

**WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL,  
CIRCLE LINE SIGHTSEEING YACHTS HAS IT ALL!**  
WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BOAT RIDE OFFERS YEAR-ROUND EXCURSIONS

**NEW YORK, NY, JANUARY 2007** – Since 1945, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises has been entertaining passengers young and old with the world's most famous boat rides. Providing generations of visitors with magnificent views of the Manhattan skyline and interesting tidbits about the city and its surroundings, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises is a true New York institution and a "must-see" attraction while in town.

Whether it's the dog days of summer; a blooming springtime day; a crisp fall weekend or even a brisk early winters' morning, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises has something to fit everyone's schedule.

Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises offers a wide variety of sailings for every age and is a great way to spend a morning, afternoon or weekend. During the cruise, passengers will enjoy a humorous, yet informative, tour given by professional guides. So, visitors can head to Pier 83 at West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and the Hudson River to see the city like never before. By moonlight or the light of day, the sweeping views are spectacular.

Here's a closer look at some of the many sightseeing tour options available to visitors:

The **Full Island Cruise** provides passengers with three-hours of relaxation and discovery. Depart on Circle Line Sightseeing's most popular cruise and learn the secrets of the city: three rivers, seven major bridges, five boroughs, over 25 world renowned landmarks and, of course, a magnificent close-up of the Statue of Liberty. Discover Manhattan like the great explorers and see the city and the outer boroughs via the water. Departing year-round, adults pay \$29.50, children \$17 and senior citizens \$25.

The **Semi-Circle Cruise** sets sail on a two-hour cruise down the Hudson offering a stunning panoramic of the famed New York skyline and a close-up view of Lady Liberty. Cruise around the Battery, up the East River, and under the Brooklyn, Manhattan and Williamsburg Bridges to the United Nations and back. Departing year-round, adults pay \$25, children \$14 and senior citizens \$21.

The **Liberty Cruise** turns 75-minutes into a quick and inspirational way to see New York's highlights from the water. Sailing down the Hudson River to the Statue of Liberty and back, passengers will view such sights as Ellis Island, the historic immigration center and the World Financial Center. Sailing May through October, adults pay \$20, children \$12 and senior citizens \$17.

What better way to begin an evening in the "city that never sleeps" than with a **Harbor Lights Evening Cruise**. Watch the stars illuminate the New York skyline on this two-hour cruise that follows the same route as the Semi-Circle Cruise. This cruise sails March through November, adults pay \$25, children are \$14 and Senior Citizens \$21.

Unleashed in 1998, **The Beast** bursts with energy as it leaves all others in its wake. Captain Mad Dog takes this custom built 70 foot off shore racing power boat up to 45 m.p.h. on a spin down to the Statue of Liberty. Departing May through October, adults pay \$18 and children \$12 (Height restriction: 40") and Senior Citizens \$18.

### **Holiday & Special Events:**

Get up close and personal with Manhattan's famed Macy's 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks spectacular. Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises' **July 4<sup>th</sup> Cruise** provides passengers with a front row seat to witness the sky above the Statue of Liberty light up with a colorful display of pyrotechnics. A DJ will provide entertainment, and food and drinks are available for purchase on board. Ship boards at 4:30pm. Sails from 5:30pm - 11:00pm. Tickets: \$70. Advance reservations are required.

Each summer a series of **Music Cruises** are staged by Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises to take place throughout the summer season and feature performances by regional and national music groups of note. A roster of the performances will be posted on [www.circleline42.com](http://www.circleline42.com) within the upcoming weeks.

Autumn bursts with a magnificent display of foliage in the Hudson River Valley and there's no better way to witness this event than aboard Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises' **Bear Mountain Cruise**. Take in the crisp autumn air and awesome views as the vessel makes its way up the scenic Hudson River to historic Bear Mountain, where you will have the opportunity to disembark for two-hours and enjoy Bear Mountain's annual Oktoberfest. Admission to Oktoberfest is complimentary. Ship boards at 8:30am. Returns to Pier 83 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$45 for adults, \$30 for children and \$40 for seniors. Advance reservations are required.

Raise a glass to 2008 and ring in the New Year aboard Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises' **New Year's Eve Cruise**. This floating nightclub offers partygoers a full -open bar, hors' d'oeuvres, a champagne toast, live DJ, dancing, party favors and unobstructed views of the famous Grucci fireworks show from the Statue of Liberty at midnight. Ship boards at 9:00 pm. Returns to Pier 83 at 1:00 am. Tickets are \$120 and patrons must be 18 to board. Advance reservations are required.

All sailings depart from Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Plaza, Pier 83, West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street & the Hudson River. For more information or reservations, call 212-563-3200 or visit Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises online at [www.circleline42.com](http://www.circleline42.com). Group discounts are available. Advance reservations are required for groups of 20 or more.

### **About Circle Line Sightseeing Yachts**

Sailing since 1945, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises has hosted over 60 million passengers in New York City. Owned and operated by New York Cruise Lines, Inc., New York's oldest and largest provider of scheduled and chartered sightseeing and special function cruises. Residents and tourists can choose from five different leisurely tours including a three-hour *Full Island Cruise*, a two-hour *Semi-Circle Cruise*, 75-minute *Liberty Cruise*, two-hour twilight *Harbor Lights Cruise* or a 30-minute thriller boat ride aboard The Beast, coupled with convenient schedules to accommodate guests needs, state-of-the-art vessels, first class service and attentive crews. Cruises are not only designed to provide the best viewing opportunities, but to also be informative, comfortable and entertaining as well. Today, the company is recognized as one of the most famous boat rides in the entire world and is one of the oldest 42<sup>nd</sup> Street landmarks.

Editor's note: For more details about these events and others, or to arrange for complimentary tickets for a journalist on assignment, please contact Anne Ryan, at 203-661-3663.