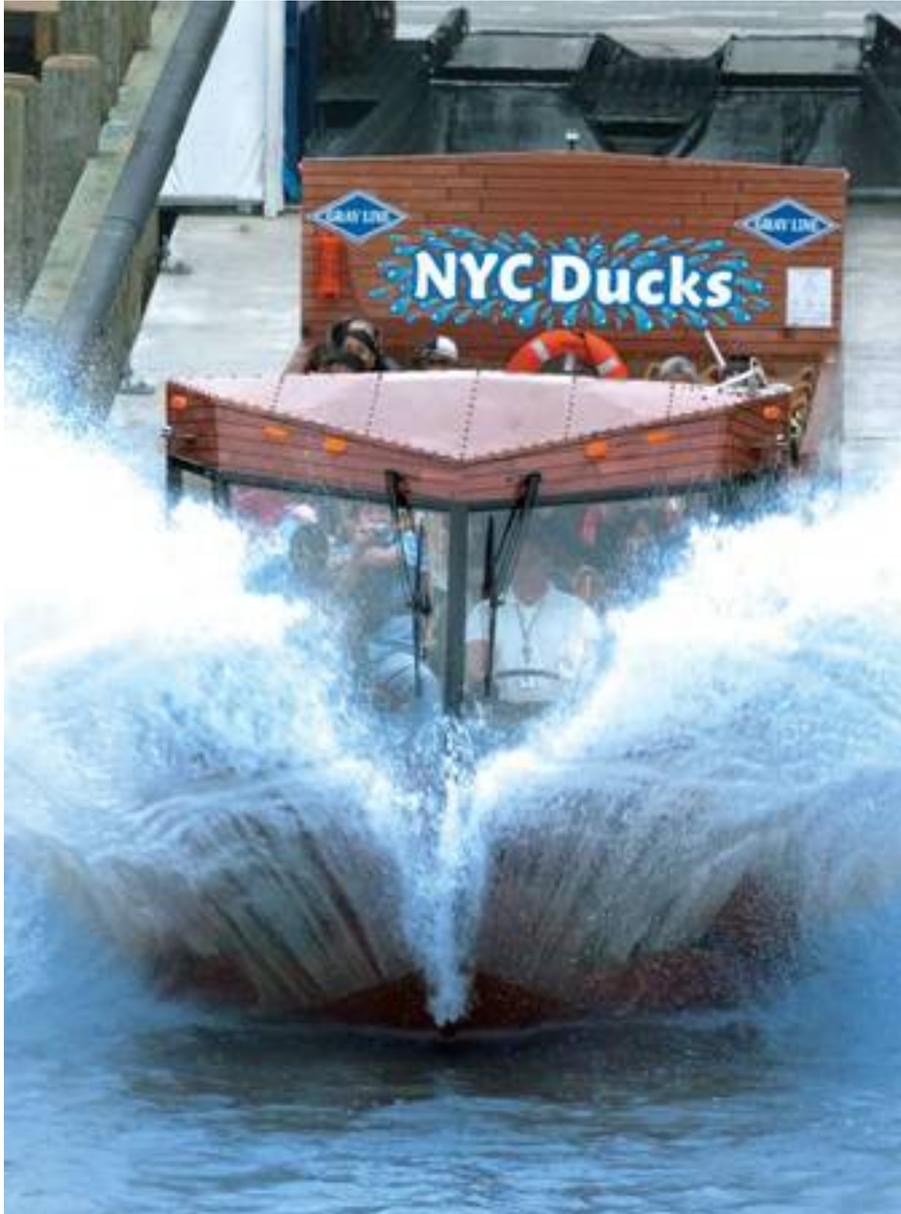




My Duck Route: As If I Were Caught In A Storm

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NYC Ducks: Not an Ordinary Duck Tour. Unique half-boat, half-bus amphibious vehicles (ducks) offer New York City's first land and water visitor experience with a fun, multimedia motion simulator ride recreating Henry Hudson's adventurous voyage across the Atlantic!



For several minutes, I felt as if I were in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean during a storm without a life jacket, without a lifeboat, and convinced that no one on earth could rescue me. How could this even be possible in the 21st century?

Apparently, it is impossible. But, if you come to New York and see a strange bus in the middle of the street do not miss the opportunity to jump on board. With NYC Ducks, you will be able to experience what it was like during the times of Captain Henry Hudson.

NYC Ducks is New York's first-ever land and sea tourist attraction; the only half-boat, half-bus amphibious vehicle in the United States that also has an exciting multimedia theater. It is a must-see for every visitor to the city. While I was on board, I was rocked and splashed through a "duckumentary" that replicated Henry Hudson's stormy voyage across the Atlantic to the New World. I was also given free Duck Quackers in the form of a duck beak; once on ship we could use this to "quack" about the good time we were having.

My Duck route, complete with a Henry Hudson impersonator, started in Times Square between 47th and 48th streets and navigated the streets of Manhattan to the Hudson River. Along the way, entertaining and informative tour guides pointed out some of New York City's famous sites. Along the banks of the Hudson, the Ducks entered the NYC Ducks Theater for an exhilarating multimedia experience that simulated Hudson's journey, including sights and sounds (the rushing wind and other surprises) of a real Atlantic sea voyage. The Ducks then splashed into the Hudson River for an explorer's-eye view of the New York City skyline. After returning to dry land, the Ducks traveled back to Times Square. The total trip time was 75 minutes.

Info at www.NYCDucks.com [2]

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