

# Kaplan International Center 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 center 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.



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## Kaplan International Center

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## Center Facilities

### Classrooms

The Empire State Building Center has 19 classrooms, most with spectacular views of the city. All classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for students to spread out. Audio/visual equipment (CD Players, TV/VCR/DVD Players, computer with projector, etc.) is available for the teacher at any time.

### Multimedia and IT center

The center 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 utilize technology to maximize your learning. In addition, the center 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 center. Three are located in the building itself.

### Sports facilities

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

### Gym facilities

Students can join a local gym located right on 34th Street and locations at or near their residence or homestay.

### Activities/Social Program

While it doesn't take much imagination to keep yourself busy in New York during the time you're not studying, Kaplan 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 staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



The Empire State Building entrance



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## Your first day

**The first day of your course will be held at the East Village Center, located at 16 Cooper Square. Please report for orientation at 9 am.** Your first day will be a Monday (or Tuesday if there is a national holiday on the Monday). On the next day, you will go the Empire State Building, 63rd Floor, to take your class.

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

- A welcome talk by the Center Director
- A placement test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- An overview of center activities and excursions
- A tour of the center
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

**Please bring the following with you:**

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

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### Local Information

#### Transport - buses and trains

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

#### Banks and Post Office

There is a bank in The Empire State Building to help students with their banking needs. The bank's staff speak many languages to assist in the most efficient manner.

#### Restaurants and cafés

There are many restaurants and cafés located within 5 minutes of the center, some of which give student discounts.

#### Department stores and supermarkets

A department store is located close to the center. 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 center. The Internet is also available at center for free and the center has wireless Internet access.



Bright and spacious classrooms with amazing views of the city



Kaplan Classroom



Empire State Building



Empire State Building - Reception

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$6-\$8
Lunch at a deli (take-away) or low-end restaurant/diner	\$10-\$15
Lunch at a moderate restaurant	\$25-\$30
Hot Dog	\$3
Tea/Coffee	\$3
at a high-end coffee shop	\$4-\$5
Tickets:	
Movie	\$12
Bus/Subway	\$2.25 each way
Weekly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$27
Monthly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$89

### Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample program and activities may change.

#### Week one

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

#### Week two

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

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### Transfer Information

#### Kaplan Transfers

Kaplan 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 housing or not.

Most students choose to fly in to John F. Kennedy International airport (JFK), but we will also arrange transfers from Fiorello LaGuardia Airport (LGA) and Newark International Airport (EWR). Your driver will greet you outside of the baggage claim area in the airport holding a Kaplan sign. All 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 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 LaGuardia 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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