on Wednesday

Tom's report: Very nice day/tour and the area was a first for Marie and me. Diana had been there for a walking tour and also on the marathon (part of her 5 NY marathons).

Cool and a bit windy but we obviously we're dressed for it.

We go back into the city tomorrow for an opera (The Magic Flute) at the Met Opera of Lincoln Center. Remember Marie is an accomplished flute player and is a music major at Kansas University in Lawrence and is on the school of music wind ensemble, the marching band, and the men's basketball band. Following that we'll visit another of the French restaurants - this time Nice Matin at 79th and Amsterdam, though usually we go to Marseilles at 44th and 9th which is part of the same chain.

Yesterday, following the food tour in Brooklyn, it took us two hours to get to the Holland Tunnel!!! Starting at 4 o'clock. Fortunately, Diana drove and I snoozed in the back with a little JW red miniature for company and Marie rode shotgun.

Review by Rick Bennett our guide and Social Media Manager for The Brooklyn Tour.
rick@thebrooklyntour.com <http://thebrooklyntour.com> who gave us where we went and what we tasted:

The Meatball Shop – North Williamsburg Millennial Meatballs, 170 Bedford Ave, (718) 551-0520

Oasis - North Williamsburg, Middle Eastern Fast Food, Falafel, Tahini and Pita, 161 N 7th St, Brooklyn, NY 11211 (718) 218-7607

Krowleskie Jadlo (King's Feast) – Greenpoint Brooklyn, Traditional Polish Food, Pierogies, mushroom and cabbage, Kielbasa sausage with mashed potatoes, Apple crepe, 694 Manhattan Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11222, (718) 383-8993

Table 87 - Gowanus Brooklyn, Coal-Fired New York Style Pizza, 473 3rd Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11215, (718) 965-8400

F. Monteleone Bakery – Carroll Gardens, Classic Cannoli, 355 Court St, Brooklyn, NY 11231, (718) 852-5600

Jacques Torres – Dumbo Brooklyn, Chocolate Bon bons, 66 Water St, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 875-1269

End. Well, it was nearly the end half way through when we decided we were totally full.





We bypassed the food trucks but enjoyed thinking about tacos anyway.



Yep! We are crazy. We worry about the “freshman 15” pounds and then we take Marie on a food tour? Polish food was my least favorite as it was pretty greasy and sugary and fatty. We hardly wanted the pizza by the time we got there and then I couldn't even bear to take a picture of the chocolate shop. It was at the end of the Brooklyn Bridge and that was a good place to get some fresh air and take pictures.





Thursday – A catch up day. We went to the Health Club, some shopping errands at the Mall at Menlo Park, and to Target for supplies. Oops, maybe this was the Uncle Vinnie day. It is all blending together.

Friday – Another Big Day to NYC

Up early again, and off by car (we didn't learn our lesson on Wednesday's 2:50 hour drive home) to Lincoln Center of the Performing Arts and the Metropolitan Opera to see *The Magic Flute*. A bit of breakfast at the Philharmonic café first, then a wander through what Marie refers to as the Petting Zoo but where we saw performers and costumes, and then enjoying our Box Seats.

A big deal to visit The Frick Museum Collection. Tom hadn't been and was surely blown away by first a film about old man Frick and his generosity, then a Docent Tour, then wandering with an audio guide. I'd wanted to return, as much for the Fragonard Room which surprisingly was NOT his favorite.



The costumes and performers opened up an hour ahead for what Marie, who does concerts, called *The Petting Zoo*. In the gift shop we found this little puppy in a stroller. Our seats were on the Parterre or first balcony and were box seats with a separate outer room for coats. The last picture is at the end showing the costumes.



Our box seats prior to visiting The Frick Museum then followed by the French restaurant called Nice Matin. Marie and Tom both had escargot followed by duck. Correct: We aren't doing our part to prevent the "Freshman 15." I had vegetable and short ribbed filled raviolis.

The End? We hope not. We hope Marie continues to have interest in traveling with us and we've offered next year's holiday trip. We suggested 7 days Florence where we can stay in the same luxury apartment we've used twice, right next to the Pitti Palace, and with 5 days pre in Rome. But kids get busy, you know? We might have to go on our own!

Itinerary

Sun Dec 18

2:50pm Depart Kansas City MCI via UA#3506
6:37pm Arrive Newark EWR

Mon Dec 19

9:00am Dr. Margiotta for consult only

Tue Dec 20

10:05am Academy Bus from PNC Arts Center
10:50am Arriving Port Authority

Back door tour of Radio City

2:00pm Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with front row 1st balcony seating

<https://www.rockettes.com/christmas/> - see pictures and sneak peak - Christmas at Radio City: It begins when you walk through the doors of the storied Radio City Music Hall. You pause for a moment and stand to admire the Art Deco lobby then make your way to your seat. With a hush, slowly the curtain rises, the music swells and Rockettes appear. Perfect, in unison they dance across the stage, mesmerizing in their precision. And just like that you are transported to another place where reindeer prance and dash through the snow, where Rag Dolls spring to life and Wooden Soldiers march in a fantastic parade. For a time, the hustle and the bustle of the world outside disappears and you are reminded of the true meaning and spirit of the holiday season. Then, in the blink of an eye, the curtain falls and you know Christmas is here.

5:00pm Dinner at Marseille for Marseillaise Cuisine at 630 9th Avenue at 44th Street, NYC,

7:00pm or 7:30pm or 8:00pm bus from Port Authority – see schedule with last bus at 8:30pm

Wed Dec 21

8:45am Depart MetroPark-Iselin via Amtrak #185
11:36am Arrive Union Station Washington DC

Hotel JW Marriott – 3 nights and form needed
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20004 Tele 202 393 2000
At 14th Street NW and E Street NW

Sat Dec 24 – Christmas Eve

2:20pm Depart Washington DC Union Station via Amtrak #156
5:10pm Arrive MetroPark-Iselin

Sun Dec 25

<http://themollypitcher.com/dine/> Sunday Brunch for Christmas – looking for reservations but may be sold out.

The Dining Room at the Molly Pitcher Inn has panoramic views of the Navesink River. Our contemporary American cuisine is prepared with only the freshest regional ingredients. Some of our inspired dishes such as our famous Seafood Pot Pie define our sumptuous menu. The recent addition of our Bloody Mary Oyster Shooters have been quite the conversation starter, unlike anything else in town. The Molly Pitcher Inn prides itself not only with its fine dining menu but its atmosphere. It is an ideal setting for that special occasion or just an elegant dining experience. For a more casual setting the International Bar offers a sophisticated but lighter fare.

Our famed Sunday Brunch has been the proud recipient of the Asbury Park Press, Readers' Choice Award for Best Brunch since 1996. The Brunch is available Sundays from October through mid-June. On Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas we offer a seasonal more extensive Brunch for our guests to celebrate their special holidays, reservations are required. Enjoy cocktails at our International Bar. The striking mahogany bar offers sweeping views of the River offering a sophisticated setting for an elegant evening out. Gentleman are required to wear Jackets after 5:00pm Friday – Sunday in the Dining Room.

Mon Dec 26

7:00am Sea Streak Ferry to Wall Street at Pier 11

10:00am Wall Street Financial Crisis Walking Tour – about 2 hours - for Diana and Marie

Meeting Point: 15 Broad Street, across from the NYSE and next to the Hermes store.

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1:00pm Lower Manhattan Historic Walking Tour

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Meeting Location: Front steps of the U.S. Custom House, AKA the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian, located at Bowling Green.

Finding Your Guides: All guides carry an 8x11 sign that says "Big Onion Walking Tours".

Subway Trains: 4/5 to Bowling Green, R to Whitehall Street, 1 to South Ferry.

Dinner in Fraunces Tavern, 54 Pearl St, New York –Colonial American Tavern operating since 1762
<http://www.frauncestavern.com/>

See Santiago Calatrava subway station, consider the 9-11 memorial, and also the Freedom Tower glass observation tower.

Tue Dec 27

Lunch with Pat – for Marie

Wed Dec 28

8:00am Depart home if by car and parking nearby

11:00am The Best of Brooklyn Half-Day Food and Culture Tour – for Tom, Diana and Marie

About 4 ½ hours walk and bus

Meet your guide at Cornelia Street Cafe - 29 Cornelia Street (between West 4th Street and Bleecker Street) in the West Village. Manhattan For questions about this tour, please contact Foods of NY Tours at Tele 917.408.9539 Email: info@foodsofny.com

<http://thebrooklyntour.com/> - Tour the Foods and Culture of New York City's most legendary borough - Brooklyn! Food, Culture...fun! - You will meet your guide and driver in the world-famous Greenwich Village neighborhood, where you'll board a climate-controlled coach for the food tour of Brooklyn. You'll experience the unique culture of Brooklyn by tasting a different cuisine in each neighborhood. Some highlights of the food tour are traditional Polish pierogies and kielbasa, New York style, brick oven pizza, an amazing Cuban sandwich and much more! The neighborhoods on the tour may include among others:

Old Williamsburg - We take a drive through the Ultra Orthodox Hasidic Jewish area where time seems to stand still.

New Williamsburg - This rapidly-changing home to the “Brooklyn Hipster” is a thriving art community with a dazzling array of shops, restaurants and night spots!

Greenpoint - Home to one of largest Polish populations in the United States, You'll see a mix of old and new businesses on Manhattan Avenue, which resembles a main street in “small-town” America. Greenpoint's refreshing feel makes exploring the neighborhood and its culinary delights a real pleasure.

Sunset Park - In this Latin American neighborhood we have a picnic style lunch in the park featuring the "Cuban" sandwich. (Indoors during the colder months or in the event of inclement weather)

Gowanus - This neighborhood is developing restaurants, art spaces and music venues around its infamous canal. Industrial warehouses and modest row houses stand side by side with excellent culinary and entertainment options.

Carroll Gardens - This Italian immigrant neighborhood of hip bars, boutiques, and restaurants, has never lost touch with the past. Garden-fronted brownstones mix with Italian eateries and shops on Smith and Court Streets.

DUMBO - Converted industrial warehouses and vintage loft spaces dominate this arts-oriented neighborhood where you'll visit Brooklyn Bridge Park for an excellent view of Manhattan's famous skyline.

Your expert guide will share stories, both current and historic, while you get to tour the most legendary borough of New York City... Brooklyn. You'll experience all this and more on the Brooklyn Food and Culture Tour! You can even end your Brooklyn adventure by walking back to Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge...or ride back on the coach to the starting point of the tour in Greenwich Village. Either way, we hope the Brooklyn Food and Culture Tour will delight your senses and create a lasting memory of your tour of Brooklyn, New York!

Includes food tastings and an exclusive guided tour of Brooklyn's incredible history, culture and culinary delights. What Is Not Included? Alcohol & soft drinks are not included but are available for purchase at some of the restaurants.

Thu Dec 29

Open

Fri Dec 30

Am? Depart via car to NYC – Tom, Diana and Marie

Noon Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center – the Magic Flute

Frick Museum, <http://www.frick.org/> at 1 East 70th Street.
Docent talks at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.

Dinner at Nice Martin – Nicoise Cuisine, 201 West 79th Street at Amsterdam Avenue, NYC

Sat Dec 31

open

Sun Jan 1

9:30am Depart home

11:45am Depart Newark EWR via UA#3689

2:10pm Arrive Kansas City MCI

Open Items

Health Club for swimming, or work out, or the track

Cooking at home. Diana has easy recipes from my cooking days. Tom has the expertise.

Ouida in New York City tour of her fashion business.