

### **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Public Viewing Areas**

**Central Park West:** West side of street from 70th Street to Columbus Circle & east side of street from 70th to 65th

**Columbus Circle:** West side of street

**7th Avenue:** between 58th & 42nd Streets

**42nd Street:** from 7th to 6th Avenues

**6th Avenue:** between 42nd & 34th Streets

**34th Street:** south side of street between Broadway & 7th Avenue

### **Hotel Rooms for Viewing the Thanksgiving Day Parade**

On November 26, 2009 at 9 a.m. the 83rd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will begin. The parade travels down Central Park West from 77th Street to Columbus Circle along Central Park South to 7th Avenue, down 7th Avenue to 42nd Street, along 42nd Street to 6th Avenue, down 6th Avenue to 34th Street and along 34th Street to Macy's Herald Square (34th Street).

In order to get a good viewing spot, many people arrive before 6:30 a.m. the morning of the parade to stake out space along the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade route. Be sure to wear plenty of warm clothes and bring a thermos full of coffee or hot cocoa, as it can be quite cold. The duration of the parade depends on where you view it from -- near the beginning of the route, it will last about 1 1/2 hours, closer to Macy's, the parade will last closer to 3 hours. You can also book a hotel room with a view of the Thanksgiving Day Parade. For the more meek, the parade will be aired on NBC from 9 a.m. until noon.

If you'd like to get a chance to see the balloons as they get blown up, on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 you can observe the inflation of the 25 balloons from 3 - 10 p.m. near the American Museum of Natural History just off Central Park West between 77th St. and 81st St.