It’s my pleasure to invite you to come be a part of it in New York State, home to countless unique activities, attractions and events that make it the perfect four-season destination. Throughout our 11 picturesque vacation regions, visitors can experience an endless variety of adventures.

Visitors from around the world enjoy skiing at world-class resorts in the Adirondacks and Catskills, which also host a wide variety of family activities like sleigh rides and snow tubing. There’s free ice skating at the Empire State Plaza in the Capital-Saratoga region and snowshoeing along a restored Erie Canal towpath in Central New York. Others will love the thrill of snowmobiling the groomed trails in the 1000 Islands and Chautauqua-Allegheny regions. There are seasonal festivals from Long Island to Greater Niagara, culinary experiences in the Hudson Valley and the Finger Lakes, and limitless cultural offerings in New York City.

There’s no better time to plan a trip to discover all the incredible places and activities our state has to offer during the winter season. Come be a part of it. We look forward to your visit.

Sincerely,

Governor Kathy Hochul
When the snow falls, new adventures begin. Ski an Olympic mountain, snowshoe powder-filled forests, or ride a dog-sled across a frozen lake. With breathtaking trails, world-class museums, vibrant cities and picturesque villages, there is something for everyone.

Plan your escape and come be a part of it in New York State.
Whether it’s spending a day on the slopes, frolicking at a winter carnival, checking out a museum or going on a big city adventure, families find New York offers a wide variety of awesome places to reconnect and make winter a season to remember.

BIG CITY ADVENTURES

Time-honored kid pleasers in New York City include the American Museum of Natural History’s dinosaur halls and spectacular space shows at the Hayden Planetarium. The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, a former battleship, delights with drone demos, virtual flights and family overnights. Wander the halls of Hogwarts and casting spells with the flick of a wand at Harry Potter New York. The three-story megastore allows fans to truly immerse themselves in the Wizarding World in over 15 themed areas set across 21,000 square feet.

FAMILY FUN

The Brooklyn Children’s Museum lets kids have fun while learning (sneaky) at interactive exhibits like “World Brooklyn,” a pint-size cityscape lined by faux stores where young’uns can immerse themselves into multi-cultural experiences that foster curiosity, creativity and lifelong love of learning.

A playground for kids’ minds, the Staten Island Children’s Museum includes super-size board games, a firsthand look at a bug’s life and replicas of different ecosystems. It’s not all pretend, though: The museum’s “House About It” exhibit allows visitors to work a real drill, and “Portia’s Playhouse” is stocked with costumes so little actors can get down to thespian business.

TRAVEL BY SEA, SKY & LAND

It’s a wonderful, watery world of fun year-round at Long Island Aquarium. Indoors, explore a lush Amazon rainforest and go eye-to-eye with fascinating creatures like a giant octopus and bobbing seahorses. Feed sharks, pat a stingray and take some sea lion selfies. Everyone gets on-board to watch wildlife splash and sun on seal cruises.

Future astronauts are inspired at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. Young aviators command a space shuttle, build roaring rockets and explore the moon before setting down for storyline. Kids can touch everything they see at the Long Island Children’s Museum. From interactive exhibits to art programs and theater, it’s all designed to delight children.

BE COURAGEOUS

With over 60 fire engines and countless artifacts, Hudson Valley’s FASNY Museum of Firefighting is an extraordinary museum for all things firefighting. Activities for families include creative play on selected fire engines, hands-on interactives, including the popular bucket brigade activity, a virtual fire engine driving activity, the new Jr. Firefighter Challenge and the Cabot/McCadam Discovery Room.

Looking for uplifting adventures? Flyers age 3 and up have a blast at iFly Westchester’s indoor skydiving center. There’s no jumping or falling, and no experience needed– just float on a wall-to-wall cushion of air. Events include All Abilities Nights for kids with special needs.
COLORFUL CAROUSELS

Enclosed in glass at Brooklyn Bridge Park, Jane’s Carousel sparkles and twirls all winter. The Merry-Go-Round at Bear Mountain State Park features hand-painted landscapes and 42 hand-carved native animals, from black bears to foxes and swans. It spins in a pavilion beside the cozy Bear Mountain Inn, weekends and holidays all winter. Families can also enjoy snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice-skating and a zoo.

Take a ride on the colorful, full-size 1912 carousel at the New York State Museum in Albany. Exhibits highlight natural and cultural history, from the Adirondacks to an Iroquois longhouse and antique fire engines.

On Saturdays in December, Binghamton’s Recreation Park hosts free holiday rides on a 1925 beauty with 60 jumping horses, chariots and the original Wurlitzer organ.

PEAK ADVENTURES

US News Travel named the Adirondacks a top 10 best winter family vacation destination. Whether you choose thrills like skiing, snowshoeing, bobsledding and dogsledding, or exploring charming villages amid breathtaking scenery—there’s something to peak.

Yuletide Family Weekends, in November and December at Santa’s Workshop in NY’s North Pole let children visit Santa and Mrs. Santa in their very own home. Be entertained and amused by Frosty the Snowman, Rowdy the Reindeer, and members of the Mother Goose Guild, as they perform throughout the day with puppet shows and musical reviews. Santa’s helpers at area host lodges capture the family Christmas spirit with trim-a-tree parties where the kiddies create their own ornaments as Rowdy the Reindeer, Santa’s official tree inspector, encourages participation and frivolity. Even the jolly old elf himself might stop by to spread some holiday cheer.

Two-time host of the Winter Olympics, Lake Placid thrills with mighty Whiteface Mountain and fantastic cross-country trails. Thrill-seekers age 7 and up can bobsled with professional drivers at the Olympic Sports Complex.

Learn about the Miracle on Ice at the Lake Placid Olympic Museum and speed skate around the oval at the Olympic Center. Save big with an Olympic Sites Passport. The Lake Placid Toboggan Chute, a 30-foot-high converted ski jump, rockets riders down ice-covered chutes onto frozen Mirror Lake. Another unique experience on the lake, Thunder Mountain Dog Sled Tours delight the whole family.

GO UNDERGROUND

In Central New York, an elevator takes you down to Howe Caverns, an ancient geological wonder where families explore fascinating landscapes of limestone corridors and massive boulders, 156 feet below the earth. Howe ranks in the Best 8 Amazing American Caves.

STEP ABOARD!

Live the magic as you listen to the classic story The Polar Express, sing carols and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies served by dancing chefs. Trains to the “North Pole” depart from Utica, Kingston and Medina. Trolley rides depart from Riverhead and Southampton. Pajamas are a must for children of all ages!
FROSTED FALLS & FUN
Did you know Niagara Falls State Park is open every day of the year? Winter’s the coziest time to see Niagara Falls—a wondrous sight with glistening ice flows, lighted in rainbow colors at dusk. Nearby, Buffalo’s newest Canalside attraction, Ice Bikes of Buffalo, lets you ride on ice. Even people who aren’t great on skates can pedal and steer around the rink on these stable bikes, just like taking a regular bike ride.

SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES
Cuddle up as sleighbells ring and beautiful draft horses carry you through Chautauqua’s picturesque Victorian village. Bobsleds glide on weekends, December through February. Costumed drivers parade in the village. Bobsleds glide on weekends, December through February. Costumed drivers parade in the village.

Along with family-size suites, Lake George’s Six Flags Great Escape Lodge has a huge indoor waterpark with multi-level slides, bucket soakers and a lazy river. Palm Island Indoor Waterpark in Batavia has two 24-foot-high slides, a children’s lagoon, and a hot tub for grown-ups. Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark state-of-the-art, indoor waterpark, and new luxury lodge experience set at the foothills of the Catskill mountains.

MOUNTAINS OF FUN
Across New York, over 50 ski centers have trails, parks and lessons for all levels of skiers. Nearby or on-site, mountain resorts extend the fun with cross-country trails, sleighrides, tubing and adventure parks, and lively events. Accommodations range from cozy lodges to full-service slope-side resorts with activities for children, sumptuous dining and spas to rejuvenate the parents. For information on ski areas, budget-friendly packages, and the I Ski NY Free for Kids 3rd and 4th grade program, see iskiny.com. Nestled in the Shawangunk Mountains, Hudson Valley’s Greek Peak Mountain Resort’s Pine Ridge Dude Ranch brings families together for Old West-style adventures. Whoop it up with wagon and trail rides, snowtubing, skating, tasty meals and campfire sing-alongs with s’mores. Nearby Rocking Horse Ranch Resort, rated Family Vacation Critic’s 2017 favorite hotel and TripAdvisor’s #1 all-inclusive US resort, also ponies up with ski lessons and an indoor waterpark where it’s always 85° as families splash, slide and ride the 250-foot-long flume. The Mohonk Mountain House, another Hudson Valley gem, was rated a World’s Best Family Hotel by Travel+Leisure.

In the Catskills, Hunter Mountain boosts the longest, fastest and highest zipline canopy tour in North America and the second largest zipline in the world. Windham Mountain features snowtubing and a kids’ snowmobile park. Whiteface Lodge in Lake Placid, rated one of the World’s 5 Best Old-School Ski Resorts by Fodor’s, combines luxury with kid-friendly amenities like a game room, bowling alley and heated indoor-outdoor pool. There’s also a theater, skating rink, pristine trails and evening bonfires. Kids rule at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, rated a Top 2 Kid Friendly Resort in the East by SKI magazine. Enjoy children’s programs and a zig-zagging mountain coaster. In the Finger Lakes, Greek Peak Mountain Resort’s adventure center challenges families with bungee-trampolines, fat bikes, ziplines and snowtubing. There’s so much more to explore — for details and additional information on family friendly events, attractions and accommodations, visit iloveny.com.
Snowtubing is fun for all ages. It’s a great activity for families, friends, singles and couples. No skill or gear is required. Tubing parks provide the tubes, lifts, hills and snow—everything you need for a day, or night, of fast-sliding fun!

HUDSON VALLEY
Mount Peter, Warwick. 90 minutes from Manhattan. Magic carpet lift.

THE CATSKILLS

Hunter Mountain, Hunter. 20 chutes, 1000 feet long; mini tubing park for smaller kids. Carpet lift.

Plattekill Mountain, Roxbury. Two snowtubing lanes, tow lift; night tubing.


CAPITAL-SARATOGA
Willard Mountain Tubing Park, Greenwich. Snow tubing park; lodge, lift.

THE ADIRONDACKS
Maple Ridge Snow Park, Laville. Eight lanes; 100-foot vertical. Tow-lift.

Oak Mountain Ski Center, Speculator. Multi-lanes; tow. Day.

Titus Mountain Snowtubing Park, Malone. Multi-lanes; lift. Day and night tubing.

Tubby Tubes, Lake Luzerne. Nine lanes. Two snow coasters; night-lights.

West Mountain Tubing Park, Queensbury. Six lanes; four: 65-foot vertical drop, two: 100-foot verticals. Tow-lifts.

1000 ISLANDS-SEAWAY
Dry Hill Ski Area, Watertown. Fireside lounge. Day and night.

CENTRAL NEW YORK

FINGER LAKES
Camillus Ski Hill and Tubing Park, Camillus. Six lanes, tow-lift.

Four Seasons Golf & Ski Center, Fayetteville. Eight lanes; night-lighting. East of Syracuse.

Glacier Ridge, Spencerport. 1000-foot; three lanes, wonder carpet lift, snowmaking. Friday nights; weekends and school breaks. West of Rochester.

Greek Peak Adventure Center, Cortland. 15 lanes, 900 feet long; night-lights.

CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY
Holiday Valley Tubing. Ellicottville. 22 lanes, 100-foot vertical. Tows; night-lights.

Peek’n Peak Resort, Cloymer. Snowtubing arena; 7 lanes, magic carpet lift.

THE CATSKILLS
Villa Roma Resort, Callicoon. A top family resort offers ice-skating, tube run, skiing and ski school.

Windham Mountain Adventure Park, Windham. Family fun, day and night. 120’ by 60’ rink, café.

NEW YORK CITY
Bryant Park Winter Village, Manhattan. Free skating; rentals, lockers, lessons, and events; glide or a spin under the stars.

Prospect Park, Brooklyn. Two rinks on 585 scenic acres. Events, food carts.

Rockefeller Center, Manhattan. One of NYC’s most celebrated traditions.

Central Park/Trump-Wollman Rink, Manhattan. Glide across the ice with the city skyline in the background.

LONG ISLAND
Harborfront Park, Port Jefferson. Ice-skating downtown, day and night.

Greene Winter Village, Eastport. Ice-skating on the city skyline in the background.

ICE SKATING
Glimmerglass State Park, Cooperstown. Winter sports: ice-skating, sledding and cross-country ski trails.

FINGER LAKES
DeVeaux Woods State Park, Niagara Falls. Ice-skating rink in an old-growth forest.

Hyde Park Ice Pavilion, Niagara Falls. Open ice-skating; picturesque scenery.

The Ice at Canalside, Buffalo. Take a spin on the canals of the downtown waterfront.

CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY
Lake George Winter Carnival, Lake George. Weekend in February include ice-skating, fishing and more.


1000 ISLANDS-SEAWAY
Thompson Park, Watertown. Olmsted-designed gem: skating, sledding and cross-country ski trails.

CENTRAL NEW YORK
Glimmerglass State Park, Cooperstown. Winter sports: ice-skating, sledding and cross-country ski trails.

GREATER NIAGARA
DeVeaux Woods State Park, Niagara Falls. Ice-skating rink in an old-growth forest.

The Ice at Canalside, Buffalo. Take a spin on the canals of the downtown waterfront.

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MORE SKI MOUNTAINS THAN ANY OTHER STATE

With more than 50 downhill ski areas, New York State has great skiing within an hour of all our major cities. Getting to the mountains is easy; less travel time means more time on the slopes!
Ski an Olympic mountain or hit the bunny trail. There’s terrain to suit every level, from beginner to black diamond. From Hunter Mountain in the Catskills to Holiday Valley in western New York, many resorts offer slope-side lodging for easy ski-in/ski-out access. Most have ski schools and kids’ programs along with cozy lodges and great dining options. Nighttime skiing and snow-tubing add extra hours of fun. Whiteface Lake Placid, a two-time Olympic site in the Adirondacks, boasts the greatest vertical in the East. Ski and ride with amazing views of pristine lakes, forests and 45 High Peaks. Other nearby Adirondack sky-high resorts include Gore Mountain, West Mountain, Titus Mountain, Oak Mountain Ski Center, McCauley Mountain Ski Area and Snow Ridge, located in the middle of the Tug Hill Plateau, benefits from mighty Ontario’s lake-effect snow. Whiteface Lake Placid, a two-time Olympic site in the Adirondacks, boasts the greatest vertical in the East. Ski and ride with amazing views of pristine lakes, forests and 45 High Peaks. Other nearby Adirondack sky-high resorts include Gore Mountain, West Mountain, Titus Mountain, Oak Mountain Ski Center, McCauley Mountain Ski Area and Snow Ridge, located in the middle of the Tug Hill Plateau, benefits from mighty Ontario’s lake-effect snow.

In the Catskills, both Hunter and Windham Mountain have 1,600-foot verticals, 50+ trails, expansive snowmaking and night-lighting. Belleayre Mountain offers budget-friendly ski-and-stay packages. It has a big 1,400-foot vertical, yet is small enough to keep it cozy for families. Villa Roma, rated a Top 10 US Family Resort, has skiing, boarding and tubing on-site. First time skiing or snowboarding? In the Hudson Valley, Mount Peter offers free lessons on weekends. Catamount Ski Area has seven lifts, a 1,000-foot vertical, terrain parks and night skiing. In the Capital-Saratoga region, trails and terrain parks at Maple Ridge, Willard and Royal Mountain range from novice to challenging. Dry Hill Family Ski & Tubing Area, in the 1000 Islands region, has day and night skiing and boarding—plus a fantastic snow-tubing center.

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Premier slopeside resorts in the Finger Lakes like Bristol Mountain and Greek Peak have treed glades and super steeps offering diverse options morning through nighttime.

Central New York’s Woods Valley Ski Area boasts its own snowmaking, along with a new Sun Kid Wonder Carpet lift, zippy terrain park, tubing hill and bright nightlights.

Western New York’s Holiday Valley, rated a Top 3 Resort by SKI magazine, has 58 slopes, plus 13 lifts to get you to the top fast. On-slope, the Inn at Holiday Valley is only a mile from the lively village of Ellicottville. Other resorts in Chautauqua-Allegheny, one of New York’s snowiest regions, include Peek’n Peak, HoliMont and Swain Resort.

Greater Niagara’s Buffalo Ski Center and Kissing Bridge are just a half-hour drive from Buffalo.

The powder is fresh and lifts are running faster and smoother than ever. To extend the ski season, abundant natural snow gets a boost from state-of-the-art snowmaking. With so many fantastic ski destinations within easy reach, New York has everything you need for a perfect ski getaway!

See listings on pages 34 and 35 for details on downhill Ski Areas of New York. To hear the latest ski conditions call the I LOVE NY Snow Phone: 800/CALL-NYS or visit iloveny.com and iskiny.com for additional information.

Ride the Rails to Ski Trails

Metro North’s Ski Train runs from New York City to Thunder Ridge Ski Area in the Hudson Valley. Prices include round-trip train fare, lift tickets and free shuttle to the resort, a mile from the Patterson, NY station. Overnight packages are available. Get tickets for the Thunder Ski package at NYC’s Grand Central Station or online: mta.info

Near every ski area in New York, friendly villages and towns offer great restaurants, clubs, galleries, shops or other attractions. Relax, play, dine or dance the night away!

In the Adirondacks Whiteface Lake Placid’s off-hill activities are tops, rated #1 by SKI magazine for over 25 years! Main Street is lined with friendly shops, restaurants and pubs. Visit the Taste NY Café in Whiteface’s sunny main lodge to fuel up with local products from cheese and charcuterie to fresh-baked pastries. Entertainment runs from dogsled rides to bobsledding, ice-skating and watching world-class skiers fly from towering jumps at Olympic sites.

SKI magazine rated Holiday Valley in Chautauqua-Allegheny #3 for après-ski activities. Nosh on pub grub at Ellicottville Brewing Company. Skiing magazine raves, “If Norman Rockwell ever painted a ski town, he’d have chosen Ellicottville.” The Victorian-era village combines a cool cosmopolitan vibe with a warm, homely atmosphere that welcomes families.

From antiquing to zip-lining, the Catskills offer diverse off-slope fun. Family-friendly Hunter Mountain also rates #1 on Thrillist’s list of America’s best party mountains. Relax at Scriber’s Catskills Lodge with yoga classes or cocktails by the fire. Minutes from Belleayre Mountain, dine at the cozy Pine Hill Arms Restaurant and Saloon. Après ski at Windham Mountain, nosh on elevated tavern fare at Tavern 23, or have a blast at the Adventure Park.

Off-slope options in the Finger Lakes include Song Mountain Resort’s Heuga’s Alpine Restaurant & Bar serving New-American staples, cocktails in Bristol’s Satellite Lounge and mountain coaster rides or local drafts at Greek Peak Resort. Area wineries host great events all winter, visitors can purchase wine trail passports as an affordable way to enjoy many of the participating wineries.

After skiing in the Hudson Valley, spend the night in the big city. From Mount Peter Ski Area it’s only an hour’s drive to New York City. Only in New York can you ski all day and take in a Broadway show that night!
New York State’s cross-country trails vary as much as our landscape, from seaside to mountaintop.

Glide though magical scenery at ski resorts, state parks and nature preserves, where trails delight everyone from beginner to back-country explorer. Many ski centers offer equipment rentals and lessons. Accommodations range from posh Adirondack resorts to winter cabins in Allegany State Park.

In the Hudson Valley, just north of New York City, find lakeside trails at Fahnstock Winter Park and the magnificent Mohonk Mountain House. Family friendly Mountain Trails Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe Center in the Catskills has three levels of well-groomed forest trails. Follow unique paths in the Capital-Saratoga region on the Battlefield at Saratoga National Historical Park and on trails amid Tree Haven Trails’ snow-laden evergreens.

Ski amid towering Adirondack pines at Lake Placid’s Olympic Sports Complex, one of North America’s premier venues, and Dewey Mountain Recreation Center in Saranac Lake.

Near Gore Mountain, Garnet Hill Lodge has lighted trails for night-skiing in addition to tasty dining and cozy accommodations. Trails at Wellesley Island State Park in the 1000 Islands-Seaway hug miles of scenic shoreline. In the Snowbelt, east of Lake Ontario, lake-effect snow blankets the Tug Hill Plateau with over 200 inches yearly. Pristine trails traverse Central New York’s Osceola Tug Hill and Winona State Forest, 50 miles north of Syracuse. The Finger Lakes’ Nordic Center at Bristol Mountain has lighted trails, and Naples’ RMSC Cumming Nature Center has 15 miles of ski trails and a 3-mile loop for snowshoeing. Byrncliff Resort, in Greater Niagara, offers comfy lodging amid varied trails.

In the Enchanted Mountains of western New York, top rated trails crisscross HolMont and Peek’n Peak Resort. Allegany State Park’s vast groomed trails are among the finest in the Northeast.

To get you started, many of New York’s cross-country ski areas are listed featured on pages 32 – 33 and 36 – 37. See iloveny.com for information.
SNOWSHOEING

Enjoy New York’s wonderful winter scenery on a tranquil yet exhilarating trek.

As the saying goes, if you can walk, you can snowshoe. It’s fun, inexpensive and easy to learn. New York has splendid trails for every age and ability, from Manhattan’s waterfront Hudson Valley Greenway, to old Erie Canal towpaths, to Niagara Falls State Park.

Many cross-country ski centers and ski resorts like Greek Peak in the Finger Lakes have snowshoeing areas (see pages 32-37). Snowshoe Magazine rated Lapland Lake in the Adirondacks #4 of the top 10 snowshoe-friendly Nordic centers in North America.

Watch for wildlife at scenic nature centers, from Long Island’s Quogue Wildlife Refuge to Minna Anthony Common Nature Center on Wellesley Island in the 1000 Islands.

For a vigorous adventure with breathtaking lake views, trek the mountain trails of Minnewaska State Park Preserve in the Hudson Valley. Highly maneuverable, snowshoes can take you to places not accessible by ski or snowmobile. Hearty enthusiasts head out for overnight backpack trips and alpine climbs in the Catskills and Adirondacks. Near the High Peaks, Adirondack Birding Tours lead fascinating excursions.

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve provides a habitat for many plants and animals, as well as recreational opportunities like bird watching, hiking, nature study, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and biking.

Licensed guides by the NYS Outdoor Guides Association can show you great places to explore and provide valuable pointers for each unique region New York has to offer.

Find information at iloveny.com.
SNOWMOBILING

From the Catskills to the Adirondacks, across the Tug Hill region to Great Lake Erie, over 10,000 miles of groomed trails and breathtaking scenery await you.

Routes connect to rider-friendly towns, restaurants and inns. Winter festivals and races add to the fun. With Snedo Weekends each December and over 500 miles of Adirondack Park trails, Old Forge is the Snowmobile Capital of the East.

The Tug Hill Plateau, one of the snowiest places in the East, boasts an average of 200 inches of annual snowfall. Winona State Forest, an hour north of Syracuse, has endless miles of forested trails. Trails wind around frozen lakes and waterfalls in the Finger Lakes, along the Grand Canyon of the East in Greater Niagara, and over waves of rolling hills in Chautauqua-Allegheny. In the Catskill Forest Preserve trails traverse hilly terrain, connecting friendly villages and unique attractions.

Discover snowmobile trails and cozy accommodations at more than 40 state parks. Allegany State Park has 90 miles of groomed trails and 150 winterized cabins. Letchworth’s spectacular trails and campground connect to the NYS Snowmobile Trail System.

Offering operator training courses for snowmobilers of all ages above 10 years old, the NYS Rider Training Program provides information which all snowmobilers should possess in order to ensure the safety of riders and other trail users. Successful completion of this course results in the award of a NYS Snowmobile Safety Certificate.

The NYS Snowmobile Association supplies maps and helpful tips on rider-friendly inns, clubs and events. NYS DMV’s website can help you get a NY registration and pay trail fees quickly. For a quick and easy start, try a tour with an outfitter like Snow Tours Inc. or Old Forge Sport Tours.

Experience New York’s winter from a bold, fresh perspective. Dress up warm and hit the trails!
One-of-a-kind places—from NYC grande dames to Adirondack dude ranches—warm welcomes and cool experiences await. Here’s a sample of great getaways found only in New York State.

**BIG APPLE ACCOMMODATIONS**

Travelers in New York City choose among some of the world’s finest hotels with increased availability in winter, and sometimes lower rates. Fantastic restaurants, shopping, theater and holiday events—you can do it all from mid-town’s legendary grande dames like The Plaza and St. Regis, or New York’s newest five-star hotel, the Park Hyatt across from the Russian Tea Room. Each has a unique ambiance, uncommon amenities and incomparable service. Grand staircases lead to Old World luxury at the 1834 Inn at Irving Place and in the Hamptons. Sporting a retro 1950s design, the Greenporter Hotel is an easy walk to village restaurants and wine country events like December’s tasty Shellabration.

Bridgehampton’s Topping Rose House adds modern luxury to an historic mansion. Perks include Hunter wellies for wintry walks and a Lexus to scoot around town. Jean-Georges restaurant celebrates seasonal cuisine sourced from local farms and fishers. Cares bubble away in the seawater spa and world-famous ocean-fed pool at Gurney’s Montauk, as floor-to-ceiling windows bestow soothing beach views. **HORSING AROUND**

Guests at WhistleWood Farm in the Hudson Valley mingle with horses, feed chickens, cross-country ski and curl up by the fire with a good book. Polished antiques, gourmet breakfasts and home-made dessert buffets add panache to this country retreat. Down the road, the village of Rhinebeck beckons with galleries, fine dining and good cheer at Foster’s Coach House.

With winter activities for the entire family, Stony Creek’s 1000 Acres Ranch Resort keeps dudes active in the Adirondacks. Splash in the pool, enjoy nightly entertainment or just relax by the crackling fire. **MODERNIZED MOUNTAINS**

Tucked amid the Catskill Mountains, VOF, a luxury wellness center promotes individualized wellness programs designed to detox, revitalize and educate guests on holistic health and well-being through the ancient Indian therapies of Ayurveda, naturopathy and yoga. **SPA APPEAL**

Famous for mineral baths and fine dining, the historic Gideon Putnam Resort & Spa offers snowshoeing and cross-country skiing right outside your door. The Saratoga Casino Hotel, a modern take on Saratoga’s grand Victorian legacy, has a great steakhouse, shows and gaming. **PEAK RESORTS**

Along with Olympic-level fun, the Adirondacks feature world-class resorts like Lake Placid’s Mirror Lake Inn, rated a top 5 North American ski hotel by Condé Nast. Lake Placid Lodge’s lakeside cabins offer rustic luxury, cozy fireplaces and cloud-soft beds. Ski or snowshoe through the magical landscape, skate on the frozen lake and savor s’mores at nightly bonfires.

The Tudor-style slopeside Inn at Peek’n Peak Resort & Spa in Chautauqua-Allegheny welcomes with Old World charm. Think stone fireplaces, hand-carved woodwork and restaurants decorated with fine art and crystal chandeliers. Spa treatments soothe after a great day of skiing and other winter sports. **RUSTIC BEAUTY**

Visit Finger Lakes wineries from the octagon-shaped Black Sheep Inn. Walk into Hammondsport, named Coolest Small Town in America by Budget Travel and explore transportation history at the Glenn Curtiss Museum. Amid the beauty of Greater Niagara’s Letchworth State Park, guests stay and play affordably at the Glen Iris Inn. Enjoy cross-country skiing, ice-skating and horse-drawn sleighrides or zoom out on the snowmobile trail. For more information about lodging and dining visit, iloveny.com.

**LODGING & DINING**
Theater, music, dance, comedy! From Broadway to Buffalo, world-famous performers and rising stars dazzle and delight audiences from near and far.

New York City presents some of the world’s most thrilling performances at icons like Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Brooklyn Academy of Music. See the legendary Rockettes high-kicking at Radio City Music Hall and experience the thrill of a Broadway show.

Long Island’s many theaters include the Adelphi University Performing Arts Center in Garden City and Sag Harbor’s Bay Street Theater, earning rave reviews for classic and cutting-edge performances. Several plays that premiered at Bay Street have moved to Broadway.

In Buffalo’s theater district, Shea’s Performing Arts Center, originally opened in 1926 and served as a movie house for Paramount Pictures, stages vaudeville shows and played host to the Marx Brothers, Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope and many more. Today, Shea’s provides a wide variety of off-Broadway plays, concerts, comedies and collaborative productions with local theater groups.

Nearby, the Irish Classical Theatre Company in upstate New York is home to a full season of touring Broadway shows, live concerts, comedies and collaborative productions with local theater groups.

Grant wishes, find souvenirs, splurge, bargain shop or just browse. New York offers the best of everything!

SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP
Sidewalks dressed in holiday style lead to superstores like Macy’s Herald Square and Saks or pop-up holiday markets at Bryant Park and Columbus Circle. See glorious displays and designer flagship stores on 5th Avenue. Find fashionable bargains at re-sale shops and designer discounters.

Got Kids? Shopping’s a play date. Find unique items in friendly towns and villages across New York. On Long Island, peruse an old-fashioned general store, Christmas shop andäs kids at your table. Kids of all ages will love the Lego Store, facing the ice-skating rink at Rockefeller Center.

FASHION & FOOD
Find stylish clothes and gifts at fantastic discounts at Long Island’s Tanger Outlets. In the Hudson Valley, Woodbury Common features the most sought after, high-end fashion and designer retail brands.

Ski at a world-class resort and snag bargains at the Factory Outlets of Lake George, in the Adirondacks, or the Finger Lakes’ Watkins Glen Premium Outlets. Destiny USA, Syracuse’s mega-center is brimming with outlets and unique entertainment. Minutes from the majestic falls, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls features 200 brand-name stores.

MERRY & BRIGHT

SHOPPING

Perusing the Tanger Outlets in Woodbury. Courtesy Simon Property Group

SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP

PERFORMING ARTS

THE EGG

The Egg, a unique modern structure in Albany’s eclectic skyline, hosts musicians, plays and performances. In Troy, the EMPAC offers cutting-edge experimental media and performing arts in an equally unique modern venue.

World-class musicians are drawn by the ideal acoustics of the 1875 Troy Music Hall and historic Hubbard Hall in Cambridge, with critically-acclaimed theater and opera. HMT at the Spa Little Theater in Saratoga Springs offers high quality theater productions and classes in the theater arts to people of all ages.

The Otesaga Resort Hotel hosts the Cooperstown Concert Series, a long-standing seasonal event featuring eclectic music, from folk rock to swing.

Rochester’s RBT Broadway Theatre League is home to a full season of touring Broadway shows, live concerts, comedies and dramatic events throughout the year. In Buffalo’s theater district, Shea’s Performing Arts Center, originally opened in 1926 and served as a movie house for Paramount Pictures, staging vaudeville shows and played host to the Marx Brothers, Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope and many more. Today, Shea’s provides a wide variety of off-Broadway plays, concerts, comedies and collaborative productions with local theater groups.

Nearby, the Irish Classical Theatre Company in upstate New York is home to a full season of touring Broadway shows, live concerts, comedies and collaborative productions with local theater groups.

Grant wishes, find souvenirs, splurge, bargain shop or just browse. New York offers the best of everything!

SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP
Sidewalks dressed in holiday style lead to superstores like Macy’s Herald Square and Saks or pop-up holiday markets at Bryant Park and Columbus Circle.


Ski at a world-class resort and snag bargains at the Factory Outlets of Lake George, in the Adirondacks, or the Finger Lakes’ Watkins Glen Premium Outlets. Destiny USA, Syracuse’s mega-center is brimming with outlets and unique entertainment. Minutes from the majestic falls, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls features 200 brand-name stores.

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MERRY & BRIGHT
Torchlight parades, magical ice castles, madcap outhouse races and dazzling fireworks fill our calendar with an abundance of fun and festivities.

DECEMBER
Old Forge in the Adirondacks revs up snowmobile season Snodoe Weekend with factory reps, music, fireworks and more.
Transcend time with nostalgic charm: Port Jefferson’s Dickens Festival on Long Island; Genesee Country Village & Museum yuletide celebrations in the Finger Lakes; Hudson Valley’s Gilded Age Christmas at Staatsburgh State Historic Site; horse-drawn sleigh rides through the historic Chautauqua Institution Victorian village; and enchanting Victorian Strolls in Saratoga Springs, Troy and Athens honor yesteryear holiday traditions.
Jolly events make winter bright, from Rockefeller Center’s Christmas Tree Lighting in NYC, Niagara Power Project and Festival of Trees in Lewiston to the Finger Lakes dazzling Corning Gaffer District’s annual Sparkle, Crystal City Christmas. Albany’s Capital Holiday Lights in the Park a luminous drive-through wonderland ends at the Washington Park Lake House filled with fun, friends, crafts and refreshments. The 1000 Islands’ Christmas in Cape Vincent and downtown Clayton’s Christmas Parade in Lights delights with floats adorned in holiday lights.

JANUARY
Chill out at Lake George’s annual New Year’s Day Polar Plunge or warm up at Buffalo Botanical Gardens’ Orchid Show.

FEBRUARY
Long Island’s Jazz on the Vine Winterfest features cool jazz and wine-tasting. Step back in time with country fun like horse-drawn sleigh rides at Hanford Mills’ Ice Harvest Festival in the Catskills. Winter carnivals from Lake George and Old Forge’s at McCauley Mountain to Eliotville and Cooperstown. There’s even a majestic ice castle with shimmering lights and elaborate carvings that inspired National Geographic Traveler to rate Saranac Lake Winter Carnival one of the two best in the world!

MARCH
Rejoice winter’s grand finale at Central New York’s Snowmeggan that highlights local craft brews and dig into New York’s finest tradition — Maple Syrup Weekends held across the state at months end.
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- **Adirondack Alpine and Wilderness Campground**
  - Lake Placid
  - 518/523-3451
  - Free Daily
- **Cascade-Cross Country Center**
  - Lake Placid
  - 518/523-8925
  - $15-18 Daily
- **Crowsnest Lake Placid XC Ski**
  - Lake Placid
  - 518/523-2516
  - $5 Daily
  - Sat, Sun, Holiday: $10
- **Cunningham’s Ski Barn**
  - 6 Tr.
  - Free Daily
- **Dewey Mountain**
  - 20 Tr.
  - $5 Daily
  - Rights: Too-Fri
- **Frost Valley YMCA**
  - 35 Tr.
  - $10-20 Weekends
- **Gore Mountain**
  - North Creek
  - 518/523-2411
  - $8-13 Daily
  - $10 Sunday
- **Leaping Lake Nordic Center**
  - Fort Plain
  - 518/533-6033
  - $20+ Daily
- **McKeeley Mountain**
  - Old Forge
  - 315/360-3235
  - $5-20 Meat-Hungry
- **Olympic Sports Complex**
  - Lake Placid
  - 518/523-2811
  - $14+ Daily
- **Paul Smith’s College Visitor Interpretive Center**
  - Paul Smiths
  - 518/377-5000
  - $5-10 Daily
- **Vail Backus Racing Snowmobile Center**
  - Union Town Line
  - 518/686-6545
  - $10-20 Daily

**Finger Lakes / FL**
- **Finger Lakes Outdoor Center**
  - 11 Tr.
  - $5-10 Daily
  - 10% Off: Meat-Hungry

**1000 Islands-Seaway / TI**
- **Robert Moses State Park**
  - Massena
  - 315/795-8663
  - 1191-A State Rd.
  - fingerlakeoutdoorspark.com
  - $8-12 Meat-Hungry
- **Oswego County Ice Center**
  - Oswego
  - 315/599-7377
  - $15 Daily
  - Rights: Too-Fri

**Central New York / CNY**
- **Alder Creek Mountain Resort**
  - 24 Tr.
  - 12 S
  - 8 Tr
- **Belleayre Mountain**
  - 121 S
  - 24 Tr.
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- **Cascade Cross Country Center**
  - Delhi
  - 315/683-3441
  - 1191-A State Rd.
  - fingerlakeoutdoorspark.com
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- **Coomer’s Hill Lodge XC Ski Center**
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  - 315/550-1100
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**Greater Niagara / GNY**
- **Brockport Ski Center**
  - 181 S
  - 12 S
  - 8 Tr
  - 5 Tr

**Chautauqua-Allegeny / CA**
- **Chautauqua State Park**
  - Chautauqua
  - 716/357-2200
  - $18-20 Daily
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- **Art Roscoe XC Ski and Mountain Bike Area**
  - Salamanca
  - 315/564-5211
  - $18-20 Daily
  - Rights: Too-Fri
- **Holiday Valley Resort**
  - Blasdell
  - 716/824-2345
  - $10-20 Daily
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- **Huntland**
  - Blasdell
  - 716/824-3484
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