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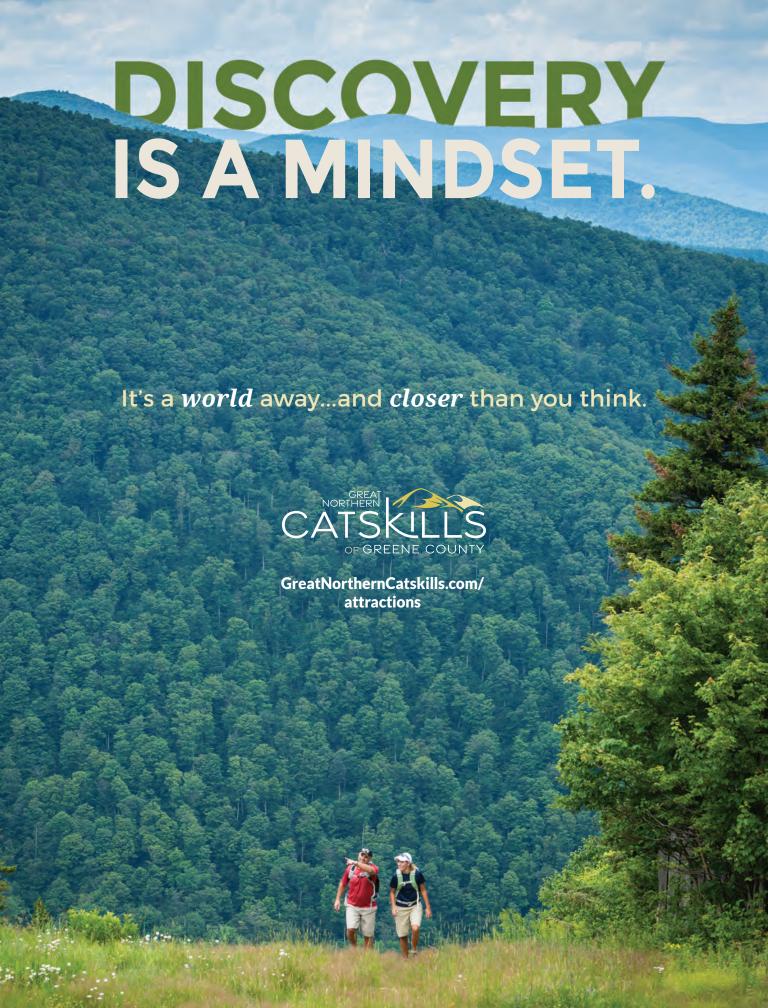




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FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



very year, Amtrak customers begin or end more than 12 million journeys in the Empire State. Approximately 140 daily trains serve places ranging from busy New York City to the college town of Syracuse and the quiet Lake Champlain hamlet of Port Henry. Passenger rail service connects these communities and offers connections across the country.

Amtrak provides an easy, hassle-free way to get to school, make that important business meeting, see family and friends—or simply have fun. With a generous baggage policy, complimentary Wi-Fi on most trains, spacious seats and more, Amtrak truly is the smarter way to travel. And to top it off, our destinations across New York State offer something for every taste and budget.

New York State celebrated an important milestone in December 2017: the 50th anniversary of the Empire Service. Development of this high frequency corridor linking New York City and Niagara Falls is a testament to the strong partnership between the state and Amtrak. Over the years, the state's capital investment in Amtrak has resulted in additional trains, shorter trip times and restoration of passenger rail service to Schenectady and Niagara Falls.

With the state at the lead, we recently undertook

projects to address key chokepoints on the Empire Corridor. Federal and state funds supported completion of a second track and signals between Schenectady and Albany-Rensselaer to expedite rail traffic. Construction of a fourth track and extended platforms at the latter station have enhanced operations and positively impacted trains' on-time performance.

A spacious new passenger facility opened in Rochester last fall, and work is advancing on a modern station in downtown Schenectady. In 2017, Amtrak also began a major renewal program at New York Penn Station—the nation's busiest transportation hub—to improve operations and overall service reliability. Crews installed nearly 900 new track ties, 1,100 feet of rails, switches and complex crossings. The next phase of this project will stretch into summer 2018. In the Amtrak concourse, we are also upgrading restrooms, the ticketed waiting room and ClubAcela.

Onboard, you'll notice newly refreshed interiors on the Amfleet I passenger cars used on

the Empire Service, Adirondack and most other trains east of the Mississippi River. Responding to your feedback, we've installed brand new seat cushions, carpeting and brighter LED reading lights. Best of all, the components are manufactured in America.

While improving Amtrak today, we're also focused on working with federal and state partners to build the infrastructure of the future—such as a new Hudson River Tunnel. It's a key component of the Gateway Program, a set of rail infrastructure improvements designed to enhance current services and create new capacity in and around New York City. Gateway is vital to the future mobili-

ty and economic competitiveness of the entire Northeast—and the nation.

Thanks for choosing Amtrak to meet your travel needs, and we hope to see you again soon.

Richard Anderson

Amtrak President and Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Traveler,

On behalf of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Department of Transportation, welcome to the "New York by Rail" travel guide. New York State is vast and diverse in so many ways: by

geography, culture, history, its people and attractions. Travel by rail is a smart, efficient, relaxing and environmentally sound way to access so much of what New York offers.

Governor Cuomo has directed the investment of billions of dollars in a massive and continuing statewide transportation improvement program that ensures public safety, while supporting economic growth, making New York State a better place to live, travel and do business in. As part of that, our strong rail program ensures we can continue to meet the needs of 21st-Century travelers.

Highlights of our rail program include the new Rochester Station, which was opened to passenger service in October 2017. The project featured construction of a larger station designed in the architectural vernacular of America's great rail depots, expanded track service, enhanced accessibility and customer conveniences.

A project to build a new Schenectady Station, including a new station building, platform and concourse, is underway and will be completed in the fall of 2018.

Preliminary plans are advancing for construction of a new train station in Buffalo that would be accessible, architecturally pleasing, energy efficient and would include many passenger amenities that are not currently available.

Important passenger rail upgrades completed this year include constructing a second track between Albany and Schenectady, building a fourth track at Rensselaer Station and improving signal lines and grade crossings along various sections of the Empire Corridor.

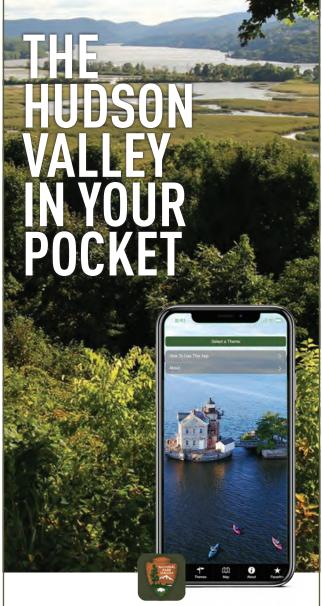
All of these projects are part of continuing statewide transport network improvements that will help ease congestion, modernize service, improve connectivity and accessibility and shorten travel times for Amtrak customers throughout New York State.

I encourage you to travel the great Empire State by rail and explore all it has to offer.

Sincerely.

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Paul A. Karas Acting Commissioner



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PASSENGERS

I traveled from Albany to the train station in downtown Buffalo (Buffalo-Exchange), then rode Metro-Rail to my hotel. The next day, I went to the historic Buffalo Central Terminal for one of their informative public tours. It was great to experience the renaissance of downtown Buffalo, visit my family, tour an historic gem and be able to travel to and from Buffalo on Amtrak.

-Gary Prophet



Gary Prophet with his great-nephew at Buffalo Central Terminal.

On March 3rd, my mother and I took the train to Penn Station. I love taking the train. I recommend getting a window seat, so you can look at the beautiful scenery. In my opinion train, travel is the way to go to the city from upstate New York.

-Amanda Flanagan

Went to NYC to see *Anastasia*. Great ride. Saved time. Caught up on my reading.

-Kevin Jones

Every seat in the Dome Car offers a breathtaking 360-degree view! The fall foliage was spectacular. Trails and Rails volunteers gave interesting, historical commentary between Schenectady and Westport. I still can't decide which was my favorite view, the mountainside cliffs, Lake Champlain or St. Lawrence River.

-Carissa Cancel

Last October, I got off at Platts-burgh station, rode my folding bike to the ferry dock, took the ferry to Grand Isle, Vermont, then rode north another dozen miles to a gem of a B&B. The next day I rode to Rouses Point to catch the southbound train to Schenectady, then pedaled home from there. With the train and my bicycle, I access areas that teach me history, get me away from the daily grind and always entail a bit of adventure. I am grateful to the state of New York and Amtrak for allowing me to move around this way.

-Bill Claytor

My son and I were on our way to visit Walkway Over the Hudson and got waylaid by a pizza shop with a train magazine. Our visit to the Walkway was dominated by looking for choochoo trains.

-Luke Diekis



Luke Diekis' son, Jack, en route to Walkway Over the Hudson.

I was on Amtrak headed to Rhinecliff when I took this photo.

-Bobby Flin



Sunset behind the Tappan Zee Bridge taken from the train.

I was surprised to see some tourist attractions missing from your magazine: Martin Van Buren Home, Van Alen House (an historic Dutch farmhouse), Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse (a one-room school) and James Vanderpoel House. These attract many tourists who take Amtrak to Hudson.

-Diane Smook

I am a local business owner and the president of the Saratoga Springs Downtown Business Association.
I was given a copy of your [2017] magazine by a concerned Saratogian. It is a great publication, very well done. He pointed out the inaccurate times to get to places around town. Downtown Saratoga Springs is only marked as accessible by car or bus, even though it is walking distance... I live a few blocks from the station and ride my bike to and from work every day. It is a very walkable downtown.

-Maddy Zanetti

To read more from our passengers and to see more of their photos, go to www.NewYorkByRail.com.

New York by Rail wants to hear about your experiences on the train. We love photos, too! Contact us at editor@NewYorkByRail.com.

FROM OUR —— **PUBLISHER**



I've had the pleasure of publishing New York By Rail for 15 years. We began in 2004 as a print-only resource for visiting Amtrak destinations within New York, Vermont and Canada. With digital content now available at NewYorkByRail.com, reader interest for the print magazine hasn't waned. We distribute as many copies today (175,000) as when we began. I've also visited many of the destinations featured in our magazine. I prefer train travel, which allows me to keep up with work and arrive stress-free at my destination.

Last summer I traveled with my family to one of my favorite Amtrak destinations, Montreal. Reachable via Amtrak's Adirondack service, with breathtaking views along the Hudson River and Lake Champlain, it's rated a "Top 10 Most Scenic Train Ride in the World" by National Geographic Traveler. There's no better way to enjoy fall foliage than on Amtrak's Great Dome Car which runs September 27-November 2 along this route. (See page 104).

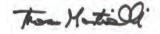
While riding Amtrak, I often work on my laptop, using the WiFi in the café car. I meet interesting people, too. Recently I came across a group who regularly boards Train #293 heading northbound out of Penn Station. This prompted the article, "Train Pals" (See page 42), which chronicles the special bond these Amtrak commuters have forged.

I'm always fascinated when people tell me how much they love riding Amtrak and how important the train is. The Beekman Boys, Brent Ridge and Josh Kilmer-Purcell, shared with me how they utilized Amtrak to transform a farmhouse into their new home in upstate New York. Amtrak continues to be their preferred way to travel to and from New York City. The train is also a recruitment tool, helping them lure candidates to work in upstate New York. (See page 82.)

I also discovered that maestro David Alan Miller, conductor of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, prefers riding Amtrak to cities on the Amtrak corridor. (See page 52.)

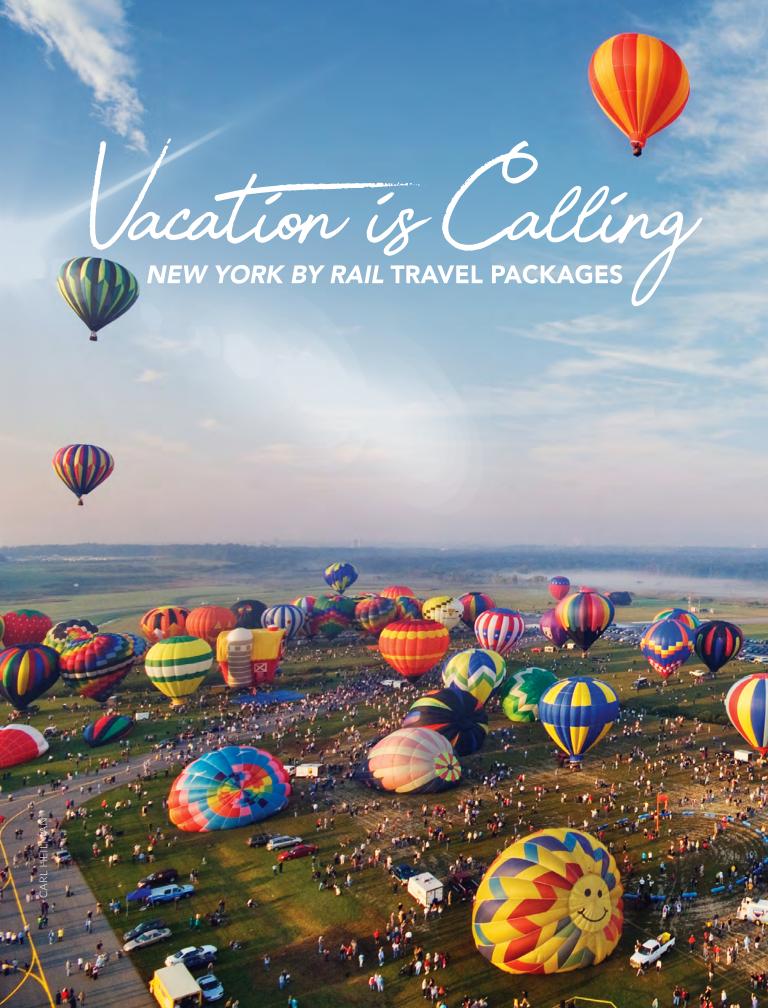
To make it easier for you to experience where Amtrak can take you, we've created New York By Rail Travel Packages to popular destinations like Saratoga, Lake George, Niagara Falls and Montreal. Visit NewYorkByRail.com/travelpackages to learn more.

I hope to meet you during your next Amtrak journey in New York State! Look for me in the café car.



Thomas Martinelli Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, New York By Rail







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STATION SERVICES GUIDE

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New Rochelle (NRO)						
Yonkers (YNY)			•		•	
Croton-Harmon (CRT)					•	
Poughkeepsie (POU)	•		•		•	
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Albany-Rensselaer (ALB)	•	•	•	•	•	
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ADIRONDACKS						
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SPECIAL OFFERS FOR YOUR AMTRAK TRAVEL

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This offer is exclusively available on-line through the I Love NY website, at

www.iloveny.com/travel-tools/transportation/amtrak-discount/.



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VISIT VERMONT!

code: V787. www.Amtrak.com.

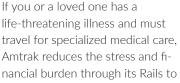


Ride the Vermonter or the Ethan Allen Express in Vermont and get a 20% discount! Valid for travel through October 31, 2018 on Amtrak between stations in Vermont. This discount applies to the regular (full) adult fare. Each adult may bring up to two children, ages 2-12, at half the regular (full) adult fare. Blackout dates apply. Seats are limited and must be reserved at least three days in advance. This offer is exclusively available through www.vermontvacation.com.

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RAILS TO RECOVERY

In need of medical treatment? Amtrak helps you get there.





Recovery program. In partnership with Voices of Hope, a nonprofit organization based in Albany whose mission is to support families touched by life-altering conditions. Amtrak offers two-for-one tickets on its Empire Service.

"Amtrak has provided an invaluable service to our Voices of Hope families throughout the **Capital Region** and across New York State."

Since 2014, Amtrak has worked with Voices of Hope to make travel less stressful and more affordable for patients. To take advantage of Rails to Recovery, you must register for the program through one of Voices of Hope's participating partners. Those groups include the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association.

the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Ronald McDonald House of the Capital Region and numerous other foundations dedicated to assisting people with serious illnesses.

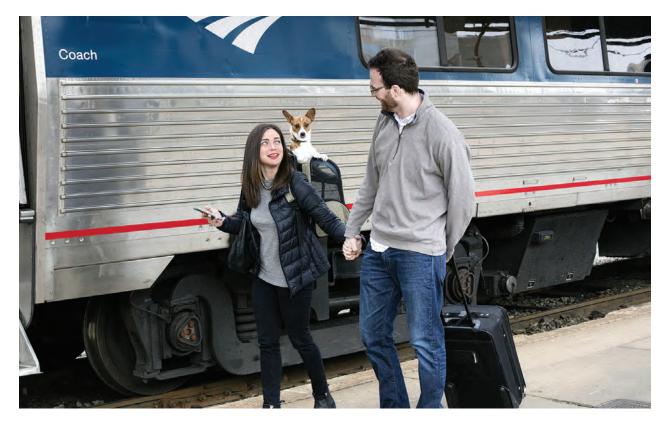
"Amtrak has provided an invaluable service to our Voices of Hope families throughout the Capital Region and across New York State," says Sandy Nardoci, Voices of Hope Chair and Co-Founder.

Rails to Recovery is available exclusively through Voices of Hope. The discount is for one free companion rail fare with the purchase of one regular (full) adult fare. Reservations are required and must be made a minimum of three days prior to travel.

For more information about Voices of Hope, a complete list of their partner agencies and the full terms and conditions of the Rails to Recovery program, go to www.voicesofthecapitalregion.org.



TAKE YOUR PET ON THE TRAIN



Bring your small dog or cat, up to 20 pounds, on your next Amtrak trip for just \$25.00 or 800 Amtrak Guest Rewards® points per travel segment. Here's how:

- Make a reservation for your pet on Amtrak.com, by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL or by visiting a staffed Amtrak station. From New York City to destinations in Upstate New York and Vermont, small pets can travel on the Adirondack and Maple Leaf (excluding Canada), Empire Service, Ethan Allen Express and Vermonter.
- Only five pets one per passenger are allowed on a train, first come, first served.
- Duration of travel with a pet is limited to seven hours or less, including transfer times.
- Your pet must travel in a carrier that fits under your seat and counts as one carry-on. It cannot be in checked baggage. Your pet must stay in the carrier for the duration of your trip. The maximum carrier size is 19" long x 14" wide x 10.5" high. It should be leak-proof, with good ventilation.

- Pets are only permitted in Coach Class. They cannot ride in sleeping cars, Business Class, café cars or elsewhere on the train.
- Your pet must be at least eight weeks old, odorless, harmless, quiet and up to date on all vaccines.
- Pets cannot be booked with multi-ride tickets, Thruway Connection Services (coach buses) or unaccompanied minors.
- Remember, small dogs or cats only!
- Service animals trained to perform a task for a person with a disability are not considered pets and are welcome on all Amtrak trains everywhere that passengers are allowed for no additional fee. The animal must sit under its guardian's seat or at their feet. It may not sit in the aisle, on seats or on beds.

For complete terms and conditions regarding animals on trains, go to Amtrak.com/pets.

SAMPLE REGIONAL FOOD & DRINK ON THE TRAIN

Hungry? Train food is not only tasty, but also locally sourced. Since October 2016, Amtrak has partnered with Taste NY, a program through the state's Department of Agriculture and Markets that creates opportunities for the local farmers and food producers to sell their edibles across the state, including on Amtrak café cars.

> Look for New York-made food on the Maple Leaf, Adirondack, Empire Service west of Albany and Ethan Allen Express. The program is win-win for everyone. Those who create the food gain a huge market among the 2.1 million passengers who travel on Amtrak in New York State each year.

The snack cars can offer delicious food and beverages from around the state, and the passengers get to, literally, taste New York.

> Next time you're on one of the trains with a snack car, try one of these New York-made foods or drinks: Always Bagels (Bohemia); Chobani Greek Yogurt (New Berlin); KIND Bars (Manhattan); Sweet Sam's

Coffee Cakes (Bronx); Brooklyn Defender IPA (Brooklyn); Nine Pin Cider (Albany); and Ommegang Witte Wheat Ale (Cooperstown), and if you get off the train in Cooperstown, you can go see the brewery! https://taste.ny.gov/



Food available on trains is subject to change.

TAKE THE TRAIN, THEN WHAT?

Traveling by train is efficient and relaxing, but the train station is probably not your final destination. It's merely near it. You may be able to walk, but more likely you'll need wheels. Though some public buses stop at Amtrak

stations, a taxi, ride-share or rental car are your most likely options.

Use the Amtrak mobile app to access the Lyft app for a ride-share. New users of Lyft receive \$5 off their



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If a rental car makes more sense, consider Enterprise. As an Amtrak Guest Rewards® member, you earn 300 Amtrak Guest Rewards points per day for your rental car. To reserve a car and get the points, call 1-800-RENT-A-CAR. Enterprise is on site at Albany-Rensselaer station. From many other stations, Enterprise will pick you up.



BIKES ON BOARD

Train travel with your bike (and other sports equipment).

Pedal the Erie Canal Trail. Schuss the men's Olympic downhill. Play 18 holes. Hike up a mountain. New York State is a sports enthusiast's nirvana, with a myriad of options for bikers, hikers, golfers, skiers, snowboarders and water-lovers. Taking small items, like your running shoes or skates, on the train is easy, but bigger gear, like bikes and wakeboards, require a little planning:

BICYCLES

You've got options for traveling with your bike an Amtrak depending on what type of bike you have and the train service.

Not all trains permit regular bikes on board, though most allow folding ones. A collapsible bike counts as one of your two carry-ons. It must be smaller than 34" x 15" x 48" when folded. If you don't have a true folding bike, your bike needs to weigh 50 pounds or less with a maximum tire width of two inches. You can check it on the Lakeshore Limited at staffed stations. Sorry, no recumbents, tandems or any bikes that do not meet standard bike dimensions. Fees apply.

Some trains, including the Vermonter, allow bikes with removable front tires to be carried on and then stowed in a designated spot inside the train car. Reservations are required, and you must arrive 30 minutes prior to departure. Look for the "Bicycle Friendly" sticker on the train car. It's up to you to lift your bike onto the train. Note: Amtrak's bike policy is subject to change and may vary depending on whether the train has

GOLF CLUBS

a baggage car.

Check your clubs or carry them on, depending on the station and the train.



GENERAL SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Balls, bats, cleats, fishing rods, helmets, pads, rackets, inline skates, skateboards, hockey sticks and lacrosse sticks can all be carried on the train if the item is not considered a weapon or hazardous, weighs 50 pounds or less, and dimensionally is not more than 28" x 22" x 14". Bigger than that, you'll need to check it.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD GEAR

Skis/poles and snowboards must be in a bag or hard-sided case. You can carry on your snow and water skis, snowboards, boots and ski poles if they weigh 50 pounds or less and are 72" or shorter. Otherwise they need to be checked.

SURFBOARDS AND WAKEBOARDS

No carry-ons. Surfboards and wakeboards must be checked in a protective cover or hard-sided case.

For baggage fees and complete terms and conditions for sports equipment on the train, go to www.amtrak.com/special-items#sporting.

WHAT'S YOUR LINE?

Railway companies have historically named specific trains or train services (routes) to raise its profile. Usually, named trains carry prestige for their speed and their limited number of stops between cities. If you're new to train travel in New York and Vermont, here are the named trains you might ride:

ADIRONDACK



A daily service along the Empire Corridor between New York City and Montreal. It takes 10 to 11 hours to cover 381 miles

through the Hudson Valley and the Adirondacks. The train arrives in Montreal or New York City, depending on the direction you're traveling, in time to enjoy dinner.

EMPIRE SERVICE



A service that runs frequently during the day from New York City to Albany, and then west to Niagara Falls, along the 460-mile

Empire Corridor. The name dates back to 1967 when the New York Central Railroad created the service.

ETHAN ALLEN EXPRESS



Named for the Revolutionary War hero and one of Vermont's founding fathers, this 241-mile, 5.5-hour service runs be-

tween New York City and Rutland via Albany. It's a great way for skiers to travel to Killington. Between Penn Station and Rensselaer, it operates along the Empire Corridor. In winter, you can also take a Thruway bus from Rutland to Okemo Mountain.

KESHORE LIMITED



A scenic, overnight service between Chicago and the Northeast that travels along the Great Lakes and Finger Lakes. It uses the

Empire Corridor in New York. In Albany, it divides, with separate sections heading to New York City and Boston. Amtrak began service in 1975, though the name dates back to New York Central, which pioneered a similar route in 1956.

MAPLE LEAF



An international service between Penn Station in New York City and Union Station in Toronto that follows the Empire

Corridor. The 544-mile trip, offered in both directions daily, takes 12 hours including two hours for customs and immigration at the U.S.-Canada border.

VERMONTER



A daily service between St. Albans and Washington, D.C. via New York City. It replaced the Montrealer in 1995. It's a popular

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HUNT & FISH CLUB A posh, two-floor Times Square restaurant serving steak, seafood, caviar and other high-end American fare. Distance from NYP: 0.8 miles

EATALY NYC An Italian marketplace comprising a variety of restaurants, bakery, retail items and a cooking school at two locations in NYC.

Distance from NYP: 0.7 miles (Flatiron) Distance from NYP: 3.2 miles (Downtown)



BATEAUX NEW YORK Depart from Chelsea Piers on a glass-roofed cruise around New York Harbor. Brunch, lunch, dinner and dancing.

Distance from NYP: 1.1 miles

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VR WORLD The largest mixed reality entertainment destination in the U.S., showcasing over 50 unique experiences from art and film to gaming and multiplayer features. Distance from NYP: 0.4 miles

FAMILIES



BRONX ZOO The largest metropolitan zoo in the U.S., the Bronx Zoo offers world-class exhibits and free, all-day admission on Wednesdays.

Distance from NYP: 9.4 miles Distance from NYP: 3.2 miles (Downtown)

LUNA PARK Coney Island's premier amusement park with rides, games, dining, shops and home to the famous Coney Island Cyclone. Distance from NYP: 13.4 miles

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Distance from NYP: 2.1 miles



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Curated itineraries by the top concierges in the city

New York City has it all, but where to find what you're looking for? Here are several perfect days, designed by some of the most respected concierges in the city. Pick the one that interests you most, and you'll be wowed by these exceptional experiences.

ART



FREDERICK BIGLER Chef Concierge, Peninsula New York Member of Les Clef d'Or USA

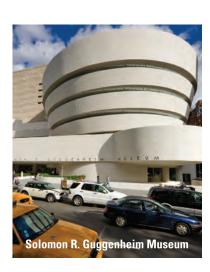
New York has clusters of galleries in various neighborhoods that always seem to be opening or closing. The only constants are the permanent collections at museums, yet even museums change exhibits. Here are some choices you can depend on: To view the Masters, go to:

- The Frick Collection
- Metropolitan Museum of Art

For modern art, the giants are:

- Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)
- Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
- Whitney Museum of American Art





For up market pieces by established artists and for more diverse, complex choices:

- Gladstone Gallery
- Gogasian Gallery
- Marlborough Gallery

For impressionist and postimpressionist works:

• Finlay Gallery

For cutting edge art houses and outdoor art, head to Brooklyn to these neighborhoods:

- DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass)
- Williamsburg
- Bushwick

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Le District

New York's Financial District is

on a restaurant roll. The opening of One World Trade Center in 2015, the new Oculus transportation hub. and the newly renovated Brookfield Place have redefined this neighborhood for gourmands. Tantalize your taste buds at these haute-cuisine hot spots:

EATALY: Gourmet Italian market with tasting stations and dining.

LE DISTRICT: French food hall in Brookfield Place with tasting stations and dining.

AUGUSTINE: A Keith McNally brasserie in the Beekman Hotel. French classics. Superb wine list.

NOBU: Sushi and other Japanese and Peruvian dishes. Uber-cool space with a spectacular open kitchen.

HARBOR HOUSE: For drinks and outdoor dining. Outstanding view of the Statue of Liberty, the Hudson River and Wall Street's soaring skyscrapers.



ENTERTAINMENT



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THE TONIGHT SHOW 3:00pm

Try for free tickets through the lottery (www.tonightshowtix.com). If you're lucky, you'll laugh out loud during the next taping at NBC Studios at iconic Rockefeller Plaza.

COME FROM AWAY 7pm/8pm

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FAMILIES



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Planning a kid-friendly day? Here are the makings of a memorable one for you and your family:

1. ELLEN'S STARDUST DINER:

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entertained while they wait for their pancakes.

2. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENCOUNTER OCEAN ODYSSEY:

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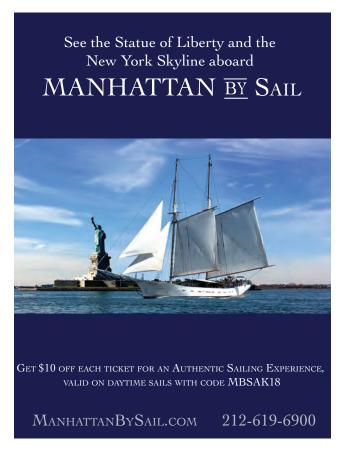
3. RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

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collections of artifacts and freaky relics like an albino giraffe, shrunken heads and a portrait crafted entirely from dog hair.

4. BLACK TAP MIDTOWN. Lunch.

New Midtown location, hip décor, friendly staff, and the best burgers and designer shakes.

5. INTREPID SEA, AIR & SPACE

MUSEUM: An aircraft carrier turned science museum. Walk through a nuclear submarine and a Concorde jet. Explore the boat. Hands-on exhibits and virtual r reality shows.

6. HIGH LINE PARK: Walk from west 34th Street to The Whitney Museum on NYC's only elevated park.



7. SUGAR FACTORY AMERICAN BRASSFRIF.

All-American fare in the historic meatpacking district. A candy store and a build-your-own-burger spot in one.

8. DEAR EVAN HANSEN, 8:00PM

A Broadway show that explores key themes among the youth of today, including bullying, cell phones and social media.

9. SERENDIPITY 3:

Indulge in the best frozen hot chocolate in NYC. Trust me. It makes sense once you try it. O

For more information on these itineraries, plus addition ones for history buffs, shoppers and those who like to get off the beaten path, go to NewYorkByRail.com.





THE HIGH LINE

A new life for an old train line

By Lisa Ballard

During the mid-1800's, railroad tracks ran along 10th and 11th Avenues in Manhattan, delivering coal, dairy products and beef to processors and distributors on the West Side. Men on horseback rode in front of the trains, waving flags to warn people of approaching trains, but the corridor was hazardous. By 1910, an estimated 548 deaths and 1,574 injuries had occurred over the years on the 11th Avenue line alone. The

solution—elevate the tracks!

In 1933, the first train chugged along the High Line viaduct, which ran from St. John's Park to Spring Street. However, by the 1950's the dramatic increase in interstate trucking greatly depressed the market for freight trains. By 1978, the High Line saw



The High Line as an elevated rail corridor during the mid-20th Century.

Some of the many beautiful gardens along New York City's High Line.

only two carloads of cargo per week. Two years later, with the construction of the Javits Convention Center at 34th Street, Conrail, the High Line's owner, had to disconnect it from the national rail system. Afterward, the unused line fell into disrepair, but its riveted steel structure remained sound.

A Second Life In 1999, inspired by the Promenade Plantée, a tree-lined walkway following an old, elevated railroad line in Paris, residents along the High Line began advocating for the city to preserve and repurpose of the High Line as an urban park. Work on the project began in 2006, with the first phase opening in 2009. The third and final phase was completed in 2014, with a short spur above 10th

Avenue and 30th Street to open this

Today, the High Line is a one of New York's outdoor gems. This 1.45mile elevated greenway now has over 5 million visitors annually and has inspired other cities throughout the United States to turn obsolete infrastructure into attractive public areas.

High Line Highlights The High Line is first and foremost a park, with green space, areas for children to play, tai chi classes, joggers, strollers and many places to simply hang out and watch the world go by. Visitors can also take a walking tour to learn about the High Line's history, design, unique horticulture and public art program. You can also watch or participate in live music and dance performances. And during Halloween, the ghosts



of all those who met their demise before the train tracks were elevated are said to haunt the High Line. But they're friendly ghosts, offering a day of family activities, like face painting, ghoulish live performances and other reasons to dress up.

There's a saying in the city, "You

gotta have park!" The High Line has quickly become one of New York's most beloved green spaces and a must-see for visitors. It's a tribute to the past and a shining example of how that past can be preserved and revitalized. O

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GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL

MORE THAN A TRANSPORTATION HUB-

By Lisa Ballard

n February 1913, thousands of New Yorkers celebrated the opening of Grand Central Terminal. Within 24 hours, 150,000 rail passengers had passed through its doors. Today, Grand Central Terminal, with its 100+ tracks, 44 passenger platforms, cavernous

main concourse and myriad of shops, restaurants and special exhibits, serves a bustling 750,000 commuters per day, 13 times the passenger traffic that John F. Kennedy Airport handles.

It's hard to imagine New York City without the landmark Grand Central Terminal, not only because it is one of the world's largest train terminals, but also for its ornamental carvings, chandeliers, marble floors and exterior

sculptures. Yet, by the 1970's, developers pushed to turn the historic station, which sits on 42 acres of prime Midtown real estate, into skyscrapers. It was President Kennedy's widow, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, who helped saved this historic station by riding an Amtrak train!

The Landmark Express. On April 16, 1978, Onassis and 400 other supporters of Grand Central Terminal boarded a special train, called the Landmark Express, in New York City. They traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the proceedings between the Penn Central Transportation Company and New York City before the U.S. Su-

preme Court. Onassis and the others on this special train trip to nation's capital believed Grand Central Terminal was an important example of American architecture and should be preserved. As a result of this case, Grand Central Terminal was saved and is now a national historic landmark.



Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis greets passengers on the Landmark Express (1978).

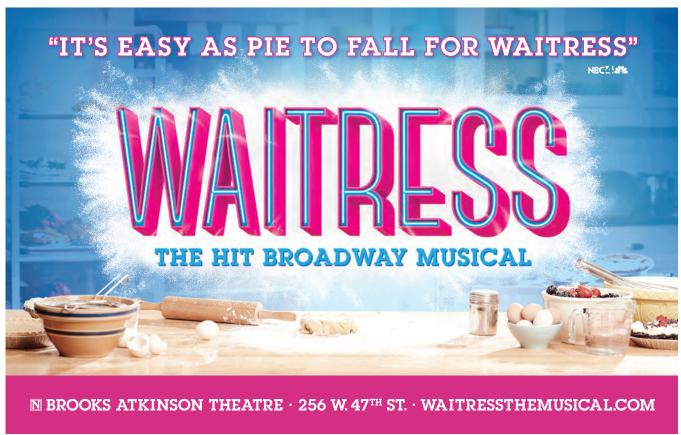
Amtrak at Grand Central Terminal.

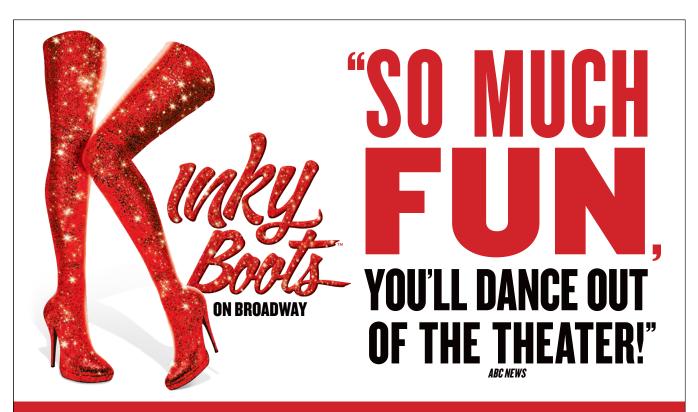
Amtrak used Grand Central Terminal as a station until 1991, when it moved fully to Penn Station upon completion of the Empire Connection. However, Amtrak returned to Grand Central Terminal beginning last summer (2017), and continues to run trains from Grand Central again this summer (2018), during track improvements between Spuyten Duyvil Station and Penn

Station. These renovations include repairs to the Spuyten Duyvil Bridge, which was damaged in 2012 by flooding during Hurricane Sandy, as well as upgrades to the Empire Connector's tracks and tunnels.

If you're passing through Grand Central Terminal, take time to experience its culinary hot spots, including The Campbell cocktail bar, Food Network chef Donatella Arpaia's Prova Pizzabar, the Magnolia Bakery, and the new Art Bird & Whiskey Bar. Or take a self-guided audio-tour of the station (30 minutes). Guided tours begin daily at 12:30pm. For more information go to GrandCentralTerminal.com.

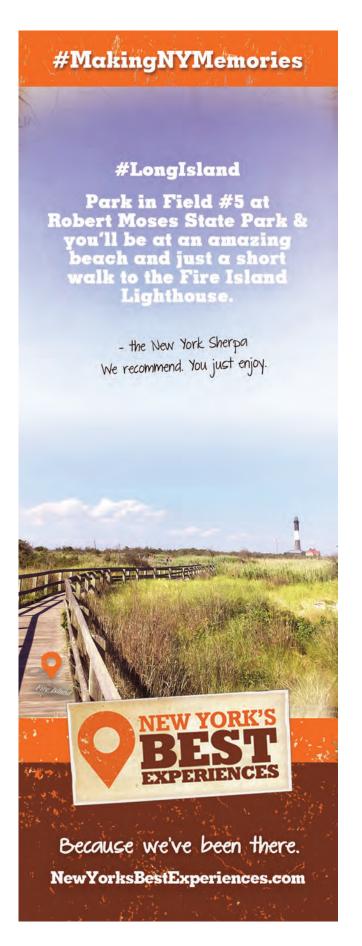


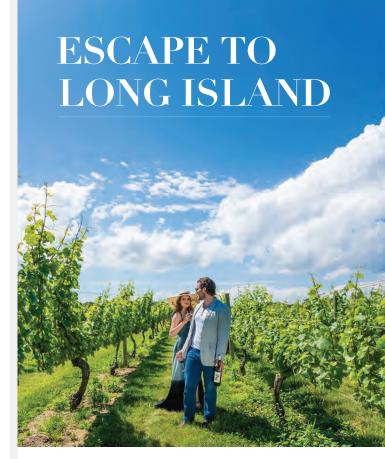




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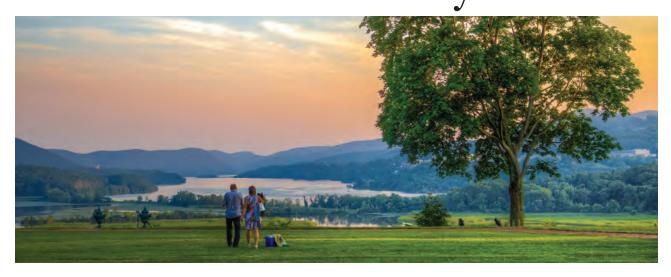


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Hudson River Valley





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OPUS 40 SCULPTURE PARK Stone ramps, pedestals and platforms spread over 6.5 acres 6.5 acres of a bluestone quarry, this environmental sculpture park was created by guarryman Harvey Fite in 1938. Walk

through, around and over it, from its deepest subterranean pathways, 16 feet below ground, and up the nine-ton monolith, the summit of the sculpture, three stories high. Distance from RHI: 16.4 miles





s a former resident of the Hudson Valley and current resident of New York City, I long for days of bucolic serenity more often than not. Last Labor Day, I desired an escape from the encroaching chaos

in the city and came up with an obvious choice, Walkway Over the Hudson. After living in the neighboring village of New Paltz for nearly five years, Walkway Over the Hudson was not unfamiliar to me, but it had been awhile since my last visit. Friends, coworkers and family continued to speak about the incredible experience walking across the roaring Hudson River while looking at the

surrounding landscape. Time to get reacquainted with this elevated wonder!

ARRIVING AT POUGHKEEPSIE STATION My trip began

aboard a 10:20 a.m. Amtrak train from Manhattan's

Penn Station to Poughkeepsie, a 1.5-hour ride. I nestled into my window seat with my camera on the eastern side of the train. Unfortunately, the seats on the western side of the car were taken. The view from the eastern side is great, but when cruising north, the western side allows me to peer at the Hudson River and the Palisades. It's an otherworldly view, with an excess of photo opportunities.



The American flag atop Walkway Over the Hudson marks the county line.

I arrived at the historic Poughkeepsie Station, a fourstory building modeled after Grand Central Terminus. Its three original chandeliers have hung in the waiting room since it opened in 1918. Poughkeepsie Station services both Amtrak and Metro-North and is conveniently located near Walkway Over the Hudson.

Looking at the Walkway's Discovery Map, I quickly learned that there was more to the Walkway now than during my previous visits. It had teamed up with surrounding area attractions to create the Greater Walkway Experience, an easy, walkable adventure to help visitors truly "Experience 360° of Discovery." How enticing!

THE WALKWAY From Poughkeepsie Station, it's about a quarter-mile stroll along the waterfront to the Walkway's elevator, or slightly more than a half-mile walk to the East Gate near the Washington Street stairs via the Walkway Loop Trail. Anxious to ascend the 21-story structure, I chose the shorter route.

Heading toward the elevator, I took in the beauty of the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Discovery Zone, catching views of Highland Land-

ing across the river, Mid-Hudson Bridge and, of course, the Walkway Over the Hudson to the north. Waryas Park, along the banks of the Hudson River, is a bustling area where people picnic, take in river views while relaxing on park benches, jog or bike. I was lucky to catch a seagoing bulk cargo carrier pass beneath the Walkway Over the Hudson, showing off how massive the footbridge really is.

Once atop the historic structure, eagerness overcame

Walkway Over the Hudson. At 212 feet above the Hudson River, this 1.3-mile linear park is the longest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world. Its nickname, The Great Connector, is true in more ways than one. The Walkway links Ulster and Dutchess counties, and it attracts a diverse group of people. Locals and tourists of all ages and from around the world walk, bike and run on it. An ADA-compli-

> ant, glass-enclosed elevator gives the disabled access to the Walkway, too.

feet above the THE VIEW The unobstructed, 360-degree view Hudson River. of the Hudson River Valley took my breath away. It only got better as I approached the flag the 1.3-mile that marked the border of Ulster and Duchess counties. It was a beautiful day. With a clear sky linear park is above, the panorama of the mighty river and the longest surrounding riverside parks and communities was inspiring to look at. I could see Marist Colelevated lege and the Culinary Institute of America lookpedestrian ing north, up the river. The Mid-Hudson Bridge and the scenic overlook at Franny Reese State bridge in the Park were both in full view to the south. The world. city of Poughkeepsie sat to the east with its distinctive Our Lady of Mount Carmel's steeple

> looking small enough to hold in the palm of my hand. A gorgeous view of the Catskills to the northwest framed all of this splendor. I spent an hour on the historic footbridge taking nearly 1,000 photos. I'm already planning my return in October during fall foliage.

> To read more about Andrew Frey's day at The Great Connector, including more things to see in the area, places to eat and



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By Lisa Ballard

icture a crowded commuter train, everyone absorbed in their phones, tablets and newspapers. Not so on the Empire Line's 5:47pm train from Penn Station to Rhinecliff! It's party time! 'Not every day, but whenever an occasion calls for it. About 100 passengers who regularly ride

the train, have found lasting friendships among their fellow rail-travelers. The group extends much more than courteous hello's. They celebrate each other's most memorable moments together... on the train!

"We knew two people when we moved upstate in 2007," says Maria Santana, who commutes to New York City on the Empire Line from Rhinecliff, "We went to the café car by chance, then recognized people from the platform. We started to talk then found out we had a lot in common. At my husband's birthday

party this year, 100 of the 105 people were from the train."

Santana purchased her home in upstate New York as

Santana purchased her home in upstate New York as a weekend getaway but lived in an apartment in the city. Within two years, she and her husband decided they would rather live upstate, though it required a 100-mile commute

each way. As an unexpected bonus, they developed many close friends on the train, who stay in touch through the Google Group, "Empire Regulars". In addition to socializing, they keep each other posted about delays, breakdowns, other train-related news, and especially the next party.

"We have quarterly birthday parties," explains Santana, "We celebrate everyone's birthday in January, February and March together. Everyone brings something, the crowns, a cake, the other food, plates and napkins, sake, wine or soda."

"We have quarterly birthday parties... Everyone brings something!"

In addition to birthdays, the group holds parties for the December holidays, Halloween, retirements, bachelors, babies and any other reason. For the 2016 Presidential election, they all got off in Rhinecliff to watch the election results. then those that needed to travel farther north or south boarded a later train."One of us is a mixologist," says Santana, "He makes a special martini for each occasion. When another of us. a PBS producer, got laid off, we had a pink slip party with pink slip martinis."

To explain how a train can facilitate such fun, Santana points to the need to decom-



press between hectic work and home life. The 100-mile train ride offers valuable transition time. It has also provided the group with new job leads, money for fundraisers, even emergency medical care.

"One of our friends had a heart attack on the train," recalls Santana, "A nurse in our group triaged him in the café car. The conductor called ahead, and paramedics were waiting for him at the next station."

But mostly, the train provides camaraderie. Next time you're on the Empire Line, and someone invites you to a party in the café car, it's worth saying yes.



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TOP LEFT: GIFT OF MRS. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER 3RD, IN HONOR OF THE SOTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART. TOP RIGHT: NANCY NOSIGLIA, BOTTOM: WWW.GREATNORTHERNCATSKILLS.COW

VIEWS & CRAFT BREWS





IN THE GREAT NORTHERN CATSKILLS

By NYBR Staff

ne of the big reasons the Great Northern Catskills are called "great" is the plethora of jaw-dropping panoramas that have attracted artists for over 200 years. More recently,

the region's craft beers have added to the enticement. Drink in these unique Catskill views, then sip some of these exceptional local brews:

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Thomas Cole National Historic Site. A selftaught artist, Thomas Cole (1801-1848) was most known for his dreamy portrayals of the Upstate New York's untamed landscapes. He was enamored by what he called, "the haunting beauty of the Catskill wilderness". A transcendentalist, Cole romanticized the natural world through his paintings the way his contemporaries, Thoreau and Emerson, did through their writings. He painted the scenes that surrounded him on this secluded property, which served as his home and studio from 1833 until his death. You can take a tour of the property, where you'll see some of Cole's original works and his studio in the barn. www.thomascole.org



Ziplining at Hunter Mountain.



Kaaterskill Falls.

Ziplining at Hunter Mountain. The New York Zipline Adventure Tour claims to be the longest and highest zipline canopy tour in North America, and it certainly feels like it! After getting outfitted with a harness and a helmet, you'll ride to the top

of Hunter Mountain on the chairlift while ogling the verdant Catskills in every direction. Then the fun begins. Hunter has five ziplines that take you down the mountain. You get an exhilarating bird's eye view of the countryside while skimming across the sky. www.huntermtn.com

Hiking to Kaaterskill Falls. Kaaterskill Falls is the highest cascading waterfall in New York State, dropping over 260 feet in two tiers. You can reach both the upper and lower falls from the trailhead, as well as Inspiration Point atop the mountain from which the falls tumble. It's a short way down the path to view of the upper falls from a sturdy platform. Hike another 15 minutes downhill to reach the bottom of this stunning cascade. You'll feel as if you walked into Thomas Cole's 1826 painting of the falls! www.hikethehudsonvalley.com/kaaterskill-falls/

Top left: Thomas Cole's "Sun Rise in the Catskills". Top right: Craft brews from the Rip Van Winkle Brewing Company.

BEST BREWS

Crossroads Brewing Company. Quench your thirst at the Crossroads Brewing Company in Athens, especially on Monday evenings. Mondays are wing-and-beer night. If you order a dozen wings, you get a craft brew for a dollar. Crossroads offers beers on tap like its Brick Row Red Ale, described as having "a bright amber color and rich malt flavors with notes of nuttiness, biscuit, caramel and a mild bread character." It's a hip place that buzzes with charm.



Crossroads Brewing Company, Athens, NY

And the Black Rock barbeque ribs dipped in homemade bleu cheese dressing may be the best you've ever eaten. www.crossroadsbrewingco.com

Rip Van Winkle Brewing Company. The Rip Van Winkle Brewing Company, inside Angela's Italian Bistro in Catskill, is hardly a sleeper. Their beers are made with Catskill spring water, and they offer samplings. You can try such specialties as Palenville Pale Ale (malty-caramel), Rip Van Wit (wheat with coriander and orange peel), Shucker Punch Oyster Stout (dark, creamy, smooth and containing real shellfish), Kiskatom Brown Ale (malty with chocolate and caramel notes) which is also used in the bistro's popular French onion soup, and Mountain House Helles (golden-hoppy lager) which won the silver medal at the 2017 New York International Beer Competition, www.ripvanwinklebrewerv.com

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Is that a castle in the middle of the river? If you're asking this question on the train in the vicinity of Beacon, then the answer is "yes". It's Bannerman Castle, one of many intriguing sites you'll see from the train between New York City and Albany. You'll also notice a number of bridges, lighthouses, estates and pictur-

esque landscapes.

There's a new mobile app that identifies these rail-side wonders and much more. The free Hudson River Train Tour app is part travel guide and part audio tour. It helps you plan visits to the historic, natural and cultural attractions located near train stations in the Hudson River Valley.

Using location services, the app will tell you about the sites you're approaching in real time. Another entertaining feature is the "Voices of the Hudson" audio series. Listen to stories about each place as you watch from the train's window.

One more thing about Bannerman Castle: the island where it's located is said to be haunted by Native Americans and Dutch colonial settlers. You can take a guided ghost tour to learn more!

The app, produced by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, can be found on Google Play or Apple's App Store. Search for Hudson River Train Tour.

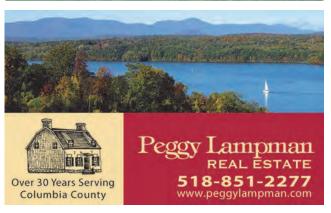


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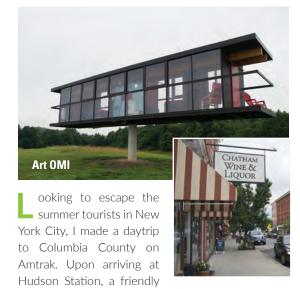




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DAYTRIP TO COLUMBIA COUNTY

By Andrew Frey



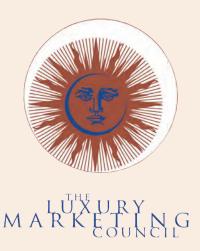
Enterprise employee took me to my rental car. I was new to the area and appreciated Enterprise staff's take on local hotspots including my first stop, Olana State Historic Site.

Olana is the former estate of landscape artist Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900). After exploring Olana, I drove to Chatham for lunch at Yianni's, then strolled past the stores and galleries on Main Street. From there, I went to Ghent, to see Art Omi, a sculpture park and gallery amidst 300 acres of undulating farmland.

Returning to Hudson Station, I parked the rental car and put the keys in the drop-off box. How convenient! I walked to dinner at nearby Wm Farmer & Sons, an intimate hotel, restaurant and cocktail bar.

Later, on the Amtrak train back to New York City, I already looked forward to my next daytrip to Columbia County.

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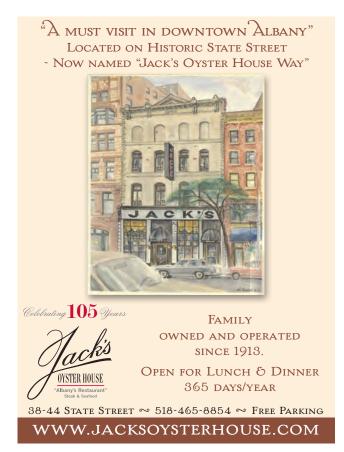


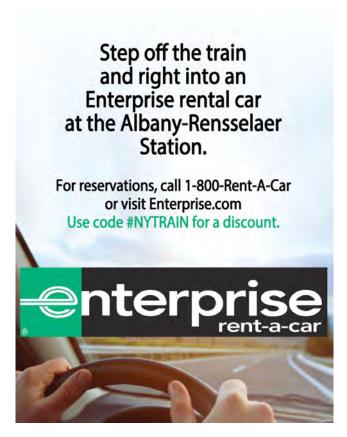
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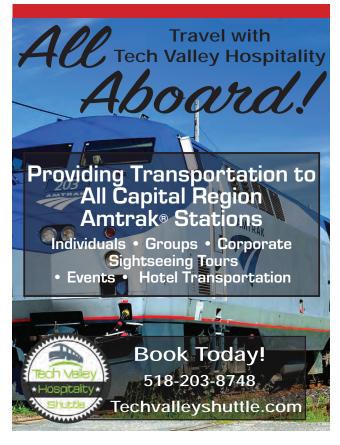
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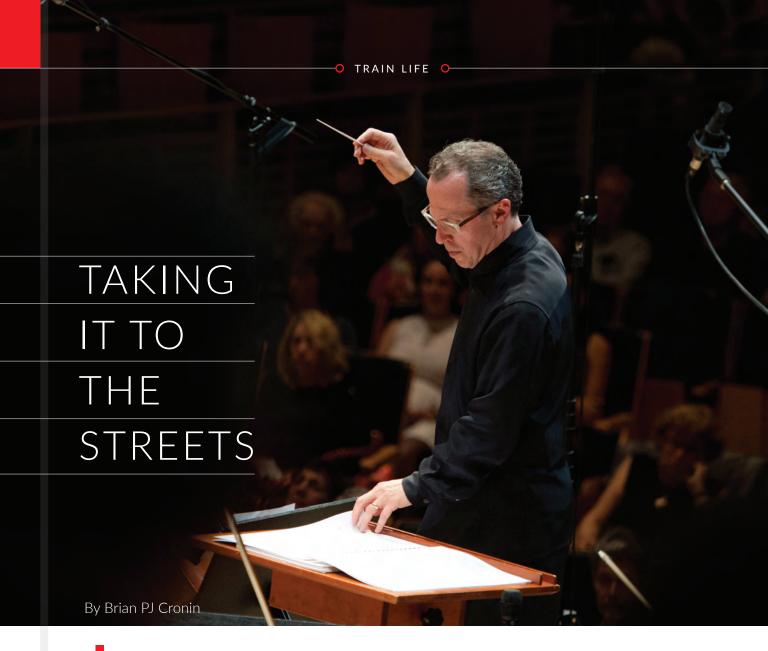
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n the 26-year period that David Alan Miller has served as the Music Director for the Albany Symphony, New York State's capital has become known

as one of the best places in the country to hear music by new, adventurous American composers. Much of the credit for this goes to Miller, a Grammy-winning conductor with a knack for discovering and nurturing new talent, but Miller says it's the city itself that is responsible for the renaissance.

"The audience has always been extraordinary," he said. "We're the state capital and a place with lots of institutes of higher learning, medical centers and innovation industries. Albany has always been a place that attracts educated, interested, inquisitive people."

Miller thanks the city's unique geography

as well. Albany is just a few hours away from New York City, Boston and Montreal, sits near the intersection of two major rivers and is within 40 miles of three other vi-

brant, flourishing cities in the Capital Region. "I go to Troy, Saratoga and Schenectady almost weekly, and it's always fun to [go into] these different communities in which we get to play," he said. "Because of the fact that there are these fascinating, smaller cities all cheek-to-jowl, there's a lot more activity here than there are in similar size cities."

It is these cities that stirred Miller to start commissioning site-specific works, beginning with a series of pieces based on the famous Tiffany windows that can be found in churches throughout Albany and Troy. Audience members took a bus tour to different sites at

"Because of the fact that there are these fascinating, smaller cities all cheek-to-jowl, there's a lot more activity here than there is in similar size cities,"



David Alan Miller at Albany-Rensselaer Station, prefers to take Amtrak to Manhattan on symphony business.

which scholars would talk about the windows and then musicians would play new works under the very windows that inspired them.

"People who didn't think they

cared about new classical music came and had these incredible encounters with new music in these Tiffany designed spaces," said Miller. That led to pieces inspired by and performed on such sites as the Saratoga battlefield, the "Million Dollar Staircase" inside the state capitol building, and even on a barge floating down the Erie Canal.

"One of the things we do that is different from most other orchestras is that we're committed to the music of our time," said Miller. "That lets us really create a sense of place. We all love Beethoven. We love to listen to his music and play it, but it doesn't speak to our sense of place, whereas these projects do. We design things that celebrate our own geographic and cultural heritage." O

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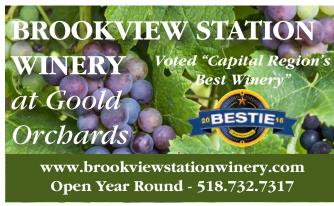


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- **10. OFF THE BEATEN PATH:** Gaze at the extraordinary Tiffany windows in many churches and buildings in Troy. Visit the Grafton Peace Pagoda to experiences the beauty of nature in a peaceful setting. Hike to the "Snow Hole" and see snow in July. Watch the buffalo roam at GEM Farms.

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HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY EMPIRE SERVICE!

BY BENJAMIN J. TURON

n December 3, 1967, the New York Central Railroad officially inaugurated the Empire Service when a train to Buffalo departed on Track 36 from Grand Central Station in New York City. On Monday, December 4, 2017, at the Albany-Rensselaer Station, a two-hour ceremony marked a half century of the Empire Service, now operated by Amtrak. It was a memorable moment in New York's railroad history, celebrated by representatives from Amtrak, state and local governments, rail advocates and individuals directly involved with the creation of this intercity passenger rail service or closely related to those were.

Post-World War II Troubles

After World War II, despite a large investment in new passenger railroad equipment including New York Central's stylish "Great Steel Fleet" of 33 trains, rail travel decreased dramatically as the public turned to new, government-subsidized highways and then airlines for their transportation needs. By the 1950 s, most railroads downsized or exited the passenger business.



A few railroads bucked the trend. In 1956, the New York Central's passenger department proposed a new concept of intercity rail service known today as "corridor service." Their idea was to replace the several dozen New York-Midwest long-distance, over-night trains with a new system-wide pattern of fast, frequent and shorter coach trains, scheduled at regular intervals throughout the day on routes of only 100 to 500 miles.

New York Central's passenger department concluded that these shorthaul "dayliners" would better meet the needs of the modern traveler, and thus boost ridership and revenue. However, the proposal, for what they called "travel-tailored schedules," faced fierce

opposition from the railroad's freight department, which feared the faster, more frequent passenger trains would be too disruptive to the slower, longer freight trains. As a result, nothing came of the corridor service proposal. Instead, the railroad focused on modernizing the far larger and still profitable freight side of its business.

By the 1960s, New York Central had greatly consolidated its intercity passenger service, decreasing the number of passenger trains across Upstate New York from 66 in 1951 to only 11 in 1967. This helped the railroad decrease its passenger deficit from a high of \$52 million in 1957 to \$28 million in 1967, though it still operated deeply in the red. Its remaining passenger trains, including its flagship New York-Chicago 20th Century Limited and New York-Buffalo-Cleveland-Detroit Empire State Express, became rather shabby due to cutbacks in maintenance and cleaning.

The Birth of Corridor Service

In 1967, New York Central applied to the New York State Public Service Commission to further reduce intercity

passenger service in Upstate New York. The railroad proposed axing five of the 11 remaining passenger trains traveling between New York City and Buffalo, but the commission declined approval.

The railroad made a counterproposal, to replace existing intercity passenger service, including the famous 20th Century Limited, with a restructured daily schedule of faster and regularinterval trains between New York City and Buffalo. Corridor service!

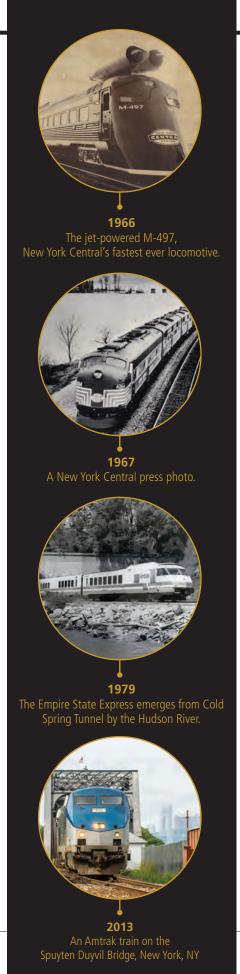
"We mean business," stated Alfred E. Perlman, President of New York Central. "We are going after the New York intercity passenger market."

The Public Service Commission approved the plan, and the Empire Service was born. In December 1967, the railroad consolidated 11 daily local and long-distance trains out of New York City into eight New York-Albany roundtrips, five New York-Buffalo roundtrips and one additional Albany-Buffalo roundtrip. One of the New York-Buffalo trains continued beyond Buffalo to Chicago, a nameless successor to the 20th Century Limited and the predecessor to today's Lake Shore Limited. At Albany and Buffalo stations, one could still connect to the one or two remaining passenger trains to Boston, Montreal, Toronto, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago.

Empire Service Innovations

The Empire Service trains where shorter, faster and cleaner. The service utilized a dedicated fleet of 40 renovated coaches and snack cars. There were no mail, express or sleeping cars, except on two night runs which still carried passengers bound for Montreal, Buffalo, Detroit, Toronto and Chicago. The daytime trains had only one to three coaches plus a café car.

By eliminating the loading and unloading of mail at each station, trains spent much less time at each stop. It was an adjustment for friends and fam-



ilies of passengers, who were often caught on board as the train pulled out of a station, requiring them to purchase an unexpected return ticket.

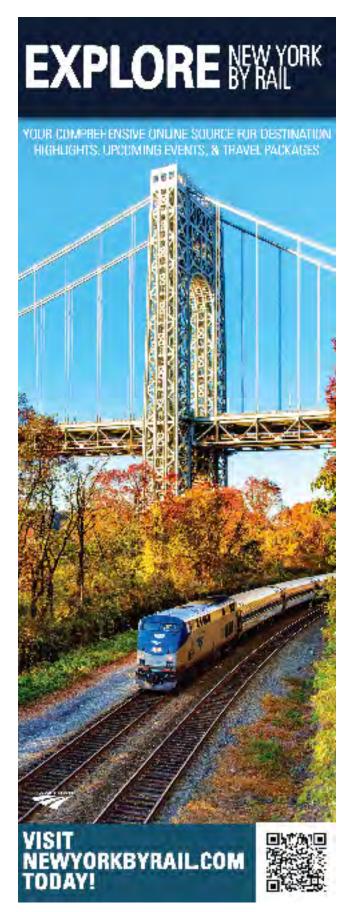
Robert D. Timpane, New York Central's assistant vice president of operating administration, oversaw the project and utilized the railroad's management trainees to monitor onboard service, timekeeping and the distribution of timetables. Dispatchers were told that Empire Service trains had priority. The trains ran 88.7 percent on time. The railroad implemented a training program for the 700 employees involved in the new service. And railroad officials, union representatives and the Public Service Commission met monthly to evaluate and make adjustments.

The trains looked better, too. The railroad rehired furloughed onboard cleaners based in Albany to wash the trains and assist passengers between Albany and Syracuse. At Grand Central Terminal and Buffalo Central Terminal, train personnel wiped the windows after each trip and frequently put the train cars through an automatic wash. The railroad also streamlined its food and beverage service, replacing dining cars, staffed with chefs and waiters, with café cars which one person could run.

The railroad launched a \$110,000 advertising campaign, including radio ads and full-page newspaper ads, to promote the new Empire Service. The ads promised "Tailored to meet the needs of New York State travelers... frequent departures, shorter travel times, all-weather service, reclining seats, food and beverage service, relaxing facilities." It worked! Ridership increased, and the railroad received many letters praising the trains. The Empire Service even made an operating profit, but the railroad still had serious problems.

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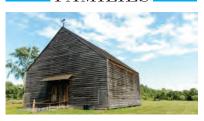
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MOUNTAIN RIDGE ADVENTURE The Capital Region's only treetop challenge course and zip-line park, with nine zip-lines crisscrossing a 500-foot gorge.

Distance from SDY: 11.1 miles



PROCTORS THEATRE This restored former vaudeville house first opened in 1926. This historic theater in the heart of Downtown Schenectady has hosted numerous notable artists and shows in the

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OLDE BRYAN INN A local favorite for hearty. traditional American fare and its Revolutionary War-era stone building. Distance from SAR: 0.4 miles

15 CHURCH An imaginative menu that artfully balances classics with exotic fare, served in a beautifully restored historic building.

Distance from SAR: 325 feet



SARATOGA RACE COURSE Named one of the world's greatest sporting venues by Sports Illustrated. Watch thoroughbred horse racing during the summer at this 155-year-old track.

Distance from SAR: 2.5 miles

SARATOGA AUTO MUSEUM A collection of New York-manufactured cars, automobile exhibits and auto-artifacts. Car shows throughout the year.

Distance from SAR: 2.4 miles

ADIRONDACK BALLOON FLIGHTS Experience the first form of flight with the first balloon company in New York. Distance from SAR: 22.0 miles

FAMILIES



SARATOGA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

The historic battlefield where American troops defeated the British in 1777, the first time a British Army had ever surrendered. Distance from SAR: 11.0 miles

ELLMS FAMILY FARM A myriad of fall and winter activities for kids, including the Amazing Maize corn maze, Challenge Rope Course and Parachuting Santa. Distance from SAR: 14.6 miles

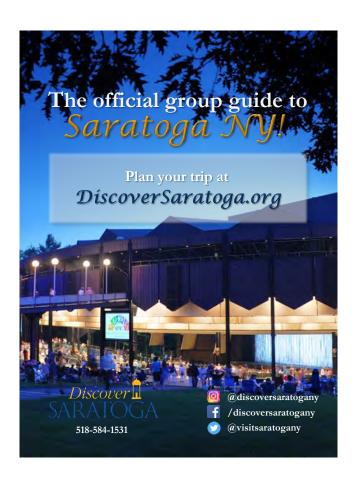
CREATIVE SPARKS & BALLOONATICS Free your imagination! Relax while painting, building and creating one of a kind pieces. Distance from SAR: 0.3 miles

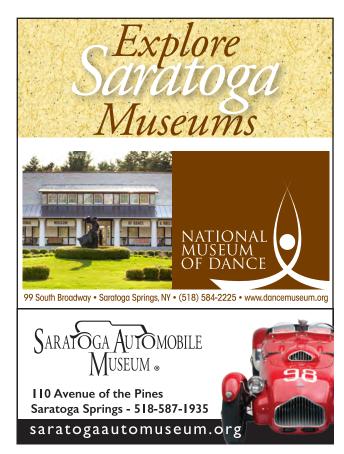


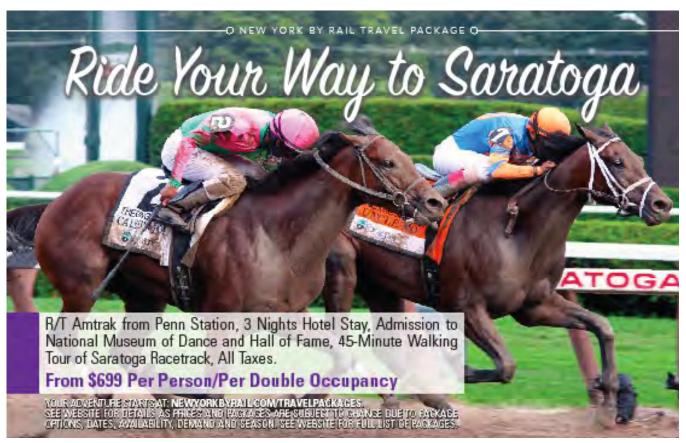
SARATOGA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER A cultural destination in the Capital Region for 52 years, SPAC is the place to watch mega-stars on tour. This summer, the New York City Ballet dances Ro-

meo and Juliet, the Philadelphia Orchestra plays Star War, and Ringo Starr and Foreigner rock the stage, to name a few of the many performances. Distance from SAR: 2.5 miles









ALEXANDER HEFFNER

Host of The Open Mind on PBS



NYBR: Why did you travel to Saratoga Springs?

AH: A weekend getaway for the Newport Jazz Festival at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC). I once overnighted in Saratoga Springs but never had an opportunity to visit the city, and that route was indirect, on Amtrak from New York City to Albany. This time, I was delighted to travel directly to the Saratoga Springs station.

NYBR: Why take the train?

AH: I am a creature of mass transit, so very little automobile travel for me. Amtrak is by far the most accessible mode of transportation for non-car owners. The trains run without incident.

NYBR: Did anything special catch your attention during the train ride?

AH: It was pleasant, smooth and on time. The sun glis-

tened on the Hudson as I rode through the pastoral New York countryside... I prefer the quiet car, along with a made-in-New York brew. After escaping the city limits, the movement of the train relaxes me.

NYBR: How was the concert?

AH: The discovery of novel jazz talents excited me, particularly vocalist Cécile McLorin Salvant and South African-British band, Shabaka and the Ancestors, who later appeared on my PBS show.

NYBR: What do you think about SPAC?

AH: SPAC is a first-rate facility, a hidden gem. Both venues had excellent sound. The vibe was vibrant.

NYBR: Where did you stay?

AH: The Grand Pavilion Hotel, a chic apartment-style retreat, has all modern amenities. The staff is warm and receptive. It was a brief [taxi] ride from the station to the hotel.

NYBR: Did any of the restaurants in Saratoga tantalize vour taste buds?

AH: The hotel is connected to a delicious restaurant, "Fish." The marlin special was fresh. I would also recommend the ahi tuna nachos.

NYBR: What's your overall impression of Saratoga Springs? **AH:** A beautiful respite from the concrete jungle.

NYBR: Will you go back?

AH: Yes, it would be fun to return for next year's Newport Jazz Festival and to take in the springs.

NYBR: Are there any other Amtrak destinations north of New York City in your travel plans?

AH: I take the train to Syracuse to visit family. I'm hoping to take The Adirondack to Montreal sometime soon, and the Jazz Festival continues! O





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SOUTHERN SARATOGA COUNTY

pportunity knocks in southern Saratoga County because you really can live, play *and* work here! Ballston Lake, Ballston Spa, Burnt Hills, Charlton, Clifton Park, Crescent, Halfmoon, Jonesville, Malta, Mechanicville, Milton, Rexford, Round Lake, Schuylerville, Stillwater, Vischer Ferry, Waterford and nearby Glenville offer a relaxed lifestyle and economic prosperity.



The area offers everything, from shopping malls and restaurants to orchards, produce, dairy and horse farms. Our numerous public parks have walking/bicycle trails, scenic byways, kayaking, boating and fishing. The twin towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon and nearby Malta have great accommodations such as the Park

Manor Hotel (theparkmanorhotel.com, (518) 373-2255), interesting trails and historic sites. The Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway has a self-guided tour accessible by scanning QR codes at various locations or by keying in 518-649-9990 on your cell phone.

The region is surrounded on three sides by the historic Erie and Champlain canals, where you'll find wonderful waterside events throughout the year. Ride here on Amtrak. Enjoy an overnight stay in one of the area's hotels, and then explore at your leisure, taking in a tour on the canals or visiting one of the nearby farms.



If you seek employment, you'll find industry giants like GE, GlobalFoundries and Momentive Performance Materials, and many small businesses offering good jobs. You'll also find ample educational opportunities in the arts, sciences and vocational fields.

For more information or to set up your southern Saratoga County experience, visit southernsaratoga.org, call 518-371-3763, or stop by the Southern Saratoga Information Center, just north of Exit 9 on I-87 (The Northway), northbound side.

BIRDINGFROM

By Jack Ballard

Almost 500 species of birds have been documented in New York State. You won't spot all of them from a train, but here are 10 birds you might glimpse as you roll down the tracks. Score points for those you see. Get five "extra credit" points for other species you spot that aren't on this list. If you score at least 80 points, you're an "A+" birder.

AMERICAN ROBIN

See robins everywhere.

FUN FACT: Robins were sometimes eaten by pioneers for food.

5 POINTS



2 BALD EAGLE

Look along rivers or over fields.

FUN FACT: A bald eagle's head isn't completely white until it is 5 years old.

15 POINTS



3 CANADA GOOSE

Pay attention around fields as well as water.

FUN FACT: A male goose may attack nearly any predator that threatens his mate's nest.

5 POINTS



4 GREAT BLUE HERON

Watch in marshes and on streambanks.

FUN FACT: An adult heron can have a wingspan of six feet.

10 POINTS



5 MALLARD

Notice them in parks, ditches and rivers.

FUN FACT: A mallard's nest may hold up to 14 eggs.

5 POINTS



6 NORTHERN CARDINAL

Spot them in both forests and towns.

FUN FACT: Cardinals love sunflower seeds.

10 POINTS



7 OSPREY

Take note near a lake or river.

FUN FACT: Ospreys may dive completely underwater when catching fish.

10 POINTS



8 ROCK DOVE

Watch for their perches around train stations and statues.

FUN FACT: These birds were once used to carry messages.

5 POINTS



TUFTED TITMOUSE

Observe them around bushes and trees, especially in towns.

FUN FACT: They often nest in bird houses.

15 POINTS



10 WILD TURKEY

Look along the edges of forests and fields.

FUN FACT: Wild turkeys are the ancestors of all turkeys, even the one you eat at Thanksgiving.

15 POINTS

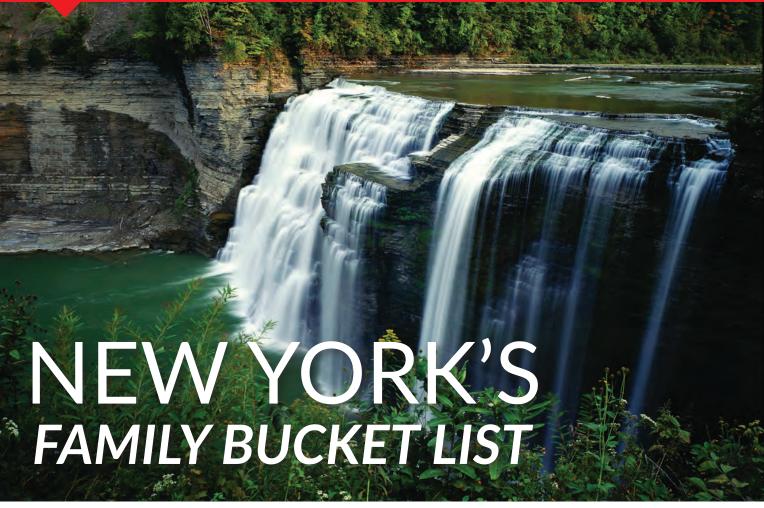


5 POINTS each.



OTHER:





NEW YORK IS FOR FAMILIES A New York State vacation means a getaway the entire family can enjoy. There are few destinations that offer such a diverse multitude of experiences guaranteed to excite everyone, from children to parents and grandparents. Whether you're planning a day-trip or a week-long escape, you can expect to make memories with the whole family that will last a lifetime.

When it comes to exploring the great outdoors, New York has you covered. From camping, fishing and hiking to skiing, snowboarding and zip-lining, the Empire State has 4,000-foot mountains, seemingly endless forests, lakes and rivers, as well as public parks and playlands to keep even the most active family members coming back for more.

Outdoor recreation is only at the cusp of what you'll find in New York State. There are numerous interactive museums and historic sites, some dating back to before the American Revolution, as well as amusement parks, mansions, concerts and science exhibits. Your family can watch live theater, find their inner artist or relax in a cozy cabin or at a

full-service resort.

Whatever you enjoy doing with your kids or would like to try for the first time, you can do it in New York State. It's a place where families have fun together and create fond memories. To inspire your next adventure, check out our New York State family bucket list. For more information on these activities and destinations, go to *ILoveNY.com* to start planning your next family vacation.

For information on how to go from an Amtrak station to points of interest, by walking, connecting to other rail lines, public transportation, Enterprise car rental or via Lyft ride-sharing, see pages 14-15, or go to New Yorkby Rail.com.

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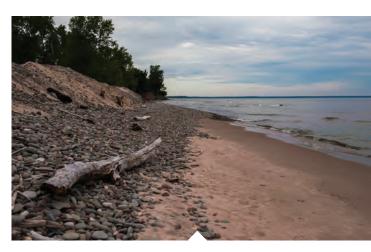


MAKE A SPLASH Nothing says "family vacation" more than a beach! Throw some cold drinks and a picnic lunch in a cooler. Grab a couple of folding chairs, oversized towels, a pail and a shovel. From the calm waters of a lakeside beach to the sand and surf of the Atlantic coastline. New York boasts some of the best beaches in the northeast.

MONTAUK (Long Island)

Penn Station, Long Island Rail Road to Montauk (3 hr. 19 min.) At tip of Long Island, miles of white, gleaming sand welcome beach goers. No boardwalks or

development here. The strand is framed by natural rolling dunes and high bluffs. Block Island Sound on the north side is calmer and great for beachcombing. onmontauk.com/beaches/



MILLION DOLLAR BEACH (Lake George)

Fort Edwards Station (20.5 mi.) A public recreation area with a boat launch, showers, volleyball court and picnic areas, this popular beach in the Adirondacks cost more than a million dollars to build. Today it's a 1,700-foot sand oasis where families love to swim and sunbath during the summer. lakegeorge.com



SANDY ISLAND STATE PARK (Lake Ontario)

Syracuse Station (48.6 mi.) Located on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario near Pulaski. the park has a quarter-mile natural sandy beach considered the finest on the lake. It's at the tip of a 17-mile natural area made up of a family-friendly, sandy shoreline, dunes and wetlands. The area also attracts hikers, birdwatchers, canoeist and kayakers.

parks.ny.gov/parks/153/details.aspx



NYS FUN FACT

New York boasts 7,500 lakes, ponds and reservoirs, over 70.000 miles of rivers and streams and 975 square miles of saltwater, providing endless opportunities for water-based recreation.



EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS In New York State, outdoor recreational opportunities are truly endless. The state manages nearly five million acres of lands, most of it open for public enjoyment. That's larger than the state of Connecticut! Need a guide? Need gear? The various outfitters and recreation areas throughout the state will take care of you. Expand your horizons. Step outside of the ordinary into the extraordinary by experiencing New York's great outdoors.



WINDHAM MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK (Catskill Mountains)

Hudson Station (30.6 mi.)
Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, mountain bikers experience unique downhills and the longest jump trail on the East Coast at this world class bike park. No uphill pedaling required! Ride high-speed chairlifts up, then fly down as fast as you dare. The Skills Park has berms, tabletops and a mini-rock garden where visitors hone their tricks next to professional riders.

windhammountain.com

ADIRONDACK TUBING ADVENTURES (Lake Luzerne)

Fort Edwards Station (25.8 Miles)
Float a real, pristine lazy river at this family adventure center in the Adirondacks. There's also a state-of-the-art aerial course where you jump, climb and zipline your way through the forest canopy. The bravest in your clan dare to plunge from the 63-foot high QuickJump XL freefall device.

adktubing.com



PEEK'N PEAK RESORT AERIAL ADVENTURE (Clymer)

Buffalo-Exchange Station (93.1 mi.)
On the Eagle Zipline, zip side-byside 130 feet up on a 1,400-foot
line. Then meet your guide for the
adventure course, which has 69

obstacles (nets, ladders, treetop platforms, ziplines) on eight routes of varying difficulties. Or stay close to the ground on a Segway tour, mountain bike, an electric bike or on the disc golf course. pknpk.com/golf_&_mountain_adventures/mountain_adventures/



HOWE CAVERNS ADVENTURE PARK

(Central New York)

Amsterdam Station (26.9 mi.)
The second most visited natural attraction in New York (after Niagara Falls) and the largest cave opened to the public in the northeast offers guided tours and an underground boat ride. Don't forget the fun above ground, too! This park has a four-tower zipline, plus a ropes course and a climbing wall. Or climb inside the 12-foot H20GO Ball for a 1,100-foot roll. It's a wet, wild ride! howecaverns.com

NYS FUN FACT

Want to go hiking? Think big! New York's 17,000 miles of multi-use trails lead through spectacular landscapes—up mountain paths, around pristine lakes, beside waterfalls and through historic villages



THE WILD CENTER (Tupper Lake)

Port Henry Station (74.4 mi.) Get nose to nose with an otter. Walk through the Adirondack treetops. See bass, trout, pike and other fish at eye level. Pretend you're a bird in a human-sized eagle's nest. Naturalists host close-up sessions with ravens, porcupines, owls, snakes and many other native species. wildcenter.org



TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE Kids love animals. tame and wild. New York State has great family outings where you can get up close and personal with a variety of species, from common farm animals to some of the more exotic, endangered creatures in the world.

OLD MCDONALD'S FARM VILLAGE (Sackets Harbor)

Syracuse Station (63.3 mi.) Since 1986, parents have been bringing their children to this 6,000-acre working dairy and

crop farm in the 1000 Islands region. Learn, touch and walk among 1,000 animals from spring to fall. Feed the cows. Pet the goats. Take your first pony ride. oldmcdonaldhasafarm.com





BUFFALO ZOO (Buffalo)

Buffalo-Exchange Street Station (5.6 mi.) Lions, tigers and bears, oh my! And polar bears, hyenas, kookaburras... at the third oldest zoo in the country. The 23.5-acre animal and avian campus houses some of the world's most exotic, endangered species as well as local wildlife, all of which move freely in their natural habitats. buffalozoo.org

NYS FUN FACT

April the Giraffe made headlines in 2017 as the world watched her carry and give birth to baby Tajiri on the internet. Families can visit April and Tajiri at Animal Adventure Park in Harpursville.



LEARN SOMETHING NEW Museums preserve our human and natural histories. These three awaken kid-curiosity through their interactive exhibits and compelling displays. They make learning fun!



STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY (Rochester)

Rochester Station (1.1 mi.)
Rated the #1 family destination by Family Fun magazine, you'll gawk and giggle amidst 100,000 square feet of interactive exhibits and artifacts, not to mention a retro arcade and a butterfly garden. See how the way we play reflects our cultural history. museumofplay.org

NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME (Cooperstown)

Utica Station (39.9 Miles)
This enduring tribute to the legends of baseball is a must-see for fans of all ages. The Hall preserves the history of the game from its invention in the 1800's to the present. To read more, go to page 85. baseballhall.org



NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM (Albany)

Albany-Rensselaer Station (2.9 mi.) Travel back 15,000 years to a time when wooly mammoths and giant ground sloths roamed through New York State in the new Ice Age exhibit. See a giant "windlass" used to lower heavy cargo onto barges on the Erie Canal. Ride an antique carousel. Your junior fireman will be wowed by two centuries of firefighting apparatus, all made in the Empire State.

nysm.nysed.gov



NYS FUN FACT

The Strong National Museum of Play is America's second largest children's museum. It contains the world's largest collection of dolls, toys and games.



ENJOY THE RIDE New York's amusement and water parks offer thrills from mild to wild. Some of the most famous and oldest parks in the U.S. are in New York. Whether your little ones like spinning in teacups, your tweens want a screamin' ride on a rollercoaster, or you enjoy the view from the top of a ferris wheel, there's a park for you.



SEABREEZE PARK (Rochester)

Rochester Station (7.3 mi.) This park has been a favorite among families for over 100 years. Among its 70+ rides is one of the nation's steepest log flumes. The scenic railroad chugs across a wooden train bridge and through an old mine tunnel. Or cool off in the waterpark. seabreeze.com

RYE PLAYLAND (Westchester County)

New Rochelle Station (8.5 mi.) Celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2018, this historic theme park has one of only two original steeple chase rides in the U.S. You can also fly on a dragon or look for zombies in a castle among its other 50 rides. Or plan a birthday party at the park's beach or at the pool. playlandpark.org



DARIEN LAKE (Greater Niagara)

Buffalo-Depew Station (19.6 mi) With over 45 rides, a waterpark, campsites and a lakeside hotel, this amusement park is a destination for thrill-seekers. It's one place where your teens are permitted to have a tantrum, or at least ride one. New for 2018, the "Tantrum" rollercoaster climbs 98 vertical feet then plummets through a pretzel inversion, reaching speeds over 50 m.p.h. darienlake.com

MIDWAY STATE PARK (Bemus Point)

Buffalo-Exchange Street Station (69 mi.) Located on Chautaugua Lake, this family treasure was established as a trolley park in 1898. Today, you can ride the vintage carousel, play mini-golf, drive the go-karts and bumper boats, or take a spin on the tilt-a-wheel. Enjoy some old-fashioned cotton candy or a hand-dipped candy apple. parks.ny.gov/parks/167/details.

aspx; nysfair.ny.gov/

NYS FUN FACT

New York is home to some of the oldest amusement parks in the nation. Seabreeze opened in 1879 and is the 4th oldest amusement park in the country. Midway State Park is 16th oldest, opening in 1898.

LAUGH OUT LOUD



...at the National Comedy Center, in Jamestown, Lucille Ball's hometown.

Jamestown also hosts the annual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, featuring more than 50 shows including stand-up performances, dialogs about the craft of comedy and the best rising talent. August 1-4, 2018 comedycenter.org

Buffalo-Exchange St. Station (73.8 mi.)

LIVE IT UP



...at the new Resorts World Catskills on Kiamesha Lake in Monticello, a \$1.2 billion casinoresort on the site of the former Concord Resort.

rwcatskills.com

Poughkeepsie Station (56.8 mi.)

FIND OUT HOW

The locations included in this publication are just a sampling of the hundreds of attractions waiting to be explored in New York State. To find more detailed travel information on nearby activities



and attractions, and options for lodging and dining, visit iloveny.com or download the I Love New York mobile app and start planning your getaway today.



MAKE LASTING MEMORIES The recipe for a fond family memory requires an intriguing place to visit and a delightful experience once you get there. New York State boasts many such spots, including these destinations that you and your kids can enjoy together and cherish forever:



ROSELAND WAKE PARK (Canandaigua)

Rochester Station (32.2 mi.)
Wakeboard at the only full-sized cable park in the Northeast, pulling up to nine riders in a continuous 2,100-foot loop, with optional ramps and rails.
roselandwakepark.com

USS SLATER (Albany)

Albany-Rensselaer Station (2.1 mi.)
Tour the only remaining World
War II Destroyer Escort afloat in
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MIRROR LAKE BOAT RENTAL (Lake Placid)

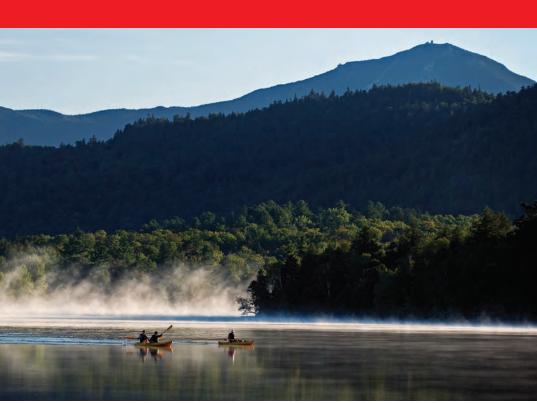
Westport/Lake Placid Station (35 mi.)
Rent at kayak, stand-up paddleboard, canoe, sailboat or hydro-bike and go for a spin on no-wake Mirror Lake.
MLBoatrental.com

BOLDT CASTLE (Thousand Islands)

Syracuse Station (98.8 mi.)
Visit a castle, or better yet, stay
overnight in one.
boldtcastle.com



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SANTA'S WORKSHOP (Wilmington)

Port Kent Station (28.6 mi.) Visit the North Pole to meet Santa and his elves – during the summer! northpoleny.com

LOCKPORT CAVE AND UNDERGROUND BOAT RIDE (Lockport)

Buffalo-Depew Station (24.4 mi.) Go for an underground boat ride. lockportcave.com

VALCOUR ISLAND (Peru)

Plattsburgh Station (6.1 mi.) Camp on an 1,100-acre island, the site of a Revolutionary War naval battle, an Audubon bird conservation site and an 1874 lighthouse.

goadironack.com



ERIE CANAL (Herkimer)

Utica Amtrak Station (14.9 mi.) Take a cruise on a 200-year-old canal.

eriecanalcruises.com

CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS (Corning)

Rochester Station (106 mi.) Learn how to blow glass. cmog.org

HERKIMER DIAMOND MINES (Herkimer)

Utica Station (17 mi.) Dig for precious gems.



FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS ...across New York State in 2018:

TULIP FESTIVAL

Albany May 12-13 Washington Park Albany-Rensselaer Station (2.9 mi.)

LILAC FESTIVAL

Rochester May 11-20 Highland Park Rochester Station (3.6 mi.)

BETHPAGE AIR SHOW

Jones Beach May 26-27 Jones Beach State Park Penn Station, Long Island Railroad to Hicksville (14.2 mi.)

FAIRPORT CANAL DAYS

Rochester June 1-3 Rochester Station (12.3 mi.)

TASTE OF BUFFALO

Buffalo July 7-8 Niagara Square Buffalo-Exchange Street (0.7 mi.)

SPIEDIE FEST AND BALLOON RALLY

Binghamton August 3-5 Syracuse Station (75.6 mi.)

GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR

Syracuse August 22-September 3 New York State Fair Station

ADK BALLOON FESTIVAL

Queensbury September 20-23 Fort Edward Station (6.3 mi.)

HUDSON VALLEY GARLIC FESTIVAL

Saugerties September 29-30 Hudson Station (17.8 mi.)

LETCHWORTH FALL FESTIVAL

Letchworth October 6-8 Rochester Station (46.1 mi.)

NYS FUN FACT

HAPPY 200TH BIRTHDAY! FREDERICK DOUGLASS

The famous abolitionist Frederick Douglass (1818-1895) spent 25 years of his life in Rochester, New York, the longest he resided in any one place. To learn more about Frederick Douglass in New York State, go to NewYorkByRail.com.



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Adirondacks





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Distance from WSP: 34.6 miles

LAC DU SAINT SACREMENT SUNSET **DINNER CRUISE** Dine, dance or relax at sunset aboard the Lac du St. Sacrament, while cruising on Lake George. Distance from FED: 16.3 miles

OSCAR'S ADIRONDACK SMOKEHOUSE

One of Rachel Ray's favorites! Fine smoked meats and cheeses for over 70 years. Distance from FED: 22.5 miles



AUSABLE CHASM Raft or tube down the Grand Canyon of the Adirondacks. In winter, follow a guide down the Inner Sanctum Trail to see rock and ice formations. Distance from PRK: 3.1 miles

ADIRONDACK SCENIC FLIGHTS From Lake Placid, soar above the High Peaks, the Olympic village and venues, and the area's landmark lakes and rivers. Distance from WSP: 32.6 miles

WHITEWATER CHALLENGERS 15 miles of action over dozens of roiling rapids. A thrilling whitewater adventure on the Hudson River. Distance from FTC: 48.7 miles

FAMILIES



THE WILD CENTER 115-acre interactive nature center tells the story of the Adirondacks with exhibits, programs and the Wild Walk across the treetops. Distance from WSP: 62.6 miles

MILLION DOLLAR BEACH Lake George's premier beach! Take a dip, launch a boat, picnic, grill or sunbathe. Distance from FED: 15.8 miles

ALMANZO WILDER HOMESTEAD 19th-

century artifacts, tools and memorabilia of author Laura Ingalls Wilder (Little House on the Prairie, Farmer Boy) and her husband at his childhood farm.

Distance from PLB: 47.3 miles



OLYMPIC JUMPING COMPLEX Ride a chairlift then take the 26-story elevator to the top of the 120-meter Olympic ski jump. Go "extreme tubing" on the landing hill. Watch U.S. Ski Team members

perfect their flips and twists into a bubbling pool. During winter, tube down a 700-foot-long chute. Distance from WSP: 32.2 miles





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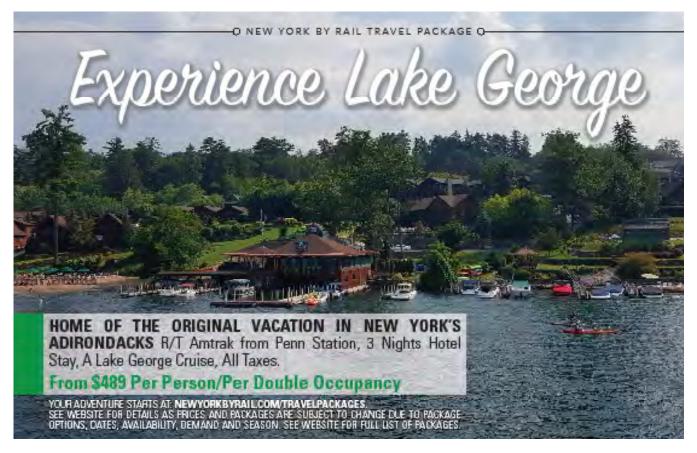
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Sampling Lake George

by Salvatore Isola

ith three days off, I wanted to spend a few days away from New York City, but didn't want to take too long to get a destination. Lake George, on the eastern side of the Adirondack

Park, seemed perfect, offering interesting things to do, good restaurants and appealing places to stay, so I boarded an Amtrak train at Penn Station bound for Albany-Rensselaer. Two and half hours later, I picked up an Enterprise rental car. From there, I drove north an easy hour to the village of Lake George.

I thought a hike up Prospect Mountain would be a good way to start to my mini-vacation, affording an eagle's eye-perspective of Lake George and the surrounding mountains. One doesn't need to hike to the summit of Prospect Mountain. One can drive up (\$10.00 per car), but the hike is free. The trail begins on an industrial overpass above the interstate. Children on the hike especially loved the overpass, where trucks passing below honk for them.

Beyond the interstate, I climbed for an hour through the trees, moving quickly up the three-mile trail. It was a tranquil joy. This was my first-ever hike.

At the summit, the trees gave way to blue skies. Lake George lay with inviting dignity 1,600 feet below. The breeze was almost as rewarding as the view, along with the picnic tables, grills and water coolers. The top of Prospect Mountain is a perfect gathering spot.

After my hike, I drove to Million Dollar Beach at the southern end of Lake George to board the Minne-Ha-Ha, an old-fashioned steamboat with a bright red paddle-



The Minne-Ha-Ha steamship prepares for its next cruise.

wheel. Passengers can look into the engine room, though it's hard to find the right moment with so much to see along the shoreline. As the Minne-Ha-Ha gently circled Lake George, the captain entertained us

with the sites, trivia and history of the area. The steamboat even whistled "At the Codfish Ball", while the young and the young at heart danced on the main deck.

After my cruise, I headed to The Great Escape, a combination theme park and water park. It's a fun place for children ready for their first "big ride". There are many kid rides and small rollercoasters, like The Comet, a classic wooden coaster, and, to me, the best ride in the park.

After screaming on rollercoasters most of the afternoon, I settled down with an Adirondack Beaver Tail Brown Ale at the Adirondack Pub and Brewery, then headed back to the water. It was Thursday, and every Thursday in Lake George during the summer ends with fireworks. A chorus of "ohh's" and "wow's" echoed across the lake with each flash and bang, wrapping up my first day with a touch of magic.

To find out how Salvatore Isola spent his other two days in the Lake George area, including visits to Fort William Henry, the "Great Camp" Sagamore, and the Hyde Collection (where he saw a first edition of James Fenimore Cooper's The Last of the Mohicans), go to NewYorkbyRail.com. •

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GILBOA MUSEUM Home to the Gilboa Fossils, 380-million-year-old tree-stump fossils formed during the Devonian Period. Distance from AMS: 50.4 miles



ADIRONDACK SCENIC RAILROAD Scenic train-ride between Utica and Lake Placid on the former New York Central Railroad line. Specials include the Beer & Wine Train and the Rail & Cruise at Old Forge Lake. Distance from UCA: Located at Station

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at this historic water-powered mill. Explore the mill and orchards then relax on the deck by the pond with a farm-fresh lunch, ice cream or a cider float. Distance from UCA: 36.8 miles



THE FABULOUS



By Lisa Ballard

all it serendipity in the face of adversity. In 2008, Brent Ridge, a geriatric doctor and former Vice President of Healthy Living at Martha Stewart Omnimedia, and his partner Josh Kilmer-Purcell, a bestselling author (I Am Not Myself These Days, The Bucolic Plague) and advertising exec-

utive whose clients included such mega-brands as Target and Absolut, lost their jobs. They moved to the historic, 60-acre Beekman 1802 Farm, in Sharon Springs, about 40 minutes west of Albany, which they had purchased a year earlier as a weekend getaway. A decade later, they now oversee what NASDAQ calls "one of the fastest growing lifestyle brands in the country" and have breathed new life into their rural community.

Buying the Farm. "We were living in New York City, but we liked to go apple picking in upstate New York," recalls Ridge, "We would open a map, see where our finger landed, and that's where we went. In 2006, our finger landed on Schoharie County. On our way out of [Sharon Springs], we drove by this farmhouse with a 'for sale' sign. At that time, you could get a 0% mortgage, so we took out a \$1 million mortgage and bought it."

After purchasing the Beekman farm, on weekends Ridge and Kilmer-Purcell took the train from Penn Station to Albany Station, where they left a car. Inspired by their country getaway, they started a blog, *To and From*, which they wrote on the train. Heading north, they laid out what they wanted to do that weekend, then on the way back to the city, they said what really happened.

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BEEKMAN BOYS

Goods from Goats. Upon arriving at their farmhouse one weekend, they found a note in their mailbox from a neighbor: "I'm John. I'm losing my farm. Could I graze my goats on your property?" Ridge and Kilmer-Purcell agreed, envisioning a petting zoo without having to maintain it.

"John's moving in with us was fortuitous," says Ridge. "When Josh and I lost our jobs, we googled, 'what can we make with goat milk'. We started with soap. That's how Beekman 1802 was born."

Cultivating a Better Life.

Sensitive to the struggle farmers and craftspeople in upstate New York have making a living, Ridge and Kilmer-Purcell used their marketing know-how to expand Beekman 1802. They now produce goat-milk products including cheese, lotions, shaving cream and hair care items, which they sell, along with numerous locally-made crafts, in their mercantile in Sharon Springs and on their website, www.beekman1802. com. They also host a reality show, The Fabulous Beekman Boys, on the Cooking Channel, publish a magazine and host seasonal festivals that attract visitors from around

the world. They work with 300 local craftspeople, such as blacksmiths, potters and food-makers, and credit a combination of optimism and dedication as the formula for their success, but with a balance.

"In New York City, if Martha [Stewart] sent an email at 1:00 a.m., I responded at 1:05 a.m.," says Ridge, "Moving here was a reset on how to approach life. We raise our own food. We appreciate what each season brings us. If you haven't had tomatoes since last September, they taste so much better! If you always have instant gratification, it's impossible to truly appreciate something. It's too temporal. There's no specialness."

Likewise, working with locals has required an adjustment. There are large swaths of the region without broadband. People might check email only once per week out of necessity. The Beekman Boys also have fewer resources at their fingertips for a multi-faceted business. Finding talented product designers and marketers in the area and running a successful retail store in the middle of nowhere top their list of challenges. However, their reenergized commu-

nity makes it all worthwhile.

"So many people in upstate New York don't see how things can get better," explains Ridge. "There's a malaise. Also, if you grow up here, you don't appreciate the beauty that's outside your door. But when local people see the marvel in the eyes and the change in spirit of visitors, it's contagious. They think, 'Yes, this is an amazing place. There is opportunity here."

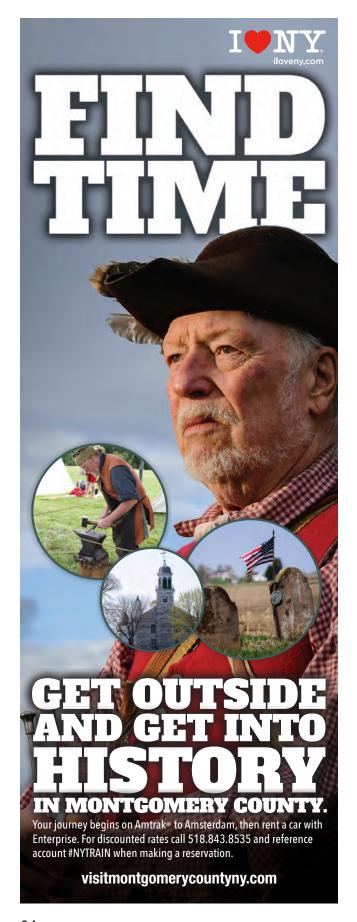
Do they miss city life? Ridge and Kilmer-Purcell have never looked back, but they do return to New York on the train at least once monthly for business reasons.

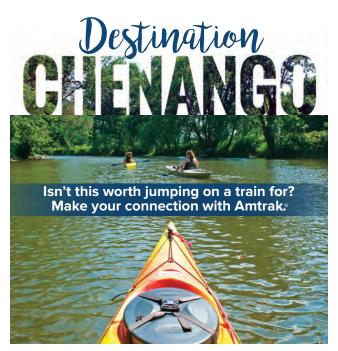
"When you live in New York City, you're defined by your career," says Ridge. "Now

when we're in the city, we see amazing window displays and appreciate a museum exhibit. We have fresh eyes every time. And the train is great! We have Wi-Fi for the whole two-hour 15-minute trip. We don't have to worry about parking in the city, and it drops you in the middle of town." O

Opposite page: The Beekman 1802 farmhouse. This page, clockwise from top left: Josh Kilmer-Purcell (left) and Brent Ridge; A local potter; milking the goats; products from natural goat-milk at the Beekman 1802 mercantile.

DO IT BY TRAIN! To participate in a Beekman 1802 festival, meet the goats or shop at the mercantile, take Amtrak to either Schenectady Station or Albany-Rensselaer Station, then rent a car from Enterprise or take a cab to Sharon Springs, about 40 minutes west of Albany.

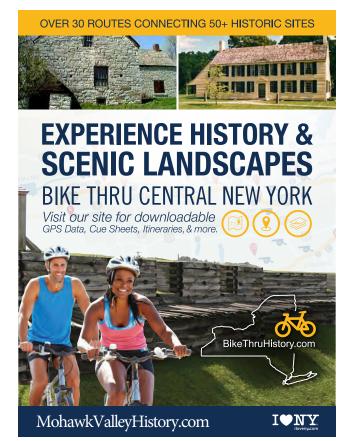




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One of many displays of baseball artifacts and memorabilia.

By Lisa Ballard

ntil the mid-20th century, Abner Doubleday was credited with inventing baseball in a cow pasture in Cooperstown, New York, in 1839, but it was a myth. Doubleday was a cadet at West Point by then, and his parents had moved away from Cooperstown a year

earlier. Historians have since bestowed the claim on Alexander Joy Cartwright, a founding member of the New York Knickerbockers Base Ball Club, who adapted the sport from the English game, "rounder", in 1845. Regardless, Cooperstown has remained a special place in the hearts of baseball afficionados as the site of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

For baseball fans, the Baseball Hall of Fame is a must-see. A nonprofit museum committed to the preservation of baseball history, the Hall celebrates the game's legendary players, managers, umpires and executives and is a repository of archives, artifacts and exhibits. It also inducts a new class each July.

Of the 750 players that make up the 30 major league baseball teams each year, only a handful qualify for induction into the Hall of Fame after retirement. In December, members of the Baseball Writer's Association of America cast 422 ballots. A player must appear on 75 percent or more of the ballots to earn a spot in the Hall of Fame. In addition, players of historical note may be elected to the Hall by its Modern Baseball Era Committee. This year's inductees are Jack Morris, Alan Trammell, Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome.

The inductions occur in July during the annual Hall of Fame Weekend. This year, the weekend is July 27th to July 30th. It's open to the public. It's a family-friendly event that includes a "Parade of Legends" and a "Legends of the Game" roundtable discussion with the inductees. Over 50 hall-of-famers are expected to return for the festivities, including Ozzie Smith, who hosts "PLAY

Ball", in which visitors get instruction and field time with Smith and other baseball superstars.

Can't make it to induction ceremony? The National Baseball Hall of Fame is open year-round. Visitors can check out only the Hall or buy a combined ticket for the Hall plus the nearby Fenimore Art Museum and/or The Farmers' Museum. Now that's a homerun! O

DO IT BY TRAIN! The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is located at 25 Main Street in Cooperstown, (888) HALL-OF-FAME, www.baseballhall.org.

Take Amtrak to Albany-Rensselaer station, then rent an Enterprise car and drive 70 miles west to Cooperstown. (The Utica Station is closer, 40 miles away, but there are no on-site rental cars.)

On Hall of Fame Weekend (July 27-30, 2018), the annual induction ceremony is at 1:30 p.m. on July 29, at the Clark Sports Center. Participation in PLAY Ball with Ozzie Smith is by reservation only, in spring 2018. To register, call (607) 547-0310.

To read more about the National Baseball Hall of Fame's Class of 2018 inductees, go to NewYorkByRail.com.





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From poker rooms with a high-stakes hush to a hall of buzzing slot machines searching for Lady Luck, New York's newest casinos are taking gaming entertainment to new levels. Home to four new casino resorts, New York visitors can now take a chance at Blackjack, Baccarat, Craps and Roulette, while enjoying some of the State's favorite locations and well-known attractions.

Amtrak travelers to Schenectady can take a trolley or walk to Rivers Casino & Resort (1 Rush Street, Schenectedy), part of the new Mohawk River development. Rivers features 1,150 slots, 67 gaming tables and a poker room. At Van Slyck's lounge, live music, DJs, and televised sporting events are served up with a full bar, slots, and tables. Dukes Chophouse is a steak-lover's favorite, with casual options also available. Adjacent is the 165-room Landing Hotel featuring river views and a spa. www.riverscasinoandresort.com

High-rollers and travelers looking for luxury will revel in the glamor of Resorts World Catskills (888 Resorts





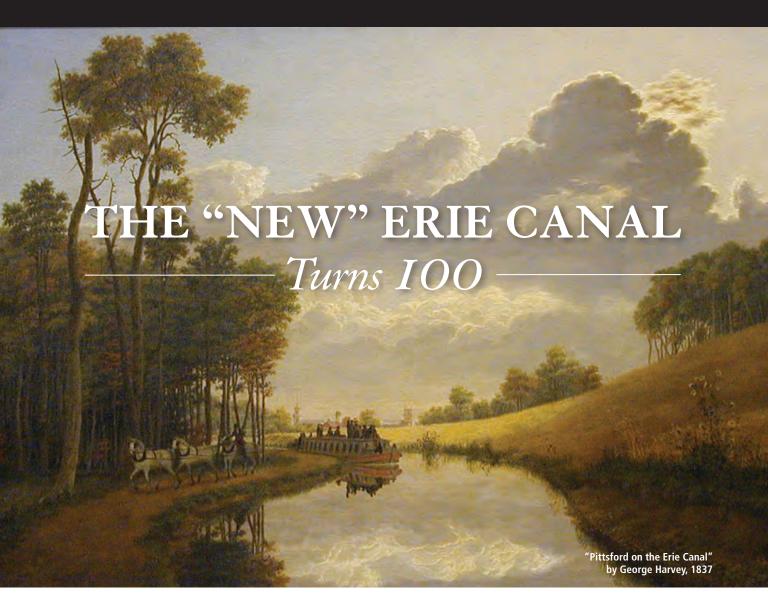
World Drive, Monticello). This Vegas-style casino has over 2,000 slots, 115 gaming tables, a poker room, as well as upscale dining and live music and performances. An entertainment village, Rees Jones golf course, indoor waterpark and second hotel will open next year. Resort World Catskills is 60 miles from Poughkeepsie Station, where you can rent cars from Enterprise and Hertz. www.rwcatskills.com

At the gateway to the Finger Lakes, del Lago Resort & Casino (1133 State Route 414. Waterloo) features 1.956 slots and 99 gaming tables, including 14 poker tables. Farm-to-table dining at del Lago's upscale Portico by Fabio Viviani and the Farmers Market Buffet

celebrate the region's bounty, while casino reward points are redeemable at local wineries and restaurants. The adiacent 205-room casino hotel has an expansive spa and high-end shopping gallery. Del Lago is one hour's drive from Amtrak's Syracuse and Rochester Stations, with car rentals from Enterprise and Hertz at each location. www.dellagoresort.com

Famous for horseracing, New York's Southern Tier is now home to the expanded Tioga Downs Casino Resort (2384 W. River Road, Nichols). Harness racing runs from May through September, with 950 slots, 32 gaming tables and 12 poker tables year-round. P.J. Clarke's, Virgil's BBQ, and Oswego Ice Cream are part of the Empire State-themed dining options. The adjacent 161-room hotel features a spa, indoor saltwater pool, arcade, game area, and waterslide to open in 2018. Tioga Downs is 100 miles from Amtrak's Syracuse Station, where Enterprise and Hertz offer car rentals. www.tiogadowns.com O





The Canal required innovation at every turn, including unprecedented engineering advancements.

n which year did the Erie Canal open, 1825, 1862 or 1918? Depending on one's perspective, all three answers are correct. Although the canal was first completed in 1825, it was re-routed and enlarged in a massive 28-year project ending in 1862, which resulted in an essentially new canal. Its present-day course and configuration opened to navigation in 1918, marking 2018 as the 100th ananiversary of New York's storied waterway in its current form. It's an important milestone and part of the nine-year Erie Canal Bicentennial celebration, from 2017 (200 years after the start of construction on the original Erie Canal) to 2025 (200 years after the opening of the original Erie Canal).

Among history buffs, the canal's three iterations carry different names: The "Barge Canal" was bestowed upon the current passage when it opened a century ago. The broadened and re-routed version completed in 1862 is known as the "Improved Erie Canal" or "Enlarged Erie Canal." The original canal is dubbed the "Old Erie Canal". Or one can happily hail the waterway at any point in time as the "Erie Canal."

Although the Erie Canal would eventually be regarded by some as the "Eighth Wonder of the World" and was foundational to New York State's prosperity in the early 19th century, it was widely considered a colossal waste of funds before and during its construction. "Clinton's Ditch"— after DeWitt Clinton, a staunch canal-advocate and New York's Governor at the time — was the snide descriptor attached to the project in 1817 by those who believed the \$7.1 million project was foolish. When it was first proposed, Thomas Jefferson derisively described it as "a little short of madness".

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An Engineering Challenge. The Canal required innovation at every turn, including unprecedented engineering advancements. As a result, the Erie Canal's Chief Engineer Benjamin Wright is now widely regarded as the Father of American Civil Engineering.

Today, such a project would be undertaken with bulldozers, excavators and an assortment of specialized heavy machinery. The original 40-foot wide by four-foot deep channel was excavated by men using hand tools and primitive, horse-drawn machinery. Water was also used in the canal's construction, its earth-softening and erosive power harnessed for excavation. The stone and soil removed to create the canal was fashioned into the "towpath," the corridor along one side of the waterway upon which teams of horses and mules pulled the barges.

Highly-skilled stone masons were integral to construction of the canal. Locks, aqueducts for spanning rivers, and culverts for crossing small streams were all built from stone, with each piece set by hand.

Although progress was slow at first, more efficient methods of construction rapidly developed to overcome these challenges. When the canal officially opened to great fanfare on October 26, 1825, its completion was well ahead of schedule.

The economic sea of change precipitated by the canal's construction was both immediate and immense. Crops grown in the western portion of New York State and further west could efficiently travel down the canal and the Hudson River to New York





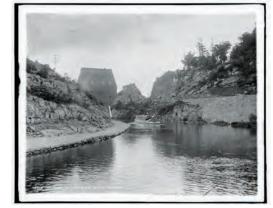
Construction of Lock E-5 on the Barge Canal, Waterford, August 20. 1908.



Enlarged Lockport "Flight of 5" twin staircase locks, April 8, 1907.



Above: Schoharie Aqueduct. Far left: Erie Canal at Little Falls. Middle: Barges on the Erie Canal in Rochester.





Signs located in the quaint Canal Place district in Little Falls, NY direct visitors to the many attractions along the Erie Canal & Mohawk River.

Below left: A "narrowboat" near Macedon. Below right, top: The Colonial Bell traverses the Great Embankment 70 feet above the countryside. Below right, bottom: Historic watercraft in Rome, 2017.

City, and then to national and international markets. Finished goods flowed back up the Erie Canal system to Albany, Buffalo and beyond. Shipping costs plummeted while the speed at which goods and commodities traveled often doubled. New York Harbor turned into the nation's busiest port, and

the city itself became the economic capital of the world. No longer "Clinton's Ditch", the overnight success of the Erie Canal proved the mettle of its supporters, engineers and laborers.

The Canal Today. Today's New York State Canal System remains a

viable commercial waterway used for the transportation of specialty cargo. It supplies irrigation water for agriculture. It generates clean, renewable energy at 27 locations. It supports research and development, mining and manufacturing processes near its banks, and it provides drinking water for many communities. That said, perhaps the Canal System's most prominent role today is recreation and tourism. Kayaks, pleasure craft and tour boats share the waterway. Families can rent a replica "narrowboat" for a week, cruise the Canal on a small cruise

ship or take a day tour on the historic waterway. Cyclists, joggers and casual strollers take advantage of the popular Canalway Trail along its banks. Visitors to the canal and the trail system support local businesses and educational institutions.

Use of the scenic Erie Canalway Trail is poised

to increase exponentially with the completion of the 750-mile Empire State Trail in 2020. This continuous 750-mile route, the longest multi-use state trail in the nation, includes the Canalway Trail. It will span the state from New York City to the Canadian border and from

Albany to Buffalo.

NEW YORK STATE

CANALS

Today's Erie Canal and New York State Canal System offer fun, historic, charming and scenic destinations and activities for both residents and visitors. After 200 years, New York's iconic canals are just getting warmed up.

For more information on its heritage, ways to enjoy the Erie Canal and Canalway Trail, and destinations along the canal and trail, go to canals.ny.gov and eriecanalway.org.







GLASSBARGE TRAVELS NEW YORK'S WATERWAYS

Glassblowing demonstrations commemorate the state's canal system.

The Corning Museum of Glass (CMoG)'s Glass-Barge offers free public glassmaking demonstrations at scheduled stops during its four-month tour. Launching on May 17th from Brooklyn Bridge Park, it will travel north up the Hudson River, then westward along the Erie Canal en route to the Finger Lakes. A ceremonial last leg of the trip will take place by land, concluding in Corning with a community-wide celebration on September 22nd.

GlassBarge commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Brooklyn Flint Glass Company's (now known as Corning Incorporated) relocation to Corning by barge using the New York Waterways canal system. In celebration of this pivotal journey, CMoG is recreating the voyage with GlassBarge, a 30-foot by 80-foot canal barge equipped with CMoG's patented all-electric glassmaking equipment. In addition to sharing the story of glassmaking in Corning, the GlassBarge tour emphasizes the continued role of New York's waterways in shaping the state's industry, culture, and community. GlassBarge is the signature event for the statewide celebration of the Erie Canal Bicentennial.

"Glassmaking innovations in Corning have shaped the modern world, from the first electric lightbulbs for Thomas Edison and the invention of optical fiber for telecommunications, to the glass



COME ABOARD GLASSBARGE!

The 30-minute glass-blowing demonstrations will occur at each location from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Reservations are strongly encouraged (www.cmog.org/GlassBarge). Tickets are available four to six weeks prior to each stop. The demonstration can also be viewed from shore without a reservation.

used in modern flat screen displays," says Rob Cassetti, senior director of creative strategy and audience engagement for The Corning Museum of Glass. "That story all began with a voyage on New York State's waterways. We're excited to commemorate the 150th anniversary of glassmaking in Corning by sharing our story, and by shining a spotlight on waterfront communities with their own stories enabled by these historic waterways."



CYCLE THE ERIE

From July 8th to July 15th, over 650 cyclists will pedal 400 miles, from Buffalo to Albany, along the historic Erie Canalway Trail. The journey celebrates the Erie Canal Centennial and the Parks & Trails New York's 20th annual Cycle the Erie Canal bike tour. Along the way, cyclists will enjoy some of the finest scenery and interesting history. It's among the most unique, unparalleled rides in the United States. Participants will travel 40 to 60 miles per day along the Erie Canalway Trail, which is now 80 percent complete and will be completed by 2020 as part of the statewide 750-mile Empire State Trail.

www.ptny.org/cycle-the-erie-canal/annual-bike-tour

Can't make those dates? Create your own cycling itinerary as a day-trip or multi-day excursion. Amtrak stations in Buffalo and Albany offer easy access to the Erie Canalway Trail for cycling and other activities. www.ptny.org/cycle-the-erie-canal

For more information on transporting your bike on the train, see page 20.

www.amtrak.com/bring-your-bicycle-onboard

GLASSBARGE SCHEDULE

May 17-28 Brooklyn Bridge Park

June 1-3 Yonkers*

June 8-10

Poughkeepsie*

June 15-17 Kingston

June 21-24 Albany/Troy/Waterford*

June 30-July 1 Little Falls

July 7-8 Sylvan Beach

July 13-15 Baldwinsville

July 20-22 Fairport

July 28-29 Lockport

August 3-5 Buffalo*

August 11-12 Medina

August 17-19 Brockport

August 24-26 Pittsford

September 1-3 Seneca Falls

September 14-16 Watkins Glen

September 22 Corning

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PASTABILITIES Serving guests for 30 years with pastas, Italian stretch bread and spicy hot tomato oil, all made from scratch. Distance from SYR: 2.9 miles



LAKEVIEW AMPHITHEATER A picturesque outdoor theater where music lovers can see the world's biggest stars. Distance from SYR: 5.0 miles

ROSAMUND GIFFORD ZOO Home to more than 700 animals, including a variety of endangered species. Open year-round with numerous indoor exhibits. Distance from SYR: 3.3 miles

GET AIR SYRACUSE "Get Air" at one of the largest trampoline parks in the world or pick from activities like dodgeball, a ninja course and archery tag.

Distance from SYR: 6.8 miles

FAMILIES



THE MOST A science and technology center, inspiring all ages through hands-on education and entertainment.

Distance from SYR: 3.1 miles

OPEN HAND THEATER Images, symbols and spirits come to life to celebrate the human experience through theater, mask and puppet traditions from around the world. Distance from SYR: 8.5 miles

WONDERWORKS AT DESTINY USA 100 hands-on science exhibits, laser tag, a ropes course, 6D motion ride and more at this indoor science-themed amusement park. Distance from SYR: 1.0 mile

DINOSAUR BAR-B-QUE What began in 1983 as a mobile concession stand using a 55-gallon drum cut in half, the Dinosaur settled in Syracuse in 1988. Now triple the size, with five other locations

across New York State, this quick-service restaurant offers nationally acclaimed barbecue dishes seen on The Travel Channel and The Food Network. Distance from SYR: 2.3 miles



















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Rochester





ROCHESTER PUBLIC MARKET Local vendors showcase fresh produce, ethnic delicacies and specialty pieces.

Distance from ROC: 1.3 miles

GENESEE BREW HOUSE Exhibits, a pilot brewery and a pub-style restaurant immerse you in the history of one of the largest and oldest operating breweries in America. Distance from ROC: 0.5 miles

NICK TAHOU HOTS Landmark eatery celebrated for its "Garbage Plate", a mash-up of meats, fries, salads and sauces. Distance from ROC: 1.2 miles



MEMORIAL ART GALLERY More than 5,000 years of art from ancient relics to contemporary pieces.

Distance from ROC: 1.3 miles

RED BARN CLIMBING GYM Home to one of the top collegiate indoor rock climbing facilities in the country, this boulderingonly gym offers protected short climbs for all abilities.

Distance from ROC: 9.0 miles

ONTARIO BEACH PARK Popular beachside park known for its century-old carousel, swimming, boating and rentable shelters. Distance from ROC: 7.8 miles

FAMILIES



ROCHESTER MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER

Learn about science, technology, the natural environment and the region's cultural heritage. Distance from ROC: 1.6 miles

SEABREEZE AMUSEMENT PARK Oldest family-owned fun park in America. Oldest, continuously operating wooden coaster, waterpark and live entertainment. Distance from ROC: 6.8 miles

GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE & MUSEUM

Get insights into the customs, traditions, social values and the evolution of our contemporary lifestyles.

Distance from ROC: 23.2 miles



STRONG MUSEUM OF PLAY The only collectionsbased museum in the world devoted solely to play! Its extensive historical collections and interactive exhibits entertain children

of all ages. From alphabet books and construction sets to comic book heroes and video games, The Strong preserves the history of toys and games as a reflection of cultures over the ages. Distance from ROC: 1.1 miles





n what might be the best college internship, Victoria Principata and Caitlin Boyle were hired last summer by the Rail Passengers Association (RPA) to study the transportation system in United States. During the RPA's 2nd Annual Summer By Rail, the two interns went on a 27-day trip by train, stopping in 22 cities.

The pair's once-in-a-lifetime journey crossed the U.S. and parts of Canada. They traveled primarily by Amtrak

train and their bicycles, stopping along the way to learn about communities that rely on railroads while learning about multimodal transportation during the 21st century. They also rode buses, streetcars, ferries and ride-sharing services to get around cities and towns.

"We were very excited to explore the U.S. and Canada," says Boyle, a recent graduate from the Catholic University of America with a degree in civil engineering. "This internship gave us a unique opportunity to learn how people in different cities use public transit. We also looked at the differences in style and culture in the various cities and towns on our trip."

Boyle and Principato kicked off their Summer By Rail on July 31, 2017 in New York City. They traveled to New York By Rail destinations like Burlington, Vermont; Montreal, Quebec; Buffalo; Niagara Falls and Toronto, Ontario before heading to the west coast and then returning east via a more southerly route. They ended their travels in Washington, D.C., on August 26, 2017.

"This was a unique opportunity that provided us with experiences that we can apply to our future careers," said Principato, who attends the Catholic University of Ameri-

ca as a finance major. "Through this trip, I hope to inspire other people to explore America by train. At the same time, I want to be able to influence how government supports public transit to further connect our country."

"Trains are an integral part of our 21st century transportation system and bring so many benefits to travelers and communities," says Jim Mathews, president and CEO of the RPA. "Caitlin and Victoria met people from around the [country] and brought back important insights that can help us advocate for more and better trains in America."

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For more information on the RPA's Summer By Rail program, go to www.railpassengers.org.

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BUFFALO DEPENNO. EXCHANGE

Buffalo





DUFF'S FAMOUS WINGS Authentic Buffalo wings cooked in the same tradition used when Louise Duffney introduced them in

Distance from BUF: 6.2 miles

SWAN STREET DINER Grab breakfast or lunch inside this restored 1937 diner car, with its mahogany trim and barrel-vaulted ceiling.

Distance from BFX: 1.4 miles

TOMMYROTTER DISTILLERY Small-batch, award-winning spirits in Buffalo's historic hydraulics manufacturing district. Distance from BFX: 1.0 mile



THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL SITE

Go back into the world of the United States' 26th President through interactive and engaging exhibits.

Distance from BFX: 1.8 miles

BUFFALO BILLS FOOTBALL Join 71,600 fans in this open-air stadium and cheer on the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

Distance from BFX: 9.5 miles

SILO CITY Tour the historic grain elevator complex that is now a music venue, theater, poetry site and film location. Distance from BFX: 2.0 miles

FAMILIES



RIVERWORKS Buffalo's newest waterfront boating, sports, concert and entertainment destination.

Distance from BFX: 1.2 miles

HERSCHELL CARROUSEL FACTORY MUSEUM

Learn about the history of Herschell carousels and the amusement industry through rides and exhibits.

Distance from BUF: 13.9 miles

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY NAVAL &

MILITARY PARK Visit the home of several historic U.S. Naval Vessels and see displays of military vehicles and aircraft.

Distance from BFX: 0.3 miles



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S BUFFALO Buffalo boasts seven of architect Frank Lloyd Wright's legendary masterworks. Tour Wright's Martin House, the Graycliff Estate on the shores of Lake Erie with its

boathouse, mausoleum and filling station, and the Walter V. Davidson and William R. Heath houses, still maintained as private residences. Distance from BFX: 5.6 miles





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THE SILO A landmark restaurant inside a repurposed coal silo serves American classics featured on Man vs. Food.

Distance from NFL: 6.4 miles

NIAGARA FALLS CULINARY INSTITUTE Tantalize your taste buds at a special event or hands-on class. Students-created culinary delights at Savor (fine dining), the patisserie and the deli.

Distance from NFL: 1.9 miles

LAKE EFFECT ARTISAN ICE CREAM Chill out with unique ice cream flavors made from locally sourced ingredients. Distance from NFL: 20.1 miles



RAINBOW AIR HELICOPTER TOURS View Niagara Falls from the closest possible spot -the air!

Distance from NFL: 1.6 miles

WHIRLPOOL JET TOURS Take a spin on a high-powered jetboat through the rapids and up the cascades on the lower Niagara River.

Distance from NFL: 7.8 miles

LOCKPORT CAVE & UNDERGROUND BOAT RIDE Guided boat tours through 19th-century Erie Canal locks, tunnels and caves. Distance from NFL: 20.2 miles



AQUARIUM OF NIAGARA FALLS Over 40 exhibits and 128 different species of mammals, fish, birds and reptiles. Distance from NFL: 1.2 miles

OLD FORT NIAGARA Built over 300 years ago. The longest operational fort in North America. Soldiers in period costumes portray early French, British and American military life.

Distance from NFL: 13.2 miles

NIAGARA POWER VISTA Virtual reality and hands-on electro-power and hydropower experiments teach the geology of Niagara Falls. Free.

Distance from NFL: 2.8 miles



CAVE OF THE WINDS In Niagara Falls State Park, visitors don parkas and sandals then climb the boardwalks in Niagara Gorge beside Bridal Veil Falls, where winds off the waterfall reach 68

mph. Access to the observation tower, Maid of the Mist boat ride and the Discovery Center, all start here. Distance from NFL: 2.6 miles



On the Trail of NIAGARA WINFS



ith views of the sweeping countryside and Lake Ontario, the Niagara Wine Trail, made up of 22 wineries and vineyards, is one of the Empire State's most scenic and productive wine regions. A unique microclimate resulting from the glacial effects of the last Ice Age makes for ideal grape-growing conditions. The re-

sult is a range of distinctive wines produced by award-winning winemakers that make for a memorable tasting experience. Here are a few of the wineries and vineyards that won't disappoint even the most discerning wine enthusiast. And if you aren't a connoisseur, you'll love the warm welcome and delicious assortment of local wines on this scenic route:

Twenty miles outside of Niagara Falls, NY, Arrowhead Spring Vineyards (4746 Townline Road, Lockport) creates wines celebrating the region's distinctive terroir, or soil. Samples of Bordeaux-style red, Riesling, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are available in their new tasting room. Between May and October, you can take a tour of the vineyard and wine-making facility, then sample wines from the featured barrel or from Arrowhead's finished fine wines.

www.arrowheadspringvineyards.com

Further down Route 104 is Leonard Oakes

Estate Winery (10609 Ridge Road, Medina), offering a glimpse into this local families' 90-year farming dynasty. Since their first grape planting in 2003, the Oakes Family has been recognized for its ice wine, Riesling and Chardonnay, as well as its Steampunk Cider, a local applefermented favorite celebrated each August at a festival at the vineyard. www.oakeswinery.com

The Winery at Marjim Manor (7171 Lake Road, Appleton) is a female-owned winery offering grape and fruit wine tastings in a restored 19th-century mansion overlooking Lake Ontario. Visitors can also learn about the manor's rich history. It has been a home not only to prominent area families, but also nuns as a convent. Today, Marjim Manor is known for its otherworldly house residents, as featured on the television show Ghost Hunters.

www.marjimmanor.com

Just a mile off of Lake Ontario, Schulze Vineyards & Winery (2090 Coomer Road, Burt) is a rustic, dog and picnic-friendly vineyard. Producers of award-winning wines, the family-run Schulze is also known for its carbonated 'Crackling Wines,' as well as a popular Prosecco-style bubbly. www.schulzewines.com

Next door is Live Edge Brewing Company (2100 Coomer Road, Burt), offering its craft beer on tap for a great doubleheader. www.liveedgebrewery.com

Nearby at the **Black Willow Winery** (5565 West Lake Road, Burt), visitors with a sweet tooth can enjoy wine and chocolate pairings, as well as regular and specialty tastings of

> port and ice wines. Black Willow also crafts mead, a wine made from honey, and is renowned for its artisan olive oils and balsamic vinegars sold at the winery.

www.blackwillowwinery.com

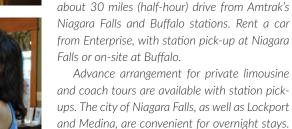
There are nine additional wine trails around New York State. For more info, go to www.NewYorkbyRail.com. O

DO IT BY TRAIN The Niagara Wine Trail is

Wine tasting at Schultze Vineyard and Winery.

Ice wine, a specialty of the

Niagara region.



and coach tours are available with station pickups. The city of Niagara Falls, as well as Lockport and Medina, are convenient for overnight stays. For more information about the Niagara Wine Trail, transportation, accommodations and to plan a trip, visit www.niagarawinetrail.org.

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Ontario, Canada



FOOD



THE CIVIC Historical menus executed with a contemporary twist in the late-1800's Broadview Hotel. Original brick facade, wood bar and wine cellar. Distance from TWO: 2.3 miles

PICK 6IX Owned by rapper Drake and Chef Antonio Park, the menu incorporates Park's Japanese, South American and Korean roots.

Distance from TWO: 0.3 miles

AKIRA BACK A former professional snowboarder and world-renowned chef, this highend Asian eatery combines his passions for global travel and culinary adventure. Distance from TWO: 0.9 miles



TORONTO BREWERY TOURS Learn how to taste craft beer like a pro. See how your favorite Toronto breweries craft your favorite

Distance from TWO: 6.0 miles

CN TOWER This 1,800-foot communications and observation tower is the third tallest structure in the western hemisphere and an icon on Toronto's skyline.

Distance from CN Tower: 0.7 miles

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (MOCA)

Now in the heart of Junction Triangle, MOCA features the work of over 1,100 Canadian and other international artists. Distance from TWO: 4.8 miles

FAMILIES



BATA SHOE MUSEUM Four galleries containing over one thousand shoes and related artifacts.

Distance from TWO: 2.3 miles

BENTWAY SKATE TRAIL Rent skates, listen to live music, watch freestyle ice-skating or go curling under the Gardiner Expressway. Distance from TWO: 1.9 miles

TORONTO BLUE JAYS Rain or shine, join over 49,000 fans at The Rogers Centre, the first Major League Baseball stadium in North America with a fully retractable roof. Distance from TWO: 1.3 miles

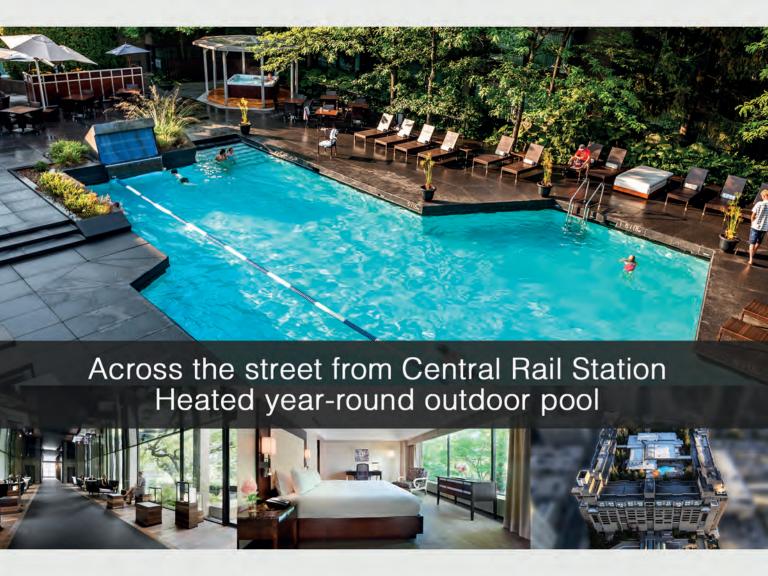


ST. LAWRENCE MARKET Comprised of three main buildings and over 200 specialty vendors, this market has been the heart of its community since 1803. Shop for a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, grains,

baked goods, dairy products and unique nonfood items, including antiques, jewelry and flowers. You can also take a walking tour of the market or a cooking class. Distance from TWO: 0.5 miles







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Montréal, Quebec





ATWATER MARKET Established in 1933 in an art deco building, this year-round market features butchers, cheese-mongers, horticulturalists and restauranteurs. Distance from MTR: 1.9 miles

BRUTOPIA Craft beers made with sustainable ingredients and globally-spired dishes from its "Brutapas kitchen." Distance from MTR: 0.8 miles

SCHWARTZ'S One of the oldest delis in Canada, this charcuterie has served smoked meat made from its original recipes since 1928.

Distance from MTR: 1.6 miles



MTL ZIPLINE The first urban zipline in Canada. Soar through the air above Montréal's Old Port.

Distance from MTR: 1.5 miles

AURA BASILIQUE MONTRÉAL Paths of light reveal this gothic revival style church's wealth of art, sculpture and stained glass. Distance from MTR: 0.8 miles

MONTRÉAL CANADIENS Watch the longest continuous professional hockey team in the world play in the Bell Centre, the largest hockey arena in the NHL. Distance from MTR: 0.6 miles



MONTRÉAL BOTANICAL GARDENS 185 acres of themed gardens and 10 greenhouses showcase a diverse array of plants. Distance from MTR: 6.1 miles

MONTRÉAL OBSERVATION WHEEL Ride the La Grande Roue 200 feet into the sky for a panorama of the St. Lawrence River, Old Montreal, Downtown and the mountains. Distance from MTR: 1.5 miles

BARBIE EXPO 1,000 dolls of various eras, nationalities and some wearing outfits from major designers like Christian Dior, Donna Karan and Armani. Free admission. Distance from MTR: 0.5 miles

RÉSO, THE UNDERGROUND CITY With over 120 access points and covering 1.5 square miles under Downtown Montreal, The Underground City is a series of interconnected hotels, shopping centers, restau-

rants and performing arts venues. Amtrak takes you to Central Station, located in this subterranean district, where you can transfer to Metro stops throughout the city. Distance from MTR: 0.3 miles





By Andrew Frey

he Great Dome Car is the only remaining passenger car of its kind in Amtrak's service. Built in 1955 by the Budd Company for the Great Northern Railway, it was purchased by Amtrak in 1971. Nowadays, after traversing the most scenic rail lines in America, this historic railcar makes its final trips of the year on the Adirondack line between Albany-Rensselaer and Montréal.

While planning a getaway with friends to Montréal for the city's 375th anniversary, I read about the Great Dome Car's panoramic views of fall foliage and dramatic cliffs along Lake Champlain and wanted to experience it.

Great Dome Car Experience.

We departed from New York City at 8:15 a.m. for our 10-hour trip to Montreal. During the picturesque ride from Penn Station to Albany, the rising sun illuminated the Palisades on the western shore of the Hudson River. The view was spectacular, and we weren't

on the Dome Car yet!

Stopping briefly in Albany, we got off the train to stretch our legs and watched the Dome Car attach to the front of the train. Once connected, eager leaf peepers rushed aboard, as seats were available on a first come, first served basis, or as the conductor joked, "Gladiator-style."

The ride north from Albany was inimitable. Three Trails & Rails volunteers from the National Park Service gave commentary about such sites as the Erie Canal, Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Independence as we passed them. I felt like I was in a museum on wheels.

Outside, an amalgamation of orange, gold and red rushed past us, transforming the panoramic windows into a kaleidoscope of autumn hues. A clear day, the vistas across Lake Champlain into Vermont were incredible! The ride was thrilling at times, too, especially as the train crept along a steep cliff hugging the lake.

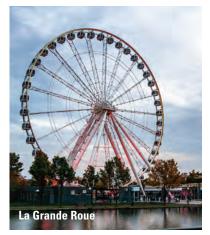


Montreal. Once in Montréal, we checked into the Hotel Bonaventure, an urban oasis across the street from Central Station and an access point to RESO, Montréal's underground city. Anxious to scope out the surrounding area, it was hard to decide whether to take a dip in the heated rooftop pool; grab a bite at Le Bisco, the hotel's onsite restaurant; or hit the streets for a late-night adventure. Despite the crisp October evening, we went for a swim. It was the perfect, tranquil conclusion to a long day of travel.

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The next day sparked a weekend of restless exploration. After breakfast at Dunn's Famous, a quirky, diner-style restaurant known for its smoked meats, we toured Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral, with its neo-baroque ciborium and massive pipe organ. We spent the afternoon perusing boutique shops throughout the Golden Square Mile and strolled amongst the statues of legendary Montréal Canadiens players at Centre Bell arena. We capped the day with Korean barbecue at Kalbi in the International District, then enjoyed the Downtown nightlife.

We started the next day ogling the State of the World and Taryn Simon exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Art, then passed through Old Montréal heading toward the waterfront, stopping only to admire the beauty of the Notre Dame Basili-

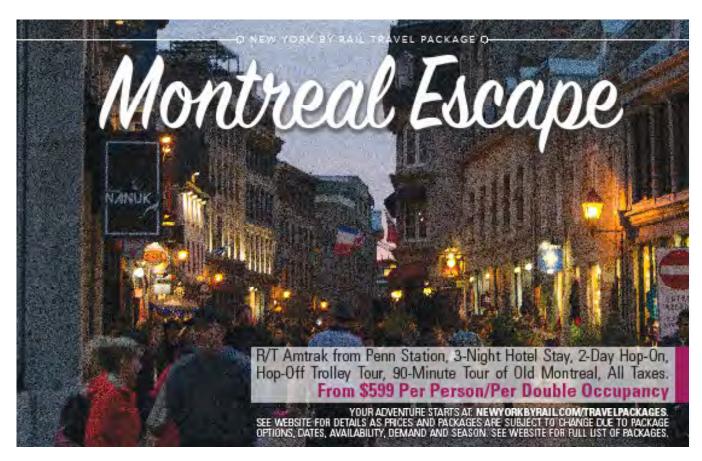


ca from the street. Ambling along the View Port Promenade at Old Port, we couldn't pass up a ride on La Grande Roue (the Observation Wheel). From its apex, the city skyline filled the view to the west, and the St. Lawrence River flowed to the east. On a whim, we made our way to SOS Labyrinthe

to race through a two-kilometer maze filled with obstacles and traps. Then, after brews in Jacques Cartier Square, it was time to turn in. We had an early morning departure.

As we crossed the St. Lawrence River on the train back to New York City, the Montréal skyline faded from view. In a unanimous vote, my friends and I knew we had only glimpsed this charming city. A return trip is in the near future.

DO IT BY TRAIN! The Dome Car travels on the Adirondack line from September 27-November 2, 2018. It heads north on Train 69 from Albany-Rensselaer to Montreal, on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays. It heads south on Train 68 from Montreal to Albany-Rensselaer on Fridays, Sundays and Tuesdays. It does not operate on Wednesdays.



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Save these dates! Here's a year's worth of fun and entertainment at events through New York State. Celebrate history, art, food and beverages, sports, music, holidays and so much more!

1 ROCHESTER COCKTAIL REVIVAL May 1-6 Rochester

New York State's largest cocktail party. More than 40 events in museums, restaurants, and bars throughout Rochester. RochesterCocktailRevival.com

Distance from ROC: Various

2 CRAFTS AT LYNDHURST May 4-5 Tarrytown

Showcases over 275 modern American artists, designers and craftspeople from all over the country selling their own creations.

Lyndhurst.org/Events/Crafts-at-Lyndhurst
Distance from CRT: 16 miles

3 NITRATE PICTURE FESTIVAL May 4-6 Rochester

A festival of famous nitrate prints with displays, lectures and workshops. Eastman.org/Nitrate-Picture-Show Distance from ROC: 2 miles

4 ROCHESTER LILAC FESTIVAL May 11-20 Rochester

The 120th anniversary will feature 1,200 lilac bushes, musical acts, craft beverage expo, parade, kids rides and races.

RochesterEvents.com/Lilac-Festival

Distance from ROC: 3.6 miles

5 CENTRAL NEW YORK PLAYHOUSE May 11—December 22 Syracuse

Nine shows, including *Othello* and *1984*, offer something for everyone.

CNYPlayhouse.org

Distance from SYR: 10 miles

6 BROOKLYN CRUSH WINE & ARTISANAL Food Festival: Spring Edition May 12 Brooklyn

Visit some of Brooklyn's trendiest restaurants for a festival filled with wines from all over the globe, artisanal foods and your own custom crystal tasting glass!

eventbrite.com/e/brooklyn-crush-wine-artisanal-food-festival-spring-edition-tickets-41282832062

Distance from NYP: 7.9 miles

7 BASILICA FARM & FLEA SPRING MARKET 2018

May 12 Hudson

The largest flea market in the region, featuring a diverse group of regional vendors embodying a love of vintage and recycled wares, locally-sourced agriculture and handmade products.

BasilicaHudson.org/FarmAndFlea

Distance from HUD: 900 feet

8 ALBANY TULIP FESTIVAL May 12-13 Albany

Albany's signature spring event features over 100,000 tulips, music, arts and crafts. AlbanyEvents.org

Distance from ALB: 2.7 miles

9 TASTEMAKER TORONTO May 18-19 Toronto

Indulge in Toronto's favorite restaurants by its most well-known chefs, food trucks and places serving the city's original and best

drinks, with live entertainment.
TheTastemakerTour.com

Distance from TWO: 1 mile

10 RHINEBECK ANTIQUES FAIR May 26-27 Rhinebeck

Purchase antique art, furnishings, jewelry and more. Barnstar.com

Distance from BHI: 3.3 miles

11 HUDSON BERKSHIRE WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

May 26-27 Chatham

Experience five featured beverage trail members, plus other regional wineries, distilleries, cideries and craft beverage makers, while sampling gourmet cheeses, creamery products and baked goods. HudsonBerkshireWineFestival.com

Distance from HUD: 14 miles



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12 WOODSTOCK-NEW PALTZ ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

May 26-28; September 1-3 New Paltz

A longstanding, vibrant juried crafts show of 300 artisans on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. QuailHollow.com Distance from POU: 15 miles

13 RAIL EXPLORERS: CATSKILLS Opens May 28 Phoenicia

Ride the rails on a pedal-powered Rail Explorer, for all ages, along the historic Ulster & Delaware Railroad route.

RailExplorers.net

Distance from RHI: 35.6 miles

14 AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL May 29-June 2 Albany

Innovative concerts, cross-genre artistic happenings and new works by living American composers.

AlbanySymphony.com/AmericanMusicFestival

Distance from ALB: 2 miles

15 BUFFALO PRIDE WEEK May 29-June 3 Buffalo

Buffalo's annual LGBY Pride community engagement event.

BuffaloPrideFestival.com

Distance from BFX: Various

16 SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK May 29-June 24; July 17-August 19 **New York City**

Annual free Shakespeare program offers Julius Caesar and A Midsummer Night's Dream. PublicTheater.org Distance from NYP: 3.4 miles

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17 LAKE GEORGE ELVIS FESTIVAL May 30 Lake George

A festival honoring Elvis Presley's music and life. LakeGeorgeElvisFest.com

Distance from FED: 21 miles

18 COUNTRY I IVING FAIR

June 1-3 Rhinebeck

The pages of *Country Living Magazine* come to life! Over 200 vendors sell antiques, arts, crafts, home and garden items, flowers and specialty foods.

StellaShows.com

Distance from RHI: 3.3 miles

19 GOVERNORS BALL MUSIC FESTIVAL June 1-3 New York City

Over 60 of the biggest names in the music, including Jack White, Travis Scott and Eminem, perform on Randall's Island at this annual, world-famous music festival.

GovernorsBallMusicFestival.com

Distance from NYP: 6.8 miles

20 AMERICADE MOTORCYCLE TOURING RALLY

June 4-9 Lake George

Tours, rides and manufacturers' demos at this motorcycle-themed expo.

Americade.com

Distance from FED: 15 miles

21 TASTE OF COUNTRY MUSIC FFSTIVAL

June 8-10 Hunter Mountain

Listen to over 20 artists on two stages during this three-day concert extravaganza for country music lovers. This year's headliners include Eric Church, Florida Georgia Line and Sam Hunt.

TasteOfCountryFestival.com

Distance from HUD: 27 miles

22 BIG APPLE BARBECUE June 9-10 New York City

The nation's largest summer street party dedicated to barbecue cuisine, with the best beer, wine and music to go with it.

BigAppleBBQ.org

Distance from NYP: 0.9 miles

23 FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX HEINEKEN DU CANADA

June 10 Montreal

Catch Formula 1 fever at street parties, driver appearances and F1 exhibitions. And then there's the race itself, in which cars travel over 200 m.p.h. through Downtown

formula1.com/en/championship/races/2018/Canada.html

Distance from MTR: 3.2 miles

24 KIMONO! THE ARTISTRY OF ITCHIKU **KUBOTA**

June 10-September 16 Utica

See the wide-ranging imagination of Itchiku Kubota who turned this traditional Japanese dress into an artform. 48 pictoral kimono on display at the Munson Williams Proctor Art Institute. MWPAI.org

Distance from UTC: 1.4 miles

25 MUSEUM MILE FESTIVAL

June 12 New York City

Free admission to seven of NYC's museums: El Museo del Barrio. Museum of the City of New York, The Jewish Museum, Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Neue Galerie and The Metropolitan Museum of Art – plus artin-the-street, entertainment and kid-friendly activities. MuseumMileFestival.org

Distance from NYP: 3.2 miles

26 MOUNTAIN JAM

June 15-17 Hunter Mountain

See performances from over 50 rock n'roll artists on three stages.

MountainJam.com/

Distance from HUD: 27 miles

27 CLEARWATER'S GREAT HUDSON RIVER REVIVAL

June 16-17 Croton-on-Hudson

Solar-powered stages, diverse live music and vendors celebrate summer. Proceeds support educational programs, environmental and social justice issues and the historic Clearwater sloop. ClearwaterFestival.org Distance from CRT: 0.2 miles

28 SARATOGA BALLOON & BBO FESTIVAL June 22-24 Ballston Spa

Hot air balloon rides, arts and crafts, live music, beer and food.

BalloonAndCraft.com

Distance from SAR: 6.7 miles





29 XEROX ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

June 22-30 Rochester

In its 17th year, with over 1,500 musicians and more than 325 concerts at 19 different venues, RochesterJazz.com Distance from ROC: Various

30 TD TORONTO JAZZ FESTIVAL June 22-July 1 Toronto

In its 31st year, more than 100 free performances spread throughout the city. TorontoJazz.com/Festival-2018 Distance from TWO: Various

31 POWERHOUSE THEATER June 22-July 1 Poughkeepsie

Top actors and their apprentices present 25+ new theater pieces at Vassar College. Powerhouse.vassar.edu

Distance from POU: 3.2 miles

32 FREIHOFER'S SARATOGA JAZZ **FESTIVAL**

June 23-24 Saratoga

An amphitheater featuring dozens of jazz artists, including Chaka Khan, Jacob Collier and many others.

Spac.org/events/jazz-festival

Distance from SAR: 2.6 miles

33 MUNSON-WILLIAMS-PROCTOR ARTS **FESTIVAL**

June 26-July 1 Utica

Free art festival with sidewalk galleries, live music and classic cars. Mwpai.org Distance from UCA: 1.5 miles

34 NEW YORK STATE RHYTHM AND **BLUES FESTIVAL**

June 28-30 Syracuse

Outdoor festival with top national musicians, for the 25th year. NYSBluesFest.com Distance from SYR: 5 miles

35 SHALEN'S SIX HOURS OF THE GLEN June 28-July 1 Watkins Glen

A car racing series, including the Porsche GT3 Cup and Lamborghini Super Trofeo. TheGlen.com

Distance from ROC: 82 miles

36 BARD SUMMERSCAPE June 28-August 19

Annandale-on-Hudson

Seven weeks of opera, music, theater, dance, film cabaret and a Spiegeltent at Bard College. FisherCenter.bard.edu Distance from RHI: 9.2 miles

37 MACY'S FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS **SPECTACULAR**

July 4 New York City

Annual fireworks show with live performances. Social.Macys.com/fireworks Distance from NYP: Various

38 1777 SIEGE OF TICONDEROGA June 30-July 6 Fort Ticonderoga

A week of reenactments commemorating the year 1777 when America was consumed in its war for freedom. Participate in the Continental Army's fight to keep the great fortress of Ticonderoga from falling into British control. FortTiconderoga.org Distance from FTC: 0.2 miles

39 MAYOR'S CUP FESTIVAL & REGATTA July 5-8 Plattsburgh

A 41-year tradition, featuring a sailboat regatta with boats from around the northeast and Quebec, Boat Parade of Lights, BBQ and live music. MayorsCup.com Distance from PLB: 0.3 miles

40 HUDSON VALLEY HOT-AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

July 6-8 Rhinebeck

At the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, an annual event that includes hayrides, food trucks, a tap tent, corn hole, live music, Majestic Moon Glow, tether rides and hot-air balloon rides. dcrcoc.org/BalloonFestHV.org

Distance from RHI: 3.3 miles

41 TASTE OF BUFFALO

July 7-8 Buffalo

Fun by the forkful! The largest two-day food festival in the U.S. Sample a range of international fare from India, Poland, Italy, Asia, the Caribbean, Ireland...plus wines, music and cooking demos.

TasteOfBuffalo.com

Distance from BFX: 0.8 miles

42 BATTLE OF CARILLON COMMEMORATION

July 8 Fort Ticonderoga

Stand where soldiers fought the Battle of Carillon in 1758. FortTiconderoga.org. Distance from FTC: 0.2 miles

43 BOILERMAKER 15K

July 8 Utica

One of the most renowned 15K races in the nation, with a post-race party and live concert. BoilerMaker.com

Distance from UCA: 4 miles

44 CENTER STAGE SUMMER **CONCERT SERIES**

July 8-September 9 Rouses Point

Free musical concerts and theatrical performances at an outdoor amphitheater.

RousesPointNY.com

Distance from RSP: 0.5 miles

45 CANALFEST AT MABEE FARMS July 14 Rotterdam Junction

A day of kid-friendly fun at the Mabee historic site celebrating the Erie Canal. Petting zoo, pony rides, rehabbed wild animals, camping and campfire demos, boat rides, food, craft beer, an old-fashioned barn-raisings, craft vendors and ice cream - all free! SchenectadyHistorical.org/canalfest/

Distance from SDY: 6.0 miles

46 THE CHIP FESTIVAL

July 14 Saratoga Springs

The birthplace of the potato chip celebrates snack food. Sample potato chips, of course, and pretzels, salsas and popcorn.

The Chip Festival.com

Distance from SAR: 1.7 miles

47 CANAL FEST OF THE TONAWANDAS

July 15-22 Tonawanda Entertainment, rides, games and food along the Erie Canal. CanalFest.org

Distance from NFL: 14 miles

48 NEW YORK CITY BALLET

July 17-21 Saratoga Springs

Watch Romeo and Juliet, a tribute to Balanchine and a premiere of 21th Century choreographers. SPAC.org Distance from SAR: 2.6 miles

49 SYRACUSE NATIONALS July 20 -22 NYS Fairgrounds

The Northeast's largest car show. Over 8,000 vehicles, including hotrods, customs, classics, rat rods and trucks, 1985 and older. RightCoastCars.com

Distance from SYR: 0.5 miles

50 ROCHESTER PRIDE FESTIVAL July 21-23 Rochester

Genesee Valley's Gay Alliance celebrates the LGBT community.

GayAlliance.org/pride

Distance from ROC: 4 miles

51 AMERICU SYRACUSE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

July 27-29 Syracuse

Annual showcase of craftspeople, artists and performers.

DowntownSyracuse.com

Distance from SYR: 6.5 miles

52 ATTICA RODEO SHOW

August 2-5 Attica

Voted #1 by the Cowboys and Cowgirls of the American Professional Rodeo Association.

AtticaRodeo.com

Distance from BUF: 26 miles

53 ROME CANALFEST

August 3-5 Rome

Activities, food, vendors and performances on the historic Erie Canal.

OneidaCountyTourism.com

Distance from ROM: 1 mile

54 PLATTSBURGH BREWFEST

August 4 Plattsburgh

Live music and samplings of local beers, wines and spirits.

PlattsburghBrewFest.com

Distance from PLB: 3.9 miles

55 UTICA ZOO BREWFEST

August 4 Utica

Live music, food and more than 100 beer samples. UticaZoo.org Distance from UCA: 3 miles

56 NEW YORK RENAISSANCE FAIR

August 4 Tuxedo

Dress in period garb. See knights battle for fair maidens. RenFair.com Distance from YNY: 41 miles

57 PARK AVENUE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

August 4-5 Rochester

A hip neighborhood transforms into a 1 ½ miles of arts and crafts. RochesterEvents.com Distance from ROC: 1.8 miles

58 FORT WILLIAM HENRY'S 261ST **ANNIVERSARY**

August 9 Lake George

Reenactment of the British surrender of the fort to the French in 1757 immortalized in The Last of the Mohicans.

FWHMuseum.com

Distance from FED: 17 miles

59 CAPITOLFEST FILM FESTIVAL

August 10-12 Rome

Silent film festival. RomeCapitol.com Distance from ROM: 1 mile

60 INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FESTIVAL OF SAINT-JEAN-SUR-RICHELIEU

August 11-19 La Macaza, Quebec

Watch 100 hot air balloons from Canada, the U.S., France and Brazil fill the sky while enjoying rides, food and drinks.

BalloonCanada.com

Distance from MTR: 104 miles

61 77TH ANNUAL CENTRAL NEW YORK **SCOTTISH GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL**

August 11 Liverpool

Cultural foods, music, dancing and athletic contests. CNYScottishGames.org Distance from SYR: 5 miles

62 WORLD'S LARGEST YARD SALE **August 18 Saratoga County Fair Grounds**

Over 200 vendors selling everything from household items to handmade arts and crafts. wgna.com/tags/worlds-largest-yard-sale/ Distance from SAR: 6.7 miles

63 149TH TRAVERS STAKES

August 25 Saratoga Springs

150-year-old race with a \$1,250,000 prize. This 1 1/4-mile derby for three-year-olds is the oldest major thoroughbred race in America. SaratogaRaceTrack.com Distance from SAR: 3.3 miles



64 US OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS August 27-September 11 Flushing

The top pros in the world compete in the only tennis grand slam event in the U.S. USOpen.org

Distance from NYP: 10 miles

65 ELECTRIC ZOO

August 31-September 9 Randall's Island (New York City)

New York's premiere electronic music festival returns to Randall's Island. Performances from some of the biggest names in electronic music. ElectricZooFestival.com

Distance from NYP: 6.8 miles

66 CAPITAL DISTRICT SCOTTISH GAMES September 1-2 Altamont

Bagpipers, dancers, competitors and vendors celebrate Scottish heritage.

Scotgames.com

Distance from SDY: 11 miles: ALB: 20.0 miles

67 NATIONAL BUFFALO WING FESTIVAL September 1-2 Buffalo

This festival has served 4.2 million wings to crowds of over 70,000 for 15 years.

BuffaloWing.com

Distance from BFX: 0.2 miles

68 WATERFORD TUGBOAT ROUNDUP September 7-9 Waterford

Family-oriented festival along the "Waterford Wall", the eastern gateway to the Erie Canal. Boat rides, music, food, vendors and fireworks. TugboatRoundup.com

Distance from ALB: 13 miles

69 ITALIAFEST

September 8 Amsterdam

Italian-style food, music, entertainment, vendors and family fun.

visitmontgomerycountyny.com/event/ italiafest-2/

Distance from AMS: 2.2 miles

70 ALBANY RIVERFRONT JAZZ FESTIVAL September 8 Albany

Free! Enjoy music, food and friends by the water, for the 15th year.

AlbanyEvents.org

Distance from ALB: 2.4 miles

71 SARATOGA WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL September 8-9 Saratoga Springs

Fine wine and spirits, dishes from worldfamous chefs and classic cars. SaratogaWineAndFood.com

Distance from SAR: 2.6 miles

72 NIAGARA-ROCHESTER FRINGE **FESTIVAL**

September 12-22 Rochester

Over 300 shows featuring theater, dance, comedy and music. RochesterFringe.com Distance from ROC: Various

73 YONKERS RIVERFEST

September 15 Yonkers

Outdoor celebration with music, games, food and classic cars.

YonkersDowntown.com

Distance from YNY: 700 feet

74 CAPITAL REGION APPLE AND WINF FFST

September 15-16 Altamont

Wine and food tastings, car show and live performers. AppleAndWineFestival.com Distance from SDY: 11 miles

75 BASILICA SOUNDSCAPE September 16 Hudson

An immersive, collaborative weekend featuring innovative and genre-pushing musicians, visual artists and writers. Basilica-Hudson.com

Distance from HUD: 900 feet

76 46TH ANNUAL ADIRONDACK BALLOON FESTIVAL

September 20-23 Queensbury

Nearly 100 hot-air balloons paint the sky. Craft fair, AdirondackBalloonFest.org Distance from FED: 6 Miles



77 SARATOGA AUTO AUCTION September 21-21 Saratoga Springs

On the stage at SPAC, bid on curated collector cars with a live auctioneer. Special auto exhibits. SaratogaAutoAuction.org Distance from SAR: 2.4 Miles

78 OKTOBERFEST WEEKENDS

September 22-October 14 Hunter Mountain

Beer (of course), food, authentic German entertainment free craft activities for kids and an aerial show. Free admission.

Huntermtn.com/summer/festivals/0ktoberfest/

Distance from HUD: 27 miles

79 THE GREAT JACK O'LANTERN BLAZE September 28-30; October 4-21; November 1-4, 15-17, 23-24 Croton-on-Hudson

More than 7,000 spooky Jack O'Lanterns at historic Van Cortlandt Manor.

HudsonValley.org/events/blaze

Distance from CRT: 0.6 Miles

80 HUDSON VALLEY GARLIC FESTIVAL September 29-30 Saugerties

Garlic-inspired food and drink, vendors, kids' activities, crafts and more. Hvgf.com Distance from RHI: 17 miles

81 IMAGEOUT: ROCHESTER LGBT FILM FESTIVAL

October 4-14 Rochester

A film festival promoting LGBT awareness and acceptance. ImageOut.org Distance from ROC: 1.6 miles

82 12TH ANNUAL DALMATIAN DAY

October 6 Hudson

A "spot-tacular" day where kids learn about fire prevention and pet Dalmatians.

FASNYFireMuseum.com

Distance from HUD: 1.3 miles

83 19TH ANNUAL WOODSTOCK FILM FFSTIVAL

October 10-14 Woodstock

A week of film screenings, celebrity quest panels, awards and parties.

WoodstockFilmFestival.com

Distance from RHI: 1.3 miles

84 NEW YORK CITY WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

October 11-14 New York City

Culinary giants, celebrity chefs, mixologists, vintners and foodies unite to eat, drink and end world hunger.

NYCWineandFoodFestival.com

Distance from NYP: Various

85 SPOOKTACULAR

October 20-21 Utica

Kids dress up and trick-or-treat among the animals at the Utica Zoo. UticaZoo.org Distance from UCA: 3 miles

86 WARWICK APPLEFEST

October 14 Warwick

Apple pie contest, cider and apple picking celebrate autumn's sweet fruit.

WarwickAppleFest.com

Distance from CRT: 40 miles

87 SARATOGA FALL FESTIVAL

October 27 Saratoga Springs

Street festival with a rock climbing wall, music, magic shows, petting zoo, pony rides and a costume parade. Trick-or-treat at 40 shops. Saratoga.com/fall/events/fall-festival/

Distance from SAR: 1.5 miles

88 YOFIFEST: YONKERS FILM FESTIVAL November 2-8 Yonkers

Film screenings, panel discussions and parties. YoFiFest.com

Distance from YNY: 7 miles

89 TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON November 4 New York City

World's largest marathon, hosting runners from around the globe.

TCSNYCMarathon.org

Distance from NYP: Various



90 ROSENDALE INTERNATIONAL PICKLE **FESTIVAL**

November 18 Rosendale

For its 19th year, the place to go to find all things brined, soused and preserved. RosendaleChamber.org/pickle-festival Distance from RHI: 20 miles

91 MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

November 22 New York City

Holiday kick-off parade with immense balloons, Broadway performers and Santa. Social.Macys.com/parade

Distance from NYP: 3 miles

92 101ST ANNUAL TROY TURKEY TROT November 22 Troy

Over a century's worth of tradition packed in 5K and 10K races. TroyTurkeyTrot.com Distance from ALB: 8.9 miles

93 SINTERKLAAS FESTIVAL DAY November 24 Rhinebeck

Children's workshops, dance, theatre and music throughout the village. Children's Starlight Parade with two-story tall, animated puppets carried by hundreds of volunteers.

SinterklaasHudsonValley.com

Distance from RHI: Various

94 VII I AGF WAI K

December 1-2 Lewiston

Carriage rides, carolers, special sales, thousands of Christmas lights and holiday window displays. Santa arrives by helicopter then travels by carriage down Center Street. Niagarariverregion.com

Distance from NFL: 6.1 miles

95 TROY VICTORIAN STROLL

December 2 Troy

The Northeast's largest free holiday festival, with over 100 live performances.

VictorianStroll.com

Distance from ALB: 9 miles

96 WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL January 2019 Ellicotville

Since 1995, 20+ regional blues bands chase away cabin fever. Ellicottvilleny.com Distance from BUF: 52 miles

97 SARANAC LAKE WINTER CARNIVAL February 1-10, 2019 Saranac Lake

Storm the ice palace. Watch fireworks and a parade. Participate or watch sports events. SaranacLakeWinterCarnival.com

Distance from WSP: 44 miles

98 TEATOWN'S HUDSON RIVER **EAGLEFEST**

February 2019 Ossining

Eagle watching, guided bird walks and family fun. Teatown.org Distance from CRT: 5.5 miles

99 TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL April 2019 New York City

Renowned film festival showcasing new indie movies. TribecaFilm.com Distance from NYP: Various

100 DAFFODIL CELEBRATION AND WINE WEEKEND

April 2019 New York City

Over 300,000 fresh daffodils and samplings of wines from across New York.

NYBG.org/exhibitions

Distance from NYP: 1.3 Miles

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SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR

SaratogaCountyFair.org

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ClintonCountyFair.com

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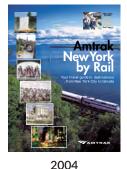
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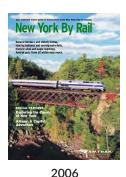
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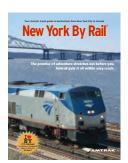












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