

## Kaplan Aspect

# New York - East Village

New York City offers a wealth of opportunities to its residents and visitors. With more than 80 world-class museums, 150 on and off-Broadway theatres, 30 concert halls and countless shops, restaurants and bars, it's no wonder New York is one of the world's most popular study-travel destinations. Whatever you like to do, you'll be amazed by the variety of activities you'll find in New York City.

Our East Village School is a wonderful, 2-storey facility located in the heart of Manhattan's hip East Village. Just a block or two north of the Bowery, the former home of NYC's famed CBGB's rock club, we are minutes away from many of New York's most interesting sites: The Public Theater, located in the former Astor Library – the Cooper Union Great Hall, the site of many historic speeches and addresses– and St. Mark's Place, the place to go for food, music, and a pair of cool shades! What's more, we're less than 5 minutes from Stern Business school and NYU main campus in addition to major subway lines that can take you to your accommodation, and every place in the city you'll want to visit.

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Kaplan Aspect East Village



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USA

## School Facilities

### Classrooms

The Village School has 17 classrooms for group classes and three additional small-group/private tutoring rooms. All of our classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for our students to spread out. The classrooms are equipped with tables and chairs which are ideal for group and pair work exercises, and a whiteboard for the teacher's presentations. Each has audio/visual equipment (CD Players, TV/VCR/DVD Players, Computer with projector, etc.) either permanently in the room or available for the teacher at any time.

### Multimedia and IT centre

The school has personal workspaces equipped with TV/DVD players, more than 60 computers for student use, and free wireless internet access throughout the building. Our quiet study rooms are also a wonderful telecommunications and media resource.

### Library

Our lending library has a wide variety of textbooks, dictionaries, specific-skill texts and reference materials for students to use for additional practice. We also have multimedia materials (CDs, DVDs and CD ROMs) for students to borrow and use during their structured study hours.

### Student Lounge

When you're hungry or looking to relax, the cosy student lounge on the second floor offers leather couches, desks, vending machines for snacks, and microwave ovens to help prepare your lunch.

### Cafeteria

While there is no on-site cafeteria, within steps of the school there is a variety of restaurants from fast food and deli to fine dining.

### Sports facilities

Sports such as running, soccer, baseball and kayaking are all available nearby.

### Gym facilities

There are no gym facilities at the school, but students can join a local gym located right on Cooper Square and locations at or near their residence or homestay.

### Activities/Social Programme

While it takes little imagination to keep yourself busy in New York during the time you're not studying, Kaplan Aspect New York provides a varied calendar of activities to fill your days. With workshops, parties, walking tours, museum trips, sporting events, Broadway shows and more, you'll discover parts of New York you didn't even know existed! These activities are lead by a member of the Kaplan Aspect staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



East Village teacher and students



Pizza party

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to Kaplan Aspect School which is located at 131 West 56th Street, at 9:30am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a national holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction, which will include:

- Welcome Breakfast / Speaking Test
- Staff Introductions
- Placement Test (Selection from the TOEIC Exam)
- F-1 Orientation
- Housing Orientation / Lunch
- Academic Orientation & Materials Distribution

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (Green piece of paper you will receive upon arrival to the USA)
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Proof of health insurance, if required
- Your address in the USA
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- All your Kaplan Aspect documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective course, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Just a few blocks north of the East Village School, New York City local subway stops include the green line (6 train) at Astor Place & Lafayette and the yellow line (R and W trains) at 8th street and Broadway, with transfers available to the M1, M2, M5, M8, M101, M102 and M103 buses.

### Banks and Post Office

Bank of America local branch is located one block east at 72 Second Ave, with representatives making frequent visits to the school to offer students bank account information. Also, the United States Post Office has a convenient location at Cooper Station, 93 4th Avenue.

### Restaurants and cafés

Students will find a deliciously diverse mix of food around the area, both international and American, for all budgets.

### Department stores and supermarkets

Just a block or two away, Broadway is famously lined with shops and street fairs to satisfy all your shopping needs. Or, hop on the yellow line uptown to 34th street and you'll find the famous Macy's Herald Square.

### Telephone and Internet Cafe

The Kaplan Aspect East Village school offers students free wireless internet throughout the facility, with payphones available to students to make both local and international calls (phone card for international).

### Church / Mosque

There are many churches and mosques to be found in New York. Just ask the staff when you arrive for assistance in locating them.

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwich	\$6-\$8
Lunch at a deli (take-away) or low-end restaurant/diner	\$12-\$15
Lunch at a moderate restaurant	\$25-\$30
Hamburger	\$2
Tea/Coffee	\$2
at a high-end coffee shop	\$4-\$5
Tickets:	
Movie	\$12
Bus/Subway	\$2 each way
Weekly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$24
Monthly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$76



Statue of Liberty



Manhattan Bridge



Empire State Building



Yellow cabs

## Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: [www.kaplanaspect.com](http://www.kaplanaspect.com)

### Week one

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Welcome new students!</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sing along to Broadway hits in Bryant Park</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Visit the Statue of Liberty</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>A night out on the town</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Happy hour with Kaplan Aspect</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Boston weekend</b>

### Week two

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Movie at the pier</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Visit to the maritime museum</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Volleyball match</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Disco night</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3-day trip to Niagara Falls</b>

## The Team

### Kaplan Aspect School East Village

#### Student Advisors/DSO:

These people will be your first and best friends at the school. They are the people that can answer your questions – about New York, Kaplan Aspect, your I-20 and F-1 Visa, opening a bank account, getting a driver's licence, making a call home etc. If they don't have the answer, they know how to get it for you.

#### Academic Manager:

The Kaplan Aspect Academic Manager is the person responsible for your success in the classroom. S/he manages the teaching staff and will work with you to make sure you get the best class for you. S/he will also be your guide on your pathway to success.

#### Activities Manager:

The Kaplan Aspect Activities Manager will keep you entertained. S/he organizes a calendar of activities that will help you to meet new people, see new places and make the most of your time in New York. S/he can also help you to organize your visits to places outside of New York, like Niagara Falls, Boston and Washington D.C.

#### Housing Coordinator:

This person, along with the Housing Manager, will help you to arrange your housing in New York City. Whichever accommodation option you choose, our Housing Coordinator will be there to make sure you are safe and comfortable. S/he can also arrange transportation to and from the airport.

#### English Program Manager:

The English Program Manager is the leader of the team. S/he is the person that makes sure that the facilities and every part of your experience with Kaplan Aspect exceeds your expectations.

## Course Information

### Courses

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- iGMAT/iGRE
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester

### Services

- University Placement
- Internship

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Aspect transfers

Kaplan Aspect can arrange a comfortable and stress-free transfer from any of the three area airports to anywhere in the city you'll be staying - whether you've chosen Kaplan Aspect housing or not.

Most students choose to fly in to John F. Kennedy International airport (JFK), but we will also arrange transfers from Fiorello La Guardia Airport (LGA) and Newark International Airport (EWR). Your driver will greet you outside of the baggage claim area in the airport holding a sign with Kaplan Aspect's name, your name and your confirmation number. All of the details of your transfer will be confirmed and your confirmation number will be provided to you after you've provided us with your flight details. We can also arrange a transfer back to the airport when you have to return home.

### Independent Transfers

If you choose not to use the Kaplan Aspect transfer service, the famous New York "Yellow Taxis" are always available. In the airport, you can simply follow the signs pointing you in the direction of "Ground Transportation" to an outdoor waiting area where you'll wait in line for the next available car. The cost for a taxi from JFK is a flat fee to anywhere in New York City, so don't be alarmed if the driver doesn't turn on the meter. From La Guardia and Newark airports, however, the driver should use the meter.

A shuttle and Bus service is also available at each airport and specific information about these services is available at the Ground Transportation waiting area.



Brooklyn Bridge