



## 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 2012, celebrates, educates, and builds upon New York's strong LGBTQ tradition to show off New York's unparalleled vacation offerings and welcome LGBTQ people to explore our great state.

New York is the LGBTQ community's most popular destination in the world. From historically significant sites like the Stonewall National Monument, to iconic communities like Fire Island, to our 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](http://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.

NYS Capitol and Empire State Plaza - Visit the NYS Capitol building where marriage equality was signed into law and admire the architecture of the 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 NY** - 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. 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 offers sailing on Lake Erie, scenic trails that meander through nature preserves, towering rock formations, Amish Country farmland and wineries for miles.

National Comedy Center and Lucy-Desi Museum - Includes immersive exhibits, cutting edge technology and sets from "I Love Lucy."

**Finger Lakes** – Enjoy award-winning wineries, charming canal towns, gorgeous gorges, pristine waterfalls 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 America's bravest abolitionist 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 women at the National Women's Hall of Fame. A stop at the Susan B. Anthony Museum and House in Rochester is a must do!

**Greater Niagara** - Two Great Lakes offer world-class fishing and boating, the world-renowned Niagara Falls, and the city of Buffalo.

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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