HUDSON VALLEY

2027 DEVELOPMENTS

New hotel and restaurant openings, milestone anniversaries and cultural experiences will give travelers even more reasons to explore the **Hudson Valley** in 2027. In Esopus, Black Creek Barns is expected to debut as a 70-room resort, while the 52-room Cornwall Arms Boutique Hotel near Storm King Art Center is planned as an all-electric, carbon-neutral property and is expected to become New York State's first Passive House-certified boutique hotel. In Chatham, Four Corners will open in the historic building formerly home to Blue Plate, offering seasonal dishes that highlight ingredients from Hudson Valley farms.

The region's history will also take center stage as the United States Military Academy at West Point celebrates its 225th anniversary. Visitors can explore the academy's longstanding military history and striking architecture along the Hudson River. To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in New York, The Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project will also introduce a new tour itinerary connecting sites across Ulster and Dutchess counties that highlight Black heritage and the histories of the region's Quaker and French Huguenot communities.

DESCRIPTION

Stretching along the Hudson River from just above New York City to Columbia County, the Hudson Valley has long captivated artists, writers and leaders with its scenic beauty, rich history and vibrant culture. Its river towns invite visitors to explore main streets lined with local shops and galleries, enjoy everything from casual bites to fine dining and experience an array of cultural venues and family-friendly attractions. Explore the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park; Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate, home to four generations of the Rockefeller family in Sleepy Hollow; or LEGOLAND® New York Resort in Goshen, featuring a year-round themed hotel with daily activities and entertainment for children.

With its proximity to NYC, the visual and performing arts are readily celebrated in the Hudson Valley, with the historic 1869 Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie standing out as the oldest continuously operated theater in the state. Occupying a former Nabisco box-printing factory overlooking the Hudson River, the Dia Beacon art museum not only helped transform the city of Beacon into an art destination, but also has rave reviews for its collection of works from the 1960s to present day. The renowned Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival draws

upwards of 30,000 fans through the summer to its home in Garrison. The iO Arts Center will showcase global contemporary artists in a restored 1858 landmark.

The Hudson Valley offers endless outdoor adventure, from miles of hiking and biking trails, including parts of the Appalachian and the Empire State Trail, to kayaking and boating on the Hudson, Long Island Sound and nearby lakes and streams. The ancient cliffs of the Shawangunk Mountains draw rock climbers from around the world, with accessibility from the Mohonk Preserve in Gardiner. And the region is a hotspot for fishing, hunting and even sporting clays, with licenses and details available from New York's Department of Environmental Conservation. Shoppers can ease into their favorite sport at Sugar Loaf Arts & Crafts Village where artists present their work in dozens of shops and galleries within strolling distance of friendly cafés and Woodbury Common Premium Outlets in Central Valley with more than 220 stores and the world's largest collection of designer outlets.

Foodies enjoy abundant farm markets, artisanal cheesemakers and award-winning vineyards along the Dutchess and Shawangunk wine trails. The Culinary Institute of America is a world-recognized culinary school with well-known alumni and restaurants on its campus open to the public for dining.

There's no season like fall in the Hudson Valley with forests painted with reds, yellows and oranges. Halloween is celebrated with the enthusiasm one would expect in the home setting of Washington Irving's classic *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Visitors can tour Irving's home Sunnyside; families flock to The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze set on an 18th century estate with spectacular pumpkin carvings; and those who dare can venture to Sleepy Hollow Cemetery for an evening lantern tour among gravestones.

WHERE TO STAY

Visitors should plan to stay awhile with unique lodging options such as the classic Mohonk Mountain House surrounded by forests in New Paltz and The Maker Hotel in Hudson where each room celebrates the artisans, artists, craftsmen and builders who "make" the world. The Hotel Kinsley, a 19th-century restored bank building, offers a historic escape located in Kingston's Stockade District. More recent additions include Pocketbook Hudson, which debuted in late 2025 in a restored 1880s textile factory with loft-style rooms, a bathhouse, live-fire restaurant, nightclub and gallery spaces and Mirbeau Inn & Spa Beacon, which opened in spring 2026 and blends Gothic Revival architecture with French-inspired gardens and design.

GETTING THERE

The Hudson Valley is convenient to New York City and less than a day by car or rail from the northern reaches of New York State and parts of Canada.

- 30 minutes-2 hours from NYC
- 7 hours from Niagara Falls
- 4-5 hours from Montreal
- Amtrak to Yonkers, Croton-Harmon, Poughkeepsie, Rhinecliff, Hudson

- Metro-North Railroad
- Stewart International Airport in New Windsor
- Westchester County Airport in White Plains
- Also accessible from NYC airports JFK International and LaGuardia Airport in Queens

COUNTIES
Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster (Southeast), Westchester

MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS
Beacon, Cold Spring, Hudson, Kingston, Middletown, New Paltz, Newburgh, Nyack, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Tarrytown

CLIMATE
The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers in the Hudson Valley 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 along the riverside and in quaint villages and towns.

FURTHER INFORMATION
For more travel ideas and information, visit iloveny.com or the Hudson Valley's regional website: travelhudsonvalley.com.

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