



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF CIRCLE LINE SIGHTSEEING CRUISES AT 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET

<b>1895</b>	The opening of the Harlem Ship Canal makes circumnavigation of Manhattan Island possible
<b>1900</b>	Sightseeing cruises become the rage, clogging New York's waterways with crafts of all kinds.
<b>1908</b>	A steamer named the Tourist, piloted and owned by Captain John Roberts offers a sightseeing cruise around Manhattan.
<b>1918</b>	After Captain Roberts dies, Captain Budd Goodwin purchases the Tourist and continues to run her around Manhattan Island, sailing twice each day from Battery Park at the southern tip of Manhattan.
<b>1945</b>	On June 15 <sup>th</sup> , Frank Barry, Joe Moran and other partners merge a variety of competing boat ride services to form the Circle Line company.
<b>1950's</b>	Circle Line expands its fleet to include larger vessels
<b>1955</b>	Circle Line moves uptown to Pier 83 at the foot of West 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street at the Hudson River.
<b>1961</b>	Over Fourth of July weekend, Circle Line carries its ten millionth passenger
<b>1962</b>	Circle Line purchases the Hudson River Day Line.
<b>1965</b>	The City of New York initiates a \$3 million program to rehabilitate Pier 83. The new pier is two-deck concrete structure with parking spaces for 600 automobiles, company offices and loading berths.
<b>1981</b>	Circle Line Sightseeing Yachts, Inc. is acquired by Karl G. Andren.
<b>1985</b>	Mayor Edward I. Koch proclaims April 23 <sup>rd</sup> as "Circle Line" Day in connection with Circle Line Sightseeing Yachts, Inc.'s 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
<b>1988</b>	Circle Line Sightseeing Yachts, Inc. acquires World Yacht, Inc., a fleet of five world-class luxury dining yachts and pioneers the concept of "elegant dining afloat."

<b>1992</b>	Circle Line Sightseeing at 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street launches celebrity-narrated tours featuring former Mayor Koch, author Tama Janowitz and restaurant guide editors, Nina and Tom Zagat.
<b>1995</b>	Circle Line Sightseeing at 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street kicks-off the celebration of its 50 <sup>th</sup> “Golden” Anniversary. Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani proclaims June 15 as “Circle Line Day.”
<b>1998</b>	Circle Line Sightseeing at 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street unleashes <i>The Beast</i> – a custom built 70-foot off-shore racing power boat that takes passengers on a spin down to the Statue of Liberty at speeds up to 45 m.p.h.
<b>2000</b>	Circle Line Sightseeing at 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street celebrates the Millennium with a special New Year’s Eve cruise!
<b>2001</b>	On September 11 <sup>th</sup> , Circle Line Sightseeing at 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street suspends normal sightseeing operations and volunteers their services and six of their vessels to act as a ferry service, helping 30,000 workers and visitors to the city return home to New Jersey.
<b>2004</b>	Following a two-year slide, Circle Line Sightseeing was able to regain its pre-September 11 <sup>th</sup> sales levels and consolidated operations to its original midtown location.
<b>2005</b>	Circle Line Sightseeing at 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street kicks-off the celebration of its 60 <sup>th</sup> “Diamond” Anniversary. The City of New York proclaims May 17 as “Circle Line Sightseeing at 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street Day.” World famous comedian Jackie Mason and The Broadway Kids come out to kick-off the 60 <sup>th</sup> summer season.

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