



language study centres

info sheet

new york st john's university



the city

New York, also known as the Big Apple or The City That Never Sleeps, consists of five boroughs: The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island. It was originally a commercial trading post founded by the Dutch, and was known as New Amsterdam until 1664 when it came under English control. Today it is home to over 8 million Americans, and to two of the most recognisable landmarks in the world: the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building.

the college

Only minutes from Manhattan by car, bus or train, the 105-acre Queens campus offers a traditional university environment in the world's most dynamic city. The Queens campus features broad lawns, handsome stone buildings and ultramodern student residence halls. Combining urban excitement with suburban tranquility, the campus is located in a leafy, residential area of one of the five boroughs, that make up New York City. Though students at St. John's often travel into Manhattan on weekends, they also enjoy shopping and fine restaurants within blocks of the campus.

facilities

Facilities on the campus include Student Union bar/disco area, auditorium for film nights, theatre studio for dance/drama and shows, coffee bars, outdoor barbeque area, open lawns with seating and outdoor sports areas for all-day use.

accommodation

New accommodation completed in 2002. All accommodation is on campus. Suite-style residence halls with single & double occupancy. There are three twin bedrooms per suite, two bathrooms with shower, toilet & washbasin and a common area/living room with a small

combination refrigerator and microwave. Each bedroom has two beds, a dresser, desk, chair and closet. A 60 Dollar damage deposit per student is payable on arrival at the centre.

teaching programme

A full day of teaching will alternate with a full day in Manhattan, Monday to Friday. Students will have two lessons each teaching day, each lesson is 3 hours. There is a 20-min break during the teaching session and lessons will take place in the morning and afternoon. Students are given a coursebook which is theirs to keep, and this provides the framework for the course.

As our main aim is to develop confidence and fluency the lessons are a combination of communicative activities, vocabulary development, pronunciation work, language games, role plays, excursion preparation and project work. While students are given course material they are not provided with writing materials. All students are tested on arrival and placed in the class level that is most suitable for them, and their progress is monitored throughout the course. The maximum class size is sixteen.

new york centre details

general information

Full Postal Address: Queens Campus, St. John's University, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439

Website: www.stjohns.edu

Distance from downtown Manhattan: 24 km

Distance from airports: JFK 8 km

accommodation

Name/names of LSC accommodation: St John's University

Total beds on site: 2,200

Disabled access: Limited

Ratio of showers/baths: Each bathroom contains a toilet, shower and washbasin. Two bathrooms in each suite that has six beds (1:3)

Ratio of toilets: 1:3

Towels provided: Yes, changed weekly

How often are rooms cleaned: Weekly with bed linen change. Communal areas cleaned daily

Do bedrooms lock: Yes. Cost of replacement key \$130

Common Rooms: Besides the common area in each suite, there is a lounge on every floor of each residence hall. Other communal areas such as the Student Union bar/disco area, auditorium for film nights, theatre studio for dance/drama and shows, coffee bars, outdoor barbeque area, open lawns with seating and outdoor sports areas for all-day use

Dining hall capacity: 645

Telephones: No

Laundry Facilities: Yes, free washer/dryer access 24 hours/7 days a week in the basement of each building

Is a safe available for leaders: No

teaching & social facilities

Zig-zag timetable: Yes

Internet Available: Yes

Social Areas: Yes

Internet Available: Campus is wi-fi. Students who bring laptops will have to get them configured at the IT lab

sports facilities

Indoor Sports: Large indoor sports arena. Also Basketball arena where students can view games between local/national teams. Also theatre for dance/drama activities/shows

Outdoor sports: Running track, football field, lots of green open spaces

Tennis courts: Yes

transport information

A New York daily travel pass is included in the course package

Nearest Public Transport: Bus on Union Turnpike across the street from the campus is a couple of minutes to the subway on Queens Blvd. Subway straight into Manhattan

Frequency of Service: Regular service running non-stop every half an hour throughout the day/night

Average Cost: One trip \$2.25 for bus/subway combined ticket

local amenities

Nearest Hospital: Within walking distance

Nearest Bank: Within walking distance

Nearest Shops: Within walking distance

Nearest Post Office: Within walking distance