

DAY 66 Newark, New Jersey

Wednesday September 23/09

To New York via Hotel airporter to air train to Newark bus 62 to PATH train ... takes almost 2 hours to get into the Theatre district of New York City. Incredible the noise that is constant of cars rumbling, trains on tracks, people talking, walking..... we went to Times Square to the rush ticket office.... A good place to go for discount coupons is the information booth as they have discounts that you can go to the theatre and get same day tickets for 50-60% off the usual price. The rush tickets are not for all the shows just ones with thought of tickets to be left over.



We went to the matinee for The Marvelous Wonderettes after eating a great lunch at the restaurant next door to the Westside Theatre. Ken felt uncomfortable in the restaurant as it was full of women > 55... I guess that is who can come to the city for matinees! The food was good but very expensive. This Theatre started as a German Baptist church built in 1889 and a theatre since early 1980's. We really enjoyed this production with only 4 singers in the cast and they all could really sing. It was set at Prom night and they sang all the songs of 1958 and then a reunion 10 years later they sang all the 68 songs. Lots of fun.

We went walking after the production and enjoyed people watching and just looking at the city. There were so many people on the streets and not one person begging for money! There were lots of police around on horses, bikes and walking. They were getting people who were loitering... looked to be homeless... to move on. The President is in town for some meetings so thought there were more police than might usually be.





We took in “39Steps” at the Helen Hayes theatre built in 1912. A interesting comedy by Hitchcock with so many characters, but only 4 in the cast... they changed character with clothing and voice so fast... it was really neat, but could use watching again to get it all. I could go to many more theatre productions!

You are not allowed to take photos of the plays, but I didn't think that meant of the theatre roof! I got yelled at for having my camera out way before the show started!



We had a long ride back to the hotel but it was also interesting that the walls of the sky scrapers were all light up until 10pm and then they turned them off all at once, including the lights in the skyscrapers.

It was a great day of sights and sounds and tastes. Great. Felt safe the whole time. Would stay in NY next time as could walk the streets in the morning.

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Thursday September 24/09

Well the last day... we headed back into town and went to the 9-11 ground zero site... it was very interesting and brought it all back [8years ago]



It is hard to get the perspective of the huge area with no buildings. About 5 cranes building the new skyscrapers to be put up here. I just had the feeling how much worse it could have been!



This church is at the end of ground 0 with the graveyard between. This is a door into the church... gorgeous. It is the oldest building in continuous use in New York. It is now full of the memorabilia of the incident.



Street performers were out ... this had to do with the American revolution.



This is the stock exchange building. Some much history in the buildings here. Statue of Liberty behind us.



this is the memorial to lost fishermen... can you see the guy in the water reaching up to the guy in the boat?



have better bike routes than Kelowna.

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Friday September 25/09

To airport at 0530 and it was still dark!



Ken had figured out the route really well so not more than 2km... I think we were a discussion for the airporters for some time to come! We could not fit in an Airporter from our hotel... boxes for gear, but bikes get bags. I think we were fairly visible!



End of a great trip.....

The 3 airplanes were not nice to our bikes.... NJ to Montreal, to Toronto to Edmonton... 2 stops too many people handling the bikes... no permanent damage, but it took Ken about 1 hour to put them into riding shape and we were racing the dark to get to Keith and Julies. Time to rest up and off home to Kelowna in time for winter!



68 days.... 4365km total..... I have not figured out the cycling days yet, but 52 so rough average 85km/day.