



CAPITAL-SARATOGA

2026 DEVELOPMENTS

The Capital-Saratoga region will take center stage in 2026 during the United States Semiquincentennial. [Saratoga National Historical Park](#), also known as Saratoga Battlefield, was the site of a pivotal victory in the Revolutionary War. After two intense battles, an eight-mile retreat and a three-day siege, British General John Burgoyne surrendered his entire force, marking a turning point for America's pursuit of freedom. Ahead of the 250th anniversary of the legendary Battle of Saratoga in 2027 and throughout America's 250th anniversary in 2026, Saratoga is hosting a series of events to commemorate the town's great place in the nation's history.

On Jan. 3, [Twelfth Night!](#) at [Crailo State Historic Site](#) will create 18th-century holiday traditions and honor Henry Knox's daring 1775–76 trek transporting artillery from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston, with live music, traditional fare and a bonfire, accompanied by companion festivities across the river at [Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site](#). On May 2, the [5th Annual Turning Point & Women in War Symposium](#) will spotlight women's roles in the Revolution through talks, panels and tours, and [Victory Season at Saratoga: Siege Living History Weekend](#) brings the past vividly to life from Oct. 10 - 11, with multi-site reenactments, family-friendly activities and living history programs at Saratoga National Historical Park and local historic sites.

This spring, [Saratoga Race Course](#) celebrates its final year as host of the Belmont Stakes, with the [158th running](#) set for Saturday, June 6. Since 2024, the Triple Crown race has made Saratoga its home away from home while the legendary [Belmont Park](#) undergoes a nearly half-billion-dollar renovation.

DESCRIPTION

The Capital-Saratoga region offers the unexpected harmony of the state's historic capital city, small towns brimming with culture and sprawling land dotted with lakes, meadows and farms. From undersung cities like Troy and Schenectady offering symphonies and local brews to the numerous accommodations and activities throughout Albany and Saratoga Springs, the region has something to offer for every traveler and throughout all seasons.

Saratoga Springs offers year-round activities for travelers, like [Saratoga National Historical Park](#), site of a pivotal Revolutionary War battle, while culture enthusiasts can wander the 2,200-acre [Saratoga Spa State Park](#), home to the [Saratoga Performing Arts Center](#). Outdoor adventurers can paddle [Saratoga Lake](#) or tee off at [Saratoga National Golf Course](#), one of the top public courses in the country, made even more stunning when framed by fall color. In town, Broadway – Saratoga's award-winning main street – offers a Stars Hollow-like charm by day with boutiques, cafés and locally owned shops, then buzzes at night with one of the densest

dining and beverage scenes on the East Coast. Just steps away, [Congress Park](#) beckons with foliage-filled strolls past gazebos, springs, statues and gardens.

Albany features its own breadth of activities and destinations, such as the [New York State Museum](#), where visitors can delve into the state's natural and cultural diversity. Beginning with New York State's past and arriving at its present, guests will see exhibits on the Adirondacks, an Iroquois longhouse, two antique fire engines and rock minerals. The nearby [Albany Institute of History & Art](#) is a repository of works capturing the Upper Hudson Valley region from the late 17th century to today. Or, visitors can explore the Ancient Egypt exhibit at the [Albany Institute of History and Art](#), where unique artifacts are on display like the mummy coffin of Ankhefenmut, a priest and sculptor from the Ptolemaic Period. Alternatively, when in the region, a visit to the [First Peoples exhibit](#) at the [New York State Museum](#) to see a life-size reconstructed longhouse and contemporary Native American artwork is a must.

For food and drinks, travelers might be surprised to know that one of the world's most popular snacks originated in Saratoga Springs. Invented in 1853, the potato chip is cemented in history. Guests can stop by [Original Saratoga Chips](#) for a taste of the classic recipe, or [New York Chips](#), where chips are prepared in avocado oil for a different flavor and texture. [Saratoga Candy Company](#) offers a wide selection of the famous treat. In Albany, both [Ralph's Tavern](#) and [Scubbers Wings](#) are serving mozzarella sticks with raspberry sauce, an interesting twist on classic pub fare.

WHERE TO STAY

The [Saratoga Arms Hotel](#), located in Saratoga Springs, is a beautifully restored brick hotel that combines turn-of-the-century ambience with modern amenities, while the new [Hotel Brookmere](#) offers luxury accommodations, dining and experiences. The [Washington Park Inn](#) in Albany provides a quaint getaway and the renovated mansion inn is within a short walking distance from the downtown area. In Schenectady, the [Inn at Glen Sanders Mansion](#) is one of the finest hotels in the area nestled by the Mohawk river.

GETTING THERE

- 2-3 hours from NYC
- 5 hours from Niagara Falls
- 3-4 hours from Montreal
- [Albany International Airport](#) accessible from I-87, I-90 (NYS Thruway), I-87 (Adirondack Northway), I-88 and Taconic Parkway

COUNTIES

Albany, Fulton, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Washington

MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS

Albany, Cambridge, Cohoes, Gloversville, Johnstown, Nassau, Rensselaer, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Troy, Watervliet, Whitehall

CLIMATE

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers in the Capital-Saratoga region are comfortable and warm, with daytime temperatures averaging in the mid-70s to mid-80s (degrees F.) and cooler evenings. The weather is moderately cool and sunny in springtime and autumn, when spectacular fall foliage attracts thousands of visitors. Cold, snowy winters create a wonderland of magnificent scenery in historic cities and villages.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more travel ideas and information, visit iloveny.com or Capital-Saratoga's regional website: capital-saratoga.com

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