



# NEW YORK FILM FESTIVAL

New York City

Sept 30 – October 5, 2009

Join Stephen Farber on an exciting fall getaway to the New York Film Festival, one of the oldest and most prestigious film festivals in the United States. After a few years of construction, the Festival returns this year to its home in the redesigned Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, which has earned rave reviews from all the local architecture critics. The New York Film Festival has always been celebrated for screening the newest and most important cinematic works by directors from around the world

But the movies are only part of the fun of our adventure in New York. We will take advantage of New York's many cultural opportunities and gourmet dining choices, while we also meet top international filmmakers.

Our one-of-a-kind package includes:

- **5 nights at The Empire Hotel**, a deluxe hotel with a premium location across from Lincoln Center
- **Tickets for films and Panel Discussions**
- **3 dinners, 2 lunches, and 2 breakfasts** at some of New York's best restaurants
- **1 Broadway or Off-Broadway play**
- **A special tour at one of New York's many world-class art museums**
- **Private walking tour of New York's Upper West Side**, the bustling neighborhood where Lincoln Center is located.
- **MetroCard: 7 day unlimited use of subways and local buses**
- **Private meetings** with filmmakers and other luminaries
- **Lively discussions** led by Stephen Farber

**Land package: \$2260 per person, double occupancy (+\$505 single supplement)**

**\*\*\*Special savings for payment by check: \$2190 pp double / single supplement + \$490\*\*\***

Hurry! Bonus Early Book Discount! Save \$100 per person if registered by June 20

*LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS*

*Airfare is not included, but can be arranged by Let's Travel!, as well as additional nights and pre-/post-tour extensions.*

*~~Think of traveling outside the city to savor the fall colors in New York State or New England.~~*

**DEPOSIT: \$300 per person required to reserve your space**  
(fully refundable before August 20, less \$50 administrative fee)

**BALANCE DUE: August 20, 2009**

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## ABOUT THIS FESTIVAL



The New York Film Festival offers an unparalleled showcase of inspiring and provocative cinema by emerging talents and first-rank international artists whose films are often recognized as contemporary classics. Unlike some other American festivals that run hundreds of films from morning to night, the New York Festival has always emphasized quality over quantity, with a very selective program that includes some top prize-winners from international festivals as well as award-caliber American films enjoying their world premieres.

## WE'LL TAKE MANHATTAN

Early autumn is a beautiful time to visit Manhattan, and we will have lunches and dinners at some of the best restaurants all over the city. On our previous trips to the Tribeca Film Festival, we enjoyed an amazing gourmet lunch at Bouley restaurant, one of the city's most acclaimed dining venues. We expect to take a trip downtown to the restaurant's new location in the Tribeca area for another fabulous lunch.

We will also catch a top Broadway or off-Broadway show, enjoy a special tour at one of New York's many world-class art museums, and enjoy a unique walking tour of the Upper West Side, the bustling neighborhood where Lincoln Center is located. Expect some other surprises on this exhilarating five-day cultural and dining marathon.

The Empire Hotel will be our pied-a-terre, ideally located across from Lincoln Center with convenient access to subway lines to zip around Manhattan. It is also just a 5 minute walk from Central Park and Columbus Circle. The hotel was closed for a comprehensive makeover, and reopened last year in its stylish new incarnation.

[www.empirehotelnyc.com](http://www.empirehotelnyc.com)

## SPECIAL FOR YOU

Film critic Stephen Farber, a regular contributor to The Hollywood Reporter, will be your guide on this heady filmgoing adventure. He works in Los Angeles, where he is the host and moderator of "Reel Talk", an innovative series featuring some of the most provocative new films, along with lively discussions afterwards with top filmmakers and film stars.

Stephen Farber has led exciting trips to film festivals in Venice, Havana, Berlin, Maui, Montreal, Savannah, Palm Springs, San Sebastian (Spain), Locarno (Switzerland), and Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic). Members of his previous film festival tours have had the chance to enjoy exclusive meetings with visiting stars and filmmakers. Although the list is now very lengthy, highlights include private confabs with Rob Reiner, Jacqueline Bisset, John Malkovich; directors Paul Verhoeven, Paul Mazursky, John Boorman and Sidney Lumet; *Before Sunset*'s Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy, director Richard Linklater, and writer/director Bill Condon. At press conferences and cocktail receptions, they mingled with Sharon Stone, Lauren Bacall, Gael Garcia Bernal, Clint Eastwood, Susan Sarandon, Charlize Theron, Cate Blanchett, Elijah Wood, Ron Howard, Geena Davis, Robin Williams, Angela Bassett, Tom Hanks, and Sophia Loren.

Exclusive to participants in Stephen Farber's Reel Travel tour is the opportunity to enjoy private meetings with visiting stars and filmmakers, along with other behind-the-scenes encounters. On our last trip to New York, at the Tribeca Film Festival in April 2008, we had a private lunch with one of the talented filmmakers whose movie premiered at the festival, as well as a special Q-and-A with the director of the hit off-Broadway play that we saw. On our trip to the San Sebastian Film Festival in September 2008, we had an exclusive lunch with the writer-director and stars of the prize-winning "Frozen River," including Oscar-nominated filmmaker Courtney Hunt and Oscar-nominated actress Melissa Leo.

*“I now realize that my idea of a ‘perfect trip’ is one like the Film Festival: a lot of frenzied activity and constant talk with interesting and likeable people. Oh, and did I mention the dining.... I didn’t realize this was a gourmet dining trip as well as a film festival trip”*

*from Renee K.*