



## UK CONNECTION STUDENT CONVENTIONS TO NEW YORK CITY **Religious Studies ‘Rolling Seminar’**

Your RS ‘Rolling Seminar’ is based around a 3-4 hour Guided Sightseeing Tour of the city. The full 3-4 hour tour will leave your hotel at 0900 on the morning of **Day Two** and, if times permit, involve a circular route taking in The Upper West Side, Harlem, the Upper East Side, Midtown and the Theatre District, Greenwich Village, Chinatown, Little Italy, the Financial District and Ground Zero. At least one extended comfort stop will be made possibly at the converted Nabisco Biscuit Factory site, now a trendy shopping mall in the newly fashionable Meatpackers District OR possibly at South Street Seaport, an imaginative recreation of the city’s original fishing port with a number of speciality shops, cafes, restaurants and toilets!

During the tour, two extended stops will be made, one at **the Cathedral of St John the Divine\*\***, the largest Cathedral in the world, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> at the **Islamic Cultural Centre** on the Upper East Side. The Cathedral’s charter asserts the building to be ‘a house of prayer for all people’ and a talk will be given entitled ‘On Common Ground’ where parallels are explored between Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism and the Vedic traditions through sculpture, stained glass and architecture. A second stop is made at the **92<sup>nd</sup> Street Islamic Cultural Centre and Mosque\*\***, where your students will be introduced to the work of the centre and to some of the issues faced by Muslims living in the city.

The tour will end at approximately 1230 at Battery Park where groups visit the very moving **Jewish Heritage Museum and Holocaust Memorial\*\***.

**NB Please let us know if you do not wish to make this visit.**

Following this visit there is the possibility of taking the Liberty Ferry to Lady Liberty and Ellis Island Museum of Immigration. Please ask a member of the UK Connection staff for a prices and we will be happy to book the excursion on your behalf.

