

LGBTQ Travel Guide



FIND WHAT YOU





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.



Maid of the Mist Niagara Falls, USA

Greater Niagara

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

Chautauqua-Allegheny

NY's southwest has great

and the National Comedy

outdoors, local wines,

Center.



Griffis Sculpture Park





Central New York

FINGER LAKES

Lakeside opera, underground caverns, craft breweries and the National Baseball Hall of Fame.



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



New York City

1000 **ISLANDS-**

SEAWAY

CENTRAL

NEW YORK

CATSKILLS

ADIRONDACKS

CAPITAL

SARATOGA

HUDSON VALLEY

New York City

food and more.

The birthplace of the modern

LGBTQ rights movement, with

the best of everything from

arts and culture to shopping,

NEW YORK

CITY



Adirondacks

Six million acres of forever wild landscape to discover with treasured lakes and



Capital-Saratoga Discover Colonial history,

bubbling mineral springs and unique performance venues.



Bear Mountain

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.





Catskills



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LONG ISLAND

Seaside Treasures



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





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. \blacksquare

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

Apollo 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

STONEWALL NATIONAL MONUMENT

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

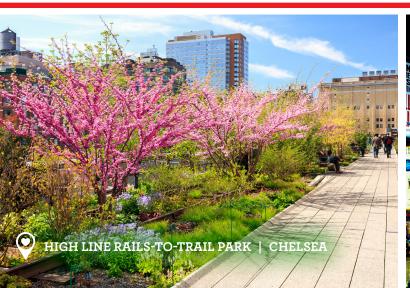
TIMES SQUARE

Crossroads of the world and gateway to Broadway

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HUDSON VALLEY

Historic and Scenic Vistas



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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CATSKILLS

Mountain Adventure



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. \Rightarrow

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

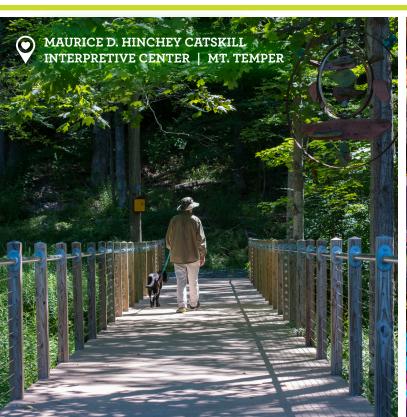
Catskills Distilling Company, Prohibition Distillery, Eminence Road Winery and Bashakill Vineyards

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 Kittantinny's overlooking the Delaware River









CAPITAL-SARATOGA

400 Years of History



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 SPA 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 COLECTION 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









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

Trails among waterfalls and gorge

SCUBA DIVING

Explore shipwrecks

THOUSAND ISLANDS-SEAWAY WINE TRAIL

Award winning wineries with breathtaking views





CENTRAL NEW YORK

Small Town Charms



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.

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

CHITTENANGO

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 SHARON SPRINGS

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

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









FINGER LAKES

Gorgeous Gorges and Lakes



Find award-winning wineries or explore canalside 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. \Rightarrow

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

HARRIET TUBMAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Museum and home of the Underground Railroad leader

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

FASHION OUTLETS OF NIAGARA

With more than 150 designer and top namebrand 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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CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY

New York's Southwest



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



