5 Exceptional Shows Including Hamilton!
This tour includes Hamilton, front row mezzanine seats – the absolute sweet spot to view this Broadway juggernaut. These tickets are currently selling on StubHub for $800 - $1,000, and will quickly help to sell out this tour (limited to 34 people). We recommend you act as soon as possible to secure your spot!

The musical Groundhog Day is currently on our shortlist, which backed by the Tony-Award winning team behind Matilda, is moving to Broadway after a successful run in London. “Highly intelligent entertainment,” The Chicago Tribune raved, “it’s a brave and bracing reinvention of the movie that succeeds on its own terms.” Other shows on our shortlist, pending the length of their runs or extensions, include Dear Evan Hansen, The Play That Goes Wrong, M Butterfly, Indecent, Oslo, Six Degrees of Separation, Marvin’s Room, among other sleepers sure to open in 2017.

Since our itinerary is created a year before the tour begins, and to ensure quality, we’ll finalize our roster of 5 shows – 4 Broadway treats and 1 Off-Broadway gem – about 90-100 days before departure. A partial list of shows on past NY tours created by Insider Cultural Tours includes: Book of Mormon, The King and I, The Trip to Bountiful, Kinky Boots, Matilda, The Glass Menagerie, Fiddler on the Roof, The Father, The Humans, Julius Caesar, War Horse, King Charles III, Amadeus, The Color Purple and Anything Goes, among others. These plays collectively won over 44 Tony Awards.

James Ryan, Insider Cultural Tours, Tour Leader
James Ryan is the founder of Insider Cultural Tours, which has created cultural tours for U.S. non-profits in New York and London for the past decade. An award-winning playwright, screenwriter, and film director, he worked professionally as an actor for 15 years. Ryan is the former Chair of the Graduate Dramatic Writing Program at the Actors Studio/New School University and he teaches in the graduate dramatic writing program at Rutgers University. He is the recipient of fellowships from the National
Endowment for the Arts, New York Foundation for the Arts, McKnight Foundation, and the Drama League Award.

5 Discussions with Arts Professionals
There will be 5 intimate discussions with New York arts professionals. You’ll rub shoulders with working actors, directors, Artistic Directors, critics, and playwrights, who will provide you with fresh perspectives on the craft, art, and commerce of the New York theater scene. As with our shows, our guest speakers are not confirmed until 90 days before the commencement of the tour.

A partial list of past participants of Insider Cultural Tours’ discussions includes: Jonathan Groff, Bartlett Sher, Sir Arnold Wesker, Kristin Scott Thomas, Michael Billington, Joel Grey, Jessica Hecht, Sir Derek Jacobi, Reed Birney, Alfred Molina, Richard Griffiths, Tom Stoppard, Christopher Hampton, Richard Bean, Jon Robin Baitz, Simon Russell Beale, Dame Harriet Walter, Frances Barber, John Tiffany, Celia Keenan-Bolger and David Cote, among others.

5 Post-Performance Discussions
They say the 3rd act of a play always takes place in the bar. In that spirit, we’ll have a lively post-performance discussion for every show we see, moderated by James Ryan at the Kimberly hotel. Grab a drink from the Kimberly’s rooftop bar and join in!

The Best of Chelsea Galleries Private Tour
There are over 300 private galleries in Chelsea, a West Side Manhattan neighborhood that many consider a world center for contemporary art. Rafael Risemberg Ph.D. will select the best exhibits Chelsea has to offer, including the newest in painting, sculpture, electronic media and photography by American and international artists, and will guide us through each show.

Private Coach
We book deluxe buses for each event too far from the hotel. No worries, we’ll keep the walking to a minimum.

Meals
This tour includes a full gourmet breakfast each day. The restaurants for the welcome and farewell dinners will be coordinated with your flight arrivals and the proximity of our last show.

Gratuities
We generously tip all service staff on your behalf – you’ll never have to worry about it.

Group Flight
This tour does not include airfare, but for your convenience we’ll offer a group flight from Portland to New York roundtrip. We’ll also provide a bus transfer to and from the airport for this flight. The current quotes for Portland to New York flights are in the $670 - $815 range. We announce the group flight 5 months before the departure date.

Cost
The cost of this tour is $4,369, based upon double occupancy. A deposit of $1,000 is due by June 25, 2017. The final payment of $3,369 is due July 25, 2017. The single room supplement is $1,269. This is a land package only and does not include airfare.
Reviews from Insider Cultural Tours’ last New York tour

♦ “Thanks again for a thoroughly enjoyable week. The logistics were seamless; the theater, nothing short of stellar; and the guests, impressive. I also was pleased to get to know the group.”
♦ “It's important to tell you how magical our tour HAPPENED! I appreciated all the choices, the shows, the meals and all the activities and especially the discussions.....so many interesting, articulate theater people in NYC, reminded me how wonderful the actual English language is....”
♦ “You handled everything with grace and we couldn't have had anyone better. Thank you for the best trip to New York I have ever had and this was my eighth time!”
♦ “Everything was so well planned – the shows, the timing, the hotel, the transportation AND the company, etc. Bravo James R!!”

Sunday, October 1
Arrive at the Kimberly Hotel in midtown Manhattan, recipient of the Condé Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Award – Top 100 Hotels Around the World. Your accommodation includes daily breakfast and stunning views from the Kimberly’s rooftop lounge. We’ll gather this evening for an elegant welcome dinner at an exceptional local restaurant.

Monday, October 2
In the morning we’ll kick off our round table discussion series with a leading New York theater critic, who’ll give us an insightful overview of the shows we’ll see this week. Tonight we’ll see our first Broadway show and afterwards we’ll gather for a lively post-performance discussion.

Tuesday, October 3
Our discussion today might be with actors who are starring in a show we’ll be seeing. This afternoon is free for you to explore the Big Apple on your own. In the evening we’ll see another must-see critics’ pick on Broadway, followed by a post-performance discussion.

Wednesday, October 4
Today’s discussion could be with an emerging playwright. This afternoon we’ll take a private tour of several outstanding galleries in Chelsea. Tonight we might take in an outstanding Off-Broadway show at the Second Stage, Signature Theatre or Public Theater, among others. We’ll end the evening with a post-performance discussion.

Thursday, October 5
Perhaps we’ll invite an award-winning director for our round table chat. Tonight we’ll see our third Broadway show, followed by a post-performance discussion.

Friday, October 6
Our discussion this morning probably will be with a seasoned Broadway producer and then we might take a tour of the 9/11 Memorial’s new exhibit Rendering the Unthinkable. We’ll end our tour in style with a special farewell dinner before we see our fourth Broadway hit tonight.

Saturday, October 7
Individual and group departures.
New York Theater Tour
October 1-7, 2017
Reservation Form

Please complete this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person, make your check out to “Insider Cultural Tours,” and send it to: Insider Cultural Tours, 40 Harrison Street, #17H, New York, NY 10013, Attention: James Ryan. Credit cards are accepted with a 3.5% convenience fee.

Name(s)

Address  Apt #

City/State/ZIP

Day Phone  Evening Phone

Email address

Accommodations (please check one):
( ) Deluxe guestroom, king bed, to be shared with ________________________________
( ) Deluxe guestroom with two double beds, to be shared with ________________________________
( ) I would prefer a single room (additional cost for single room is $1,269)
( ) Please help me find a roommate to avoid the single supplement fee

Upgrades
( ) I would like a quote for an upgrade to a Luxury Suite (based upon availability)

Airfare
I realize my airfare is NOT included in the tour cost (please check one):
( ) I will arrange my own round trip airfare to and from New York
( ) I wish to be included in the group flight from Portland International Airport to New York at the most reasonable price available (bus transfer to and from the airport is included)

Extended Stay
( ) I’d like a quote for extra nights at the hotel for the following dates:__________________
The year you graduated from Willamette University:____

If applicable, my last name while attending Willamette was: __________________________

**Medical Condition** (please check one):
( ) I have no medical condition that could impede, prevent, or hinder my full participation in this tour.

( ) I have a medical, mental or physical condition, such as a heart condition, mobility issues, the need for walking aids, or any other infirmity that requires special attention. Kindly explain:
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**Travel Insurance**
IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT EACH TOUR MEMBER PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE. Please check one.

( ) Yes, I have purchased or intend to purchase travel insurance. I will provide Insider Cultural Tours with the name of the insurance company and the extent of coverage (i.e. trip cancellation, accident, sickness, loss or damage to baggage, travel medical insurance) below:
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( ) No, I do not intend to purchase travel insurance, and therefore I release Insider Cultural Tours, Willamette University, Willamette Alumni Association, their trustees, employees, representatives and agents from claims, loss or damage incurred as a result of trip cancellation, delay, accidents, illness, property damage or loss, or any other claim that would have been covered by insurance had I purchased adequate coverage (please initial here):____

Tour cost: $4,369 per person, based on double occupancy and DOES NOT include airfare. Deposit of $1,000 per person is due June 25, 2017. Final payment of $3,369 is due July 25, 2017.

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Signature
(by your signature you acknowledge you have read and agree to Insider Cultural Tours’ Terms and Conditions)
Summary

- 6 nights Kimberly Hotel
- Daily breakfast
- Best seats available to 4 Broadway and 1 Off-Broadway shows
- Private coach to shows and events
- Welcome dinner
- Farewell fête
- Chelsea Galleries tour
- Private tour of an exceptional exhibit
- 5 meet-the-artist roundtable discussions
- 5 post-performance discussions
- All tips and gratuities
- 24/7 assistance by Insider Cultural Tours

Terms and Conditions

Shows and Exhibits
We don’t finalize the shows or exhibits until 90 days before departure.

What Is Not Included
THE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE GROUP AIRFARE, or any optional tickets, events, exhibits or services; meals not specified; any upgrades or changes to itinerary; personal items such as wines, liquors, a-la carte orders, room service, and valet/laundry charges; expenses incurred by Insider Cultural Tours in making individual travel arrangements before or after the program; extended stays; and other items not specifically mentioned as included. In order to keep your trip hassle free, all tips, gratuities, and service charges are included in the final price of this tour. Travelers will not be responsible for tips or be required to tip anyone at any time.

Group Airfare
Airfares are subject to applicable airline cancellation fees, which may be in addition to the cancellation fees below. Transfers to and from the airport will be included for those taking the group flight.

Itinerary Changes/Guest Speakers
While every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, due to unforeseen schedule changes of guest speakers, guides, or other parties outside our control, the itinerary as described is subject to modification and change by Insider Cultural Tours.

Health Issues
To fully enjoy the tour you should be in good physical and mental health. There is some walking required for this tour, and those with mobility issues, any infirmity, mental or physical condition, such as a heart condition or requiring walking aids, should take this into account before booking. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diets, or treatment must be reported in writing when the reservation is made. We reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour member should such a person’s health, mental condition, physical infirmity, or attitude jeopardize the operation of the tour or the enjoyment of other participants.

Responsibility
Insider Cultural Tours acts only as an agent for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotels, and all matters of reservation, events, and tour operation. Neither Insider Cultural Tours nor Willamette University, its trustees, employees, agents or representatives assume responsibility or liability, in whole or in part, for any injury, damages, loss, or accident to person or property, delay, cancellations, changes in departures and/or arrivals, disappointment, weather, strikes, acts of God, force majeure, war, criminal activities, expense, sickness, mechanical defect, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, failure or negligence and/or default of any nature whatsoever in connection with any individual or entity carrying out or performing any of the services relating to the Tour. Nor is Insider Cultural Tours or Willamette University responsible or liable for any loss whatsoever by reason of any cancellations or changes in
published itineraries regarding, without limitation, fares, tariffs, surcharges, reservations, currency fluctuations, ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, special programs and guest lecture services (if applicable). All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the tour participant.

Insider Cultural Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. Insider Cultural Tours likewise reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any tour participant at any time without being under any obligation to assign any reason therefore. In the event of the exercise of this right, we shall be under no liability to such person(s) except to refund such amount as our absolute discretion deems reasonable to attribute to the uncompleted portion of the tour. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that air, ship, or train tickets when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the carrier concerned. All transportation companies involved in this tour are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their conveyances. The tour participant agrees on behalf of himself, his dependents, heirs, executors, and administrators and assigns to abide by the above conditions and to release and hold harmless, Insider Cultural Tours, Willamette University, and any of their representatives from any and all liability for any delays, damage, loss, injury or death occurring in relation to the tour.

Cancellation and Refunds
Reservations are confirmed upon receipt of a deposit of $1000 per person (100% of the full payment required if a reservation is made within 90 days of departure). Reservations may be put in a waitlist status or canceled by Insider Cultural Tours if payment is not received by the final payment due date. All cancellations must be submitted in writing or email to Insider Cultural Tours, and if they are made 72 hours after the reservation, they are subject to 50% of deposit ($500) to cover administrative costs and handling regardless of the reason for cancellation. If cancellation is within 91 days of departure, it may result in additional fees, to cover liquidated damages, penalties, and attrition costs incurred by Insider Cultural Tours on your behalf. The charge for cancellation from 89 to 64 days prior to departure is 35% of the selling price per person. The charge for cancellation from 64 to 45 days prior to departure is 75% of the selling price per person. The charge for cancellation from 44 to 1 day prior to departure is 100% of the selling price per person. Cancellation on the day of departure or after tour departs: no refund. No refund for unused portions of tour, including, but not limited to, missed meals, hotel nights, and sightseeing. Cancellation by Insider Cultural Tours after departure: full refund, less the cost of service up to the time of the group’s return. The trip is contingent upon meeting a minimum of 20 participants. In the event an insufficient number of persons desire to take the tour, Insider Cultural Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour and refund all deposits without penalty.