



**BROADWAY
UP
CLOSE
WALKING
TOURS**



WHAT IS BROADWAY UP CLOSE WALKING TOURS

Broadway Up Close Walking Tours Inc. started as a seed of an idea in 2010 by actor **Tim Dolan**. While touring the country in a small bus and truck production of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, Tim was fascinated by the **ghost stories** and **legends** told by local stagehands at different vaudeville and touring houses each night. Upon moving back to **New York City** when the tour ended, he started to explore the history and legends that have taken place in our current 41 Broadway **theaters**. Unearthing some truly fantastic stories from over 100 years ago, Tim felt compelled to start a walking tour of the **Broadway Theatre District** further detailing and sharing those ghost stories, anecdotes and wonderful tales with the theatre lovers who journey to New York City to take in a show.



Add to those **stories** the sharing of the inner workings of the life of an actor, stage manager or other theatre professional and you have a comprehensive tour that changes the way the general public experiences a **Broadway** show. Never again will the theatregoer set foot in a theater without thinking about how those walls and **velvet seats** have housed so many earlier legendary memories, and they will realize that they are now personally linked to that individual theater's legacy.

Since 2010, our Broadway Up Close **Green Team** has expanded from just Tim to a staff of fourteen highly passionate tour guides. Their cumulative experience encompasses Broadway, Off-Broadway, National Tours, Regional Theatre, and Film and Television, onstage, as well as behind the scenes. In addition to their work in the **theatre**, each is licensed as a tour guide by the City of New York.

THE BROADWAY UP CLOSE PROMISE

At Broadway Up Close we strive to give you a “behind-the-scenes” look at Broadway. Being a part of “show business,” our guides will give you insider info to make you see Broadway like never before! Over the years, theatre-goers have been flocking to The Great White Way for one reason: to hear a story. For an hour and forty-five minutes you’ll hear those tales, from the flops and disasters to the successes and legends!

INDUSTRY INSIDERS

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GROUP SIZE

Large groups will be divided into smaller groups with multiple tour guides to ensure an intimate experience



RARE PHOTOS

Every guide is equipped with an iPad chock full of rarely seen photos and videos to enhance our Broadway stories



Tim The Tour Guide

Broadway's Beginnings

MEETING LOCATION
41st Street between 7th & 8th Avenues outside of the Nederlander Theater



Journey back in time with our **Green Team Guides** to Broadway's early years full of roof garden theaters, tap shoes, and theatrical con artists. Learn the true difference between a **Broadway** theater and an **Off-Broadway** theater and revel in the secrets hidden in plain sight in some of Broadway's

most famous theaters. Tourgoers will hear how a show is created from the first rehearsal to **opening night** and all of the craziness in between. And, of course, we'll explore the spirits that may still be lurking in the shadows **backstage** with a few unbelievable ghost stories.



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AMERICAN AIRLINES SQUARE EMPIRE BELASCO
STEPHEN SONDHEIM NEW VICTORY VICTORIA

Shubert Brothers & Beyond

MEETING LOCATION
Broadway Up Close Kiosk in Times Square

As **Times Square** transformed from an area full of manure and horse stables to one of the busiest tourist destinations in the world, a battle for **Broadway** was brewing between a group of theatrical titans and three scrappy brothers with the last name of **Shubert**. Set against the backdrop of Broadway's most famous theaters, tourgoers will hear about the Shubert Brothers who monopolized Broadway against all odds with the



help of an awkwardly named architect. Add in the true origins of the **Tony Awards** and rarely heard stories from famous musicals ranging from *Oklahoma!* to *Hamilton* and we promise you'll walk away with a new appreciation for just how far Broadway has come over the past 100 years.



Hippies, Discos, & Dogs, Oh My!

MEETING LOCATION
54th Street between Broadway & 8th Avenue, outside of Studio 54

The beautiful theaters at the northern end of the **Theatre District** remain nearly identical to the days when they were first built. As tourgoers weave among these original facades on the sidewalks north of **Times Square**, they will hear how Broadway transformed with the first million dollar show and the introduction of **rock musicals**.



They'll also learn how a dog named Sandy would change one Tony Award winner's life - and Broadway's canine future - while little orphan Annie belted "**Tomorrow**" in front of thousands. And with some of Broadway's longest running shows, from *Hair!* to *Wicked*, housed within these blocks, our **Green Team Guides** will bring to light the backstage quirks and secrets that are rarely heard.



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 GOLDEN HAYES MARQUIS
 ST. JAMES HELEN HAYES BOOTH IMPERIAL HIRSCHFIELD
 SCHOENFELD MAJESTIC BOX RODGERS
 LUNT-FONTANNE MAJESTIC BOX BROADHURST
 AUGUST WILSON AMBASSADOR LONGACRE
 CIRCLE THE SQUARE 54 WINTER ATKINSON
 FRIEDMAN GARDEN NEIL KERR
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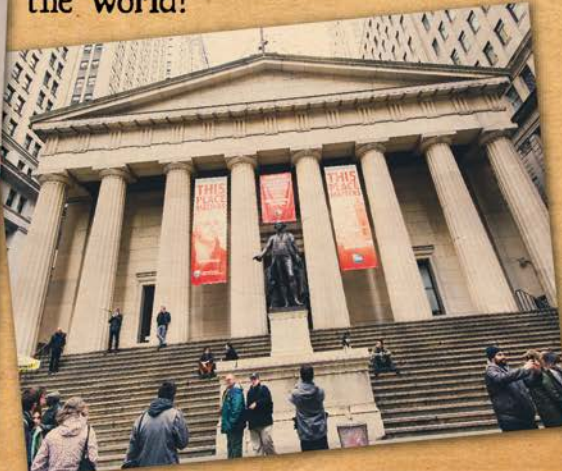
Hamilton Tour

The Tour Where It Happened

MEETING LOCATION

Coenties Alley, Outside of 85 Broad Street

Are you as obsessed with *Hamilton: An American Musical* as we are? For the first time ever, tour-goers can join our **Green Team Guides** on Alexander Hamilton's sidewalks and explore "the revolution happening in New York" in the 1700s on our **HamilTour**. In addition to seeing the historical sites from the musical, guests will hear never-before-heard stories and secrets from the creation of the record-breaking musical. Culminating at the gravesite of Alexander and Eliza Hamilton, tour-goers are sure to walk away even more obsessed with *Hamilton: An American Musical* than ever before! Don't "wait for it," join us today in the "greatest city in the world!"



THE GHOSTLIGHT TOUR

Haunted Broadway

MEETING LOCATION

In front of 1411 Broadway, south of 40th Street

Every night when the thousands of audience members leave the 41 Broadway theaters, a nightly ritual takes place unseen by most: the setting of the **ghostlight**. Join our **Green Team Guides** as we explore this, and other superstitions rooted in days gone by, but still held by theatre folk everywhere. Set against the backdrop of the **ghostlight superstition**, our guides will share stories of spirits that still lurk in the shadows backstage. We've unearthed some truly **spooky sightings**: acrobats, costume designers, playwrights, actors, and even a priest! Utilizing iPads chock full of rarely seen photographs, news clippings and videos from years of research, tourgoers will see how the **haunted** of Broadway's present brings Broadway's past back to life!





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