

New York City

February 8-10, 2022

Tuesday, February 8 - Last June I planned this trip to help celebrate Sue's birthday since she had mentioned that she liked Hamilton.

We began our trip with a ride on the fabulous bus from Brunswick to the South Boston station. When we arrived, we had to walk from the bus station to the train station where we boarded the Acela train 2169 to New York. From Pennsylvania Station there was a short cab ride to the [Hilton Garden Inn](#).

After getting settled into room 1130, we walked to [La Grande Boucherie](#) on West 53rd Street. We enjoyed a nice French dinner featuring escargots, steak frites and boudin blanc. Then, after a glass of Armagnac at the zinc bar, we sauntered down West 53rd to 7th Ave and back up West 48th where we followed 8th Ave to room 1130 at the hotel and slept. It had been a long day.

Wednesday, February 9 - We woke up early to begin our first exciting day. I walked to a Starbucks on the corner of 48th to get some coffee for both of us and some OJ for Sue. After bagel and smoked salmon sandwiches from a deli across the street, and a shower, we headed off to [MoMA](#). We decided to see an eclectic collection from artists in 1880-1940, one of the exhibitions on several floors of the museum. It featured paintings and sculptures by Picasso, Matisse, Monet and other notable artists as well as film studies, abstract art, expressionism and various artistic works. We spent almost two hours wandering through the exhibits and were ready to have lunch at [The Modern Bar](#). Since it was restaurant week in New York, we were offered a prix fixe lunch (two courses for \$39) and it was fabulous. Sue had cucumber-persimmon salad with trout roe to start and charred octopus with 'nduja and saffron as the entrée. My starter was steak tartare with the crispy potatoes (the best potato dish I've ever had) and roasted chicken with cauliflower and foie gras as the entrée. We were impressed with the quality and quantity of the meal, especially for the price.



We decided to walk down 5th Ave to Central Park (passing the building where I worked as a contractor for General Motors in 1969).



After a short walk through the corner of the park, we stopped at the Park Plaza for a drink at the bar before returning to the hotel.

Since our lunch was so filling, we wanted something light for dinner and so discovered the [Dim Sum Palace](#), the Hell's Kitchen location on 46th which suited us well.

Thursday, February 10 - The big day! Hamilton awaits. But first we decided to walk to the Hudson and [Circle Lines](#) at Pier 83 for their Landmark Cruise. It was a beautiful day and the trip offered some great views of the city, New Jersey shore, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Brooklyn. Afterwards we walked back on 42nd to the hotel. Here are some pictures from our journey:



We excitedly prepared for [Trattoria Trecolori](#) and a delicious Italian dinner. Then walked to [Richard Rogers Theater](#) for the big event:



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