LGBTQ Travel Guide

FIND WHAT YOU LOVE IN NEW YORK STATE

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New York is the most desired travel location in the world for the LGBTQ community. Outdoor adventure and indoor culture. Beautiful beaches and unbeatable shopping. Magnificent mountains, lazy lakes, the best sites to see and the tastiest of foods to eat. It’s all waiting for you in New York State’s eleven beautiful vacation regions.

No place in the world has everything New York has. Find what you love on the following pages, and visit iloveny.com/lgbtq for the latest list of the exciting happenings from Long Island to the 1000 Islands-Seaway to Niagara Falls, and everywhere in between. Everything for every vacation.

That’s why everyone loves New York.
So much to see. So much to love. So much to call our own.

Explore New York’s 11 unique vacation regions

1000 Islands-Seaway
Discover this freshwater paradise for sightseeing and recreation.

Greater Niagara
Awe at the majesty of Niagara Falls, discover famous architecture and enjoy world-famous wings.

Chautauqua-Allegheny
NY’s southwest has great outdoors, local wines, and the National Comedy Center.

Finger Lakes
Eleven pristine lakes surrounded by natural beauty, top attractions, events and wine trails.

Central New York
Lakeside open, underground caverns, craft breweries and the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Catskills
A world of simple pleasures and natural beauty and home of the original Woodstock Music Festival.

New York City
The birthplace of the modern LGBTQ rights movement, with the best of everything from arts and culture to shopping, food and more.

Hudson Valley
Brimming with magnificent landscapes that inspired generations of artists, writers, chefs and political leaders.

Long Island
From famous white-sand beaches to world-class wineries, and the LGBTQ communities of Fire Island.

Capital-Saratoga
Discover Colonial history, bubbling mineral springs and unique performance venues.

Adirondacks
Six million acres of forever wild landscape to discover with treasured lakes and scenic vistas galore.
This beach lover’s paradise is full of white-sand beaches, world-class wineries, farm-fresh cuisine and fabulous shopping. Visit the famous LGBTQ beach communities of Cherry Grove and The Pines on Fire Island. Tour historic lighthouses, whaling museums and the Gold Coast mansions that inspired *The Great Gatsby*. Discover remarkable, extraordinary places to stay ranging from seaside cottages to spa resorts.

### Must-See Highlights

**FIRE ISLAND**  
LGBTQ clubs and beaches in Cherry Grove and The Pines

**GOLD COAST MANSIONS**  
Gatsby opulence waits to be toured

**THE HAMPTONS**  
Beautiful beaches and posh shopping

**JONES BEACH**  
6.5 miles of surf and sand, with some areas particularly popular with LGBTQ beachgoers

**LONG BEACH**  
3.5 miles of beach, an expansive boardwalk

**LONG ISLAND WINE TRAIL**  
Tours and tastings at award-winning vineyards

**MONTAUK POINT LIGHTHOUSE**  
Seaside history with mesmerizing views

**POLLOCK-KRASNER HOUSE & STUDY CENTER**  
Studio of legendary abstract painter Jackson Pollock and spouse Lee Krasner

**TANGIER OUTLET CENTER**  
Outlet savings on universally known brands

**WALT WHITMAN HISTORIC SITE**  
Birthplace of the great American poet

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NEW YORK CITY
Big Apple Thrills

The birthplace of the modern-day LGBTQ rights movement has for years also been the LGBTQ community’s most popular destination in the world, and you’ll catch the excitement as soon as you arrive. All five boroughs offer thrills, from Broadway to the Brooklyn Bridge to Botanical Gardens. Views go on forever at the One World Observatory, the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. World-famous museums, shopping, shows and sports dazzle visitors from around the globe. Lesser-known museums celebrating famed residents like Louis Armstrong, Alice Austen and Theodore Roosevelt are equally intriguing. Celebrity restaurants, food courts, trucks and festivals present delicious diversity.

Must-See Highlights

BRONX
Bronx Zoo and The New York Botanical Garden

BROOKLYN
Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn Museum and Coney Island

CENTRAL PARK
58 miles of walking paths, a carousel, zoo and more

CHELSEA
Shopping from stylish to campy, and dining hotspots

CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE VENUES
Including Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall

FIFTH AND MADISON AVE
Shopping flagships of world-known brands

HARLEM
Apolo Theater and sample soul food

HIGHLINE
Historic elevated rail line greenway

LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER
Featuring the Keith Haring bathroom

MUSEUM MILE
Guggenheim, Metropolitan Museum of Art and Museum of Modern Art

NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM
Commemorating 9/11 attacks

OBSERVATION DECKS
Empire State Building, One World Observatory at the top of the Freedom Tower and Top of the Rocks

QUEENS
Museum of the Moving Image and Louis Armstrong House Museum

ROCKEFELLER CENTER
Including NBC Studios and Radio City Music Hall tours

STATEN ISLAND
Ferry past Statue of Liberty, Staten Island Museum and home of lesbian photographer Alice Austin

STONEMALL NATIONAL MONUMENT
Featuring the Gay Liberation Monument and bar where it all started, The Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village

TIMES SQUARE
Crossroads of the world and gateway to Broadway

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Explore magnificent landscapes and historic homes in one of National Geographic Traveler’s Top 20 must-see places of the world. Stay at Mohonk Mountain House, named America’s #1 Resort Spa by Condé Nast Traveler. Nearby, stroll the world’s longest pedestrian bridge, 212 feet above the Hudson River. See art in unique settings, from spectacular outdoor sculpture gardens to a converted cereal box factory. Legendary chefs create masterpieces at the renowned Culinary Institute of America.

**Must-See Highlights**

**ART MUSEUMS**
- Storm King Art Center art park, Dia:Beacon contemporary art collection, Art Omi International Arts Center and Fields Sculpture Park

**ARTIST HOMES**
- Legend of Sleepy Hollow author Washington Irving’s Sunnyside, Hudson River School painter Frederic Church’s Olana and home of depression-era painter Edward Hopper

**HISTORIC HOMES**
- The first presidential library next to Franklin Roosevelt’s birthplace, Eleanor Roosevelt’s Val-Kill retreat, the Vanderbilt Mansion, the Rockefeller’s Kykuit, gothic Lyndhurst and more

**MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE**
- Hiking, historic lodging and spa by a mountain lake

**SHAWANGUNK AND DUTCHESS WINE TRAILS**
- Includes Brotherhood, the nation’s oldest winery

**SMALL-TOWN THOROUGHFARES**
- Including Cold Spring, Rhinebeck and Hudson for shopping and dining

**SUGAR LOAF ARTS & CRAFT VILLAGE**
- Galleries of works by artisans, painters and potters

**UNIQUE DINING**
- Culinary Institute of America and Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture

**WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON**
- Converted railroad bridge 212 feet up

**WOODBURY COMMONS PREMIUM OUTLETS**
- Internationally famous brands

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**SEE ALSO**
- biggayhudsonvalley.com
Come discover a world of funky fun amid natural beauty that launched a whole new way of painting. Conquer the highest and longest zipline in North America, experience the world’s largest kaleidoscope, or raft or tube down the Delaware River. Make your own summer of love at the site of the original Woodstock Festival at Bethel Woods, touring its museum of the 1960s or taking in an open-air performance. A variety of unique accommodations offer you the perfect retreat, from luxurious B+B’s to boutique hotels to full-service resorts.

Must-See Highlights

BASHAKILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Birding tours and hiking

BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Including a museum celebrating the 1960s and Woodstock Music Festival

DELAWARE RIVER
Scenic byway and rafting

KATE’S LAZY MEADOW
Eclectic cabins created by Kate Pierson of the B-52s

THE ROXBURY MOTEL
Resort with contemporary rooms themed to classic movies and TV shows

THOMAS COLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Historic home of the founder of the Hudson River School of Painting

WINE, BEER AND SPIRITS
Catskills Distilling Company, Prohibition Distillery, Eminence Road Winery and Bashakill Vineyards

YO-1 LUXURY NATURE CURE
The first wellness resort of its kind in America

ZIPLINES
New York Zipline Adventure Tours, the longest and highest in North America, and Kittatinny’s overlooking the Delaware River

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History comes alive, from the American Revolution to Colonial New York. Explore culture, architecture and nature in a region rich with an eclectic mix of attractions including Albany’s magnificent Capitol, craft breweries, distilleries and cideries, and unique performance venues from vintage to modern. Saratoga Springs features bubbling mineral springs, America’s oldest sporting venue, a historic spa, an open-air performing arts venue that’s the summer home for the NYC Ballet and the only museum dedicated to dance.

Must-See Highlights

**EMPIRE STATE PLAZA**
Modern sculpture among unique architecture

**LARK STREET**
Albany’s thoroughfare of funky, eclectic shops and restaurants

**NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM**
Collections, exhibits and programs on the science, history, anthropology and art of New York

**PERFORMING ARTS VENUES**
Including The Egg, EMPAC, Palace Theatre and Proctors

**RIVER STREET**
Downtown Troy antique district, restaurants and Riverfront Park

**SARATOGA SPRINGS STATE PARK**
Outdoor performing arts center and historic Roosevelt Baths and Spa

**SARATOGA SPRINGS**
Downtown boutiques and cafes, park with carousel and natural springs

**STATE CAPITOL**
Tours and exhibits

**TOURS OF COLONIAL HOMES**
Including Ten Broeck Mansion, Historic Cherry Hill and Schuyler Mansion of Hamilton fame

**WASHINGTON PARK**
Walking trails, Tulip Fest and free outdoor summer theater

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**ADIRONDACKS**

Wilderness Playground

Enjoy boundless activities amid the largest park of any kind in the lower 48 states. Stay in a rustic lakeside cabin or grand resort. Hike the High Peaks, kayak in pristine lakes and bike between Adirondack Coast wineries. Explore restaurants and shops in picturesque villages from Lake George to Lake Placid. Discover unique museums, such as the Adirondack Experience Museum and the Wild Center, with its Wild Walk trail through the treetops. Find one-of-a-kind thrills like summer bobsled runs at the Olympic Sports Complex. Tour the Vanderbilt’s grand historic Great Camp Sagamore.

**Must-See Highlights**

**ADIRONDACK EXPERIENCE**

*New York Times* raved about this museum’s exhibition galleries and historic campus exploring life in the Adirondacks

**ADIRONDACK PARK**

Kayak, canoe, hiking, whitewater rafting

**GREAT CAMP SAGAMORE NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**

Retreat of the Vanderbilt’s

**HYDE COLECCION ART MUSEUM AND HISTORIC HOUSE**

Distinguished collection of art, exhibitions, lectures and educational programs

**LAKE GEORGE**

Steamboat rides, swimming, amusement park, factory outlet shopping and the Sagamore Resort

**LAKE PLACID**

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

**OLYMPIC SPORTING COMPLEX**

Home to the combined bobsled, luge and skeleton track

**PAUL SMITHS VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER**

Year-round recreation, education and exhibits

**STRAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND THEATRE**

Complex featuring galleries, exhibits, visual and performing art classes, a gloriously restored 1924 Vaudeville Theatre

**WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN**

Gondola, scenic drive and greatest vertical ski drop in the East

**WILD CENTER**

An indoor/outdoor natural history and wildlife museum

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1000 ISLANDS-SEAWAY

Picture Perfect Coastlines

One of America’s most majestic settings, with scenic shoreline villages and lighthouses, eclectic attractions like the Antique Boat Museum and historic Fort Ontario and fairy-tale island castles like Boldt and Singer castles. Enjoy sandy fresh-water beaches, scenic boat and hot-air balloon tours, trophy fishing and scuba diving in the crystal-clear St. Lawrence, or sit back and watch the grand oceangoing ships and glorious sunsets on Great Lake Ontario.

Must-See Highlights

ANTIQUE BOAT MUSEUM
Priceless collection including a Gilded-age boathouse

BLACK RIVER CANYON
Whitewater rafting from Watertown to the Dexter Reservoir

BOAT TOURS
of the gorgeous seaway and Millionaire’s Row–Clayton Island Tours and Uncle Sam Boat Tours

BOLDT AND SINGER CASTLES
Tours of historic island castles

FREDERIC REMINGTON ART MUSEUM
Nation’s largest collection of his famous art of the Old West

GREAT LAKES SEAWAY TRAIL
National Scenic Byway, this 518-mile driving route includes unique locations, cultural heritage sites and outstanding scenic vistas

HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSES
Tibbetts Point and Rock Island with towering views

HISTORIC SITES
Fort Ontario and the H. Lee White Marine Museum, in Oswego, and at Sackets Harbor Battlefield

SALMON RIVER FALLS
Unique area

SCUBA DIVING
Explore shipwrecks

THOUSAND ISLANDS-SEAWAY WINE TRAIL
Award winning wineries with breathtaking views

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Come experience for yourself the unique mix of country roads that lead to the wondrous Howe Caverns and Cooperstown’s internationally famous Baseball Hall of Fame and Glimmerglass Festival of opera and musical theater. Experience classic Americana—from the antique shops along the Route 20 Scenic Byway, to cruising the Erie Canal, to the birthplace of The Wizard of Oz! Tastings and tours await you in what is becoming America’s craft-brew destination.

**CENTRAL NEW YORK**

**Small Town Charms**

come/for/yourself/the/unique/mix/of/country/roads/that/lead/to/the/wondrous/Howe/Caverns/and/Cooperstown’s/internationally/famous/Baseball/Hall/of/Fame/and/Glimmerglass/Festival/of/opera/and/musical/theater./Experience/classic/Americana—from/the/antique/shops/along/the/Route/20/Scenic/Byway/to/cruising/the/Erie/Canal/to/the/birthplace/of/The/Wizard/of/Oz/Tastings/and/tours/await/you/in/what/is/becoming/America’s/craft-brew/destination.

**Must-See Highlights**

**CRAFT BREWERIES AND CIDERIES**

- Get a taste of New York at sites like Brewery Ommegang with tastings and concerts, Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard and Saranac Brewery with tours and samplings at the nation’s 8th largest craft brewery.

**CHITENANGO**

- Hometown of Wizard of Oz author L. Frank Baum, now home to Chittenango Falls State Park, the All Things Oz Museum and the annual Oz-Stravaganza in June.

**COOPERSTOWN MUSEUMS**

- Fenimore Art Museum of folk and American Indian art, living history at the Farmer’s Museum and National Baseball Hall of Fame celebrating America’s favorite national pastime.

**HISTORIC HOMES**

- Visit homes of abolitionists Garret Smith and Matilda Joslyn Gage.

**GLIMMERGLASS FESTIVAL**

- Summer opera and musicals in lakeside theater.

**HERKIMER**

- Narrated Erie Canal cruises through a working lock, and the chance to prospect for your own gemstone at the Herkimer Diamond Mine.

**HOWES CAVERNS**

- Largest show cave in the northeast - 156 feet down - and adventure park.

**SHARON SPRINGS**

- Historic spa town with food and shopping including artisan products, the flagship Beekman 1802 Mercantile store of the Fabulous Beekman Boys and fine dining and lodging at the American Hotel.

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FINGER LAKES
Gorgeous Gorges and Lakes

Find award-winning wineries or explore canal-side villages like Fairport, named one of America’s Coolest Small Towns by Budget Travel. Gorgeous gorges, waterfalls and lakes at state parks from Taughannock Falls to Watkins Glen invite you to hike, swim and sail. Seneca Falls commemorates the First Women’s Rights Convention at the Women’s Rights National Historical Park, and more whimsical history at the It’s a Wonderful Life Museum. Cultural treasures sparkle in Rochester, Syracuse and Corning, home of the world’s best collection of glass art.

Must-See Highlights

CREATIVE MUSEUMS
Corning Museum of Glass, George Eastman House Museum of Photography and Film, and The Strong National Museum of Play with the National Toy Hall of Fame and more

ITHACA
A Top 10 New York town for LGBTQ people with dining, arts, shopping and nightlife

MACKENZIE-CHILDS
Studio, gardens and store of artisan home furnishings

NEW YORK KITCHEN
Meals, lessons and gift shop on Main Street of Canandaigua

SHOPPING
From boutique and specialty shops, to the 6th largest mall in America — Destiny USA, to the Waterloo Premium Outlets

WATKINS GLEN STATE PARK
Walk through an ancient gorge among and even behind waterfalls

WINE AND BEVERAGE TRAILS
Home to more than 100 wineries, breweries, distilleries and cideries, including a Wine, Cheese and Sweet Treat Trail

WOMEN’S RIGHTS SITES
Women’s Rights National Historical Park and National Women’s Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, and the Susan B. Anthony Museum and House in Rochester

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GREATER NIAGARA
Awe-Inspiring Wonders

From the Maid of the Mist and Cave of the Winds tours at Niagara Falls State Park to Letchworth State Park’s “Grand Canyon of the East.” Two Great Lakes offer world-class fishing and boating. Hike amid the vast Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge or take a wild ride at Darien Lake Amusement Park. Follow the Niagara Wine Trail to great events. Taste Buffalo wings in the city where they were born, and discover Buffalo’s revitalized waterfront, new hotels, restaurants, breweries and world-class arts and architecture, including Frank Lloyd Wright’s splendid Darwin Martin House.

Must-See Highlights

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS
A living museum that inspires and connects people to the natural world

BUFFALO WINGS
Their birthplace at the Anchor Bar and restaurants all over town

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FASHION OUTLETS OF NIAGARA
With more than 150 designer and top name-brand outlet shops

FUN NEIGHBORHOODS
Elmwood Village, Allentown and Buffalo’s historic Theatre District featuring Ani DiFranco’s Babeville

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT ARCHITECTURE
Tour his masterpieces Darwin D. Martin House and lakeside Graycliff Estate

JET BOAT RIDES
Thrilling rides through the Niagara Gorge and Whirlpool

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK
Hiking, spectacular views, lodging and fine dining at the historic Glen Iris Inn, and more

NIAGARA FALLS STATE PARK
America’s oldest state park, including the historic Maid of the Mist boat ride and Cave of the Winds walk

NIAGARA WINE TRAIL
Over a dozen wineries to visit and sample

ROYCROFT CAMPUS
Historic arts & crafts village with beautifully restored inn

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Sailing on Lake Erie, to hiking and biking in Allegany State Park, to mountain coaster rides at Holiday Valley Resort. Scenic trails meander through nature preserves, towering rock formations, Amish Country farmland and Lake Erie Wine Country. In a charming Victorian village, the Chautauqua Institution has been presenting world-class arts and entertainment for over 140 years. Celebrate Lucille Ball in her hometown of Jamestown at the National Comedy Center, the first national-scale visitor experience dedicated to comedy.

**Must-See Highlights**

- **1891 FREDONIA OPERA HOUSE**
  Tours, workshops, cinema, light opera and dramatic offerings

- **CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION**
  World-class performances in a charming lakeside Victorian village

- **DUNKIRK LIGHTHOUSE**
  Historic lighthouse, museum and grounds

- **GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK**
  425-acre outdoor art museum and curated trails

- **LAKE ERIE WINE COUNTRY**
  Formerly the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Wine Trail

- **LILY DALE ASSEMBLY**
  World’s largest center for spiritual development

- **NATIONAL COMEDY CENTER**
  Immersive exhibits, cutting edge technology and sets from “I Love Lucy”

- **ROCK FORMATIONS**
  At Panama Rocks Scenic Park and Rock City Park

- **SPRAGUE’S MAPLE FARMS**
  Restaurant, sugarhouse and demonstrations

- **SUMMER WIND CRUISES**
  Chautauqua Lake tours, events and dining cruises

- **WATCHABLE WILDLIFE**
  Allegany State Park and Hanging Bog Wildlife Management Area

- **ZOAR VALLEY**
  Canoe and rafting on the Cattaraugus River

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