



GREATER NIAGARA

DESCRIPTION

From one of the world's most astonishing natural wonders to scenic river gorges, lakes, streams and the historic Erie Canal, the Greater Niagara region inspires with breathtaking vistas and a living history and culture all its own. The sheer energy of Niagara Falls – with more than 750,000 gallons thundering over its mighty cataracts every second – is a marvel that has been seen by spectators from around the world. In the colder months, [Niagara Falls State Park](#) transforms into a winter wonderland, featuring frosted trees and shimmering ice flows, with the falls beautifully [illuminated in rainbow colors](#) at dusk.

Twenty miles downstream at [Ice at Canalside](#) in Buffalo, visitors can lace up their skates, ride a unique [ice bike](#), and try out the ice bumper cars before cozying up in a [heated igloo](#). For those seeking adventure on the trails, snowmobiling across [Letchworth State Park](#) in Castile offers over 25 miles of breathtaking winter views, including the icy gorge and waterfalls that have earned the park the nickname “Grand Canyon of the East.”

Buffalo draws travelers with restored architecture, a redeveloped waterfront, plus neighborhoods reinvigorated with new attractions, boutique hotels and dining experiences. Among bright lights on the cultural scene is the [Buffalo AKG Art Museum](#), [expanded](#) in 2023 to a state-of-the-art exhibition space housing a collection built over 150 years. [Buffalo's Theatre District](#) is also not to be missed, with more than a dozen professional theaters serving up innovative productions. [Explore & More Children's Museum](#) brings interactive play to the city's waterfront while sharing the history of Western New York through hands-on exhibits that invite families to explore and engage. [Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House Complex](#), a masterwork hailed by its architect as a “well-nigh perfect composition,” has a one-acre campus with three homes, a 100-foot-long pergola and a conservatory joined with other buildings by renowned architects such as H.H. Richardson and Louis Sullivan. History buffs should make note to visit [Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site](#).

Elsewhere, the [JELL-O Gallery Museum](#) in Le Roy has interactive tours for all ages dedicated to the history of JELL-O in its hometown, with exhibits including commercials recorded by celebrities such as Jack Benny, Lucille Ball and Andy Griffith. The region's culinary offerings are much more extensive. Take your taste buds to school at the [Niagara Falls Culinary Institute](#) featuring the student-focused fine dining restaurant Savor, the European-style café La Patisserie and hands-on cooking classes. Wineries and historical attractions await in the beautiful countryside of the [Niagara Wine Trail](#), which stretches 60-plus miles across three counties. Head to [Platter's Chocolate Factory](#) in North Tonawanda, where walking tours delve into the history and art of chocolate making. Visitors can interact with chocolate experts, taste their renowned sponge candy, and explore the chocolate shop and coffee café featuring local

ice cream. For a true taste of Buffalo, embark on the [Buffalo Wing Trail](#) to sample the city's famous wings at iconic spots like [Anchor Bar](#)—the birthplace of Buffalo Wings—while learning about the history and culture behind this beloved snack.

Football fans can catch the excitement of a [Buffalo Bills](#) home game at Highmark Stadium. Whether they're a die-hard fan or just looking to experience the electric atmosphere, game day in Buffalo is an unforgettable winter activity.

WHERE TO STAY

For an unforgettable luxury stay in the heart of downtown Buffalo, the [Curtiss Hotel](#) offers unparalleled elegance and modern amenities. Housed in a beautifully restored historic building, this five-star boutique hotel is known for its sleek design, luxurious spa, and the city's only urban hot springs experience. Guests can enjoy gourmet dining at on-site restaurant, [Chex Ami](#), relax with a cocktail at the [Vue Rooftop Lounge](#) offering panoramic city views, and explore nearby cultural attractions like [Canalside](#) and the [Theatre District](#). Also in Buffalo, [The Richardson Hotel](#) is a historic landmark originally constructed as a psychiatric hospital in the late 1800s and has been transformed into a boutique hotel. In Niagara Falls, [Red Coach Inn](#), a luxurious Tudor-style retreat nestled just 500 yards from the majestic [Niagara Falls](#), offers a convenient and cozy base for exploring the area's attractions. Recognized as a "Top 10 Weekend Getaway Destination" by Fortune Magazine and boasting AAA Three Diamond and Mobil Three Star Awards, this elegant inn provides an unforgettable experience. Guests can savor the delicious cuisine at the award-winning restaurant and embark on scenic walks to [Goat Island](#) to admire the breathtaking scenery. [The Giacomo](#), built in 1929 as the United Office building, is now a 44-room luxury boutique hotel with a unique blend of art deco and Mayan revival motif. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it's located within walking distance of Niagara Falls State Park.

GETTING THERE

- 8 hours from NYC
- 8 hours from Montreal
- 2 hours from Toronto
- [Niagara Falls International Airport](#)
- [Buffalo Niagara International Airport](#)
- [Rochester International Airport](#); accessible from I-90 (NYS Thruway) and bus services

COUNTIES

Erie (Buffalo), Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming

MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS

Albion, Arcade, Attica, Batavia, Buffalo, Castile, Darien Center, East Aurora, Lackawanna, LeRoy, Lewiston, Lockport, Medina, Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, Perry, Warsaw, Williamsville, Youngstown

CLIMATE

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers in Greater Niagara are comfortable and warm, with daytime temperatures averaging in the mid-70s to mid-80s (Fahrenheit.). 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, including the spectacle of a frozen Niagara Falls.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more travel ideas and information, visit iloveny.com or the Greater Niagara regional's website: greaterniagara.org.

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