



GREATER NIAGARA

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

This summer, visitors have a new lodging option at the [Cambria Hotel](#), nestled in downtown Niagara Falls. Offering a serene haven for relaxation, guests can rejuvenate before embarking on adventures in one of New York's most stunning destinations. Families visiting the area will want to experience the new Great Lakes 360 at the [Aquarium of Niagara](#), which will add a dynamic living museum dedicated to celebrating the Great Lakes ecosystem and its wildlife. For an aerial view of Niagara Falls that's sure to be unforgettable, don't miss the soon-to-open [Fallsview Balloon Ride](#), a new musical journey that will take riders over 150 meters into the sky and will be the world's largest tethered balloon ride!

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. The famous [Maid of the Mist](#) boat ride and [Cave of the Winds](#) are two exciting ways to explore the falls with very close views. Sightseeing cruises with [Lockport Locks](#) on the Erie Canal allow visitors to enjoy a narrated journey as it sails through five original locks.

Twenty miles downstream, 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 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 will 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. Meanwhile, Buffalo is home to hundreds of independently owned restaurants from the birthplace of the Buffalo chicken wing (the [Anchor Bar](#)) to vegan cafes and a food court that doubles as an incubator space for recently resettled immigrants at the West Side Bazaar.

[Six Flags Darien Lake Amusement Park](#) in Darien Center is a 1,200-acre resort with the state's tallest ride, the 242-foot-tall Six Flags Sky Screamer. Other activities can be found at [Canalside](#) including a roller rink in the summer, ice bikes on ice in the winter and events year-round.

[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. [The Richardson Hotel](#) is also a historical landmark originally constructed as a psychiatric hospital in the late 1800s and has been transformed into a boutique hotel.

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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