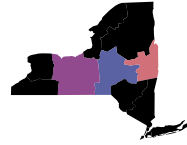


SMALL TOWN CHARM AND CULTURAL GEMS



REGIONS:

Finger Lakes, Central NY,
Capital-Saratoga



WOMEN'S RIGHTS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK | SENECA FALLS



NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME | COOPERSTOWN



HOWE CAVERNS | HOWES CAVE

Nature began to slowly craft Howe Caverns some six million years ago.

DID YOU KNOW?

Susan B. Anthony, the first woman in the US to vote, was arrested for doing so in Rochester in 1872. Her home is now the [National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House](#).

Author and humorist Mark Twain wrote *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* in [Elmira](#). His study and gravesite there still attract many visitors today.

Wizard of Oz author L. Frank Baum was born in Chittenango. The town hosts an annual Oz-Stravaganza and is the home to the [All Things Oz Museum](#). Oz fans will also enjoy the home of his mother-in-law, Matilda Joslyn Gage, in nearby Fayetteville, the only home open to the public where Baum lived.

The [Great New York State Fair](#) started in Syracuse in 1841. It was the first state fair and is still one of the largest nationwide.

When it was built between 1817-1825, the 353-mile Erie Canal, running from Albany to Buffalo, was the longest artificial waterway and greatest public works project in North America. An [Erie Canal Cruise](#) from Herkimer takes passengers through a still working hundred-year-old lock.

DAY 1:

Start your historic journey in Seneca Falls, the birthplace of Women's Rights. Learn about the movement at [Women's Rights National Historical Park](#), then pay tribute to your idols at the [National Women's Hall of Fame](#).

Stroll along the [Cayuga-Seneca Canal](#), taking in the sights and sounds of the town that inspired Bedford Falls from the classic film, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Don't miss Bailey Bridge, named after the movie's main character, and the [It's A Wonderful Life Museum](#).

Head to nearby Auburn to visit [Harriet Tubman National Historical Park](#) and the [NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center](#).

Cruise the waters of Skaneateles Lake with [Mid-Lakes Navigation Co., Ltd.](#) and have dinner in town.

DAY 2:

Stop by [Chittenango Falls State Park](#) for its impressive 167-foot waterfall and the surrounding walking trails.

Continue on to Cooperstown, known for being the home of the [National Baseball Hall of Fame](#), but also home to so much more. Learn about America's pastime, and then about 19th-century rural life at the [Farmers' Museum](#) or about American masters at the [Fenimore Art Museum](#).

Take in the views of Otsego Lake at [Glimmerglass State Park](#) and enjoy an evening at a nearby craft brewery or cidery along the [Cooperstown Beverage Trail](#).

DAY 3:

Head to [Howe Caverns](#) and take a boat ride 156 feet below the surface, admiring ancient rock formations along the way or experience Native American culture through the window of traditional arts and crafts at the [Iroquois Indian Museum](#).

Wrap up your trip in Albany with a tour of the historic [New York State Capitol](#) or a visit to the [New York State Museum](#).