

Kaplan Aspect

# New York - Empire State Building

New York City offers a wealth of opportunities to its residents and visitors. With more than 80 world-class museums, 150 on and off-Broadway theatres, 30 concert halls and countless shops, restaurants and bars, it's no wonder New York is one of the world's most popular study-travel destinations. Whatever you like to do, you'll be amazed by the variety of activities you'll find in New York City.

Our Empire State Building school towers above the city on the 63rd floor of this landmark building. Built in the 1930s, the Empire State Building is a part of both New York and US history and today still attracts visitors from around the world. The Empire State Building is just steps away from Macy's at Herald Square and the world's most famous arena, Madison Square Garden. There is access to major subway lines taking you to your accommodation, and every place in the city you'll want to visit.



Kaplan Aspect New York - The Empire State Building

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Kaplan Aspect New York  
 Empire State Building, 63rd floor  
 350 5th Avenue  
 New York

## School Facilities

### Classrooms

The Empire State Building School has 20 classrooms, most with spectacular views of the city. All of our classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for our students to spread out. Each has audio/visual equipment (CD Players, TV/VCR/DVD Players, Computer with projector, etc.) either permanently in the room or available for the teacher at any time.

### Multimedia and IT centre

The school has a state-of-the-art computer lab along with a vast collection of learning software for student use. Our lab is an integral part of your studies and a great place to utilise technology to maximise your learning. In addition, the school is equipped with free wireless internet.

### Library

New York City has one of the largest library networks. There is a library conveniently located across the street.

### Student Lounge

There is a large student lounge available for student use. The lounge has wireless internet, couches, tables for studying or eating lunch, a microwave, student mailboxes and some of the greatest views of New York. From the student lounge you can see the Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty, the Financial District, and so much more. Our student lounge has vending machines which offer a selection of sodas, hot beverages and snacks.

### Cafeteria

There are many restaurants from fast food and deli to lavish sit down restaurants within 5 minutes of the school. Three are located in the building itself.

### Sports facilities

Sports such as running, football, soccer and baseball are all available nearby.

### Gym facilities

There are no gym facilities at the school, but students can join a local gym located right on 34th Street and locations at or near their residence or homestay.

### Activities/Social Programme

While it takes little imagination to keep yourself busy in New York during the time you're not studying, Kaplan Aspect, New York provides a varied calendar of activities to fill your days. With workshops, parties, walking tours, museum trips, sporting events, Broadway shows and more, you'll discover parts of New York you didn't even know existed! These activities are lead by a member of the Kaplan Aspect staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



The Empire State Building outside entrance



View from a classroom

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to Kaplan Aspect's reception desk, which is located on the 63rd floor of the Empire State Building. Your first day will be a Monday (or Tuesday if there is a national holiday on the Monday)

### Your course will begin with an all-day introduction, which will include:

- A welcome talk by the School Director
- A Placement Test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- Information about the TOEFL exam
- Information about the school and area
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- A tour of the school
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

### Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (a piece of paper you will receive upon arrival to the USA)
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Proof of health insurance, if required
- Your address in the USA
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- USD 40 book deposit
- All of your Kaplan Aspect documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective course, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Located in central New York, there are many bus stops located nearby. The rail station is only 5 minutes from the school and the subway is also 5 minutes away.

### Banks and Post Office

There is a Chase Bank in The Empire State Building which works directly with students and their banking needs. The bank's staff speak many languages to assist in the most efficient manner and offer free student checking accounts.

### Restaurants and cafés

There are many restaurants and cafés located within 5 minutes of the school, so of which give students discount.

### Department stores and supermarkets

Macy's (A world famous department store) is close to the school. We are also on the crossroads of many world-famous designer stores, from Armani to Tiffany's. We are a 10 minute walk or ride away from grocery stores.

### Telephone and Internet Café

Telephones are located outside The Empire State Building. There is an internet Café across the street from the school. The internet is also available at school for free and the school has wireless internet access.

### Church / Mosque

There are many Churches and Mosques to be found in New York. Just ask the staff when you arrive for assistance in locating them.

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwich	\$6-\$8
Lunch at a deli (take-away) or low-end restaurant/diner	\$12-\$15
Lunch at a moderate restaurant	\$25-\$30
Hot Dog	\$2
Tea/Coffee	\$2
at a high-end coffee shop	\$4-\$5
Tickets:	
Movie	\$12
Bus/Subway	\$2 each way
Weekly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$47
Monthly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$81



Bright and spacious classrooms with amazing views of the city



Kaplan Aspect Classroom



View from a classroom



Empire State Building - Reception

## Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: [www.kaplanaspect.com](http://www.kaplanaspect.com)

### Week one

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Welcome new students!</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sing along to Broadway hits in Bryant Park</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Visit the Statue of Liberty</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>A night out on the town</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Happy hour with Kaplan Aspect</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Boston weekend</b>

### Week two

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Movie at the pier</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Visit to the maritime museum</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Volleyball match</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Disco night</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3-day trip to Niagara Falls</b>

## The Team

### Kaplan Aspect School New York

#### School Director:

The school director is responsible for overseeing the school and all its components. If you have any kind of problem she can help or find someone at the school who will.

#### Student Services Manager:

The office manager oversees all administration at Kaplan Aspect New York and helps students during orientation and with any immigration questions.

#### Academic Manager and Coordinator:

The Kaplan Aspect Academic Manager and Academic Coordinator are the people responsible for your success in the classroom. They manage the teaching staff and will work with you to make sure you get the best class for you. They will also be your guides on your pathway to success.

#### Student Life Manager:

The Student Support Manager organizes a calendar of activities that will help you to meet new people, see new places and make the most of your time in New York. In addition, s/he can help with university or college applications and organise internship placements with American companies.

#### Housing Manager & Coordinator:

The Housing Coordinator is directly responsible for all housing placement, issues and concerns. This person works with students, host families and residences.

#### Student Advisor:

The student advisor is the best person to answer most of your day-to-day questions – about New York, Kaplan Aspect, your I-20 and F-1 Visa, opening a bank account, getting a driver's licence, making a call home etc. If they don't have the answer, they know how to get it for you.

## Course Information

### Courses

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- English for Business
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester

### Services

- University Placement
- Internship

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Aspect transfers

Kaplan Aspect can arrange a comfortable and stress-free transfer from any of the three area airports to anywhere in the city you'll be staying - whether you've chosen Kaplan Aspect housing or not.

Most students choose to fly in to John F. Kennedy International airport (JFK), but we will also arrange transfers from Fiorello La Guardia Airport (LGA) and Newark International Airport (EWR). Your driver will greet you outside of the baggage claim area in the airport holding a sign with Kaplan Aspect's name, your name and your confirmation number. All of the details of your transfer will be confirmed and your confirmation number will be provided to you after you've provided us with your flight details. We can also arrange a transfer back to the airport when you have to return home.

### Independent Transfers

If you choose not to use the Kaplan Aspect transfer service, the famous New York "Yellow Taxis" are always available. In the airport, you can simply follow the signs pointing you in the direction of "Ground Transportation" to an outdoor waiting area where you'll wait in line for the next available car. The cost for a taxi from JFK is a flat fee to anywhere in New York City, so don't be alarmed if the driver doesn't turn on the meter. From La Guardia and Newark airports, however, the driver should use the meter.

A shuttle and Bus service is also available at each airport and specific information about these services is available at the Ground Transportation waiting area.



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