



I LOVE NY TRAVEL PREVIEW

What's New for 2024 and Beyond

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

The excitement continues to grow ahead of the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse, a truly once-in-a-lifetime event, occurring in the same location once every 400 years.

New York State offers perfect vantage points to observe the eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. Commencing shortly after 2 p.m., this celestial spectacle will unfold within a 124-mile-wide path extending across multiple vacation regions, from Chautauqua-Allegheny to Greater Niagara, Finger Lakes, Thousand Islands-Seaway and the Adirondacks. Travelers will enjoy a front-row seat to this extraordinary cosmic phenomenon.

Cities and towns within the path of totality are preparing for a vibrant, festive atmosphere. From the Adirondack Sky Center & Observatory to the Rochester Museum & Science Center, numerous special events will be hosted, attracting viewers from both near and far, all eager to experience this celestial event.

Some hotels will be offering exclusive packages and deals, while 335 campsites, cabins, and cottages at seven State Park campgrounds – as well as numerous private campgrounds across the state – are readily available for booking, ensuring any eclipse getaway is convenient and comfortable.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW YORK STATE PARKS

In 2024, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation is set to commemorate its centennial, marking 100 years since the establishment of the beloved state parks system. Over the course of the year, the state's network of parks and historic sites will host numerous community gatherings, performances and special events. An exciting centennial challenge will invite residents and visitors alike to explore the state's parks and historic sites, featuring special discounts on park admission fees.

A public campaign will encourage people to share their cherished memories and stories from these parks and historic sites throughout the years. Additionally, commemorative merchandise and more will be available to celebrate this momentous occasion.

STONEWALL NATIONAL MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER

In the summer of 2024, New York will celebrate the opening of the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center (SNMVC) at 51 Christopher Street in New York City's West Village. This will be the first LGBTQ+ visitor center within the National Park Service (NPS). The venue will allow visitors to learn about the legacy of the Stonewall Rebellion and the LGBTQ+ movement. It will serve as a beacon for future generations, providing a unique opportunity to visit the site where history was made and the fight for equality was transformed. Immersive experiences that welcome everyone to explore LGBTQ+ history and culture through in-person and virtual tours, lectures, exhibitions, and visual art displays will also be offered.

THE AMERICAN LGBTQ+ MUSEUM

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The American LGBTQ+ Museum, the first national museum dedicated to telling LGBTQ stories and documenting the fight for equality, is set to open in 2024. This new museum will be housed at New York City's oldest museum, the New York Historical Society Museum and Library, and envisions "a world in which all people work toward and experience the joy of liberation" with virtual programming already available.

The museum will tell the stories of LGBTQ people from all walks of life, highlighting their contributions to society and the challenges they faced. It will also document key moments in the LGBTQ+ rights movement, from the Stonewall Inn uprising to the present day.

BRONX ZOO 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Embark on an extraordinary journey through the Bronx Zoo's 125 years of conservation, education and wildlife preservation as the zoo commemorates this momentous milestone in 2024. Visitors can immerse themselves in the wonders of nature while traversing the park's expansive 265 acres, home to more than 10,000 captivating creatures from every corner of the globe.

An engaging half-mile exhibit trail will be unveiled, with awe-inspiring, eco-conscious sculptures that chronicle the Bronx Zoo's remarkable legacy, highlighting its pivotal role in safeguarding endangered species and fostering a profound connection between New York and its native wildlife.

As the seasons unfold from April through September, a dazzling array of weekend festivities includes vibrant parades, exciting performances, hands-on crafting workshops, delectable specialty foods, exhilarating scavenger hunts, guided tours and the interactive Wildlife Theater.

CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Nestled along the shores of Chautauqua Lake in the picturesque southwestern region of New York State, the Chautauqua Institution blossoms every summer. Founded in 1874 by Lewis Miller and John Heyl Vincent, it quickly became a popular destination for people from all over the United States who came to learn about new ideas and cultures. Today, it offers a distinctive blend of fine and performing arts, engaging lectures, interfaith worship and activities and an array of recreational pursuits.

Across nine enriching weeks during the summer, a remarkable gathering of more than 100,000 individuals call Chautauqua home, immersing themselves in an array of performances, programs, classes and community events suitable for all ages. All of this unfolds within the idyllic backdrop of a historically charming lakeside village.

The Chautauqua Institution will celebrate its 150th anniversary between June 22 and August 25, 2024. This major milestone is a testament to the Institution's enduring legacy. During that time, visitors will experience programs and events, including concerts, plays, lectures and workshops that continue the institution's rich tradition of sparking intellectual curiosity and being a place where people come to learn, grow and connect with others.

AQUARIUM OF NIAGARA EXPANSION

Situated in the heart of downtown Niagara Falls, the Aquarium of Niagara is home to over 120 species of animals, which include rescued marine mammals, penguins and over 1,200 fish and invertebrates.

The Aquarium of Niagara is undergoing an exciting expansion, with the addition of a second building to its already impressive campus. Thanks to a collaborative effort with New York State Parks, the former Niagara Gorge Discovery Center is being transformed into "Great Lakes 360" – a dynamic living museum dedicated to celebrating the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The ambitious "Great Lakes 360" project will highlight the remarkable wildlife found in the Niagara River and the broader Great Lakes ecosystem.

The project is estimated to be complete in 2024.

FIS SKI JUMPING WORLD CUP

The International Ski Federation (FIS) Ski Jumping World Cup is returning to the iconic Lake Placid Olympic Jumping Complex in February 2024. This highly anticipated event will feature Men's Ski Jumping on the HS 128-meter ski jump with athletes from around the world, including the United States, Poland, Slovenia, Norway, Austria and Germany.

Come out and witness this athleticism up close while being entertained by a live DJ, games and giveaways. This is a great opportunity to see the world's best ski jumpers compete and experience the excitement, as fans wave flags and ring cowbells while cheering on their favorite competitors.

2025 RYDER CUP

Bethpage State Park's world-renowned Black Course will host one of golf's most prestigious events in September 2025 when the Ryder Cup returns to New York State. The 45th installment of the biennial tournament will feature three-days of competition between two 12-member teams representing the United States and Europe. This will be the second time New York State has hosted the Ryder Cup, the first being at Rochester's Oak Hill Country Club in 1995.

[ERIE CANAL BICENTENNIAL](#)

Known as one of America's greatest engineering marvels, the Erie Canal, which was built between 1817 and 1825, is a 363-mile waterway linking the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean via the Hudson River. The canal spurred massive commercial, agricultural and population growth, and helped to transform New York State into the Empire State.

Today, visitors are welcome to experience the beauty and engineering innovation that the Canal offers. There are numerous places along the canal route that are accessible to people of all abilities thanks to several outfitters who provide adaptive equipment rentals.

The Erie Canal bicentennial in 2025 will be celebrated with major events, ribbon cuttings and special programs and tours from Albany to Buffalo, legacy projects that will help preserve, sustain and enhance the canal for the next century will also be featured prominently.

The bicentennial will culminate with the 2025 World Canals Conference in Buffalo, bringing together delegates from around the world.

[UNIVERSAL HIP HOP MUSEUM](#)

The musical genre hip hop was created in the New York City borough of the Bronx in 1973 and has since evolved into a worldwide cultural phenomenon that has influenced an entire generation. This past summer marked the 50th anniversary of hip hop and in 2025, a museum dedicated to preserving the history and culture of hip hop music and its impact on society is scheduled to open in the Bronx. The museum aims to showcase the four pillars of hip hop culture (DJing, MCing, graffiti art and breakdancing), as well as highlight the contributions of hip hop pioneers, artists, and entrepreneurs. The museum also plans to host events, educational programs and exhibitions to engage and educate audiences about the history and influence of hip hop culture.

While under construction, visitors can get a taste of the museum's offerings during pop up exhibits at the nearby Bronx Terminal Market. The next pop up is scheduled to open in January 2024.

[BORSCHT BELT MUSEUM](#)

The Borscht Belt Museum will celebrate the golden age of Catskills resorts, a time when countless city-dwellers sought solace in Upstate New York's mountains. This made a lasting impact on mainstream American culture, from the evolution of stand-up comedy and beloved comfort food, to the influence of mid-century modern design and the shaping of popular notions of leisure.

Slated to open in 2025, the museum is set to make its home in downtown Ellenville (Ulster County), inhabiting the historic former Ellenville National Bank built in 1928. Visitors will experience a treasure trove of archival materials, including film and audio, that will vividly resurrect the memories of the celebrities and comedians whose appearances played a pivotal role in transforming the Catskills into a prominent stop on the American pop culture journey in the decades following World War II.

While the restoration of the bank building is underway, the museum is offering temporary pop-up exhibitions.

COLORED MUSICIANS CLUB AND JAZZ MUSEUM RENOVATION

The Colored Musicians Club and Jazz Museum in Buffalo is committed to researching, preserving and promoting the history of African American music, both locally and globally.

The museum is undergoing a nearly \$3 million renovation and expansion that will see a number of infrastructure improvements including a new handicapped-accessible main entrance equipped with a reception and lobby area, and an elevator.

The second floor will have a prominent glass-walled rehearsal and event space with two practice rooms and a lobby that connects to the existing building via an enclosed bridge.

AMERICA 250

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate its 250th birthday. New York State played a pivotal role in the creation of this country as the location for key battles during the Revolutionary War and serving as the nation's first Capitol. Many other facets of America's rich history took place here and are showcased through the I LOVE NY [Path Through History initiative](#). Visitors can experience Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh, where America's first President crafted key principles that still exist today.. Hyde Park is home to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the nation's first presidential library. There are more than 700 Path Through History locations which include arts, culture, immigration, innovation, Native Americans, natural history, women's rights, sports and equality.

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