

*The First 24 HOURS in New York; THE OFFICIAL TRIP GUIDE OF THE PARTY*

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I still remember the first vivid memory when the boat *INGSOC* slowly approached the lands of New York. I had just woken up to the loud, screeching sounds of a few seagulls in the early crack of dawn. I went out of my cabin to catch a whip of fresh morning air by the docks. As the harbors of New York slowly came into my eyesight under the golden beams of the sun shining onto the huge city, to me, it was a doubleplusgood sight to start at a vacation, as well a morning. After breakfast (which was served by the plusgood working comrades onboard), we had finally arrived in New York.

As I stepped out of the stairs, I was immediately greeted by my guide for the first time, Alexander Rutherford. Comrade Rutherford, who worked for the Ministry of Plenty in the New York headquarters, is a man that currently works for Minipax, and he is also well known for hosting and guiding several high-ranking officials in the Inner Party for New York. Comrade Rutherford was born and raised in New York, and he shares his fair knowledge of the city fullwise, which I found as a trustworthy person for my trip.

Ante to the hotel, Comrade Rutherford offered me a tour around some of the well-known sites of New York. The Empire State Building was our very first stop after my arrival in New York. I was greeted by the 433m tall structure, as I was touched by the great history of the building that was hidden in the fullwise building, how our comrades and the Party were pouring their heart and soul in order to let us enjoy the life that the Party gave us.

Our second stop was the famous Central Park. Central Park was formerly a battlefield of the Great War of Oceania and Eurasia in 1880. Ante the war, the people of New York started to

plant flowers to pay respects to the soldiers who lost their lives in the Great War. After years and years under the care of volunteers who gave sweat, blood, and tears for the Park, the Park has now grown into a green wonderland of nature and filled with a rich history of the past. I have to say I enjoyed my long walks with Comrade Rutherford while learning more about the city and his service to the Party and enjoying the natural surroundings of the park.

Our next stop for the tour of the city is Times Square. Times Square was the main attraction and the heart of the city. The first sight that came into my eye was the bustling streets and the fast movement of people, how fast the automobiles were driving on the street. People were either selling New York's infamous salty pretzels, reading the news, the day order, Ingsoc, or traveling somewhere in the city. Posters of Victory bands were visible in every corner and in the heart of the square, A big red poster of Big Brother's face was shining upon the old saying: *War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery, Ignorance is Strength*. Reminding the people of New York with this official of the Party.

The last stop for the day was the victorious Statue of Slavery which was standing on an island in Upper New York. I recalled staring at the impressive statue- it got a rather feminine figure who was holding a pen in her left hand, yet I felt the strong, great power that came from the statue- reminding us that slavery is always the only for freedom for the people. Ante we ended the day, Comrade Rutherford humbly invited me to join his family for supper. I recalled we were sitting by the window- while enjoying the homemade cuisine by his spouse Joan as we watched the city engaging in different lives and lights moving in the night from his home in the Upper East Side of New York. To me, it was a doubleplusgood sight and it was perfect to end a day.