CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY

DESCRIPTION

Nestled among rolling mountains, serene lakes and flourishing vineyards, **Chautauqua-Allegheny** offers a mix of warm hospitality and thrilling experiences. Allegany and Lake Erie state parks serve as expansive playgrounds, featuring sandy beaches, hiking and bridle trails and boating opportunities, with hundreds of cabins and campsites for visitors. Midway State Park, situated on Chautauqua Lake, offers visitors of all ages its historic amusement park, fishing spots and free day-use docks. Adventure seekers can try trophy fishing on Lake Erie, while hikers will enjoy exploring the dramatic rock formations at Panama Rocks Park. Nature lovers can stroll trails that wind around monumental sculptures at Griffis Sculpture Park. Resorts like Peek 'n Peak provide golf courses, indoor and outdoor pools, a spa and an aerial adventure course. Holiday Valley Resort is known for its exciting Mountain Coaster, Sky High Adventure Park, mountain biking trails and kayaking.

Arts and culture thrive in the region, beginning on the shores of Chautauqua Lake at the Chautauqua Institution. The storied lakeside community comes alive each summer with an inspiring blend of arts, culture, education and recreation. Over nine weeks, more than 100,000 visitors gather to enjoy world-class performances, thought-provoking lectures, interfaith programs and activities for all ages—all set within the charming and historic backdrop of this vibrant summer retreat. For art lovers, the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum in Alfred showcases nearly 8,000 ceramic pieces spanning ancient to modern works. Fans of classic TV can't miss the Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Museum, which celebrates the legendary duo in their hometown of Jamestown. Also in Jamestown is the National Comedy Center, which is home to over 50 exhibits that will have you rolling with laughter. The Seneca-Iroquois National Museum in Salamanca offers fascinating exhibits on Native American culture, including a replica Longhouse and clan animal displays.

In the colder months, the region receives a large amount of snow, making it the perfect destination for a winter getaway. Enjoy skiing, tubing and a thrilling mountain coaster at Holiday Valley Resort, and North America's largest private ski area devoted to family skiing adventures, HoliMont Ski Resort. In nearby Salamanca, visitors can take a horse-pulled wagon ride with Crosspatch Horse Ranch and embark on a snowshoeing excursion through picturesque Allegany State Park. Chautauqua County is also home to the most miles of groomed fat tire bike trails in all of New York State. Enjoy a day of ice skating or driving ice bumper cars at the

Northwest Arena in Jamestown. Guests can also embrace winter and explore the region by 400 miles of groomed snowmobile trails.

For sips and snacks, visitors can explore Lake Erie Wine Country and enjoy wineries like 21 Brix Winery and Mazza Chautauqua Cellars. For craft beer lovers, Ellicottville Brewing Company and Southern Tier Brewing Company offer inviting spots to enjoy brews year-round. A delightful variety of sweet shops reflects the region's appreciation for handcrafted, artisanal goods. At Malinda's Candy Shop in Conewango Valley, visitors can indulge in a range of homemade treats, including fudge and candies made from high-quality ingredients. Meanwhile, Webb's Candies in Mayville is renowned for its chocolates, crafted using traditional methods that emphasize quality and flavor. For a mix of sweet and savory, Valley Bread and Bounty in Fillmore offers fresh-baked goods, jams and hearty sandwiches, showcasing the region's commitment to local ingredients and craftsmanship.

WHERE TO STAY
The Inn at Holiday Valley is the perfect home base for travelers looking for a haven to unwind after a day in the great outdoors. The Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, located on the picturesque shores of Chautauqua Lake, features 135 deluxe guest rooms and suites—many with patios and views of the lake.

GETTING THERE

- 7 hours from NYC
- 2 hours from Niagara Falls
- 9 hours from Montreal
- Accessible from Buffalo Niagara International and Niagara Falls International airports

COUNTIES
Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua

MAJOR CITIES & TOWNSMAJOR CITIES & TOWNS
Alfred, Allegany, Angelica, Bemus Point, Chautauqua, Cuba, Dunkirk, Ellicottville, Fredonia, Jamestown, Olean, Salamanca, Wellsville, Westfield

CLIMATE
The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers in the Chautauqua-Allegheny 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 villages, resorts and ski centers. Each year, lake effect storms drop an average of 200+ inches of snow in the higher elevations along Lake Erie.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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