

ROCHESTER!

City on a Roll

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Rochester Fringe Festival

Nestled against the shore of Lake Ontario is Rochester, largely undiscovered, though it's the third largest city in New York State. This cultural hub, ranked by the National Center for Art Research among the top 20 "most arts-vibrant cities" in the county, has galleries galore, plus The Strong National Museum of Play, the George Eastman Museum and the Memorial Art Gallery.

Learning. The Strong is always a big draw for kids and kids at heart. Dedicated to the history and exploration of play, it houses the National Toy Hall of Fame and the World Video Game Hall of Fame. There's also the Rochester Museum & Science Center, with interactive exhibits such as Adventure Zone, which simulates taking you to the bottom of Lake Ontario. Or unravel the complicated mysteries of outer space at the Strasenburgh Planetarium. On Saturday nights, the planetarium has laser shows and free telescope-viewings.

For history buffs, the National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House was Anthony's home during her years as an abolitionist and leader of the women's suffrage movement during the 1800s. The police arrested her here for trying to vote in the 1872 U.S. Presidential election. 2020 marks not only her 200th birthday (on February 15th) but also the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the opening of the Susan B. Anthony House and Museum.

The Genesee Country Village & Museum, New York's largest living history museum, is another time-warp worth walking through. It's a fully-functioning 19th century village!

Wining and Dining. Rochester may be the front door to the Finger Lakes' wine region, but you don't need to leave the city to taste delightful wines. Casa Larga Vineyards and Winery has been making Italian-inspired wines in Rochester since 1978. The city's first urban winery, Living Roots, has recently opened, too.

Rochester's food and drink scene is booming with new restaurants, breweries, distilleries and coffee roasters. Genesee Brewery, the oldest brewery in the state, is in Roches-



Butterfly Garden at The Strong

TOP: ERICH CAMPING LEFT: THE STRONG