ONE OF THE MANY GREAT THINGS ABOUT NEW YORK STATE is that we are truly a four-season destination. Across our eleven beautiful vacation regions this winter, you can discover an endless variety of seasonal activities and adventures.

I love the thrill of snowmobiling on the Tug Hill Plateau in the 1000 Islands and along the wooded trails of the Adirondacks and Chautauqua-Allegheny regions. New York’s ski resorts in places like the Catskill Mountains feature a wide variety of family activities, including sleigh rides and snow tubing. There’s free ice skating at the Empire State Plaza in the Capital-Saratoga region and snowshoeing along a restored Erie Canal towpath in Central NY. There are seasonal festivals from Long Island to Greater Niagara and culinary experiences like sampling ice wines in the Finger Lakes. When it comes to culture and the arts, there is no state that can match what we have in New York, from the historic homes of the Hudson Valley to a Broadway show in New York City.

In short, you can find what you love in New York State. It is my pleasure to invite you to explore and discover all the incredible places and activities New York has to offer during the winter season.

Sincerely,

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
When the snow falls, new adventures begin. Ski an Olympic mountain, snowshoe powder-filled forests, or ride a dog-sled across a frozen lake. With breathtaking trails, world-class museums, vibrant cities and picturesque villages, there is something for everyone.

Plan your escape and find what you love in New York State.
FAMILY FUN

Whether it’s spending a day on the slopes, frolicking at a winter carnival, checking out a museum or going on a big city adventure, families find New York offers a wide variety of awesome places to reconnect and make winter a season to remember.

BIG CITY ADVENTURES

Time-honored kidpleasers in New York City include the American Museum of Natural History’s dinosaur halls and spectacular space shows at the Hayden Planetarium. The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, a former battleship, delights with drone demos, virtual flights and family overnights.

Times Square’s National Geographic Encounter: Ocean Odyssey is a new, immersive entertainment experience that harnesses groundbreaking technology to transport guests on an underwater journey with the ocean’s mightiest of creatures. A playground for kids’ minds, the Staten Island Children’s Museum includes super-size board games, a firsthand look at a bug’s life and replicas of different ecosystems. It’s not all pretend, though: The museum’s “House About It” exhibit allows visitors to work a real drill, and “Portia’s Playhouse” is stocked with costumes so little actors can get down to thespian business.

TRAVEL BY SEA, SKY & LAND

It’s a watery world of fun year-round at Long Island Aquarium. Indoors, explore an Amazon rainforest and go eye-to-eye with fascinating creatures like a giant octopus and bobbing seahorses. Feed sharks, pat a stingray and take some sea lion selfies. Everyone gets on-board to watch wildlife splash and sun on seal cruises.

The Brooklyn Children’s Museum lets kids have fun while learning (sneakily) at interactive exhibits like “World Brooklyn,” a pint-size cityscape lined by faux stores where young’uns can immerse themselves into multi-cultural experiences that foster curiosity, creativity and lifelong love of learning.

Future astronauts are inspired at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. Young aviators command a space shuttle, build roaring rockets and explore the moon before settling down for storytime. Kids can touch everything they see at the Long Island Children’s Museum. From interactive exhibits to art programs and theater, it’s all designed to delight children.

BE COURAGEOUS

With over 60 fire engines and countless artefacts, Hudson Valley’s FASNY Museum of Firefighting is an extraordinary museum for all things firefighting. Activities for families include creative play on selected fire engines, hands-on interactives, including the popular bucket brigade activity, a virtual fire engine driving activity, the new Jr. Firefighter Challenge and the Cabot/McCadam Discovery Room.

Looking for uplifting adventures? Flyers age 3 and up have a blast at iFly Westchester’s indoor skydiving center. There’s no jumping or falling, and no experience needed– just float on a wall-to-wall cushion of air. Events include All Abilities Nights for kids with special needs.
COLORFUL CAROUSELS
Enclosed in glass at Brooklyn Bridge Park, Jane’s Carousel sparkles and twirls all winter. The Merry-Go-Round at Bear Mountain State Park features hand-painted landscapes and 42 hand-carved native animals, from black bears to foxes and swans. It spins in a pavilion beside the cozy Bear Mountain Inn, weekends and holidays all winter. Families can also enjoy snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice-skating and a zoo.
Take a ride on the colorful, full-size 1912 carousel at the New York State Museum in Albany. Exhibits highlight natural and cultural history, from the Adirondacks to an Iroquois longhouse and antique fire engines.
On Saturdays in December, Binghamton’s Recreation Park hosts free holiday rides on a 1925 beauty with 60 jumping horses, chariots and the original Wurlitzer organ. Nearby, learn about carousels at the Roberson Museum & Science Center.
Open through December 30, the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum in North Tonawanda houses two vintage carousels ready to ride, as well as history exhibits and classic band organs.

PEAK ADVENTURES
US News Travel named the Adirondacks a top 10 best winter family vacation destination. Whether you choose thrills like skiing, snowshoeing, bobsledding and dogsledding, or exploring charming villages amid breathtaking scenery—there’s something to peak.
Yuletide Family Weekends, in November and December at Santa’s Workshop in NY’s North Pole let children visit Santa and Mrs. Santa in their very own home. Be entertained and amused by Frosty the Snowman, Rowdy the Reindeer, and members of the Mother Goose Guild, as they perform throughout the day with puppet shows and musical reviews. Santa’s helpers at area host lodges capture the family Christmas spirit with trim-a-tree parties where the kiddies create their own ornaments as Rowdy the Reindeer, Santa’s official tree inspector, encourages participation and frivolity. Even the jolly old elf himself might stop by to spread some holiday cheer.
Two-time host of the Winter Olympics, Lake Placid thrills with mighty Whiteface Mountain and fantastic cross-country trails. Thrill-seekers age 7 and up can bobsled with professional drivers at the Olympic Sports Complex.
Learn about the Miracle on Ice at the Lake Placid Olympic Museum and speed skate around the oval at the Olympic Center. Save big with an Olympic Sites Passport. The Lake Placid Toboggan Chute, a 30-foot-high converted ski jump, rockets riders down ice-covered chutes onto frozen Mirror Lake. Another unique experience on the lake, Thunder Mountain Dog Sled Tours delight the whole family.
GO UNDERGROUND
In Central New York, an elevator takes you down to Howe Caverns, an ancient geological wonder where families explore fascinating landscapes of limestone corridors and massive boulders, 156 feet below the earth. Howe ranks in the Best 8 Amazing American Caves.
STEP ABOARD!
Live the magic as you listen to the classic story The Polar Express, sing carols and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies served by dancing chefs. Trains to the “North Pole” depart from Utica, Kingston and Medina. Trolley rides depart from Riverhead and Southampton. Pajamas are a must for children of all ages!
FROSTED FALLS & FUN

Did you know Niagara Falls State Park is open every day of the year? Winter’s the coolest time to see Niagara Falls—a wondrous sight with glittering ice flows, lighted in rainbow colors at dusk. Nearby, Buffalo’s newest Canalside attraction, Ice Bikes of Buffalo, lets you ride on ice. Even people who aren’t great on skates can pedal and steer around the rink on these stable bikes, just like taking a regular bike ride.

SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES

Cuddle up as sleighbells ring and beautiful draft horses carry you through Chautauqua’s picturesque Victorian village. Bobsleds glide on weekends, December through February. Costumed drivers parade in the village. Bobsleds glide on weekends, December through February. Costumed drivers parade in the village.

ZOO-TOPIA

In zoos from the Bronx to Buffalo, winter events abound and fur-coated snow leopards, monkeys, sheep, and even lions, tigers and bears love to play in and outside! At the Bronx Zoo, see the big bears roam, watch the sea lions swim, and then hop into an indoor exhibit to warm up. Transport yourself to the rainforest. kids ride on a Sleigh Rally in January. The Farmers’ Museum lets kids ride on a Sleigh Rally in January.

MOUNTAINS OF FUN

Across New York, over 50 ski centers have trails, parks and lessons for all levels of skiers. Nearby or on-site, mountain resorts extend the fun with cross-country trails, sleighrides, tubing and adventure parks, and lively events. Accommodations range from cozy lodges to full-service slope-side resorts with activities for children, sumptuous dining and spas to rejuvenate the parents. For information on ski areas, budget-friendly packages, and the I SKI NY 3rd and 4th grade program, see iskiny.com.

INDOOR WATERPARKS

Rated a top US Waterpark Resort, Cascades at Greek Peak Mountain Resort boasts 500 feet of waterslides and a wild wave pool. Parents love the Waterfalls Spa. Along with family-size suites, Lake George’s Six Flags Great Escape Lodge has a huge indoor waterpark with multi-level slides, bucket soakers and a lazy river. Palm Island Indoor Waterpark in Batavia has two 24-foot-high enclosed slides—one streams outside the building and then runs back inside. Along with a children’s lagoon, there’s even a relaxing hot tub for the grown-ups.

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SNOWTUBING

Snowtubing is fun for all ages. It’s a great activity for families, friends, singles and couples. No skill or gear is required. Tubing parks provide the tubes, lifts, hills and snow—everything you need for a day, or night, of fast-sliding fun!

HUDSON VALLEY

Mount Peter. Warwick. 90 minutes from Manhattan. Magic carpet lift.

THE CATSKILLS


Hunter Mountain. Hunter. 20 chutes, 1,000 feet long; mini tubing park for smaller kids. Carpet lift.

Plattekill Mountain, Roxbury. Two snowtubing lanes, tow lift, night tubing.


CAPITAL-SARATOGA


THE ADIRONDACKS

Maple Ridge Snow Park, Lowville. Eight lanes; 100-foot vertical. Tow-lift.

Oak Mountain Ski Center, Speculator. Multi-lanes; tow. Day.

Titus Mountain Snowtubing Park, Malone. Multi-lanes; lift. Day and night tubing.

Tubby Tubes, Lake Luzerne. Nine lanes. Two snow coasters; night-lights.

West Mountain Tubing Park, Queensbury. Six lanes; four: 65-foot vertical drop, tow; two: 100-foot verticals. Tows.

1000 ISLANDS-SEAWAY

Dry Hill Ski Area, Watertown. Fireside lounge. Day and night.

CENTRAL NEW YORK


FINGER LAKES

Four Seasons Golf & Ski Center, Fayetteville. Eight lanes; night-lighting. East of Syracuse.

Glacier Ridge. Spencerport: 1,000 feet; three lanes, wonder carpet lift, snowmaking. Friday nights; weekends and school breaks. West of Rochester.

Greek Peak Adventure Center. Cortland: 15 lanes; 900 feet long. Night-lights.

CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY

Holiday Valley Tubing, Ellicottville. 22 lanes, 100-foot vertical. Tows; night-lights.

Peek’n Peak Resort, Clymer. Snowtubing arena; 7 lanes, magic carpet lift.

ICE SKATING

Skate at rinks, state parks, ski resorts and frozen lakes. Many venues offer rentals, refreshments and lessons.

NEW YORK CITY

Bryant Park Winter Village, Manhattan. Free skating; rentals, lockers, lessons, and events; glide or a spin under the stars.

Prospect Park, Brooklyn. Two rinks on 585 scenic acres. Events, food carts.

Rockefeller Center, Manhattan. One of NYC’s most celebrated traditions.

Central Park/Trump-Wollman Rink, Manhattan. Glide across the ice with the city skyline in the background.

LONG ISLAND

Harborfront Park, Port Jefferson. Waterfront rink in a village of charming shops and cozy cafes.

Hudson Valley

Bear Mountain Ice Rink, Bear Mountain. Ice-skating beside the Bear Mountain Inn and carousel.

Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz. Covered rink at a Victorian lakeside castle named America’s #1 Resort Spa by Conde Nast Traveler.

THE CATSKILLS

Villa Roma Resort, Collicoo. A top family resort offers ice-skating, tube run, skiing and ski school.

Windham Mountain Adventure Park, Windham. Family fun, day and night. 120’ by 60’ rink; café.

CAPITAL-SARATOGA

Empire State Plaza Ice Rink, Albany. Free skating on a reflecting pool that’s transformed into a rink! Skate rentals available.

Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Ice-skating, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

THE ADIRONDACKS

Lake George Winter Carnival, Lake George. Weekend in February include ice-skating, fishing and more.

Olympic Speed Skating Oval, Lake Placid. Olympic Sports Complex, site of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics, National and international competitions and USA Hockey.

CENTRAL NEW YORK

Glimmerglass State Park, Cooperstown. Winter sports: ice-skating, sledding and cross-country ski trails.

FINGER LAKES

DeVeaux Woods State Park, Niagra Falls. Ice-skating rink in an old-growth forest.

Hyde Park Ice Pavilion, Niagra Falls. Open ice-skating; picturesque scenery.

The Ice at Canalside, Buffalo. Take a spin on the canals of the downtown waterfront.

CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY

Allegany State Park, Salamance. Ice-skating, ice-fishing, and other winter sports.
MORE SKI MOUNTAINS THAN ANY OTHER STATE

With more than 50 downhill ski areas, New York State has great skiing within an hour of all our major cities. Getting to the mountains is easy; less travel time means more time on the slopes!
Ski an Olympic mountain or hit the bunny trail. There’s terrain to suit every level, from beginner to black diamond. From Hunter Mountain in the Catskills to Holiday Valley in western New York, many resorts offer slope-side lodging for easy ski-in/ski-out access. Most have ski schools and kids’ programs along with cozy lodges and great dining options. Nighttime skiing and snow-tubing add extra hours of fun.

Whiteface Lake Placid, a two-time Olympic site in the Adirondacks, boasts the greatest vertical in the East. Ski and ride with amazing views of pristine lakes, forests and 45 High Peaks. Other nearby Adirondack sky-high resorts include Gore Mountain, West Mountain, Titus Mountain, Oak Mountain Ski Center, McCauley Mountain Ski Area and Snow Ridge, located in the middle of the Tug Hill Plateau, benefits from mighty Ontario’s lake-effect snow.

In the Catskills, both Hunter and Windham Mountain have 1600-foot verticals, 50+ trails, expansive snowmaking and night-lighting. Belleayre Mountain offers budget-friendly ski-and-stay packages. It has a big 1400-foot vertical, yet is small enough to keep it cozy for families. Villa Roma, rated a Top 10 US Family Resort, has skiing, boarding and tubing on-site.

First time skiing or snowboarding? In the Hudson Valley, Mount Peter offers free lessons on weekends. Catamount Ski Area has seven lifts, a 1,000-foot vertical, terrain parks and night skiing. In the Capital-Saratoga region, trails and terrain parks at Maple Ridge, Willard and Royal Mountain range from novice to challenging.

Dry Hill Family Ski & Tubing Area, in the 1000 Islands region, has day and night skiing and boarding—plus a fantastic snow-tubing center.
APRÈS SKI

Near every ski area in New York, friendly villages and towns offer great restaurants, clubs, galleries, shops or other attractions. Relax, play, dine or dance the night away!

In the Adirondacks
Whiteface Lake Placid’s off-hill activities are tops, rated #1 by SKI magazine for over 25 years! Main Street is lined with friendly shops, restaurants and pubs. Visit the Taste NY Café in Whiteface’s sunny main lodge to fuel up with local products from cheese and charcuterie to fresh-baked pastries. Entertainment runs from dogsled rides to bobsledding, ice-skating and watching world-class skiers fly from towering jumps at Olympic sites. SKI magazine rated Holiday Valley in Chautauqua-Allegheny #3 for après-ski activities. Nosh on pub grub at Ellicottville Brewing Company. Skiing magazine raves, “If Norman Rockwell ever painted a ski town, he’d have chosen Ellicottville.” The Victorian-era village combines a cool cosmopolitan vibe with a warm, homey atmosphere that welcomes families.

From antiquing to zip-lining, the Catskills offer diverse off-slope fun. Family-friendly Hunter Mountain also rates #1 on Thrillist’s list of America’s best party mountains. Slopes nightclub, a nearby hotspot, parties après après. Relax at Scrilner’s Catskills Lodge with yoga classes or cocktails by the fire. Minutes from Belleayre Mountain, dine at the cozy Pine Hill Arms. Après ski at Windham Mountain, warm up in Mulligan’s Pub, have a blast at the Adventure Park or unwind at Alpine Spa.

Off-slope options in the Finger Lakes include Toggenburg Mountain’s family-favorite Foggy Goggle restaurant, cocktails in Bristol’s Satellite Lounge and mountain coaster rides or local drafts at Greek Peak Resort. Area wineries host great events all winter, visitors can purchase wine trail passports as an affordable way to enjoy many of the participating wineries. After skiing in the Hudson Valley, spend the night in the big city. From Mount Peter Ski Area it’s only an hour’s drive to New York City. Only in New York can you ski all day and take in a Broadway show that night!

Premier slopeside resorts in the Finger Lakes like Bristol Mountain and Greek Peak have treed glades and super slopes offering diverse options morning through nighttime.

Central New York’s smaller-size Val Bialas Sports Center has five trails, a zippy terrain park, a tubing hill and bright nightlifts.

Western New York’s Holiday Valley, rated a Top 3 Resort by SKI magazine, has 58 slopes, plus 13 lifts to get you to the top fast. On-slope, the Inn at Holiday Valley is only a mile from the lively village of Ellicottville. Other resorts in Chautauqua-Allegheny, one of New York’s snowiest regions, include Peek’n Peak, HoliMont and Swain Resort. Greater Niagara’s Buffalo Ski Club and Kissing Bridge are just a half-hour drive from Buffalo.

The powder is fresh and lifts are running faster and smoother than ever. To extend the ski season, abundant natural snow gets a boost from state-of-the-art snowmaking. With so many fantastic ski destinations within easy reach, New York has everything you need for a perfect ski getaway!

See listings on pages 34 and 35 for details on downhill Ski Areas of New York. To hear the latest ski conditions call the I LOVE NY Snow Phone: 800/CALL-NYS or visit iloveny.com and iskiny.com for additional information.

Ride the Rails to Ski Trails
Metro North’s Ski Train runs from New York City to Thunder Ridge Ski Area in the Hudson Valley. Tickets include round-trip fare, lift tickets and free shuttle to the resort, a mile from the Patterson, NY station. Overnight packages are available. Get tickets for the Thunder Ski package at NYC’s Grand Central Station or online: mta.info.

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New York State’s cross-country trails vary as much as our landscape, from seaside to mountaintop.

Glide through magical scenery at ski resorts, state parks and nature preserves, where trails delight everyone from beginner to backcountry explorer. Many ski centers offer equipment rentals and lessons. Accommodations range from posh Adirondack resorts to winter cabins in Allegany State Park.

In the Hudson Valley, just north of New York City, find lakeside trails at Fahnestock Winter Park and the magnificent Mohonk Mountain House. Family friendly Mountain Trails Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe Center in the Catskills has three levels of well-groomed forest trails.

Follow unique paths in the Capitol-Saratoga region on the Battlefield at Saratoga National Historical Park and on trails amid Tree Haven Trails’ snow-laden evergreens.

Ski amid towering Adirondack pines at Lake Placid’s Olympic Sports Complex, one of North America’s premier venues, and Dewey Mountain Recreation Center in Saranac Lake.

Near Gore Mountain, Garnet Hill Lodge has lighted trails for night-skiing in addition to tasty dining and cozy accommodations. Trails at Wellesley Island State Park in the 1000 Islands-Seaway hug miles of scenic shoreline.

In the Snowbelt, east of Lake Ontario, lake-effect snow blankets the Tug Hill Plateau with over 200 inches yearly. Pristine trails traverse Central New York’s Osceola Tug Hill and Winona State Forest. 50 miles north of Syracuse, The Finger Lakes’ Nordic Center at Bristol Mountain has lighted trails, and Naples’ RMSC Cumming Nature Center has 15 miles of ski trails and a 3-mile loop for snowshoeing.

Bymciff Resort, in Greater Niagara, offers comfy lodging amid varied trails.

In the Enchanted Mountains of western New York, top-rated trails crisscross HoliMont and Peek’n Peak Resort. Allegany State Park’s vast groomed trails are among the finest in the Northeast.

To get you started, many of New York’s cross-country ski areas are listed featured on pages 32 – 33 and 36 – 37. See iloveny.com for information.

Shawangunk Ridge, Mohonk Mountain House | New Paltz

X-COUNTRY SKIING

Winona State Forest Tourathon
LeMoyne, Boilston and Mannsville

Art Roscoe Cross Country Ski and Mountain Bike Area, Allegany State Park | Salamanca

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SNOWSHOEING

Enjoy New York’s wonderful winter scenery on a tranquil yet exhilarating trek.

As the saying goes, if you can walk, you can snowshoe. It’s fun, inexpensive and easy to learn. New York has splendid trails for every age and ability, from Manhattan’s waterfront Hudson Valley Greenway, to old Erie Canal towpaths, to Niagara Falls State Park.

Many cross-country ski centers and ski resorts like Greek Peak in the Finger Lakes have snowshoeing areas (see pages 32-37) Snowshoe Magazine rated Lapland Lake in the Adirondacks #4 of the top 10 snowshoe-friendly Nordic centers in North America.

Watch for wildlife at scenic nature centers, from Long Island’s Quogue Wildlife Refuge to Minna Anthony Common Nature Center on Wellesley Island in the 1000 Islands.

For a vigorous adventure with breathtaking lake views, trek the mountain trails of Minnewaska State Park Preserve in the Hudson Valley. Highly maneuverable, snowshoes can take you to places not accessible by ski or snowmobile. Hearty enthusiasts head out for overnight backpack trips and alpine climbs in the Catskills and Adirondacks. Near the High Peaks, Adirondack Birding Tours lead fascinating excursions.

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve provides a habitat for many plants and animals, as well as recreational opportunities like bird watching, hiking, nature study, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and biking.

Licensed guides by the NYS Outdoor Guides Association can show you great places to explore and provide valuable pointers for each unique region New York has to offer.

Find information at iloveny.com
SNOWMOBILING

From the Catskills to the Adirondacks, across the Tug Hill region to Great Lake Erie, over 10,000 miles of groomed trails and breathtaking scenery await you.

Routes connect to rider-friendly towns, restaurants and inns. Winter festivals and races add to the fun. With Snodeo Weekends each December and over 500 miles of Adirondack Park trails, Old Forge is the Snowmobile Capital of the East.

The Tug Hill Plateau, one of the snowiest places in the East, boasts an average of 200 inches of annual snowfall. Winona State Forest, an hour north of Syracuse, has endless miles of forested trails. Trails wind around frozen lakes and waterfalls in the Finger Lakes, along the Grand Canyon of the East in Greater Niagara, and over waves of rolling hills in Chautauqua-Allegheny. In the Catskill Forest Preserve trails traverse hilly terrain, connecting friendly villages and unique attractions.

Discover snowmobile trails and cozy accommodations at more than 40 state parks. Allegany State Park has 90 miles of groomed trails and 150 winterized cabins. Letchworth’s spectacular trails and campground connect to the NYS Snowmobile Trail System.

Offering operator training courses for snowmobilers of all ages above 10 years old, the NYS Rider Training Program provides information which all snowmobilers should possess in order to ensure the safety of riders and other trail users. Successful completion of this course results in the award of a NYS Snowmobile Safety Certificate.

The NYS Snowmobile Association supplies maps and helpful tips on rider-friendly inns, clubs and events. NYS DMV’s website can help you get a NY registration and pay trail fees quickly. For a quick and easy start, try a tour with an outfitter like Snow Tours Inc. or Old Forge Sport Tours.

Experience New York’s winter from a bold, fresh perspective. Dress up warm and hit the trails!
LODGING & DINING

One-of-a-kind places—from NYC grand dame hotels to Adirondack dude ranches—warm welcomes and cool experiences await. Here’s a sample of great getaways found only in New York State.

BIG APPLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Travelers in New York City choose among some of the world’s finest hotels with increased availability in winter, and sometimes lower rates. Fantastic restaurants, shopping, theater and holiday events—you can do it all from mid-town’s legendary grand dame hotels like The Plaza and St. Regis, or New York’s newest five-star hotel, the Park Hyatt across from the Russian Tea Room. Each has a unique ambiance, uncommon amenities and incomparable service. Grand staircases lead to Old World luxury at the 1834 Inn at Irving Place, nestled in Manhattan’s historic Gramercy Park. Downstairs, the gracious Lady Mend’s salon serves traditional afternoon tea and Cibar creates innovative cocktails.

SEASCAPE ESCAPES

The beach crowd is gone, but the timing is right for festivities at vineyards, shops, galleries and cafés on Long Island’s North Fork and in the Hamptons. Sporting a retro 1950s design, the Greenporter Hotel is an easy walk to village restaurants and wine country events like December’s tasty Shellabration. Bridgehampton’s Topping Rose House adds modern luxury to an historic mansion. Perks include Hunter wellies for wintry walks and a Lexus to scoot around town. Jean-Georges restaurant celebrates seasonal cuisine sourced from local farms and fishers. Cares bubble away in the seawater spa and world-famous ocean-fed pool at Gurney’s Montauk, as floor-to-ceiling windows bestow soothing beach views.

HORSING AROUND

Guests at WhistleWood Farm in the Hudson Valley mingle with horses, feed chickens, cross-country ski and curl up by the fire with a good book. Polished antiques, gourmet breakfasts and home-made dessert buffets add panache to this country retreat. Down the road, the village of Rhinebeck beckons with galleries, fine dining and good cheer at Foster’s Coach House. With winter activities for the entire family, Stony Creek Ranch Resort keeps dudes active in the Adirondacks. Splash in the pool, enjoy nightly entertainment or just relax by the cracking fire.

MODERNIZED MOUNTAINS

Tucked amid the Catskill Mountains, YO! a luxury wellness center promotes individualized wellness programs designed to detox, revitalize and educate guests on holistic health and well-being through the ancient Indian therapies of Ayurveda, naturopathy and yoga. Urbane chic meets country comfort at Scribner’s Catskill Lodge. a 1960s lodge refashioned into a sleek hideaway. Alpine cuisine, quirky library and decks overlooking the mountains make this a pleasing base camp for skiing nearby Hunter Mountain or riding America’s highest zipline.

SPA APPEAL

Famous for mineral baths and fine dining, the historic Gideon Putnam Resort & Spa offers snowshoeing and cross-country skiing right outside your door. The Saratoga Casino Hotel, a modern take on Saratoga’s grand Victorian legacy, has a great steakhouse, shows and gaming.

PEAK RESORTS

Along with Olympic-level fun, the Adirondacks feature world-class resorts like Lake Placid’s Mirror Lake Inn, noted a top 5 North American ski hotel by Condé Nast. Lake Placid Lodge’s lakeside cabins offer rustic luxury, cozy fireplaces and cloud-soft beds. Ski or snowshoe through the magical landscape, skate on the frozen lake and savor s’mores at nightly bonfires. The Tudor-style slopeside Inn at Peek’n Peak Resort & Spa in Chautauqua-Allegheny welcomes with Old World charm. Think stone fireplaces, hand-carved woodwork and restaurants decorated with fine art and crystal chandeliers. Spa treatments soothe after a great day of skiing and other winter sports.

RUSTIC BEAUTY

Visit Finger Lakes wineries from the octagon-shaped Black Sheep Inn, Walk into Hammondsport, named Coolest Small Town in America by Budget Travel and explore transportation history at the Glenn Curtiss Museum. Amid the beauty of Greater Niagara’s Letchworth State Park, guests stay and play affordably at the Glen Iris Inn. Enjoy cross-country skiing, ice-skating and horse-drawn sleighrides or zoom out on the snowmobile trail. For more information about lodging and dining visit, iloveny.com.
PERFORMING ARTS

Theater, music, dance, comedy! From Broadway to Buffalo, world-famous performers and rising stars dazzle and delight audiences from near and far.

New York City presents some of the world’s most thrilling performances at icons like Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Brooklyn Academy of Music. See the legendary Rockettes high-kicking at Radio City Music Hall and experience the thrill of a Broadway show.

Long Island’s many theaters include the Adelphi University Performing Arts Center in Garden City and Sag Harbor’s Bay Street Theater, earning rave reviews for classic and cutting-edge performances. Several plays that premiered at Bay Street have moved to Broadway.

Majestic upstate theaters include Poughkeepsie’s 1869 Bardavon Opera House, the opulent Stanley Theater in Utica, Proctor’s in Schenectady, and Albany’s Palace Theatre, staging comedy shows and holiday favorites. The Egg, a unique modern structure in Albany’s eclectic skyline, hosts musicians, plays and performances. In Troy, the EMPAC offers cutting-edge experimental media and performing arts in an equally unique modern venue.

World-class musicians are drawn by the ideal acoustics of the 1875 Troy Music Hall and historic Hubbard Hall in Cambridge, with critically-acclaimed theater and opera. HMT at the Spa Little Theater in Saratoga Springs offers high quality theater productions and classes in the theater arts to people of all ages.

The Otesaga Resort Hotel hosts the Cooperstown Concert Series, a long-standing seasonal event featuring eclectic music, from folk rock to swing.

Rochester’s Broadway Theatre League is home to a full season of touring Broadway shows, live concerts, comedies and dramatic events throughout the year. In Buffalo’s theater district, Shea’s Performing Arts Center, originally opened in 1926 and served as a movie house for Paramount Pictures staging vaudeville shows and played host to the Marx Brothers, Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope and many more. Today, Shea’s provides a wide variety of off-Broadway plays, concerts, comedies and collaborative productions with local theatre groups.

Nearby, the Irish Classical Theatre Company is Western New York’s only true theatre-in-the-round. In this intimate setting, you’re never more than 10 feet from the stage.

The landmark Kleinhans Music Hall presents glorious classical concerts.

The Alleyway Theatre’s annual production of A Christmas Carol, Buffalo’s longest-running holiday treat, will warm your heart.

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SHOPPING

Grant wishes, find souvenirs, splurge, bargain shop or just browse. New York offers the best of everything!

SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP

Sidewalks dressed in holiday style lead to superstores like Barneys and Saks or pop-up holiday markets at Bryant Park and Columbus Circle. See glorious displays and designer flagships from Armani to Versace along Fifth Avenue. Find fashionable bargains at re-sale shops and designer discounters like Century 21. Got Kids? Shopping’s a play date at American Girl Place, a dream-come-true with a full line of dolls, clothes and a cafe, with seating for dolls at your table. Kids of all ages love the Lego Store, facing the ice-skating rink at Rockefeller Center.

MORE FOR LESS OUTLETS

Find stylish clothes and gifts at outlet malls in Syracuse, Buffalo, and of course, Woodbury Common Premium Outlets. Situated on I-87, these mega-centers are brimming with outlets and unique entertainments. Minutes from the majestic falls, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls features 200 brand-name stores.

MERRY & BRIGHT

Find unique items in friendly towns and villages across New York. On Long Island, peruse an old-fashioned general store, Christmas shop and specialty boutiques at the Millenium Inn, Cottage & Shops set in a quaint 1672 village.

Antique and art collectors flock to Cold Spring, Hudson and Rhinebeck in the Hudson Valley. Artists of historic Sugar Loaf Art & Craft Village present their wares in dozens of studios. Explore galleries and country stores in Catskill towns like Woodstock Country and Millbrook.

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Artisans Guild, Catskill Candies and Confections and Emerson Country Store, home to the World’s Largest Kaleidoscope.

Along with bubbling mineral baths, Saratoga Springs offers eclectic shops and great restaurants.

Find Adirondack regional crafts, from baskets to rustic furniture, in mountain villages like Bolton Landing, Lake Placid and Saranac Lake. In Central New York’s Sharan Springs, visit the fabulous Beekman Boys’ 1802 Mercantile for artisanal goods, from goat milk soaps to pasta sauce. Across the street, enjoy a fabulous farm-to-table dinner at the American Hotel.

Find local artisan specialties in Corning’s Gaffer District and East Aurora’s Roycroft Campus and charming Main Street, home of Vidler’s 5&10, the world’s largest variety store!

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Torchlight parades, magical ice castles, madcap outhouse races and dazzling fireworks fill our calendar with an abundance of fun and festivities.

DECEMBER
Old Forge in the Adirondacks revs up snowmobile season Snodeo Weekend with factory reps, music, fireworks and more.

Transcend time with nostalgic charm Port Jefferson’s Dickens Festival on Long Island Genesee Country Village & Museum yuletide celebrations in the Finger Lakes; Hudson Valley’s Gilded Age Christmas at Staatsburgh State Historic Site horse-drawn sleigh rides through the historic Chautauqua Institution Victorian village; and enchanting Victorian Strolls in Saratoga Springs, Troy and Athens honor yesteryear holiday traditions.

Jolly events make winter bright, from Rockefeller Center’s Christmas Tree Lighting in NYC, Niagara Power Project and Festival of Trees in Lewiston to the Finger Lakes dazzling Corning Gaffer District’s annual Sparkle, Crystal City Christmas Albany’s Capital Holiday Lights in the Park a luminous drive-through wonderland ends at the Washington Park Lake House filled with fun, friends, crafts and refreshments. The 1000 Islands’ Christmas in Cape Vincent and downtown Clayton’s Christmas Parade in Lights delights with floats adorned in holiday lights.

JANUARY
Chill out at Lake George’s annual New Year’s Day Polar Plunge or warm up at Buffalo Botanical Gardens’ Orchid Show

FEBRUARY
Long Island’s Jazz on the Vine Winterfest features cool jazz and wine-tasting. Step back in time with country fun like horse-drawn sleigh rides at Hanford Mills’ Ice Harvest Festival in the Catskills. Winter carnivals from Lake George and Old Forge’s at McCauley Mountain to Ellicottville and Cooperstown. There’s even a majestic ice castle with shimmering lights and elaborate carvings that inspired National Geographic Traveler to rate Saranac Lake Winter Carnival one of the two best in the world!

MARCH
Rejoice winter’s grand finale at Central New York’s Smoomeganz that highlights local craft brews and dig into New York’s finest tradition – Maple Syrup Weekends held across the state at months end. Find more events, visit iloveny.com or download the I LOVE NY app.
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- 2. Mount Peter / J-22
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- 4. Sawmill Family Ski Center / Q-23
- 5. Thunder Ridge Ski Area / S-25
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**The Catskills**
- 7. Belleayre Mountain / P-21
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**Adirondack Region**
- 37. Saranac Lake / P-5
- 38. Lake Placid / P-5
- 39. Keene Valley / P-5
- 40. Blue Mountain Lake / Q-5
- 41. Exit 27, NYS Thruway / P-6

**Central New York**
- 42. Ithaca / Q-5
- 43. Corning / S-5
- 44. Binghamton / S-5
- 45. Oneonta / S-5

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- 46. Holiday Mountain / R-21
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- 48. Lake Erie / R-21

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**Greater Niagara**
- 53. Buffalo Ski Club / M-5
- 54. Keating Lodge / N-6

**Chautauqua-Allegeny**
- 55. Cockayoga Resort / O-4
- 56. Holiday Valley / O-6
- 57. Hot Mountain Ski Area / O-6
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- For roadside assistance call 911 or look for instructions posted on some highways.
- Seat belts are required in NYS for all front seat passengers and rear seat passengers under 15 years of age.
- An appropriate child safety restraint system is required for all children until their 8th birthday. It must meet the size and weight requirements for the child based on the federal requirements and the recommendations of the manufacturer.
- The car with a child safety seat must use a harness, a seat belt or a booster seat attached with the vehicle seat belt or latch system. It should not be used in the front seat of the vehicle. Children under 4 years must be in safety seats. If the child is eight years old or more and under 5 feet tall or weighs less than 100 lbs, it is recommended that you continue to use a child restraint system.
- Only passenger vehicles are permitted on NYS parkways. Bicycles and commercial vehicles are prohibited.
- Use of handheld cellphones is prohibited while operating a motor vehicle in NYS. A $200 fine is imposed for violations.
- New York State Thruway E-Z Pass, nytrips.com or call 800/333-8455.
- Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks. When traffic conditions are not in place, pedestrian drivers of motor vehicles must yield to pedestrians entering or crossing within a crosswalk.
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