THE PATHS THAT SHAPED OUR NATION



REGIONS:Capital-Saratoga, Adirondacks

DAY 1:

Fans of Alexander Hamilton won't want to miss the Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, the grand Georgian mansion in Albany where he married Elizabeth Schuyler in 1780.

Visit Saratoga National Historical Park, site of the turning point of the American Revolution, where in 1777 the British army surrendered for the first time in world history.

To continue your Revolutionary day, head up to the shores of Lake Champlain to the star-shaped Fort Ticonderoga, active during the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars, where you can see musket- and cannon-firing demos and reenactments.

DAY 2:

Go back in time even more as you head further up Lake Champlain to Ausable Chasm, aka "the Grand Canyon of the Adirondacks," carved about 10,000 years ago by glaciers after the last ice age.

Stop for lunch in the quaint community of Westport, the birthplace of the Adirondack chair.

Visit the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls with artwork spanning 6,000 years, including pieces from da Vinci, Rubens, Whistler, and Homer.

DAY 3:

Spend some time exploring Saratoga Springs' vibrant downtown, with its world-class lodging, dining, and shopping, as well as Congress Park with a carousel and natural springs you can sample.

Catch a thrilling thoroughbred race at Saratoga Race Course.

Check the schedule at Saratoga Performing Arts Center where you can enjoy open-air performances ranging from the New York City Ballet to popular rock acts.







DID YOU KNOW?

Chazy Apple Orchard on the shores of Lake Champlain is the largest McIntosh apple orchard in the world!

The largest freshwater beach in the United States is Plattsburgh City Beach.

The Adirondacks were an important area for the Underground Railroad, as described at North Star Underground Railroad Museum in Keesville.

There are 46 high peaks and approximately 2,800 lakes and ponds in the Adirondacks. For over 100 years, people who hike all the peaks—including the highest peak in New York State, Mt. Marcy—have proudly called themselves 46ers.

The Great Western Staircase, aka "the Million-Dollar Staircase," featured during tours of the New York State Capitol in Albany, is carved with 300 portraits!

Cohoes Falls on the Mohawk River is wider than Niagara Falls by 170 feet.