

ABOUT I LOVE NY LGBTQ

New York State and the LGBTQ community share a strong connection and history. As the birthplace of the modern-day LGBTQ civil rights movement, New York is a hub for unique and rich LGBTQ culture. The I LOVE NY LGBTQ initiative, created in 2013, celebrates, educates, and builds upon New York's strong LGBTQ tradition to show off New York's unparalleled vacation offerings and welcome LGBTQ visitors.

New York is the LGBTQ community's most popular global destination. From historically significant sites like the Stonewall National Monument, to iconic communities like Fire Island, to world-famous festivals and Pride marches, there are countless destinations across the state where travelers can explore, learn about and celebrate New York's unrivaled connection to the LGBTQ community.

I LOVE NY LGBTQ rolls out the rainbow carpet for travelers, utilizing the iconic I LOVE NY logo with a rainbow-colored heart to invite LGBTQ travelers to find what they love and come be a part of the enchantment of New York State.

LGBTQ REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Below is a brief sampling of the thousands of LGBTQ welcoming attractions in New York State, many of which capture the vibrant history and culture of the LGBTQ community. Photos are available upon request for most locations. For more information, visit www.iloveny.com/lgbtq

1000 Islands-Seaway - One of America's most majestic settings, with scenic shoreline villages, lighthouses, eclectic attractions and unique shops.

Historic island castles - Fairy-tale island castles Boldt and Singer castles offer tours and provide beautiful settings for weddings and other events.

Adirondacks - Enjoy boundless outdoor activities and delightful small towns amid the largest publicly protected park in the lower 48 states.

Lake Placid - Charming shopping and dining in this world-famous Olympic village, luxurious accommodations like the Mirror Lake Inn & Spa.

Capital-Saratoga - History comes alive, from the American Revolution to Colonial New York to equal rights movements. Spend the day in the city or country, on the farm or in the forest in this diverse region.

New York State Capitol and Empire State Plaza - Visit the State Capitol building where marriage equality was signed into law and is memorialized on the timeline in the Hall of Governors, and admire the architecture of this landmarked building and Empire State Plaza.

Catskills - Come discover a world of funky fun amid natural beauty that launched a whole new way of painting, vacationing and adventure.

One-of-a-kind boutique lodging - Stay in eclectic cabins created by Kate Pierson of the B-52s at Kate's Lazy Cabin or contemporary rooms themed to classic movies and TV shows at the Roxbury Experience.

Central New York - Come experience for yourself the unique mix of country roads and classic Americana—from the antique shops along the Route 20 Scenic Byway, to craft breweries, to cruising the Erie Canal, to the birthplace of The Wizard of Oz!

Sharon Springs and Cooperstown - This charming town of Sharon Springs, where Oscar Wilde lectured in the late 19th century, is now home to the flagship store of the Fabulous Beekman Boys and their Beekman 1802 skin and body care line. In nearby Cooperstown, the Glimmerglass Festival hosts world-class professional opera and musical theater performances in a beautiful lakeside setting.

Chautauqua-Allegheny - This corner of western New York is a cultural center thanks to over a century of performances and lectures at the Chautauqua Institution. The region also offers sailing on Lake Erie and scenic trails that meander through nature preserves and towering rock formations.

National Comedy Center and Lucy-Desi Museum – World-class attractions in the home town of Lucille Ball feature immersive exhibits, one-of-kind memorabilia and artifacts, cutting edge technology and sets from "I Love Lucy."

Finger Lakes – Enjoy award-winning wineries, charming canal towns, gorgeous gorges, pristine waterfalls, world renowned museums like the Corning Museum of Glass and serene lakes alongside the cities of Rochester and Syracuse.

Women's Rights and Abolition Movement Sites - Explore the history of the Underground Railroad and learn about its most famous 'conductor' at Harriet Tubman National Historic Park in Auburn. Visit the home to the first women's national convention in Seneca Falls at the Women's Rights National Historical Park a learn more about great suffragists at the Susan B. Anthony Museum and House in Rochester.

Greater Niagara – Two Great Lakes offer world-class fishing and boating, the world-renowned Niagara Falls, and the city of Buffalo where Frank Lloyd Wright architecture meets Buffalo wings.

Niagara Falls State Park - America's oldest state park, including the Maid of the Mist boat ride and Cave of the Winds which bring you right under Niagara Falls.

Hudson Valley – Explore magnificent landscapes and historic homes in one of National Geographic Traveler's Top 20 must-see places of the world.

Hudson Valley historic homes - Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill retreat, the first presidential library at Franklin Roosevelt's birthplace, Vanderbilt Mansion, Rockefeller's Kykuit, gothic Lyndhurst Castle and more.

Long Island – This beach lover's paradise is full of white-sand beaches, world-class wineries, farm-fresh cuisine and fabulous shopping.

Fire Island - LGBTQ beaches, clubs and special events in Cherry Grove and The Pines, accessible by ferry and with boardwalks taking the place of roads.

New York City – The birthplace of the modern-day LGBTQ rights movement has for years also been the LGBTQ community's most popular destination in the world.

Stonewall National Monument, Stonewall Inn and Julius - Home to the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, the Stonewall Inn operates both as a neighborhood gay bar and a gathering place for the LGBTQ community. The building and surrounding area, including the Gay Liberation Monument across the street in Christopher Park, comprise the Stonewall National Monument, the first national park dedicated to LGBTQ history. Also in Greenwich Village is Julius', the oldest continually running gay bar in NYC, where history and socializing converge.

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