



VISIT SYRACUSE ITINERARY: HISTORY & ARTS

DAY 1: ARTS & FOOD FAVS

EXPLORE DESTINY USA

Enjoy shopping, attractions and dining at Destiny USA. This shopping and entertainment complex is the largest in New York State and 6th largest in America. This 2.4 million square foot tourist destination has a strong mix of high-end, name brand retail options, more than 250 luxury outlet tenants, as well as an extensive list of restaurants and entertainment all creating a dynamic shopping experience.

A stunning three-story glass atrium provides perfect weather year-round. Attracting more than 25 million visitors annually, Destiny USA is expected to be the second most visited shopping center in the country, according to Travel + Leisure magazine.



EMPIRE BREWING COMPANY

Empire Brewing Company is a dynamic restaurant and microbrewery offering moderately priced eclectic foods, complemented by a diverse selection of hand-crafted ales and lagers. In addition to beer, Empire offers cocktails and a large selection of wines. Located in the historic Armory Square area of downtown Syracuse, the Empire Brewpub offers lunch, dinner and Sunday Blues Brunch. Outdoor dining available in the warmer months.



THE EVERSON MUSEUM OF ART

The Everson was designed by I.M. Pei, who has since designed the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the new addition to the Louvre in Paris. Housing the most significant collection of American ceramics in the U.S., the museum's permanent collection includes work by Jackson Pollock, among others. The Everson also features rotating exhibits, a children's interactive gallery and the Museum Gift Shop.



THE ORIGINAL DINOSAUR BAR-B-QUE

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que was voted the best barbeque in America by Good Morning America and 2nd best barbeque chain in the U.S. by The Daily Meal. Dinosaur Bar-B-Que began in 1983 as a mobile concession stand using a 55-gallon drum cut in half. The idea was hatched by three friends at a Harley Rendezvous, a massive motorcycle gathering. The owners believed that bikers deserve a good plate of food, so for five years, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que was served from the road, at motorcycle shows, fairs and festivals throughout the Northeast. In 1988, the Dinosaur finally settled in downtown Syracuse, N.Y. In 1990, the restaurant tripled in size and eventually opened seven additional locations throughout the northeast.



DAY 2: SKANEATELES & APPLE PICKING

DIVE INTO HISTORY: MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE

Step back in time with a tour of the home of Matilda Joslyn Gage. Gage wrote, along with Susan B. Anthony and Cady Stanton, the History of Woman Suffrage. After a dispute over the separation of church and state, Gage's name was removed as an author. Gage then left the NWSA and found the Women's National Liberal Union. She was mother-in-law to L. Frank Baum (author of the Wizard of Oz) and the inspiration behind the "Dorothy" character. See Gage's original furnishings and decorations as well as her personal peak into the Wizard of Oz. Her home also served as a station on the Underground Railroad.

CHOCOLATE PIZZA COMPANY

Featured on Food Network and NBC's Today Show, Chocolate Pizza Company is the gold standard in gourmet chocolate gifts. What makes their Chocolate Pizza so unique is the quality of their chocolate – they use Swiss-style chocolate and homemade English toffee. The recipe for their English toffee dates back to 1919. Others may imitate but no one else can compare. Enjoy a real-time demonstration as to how the chocolate is made and then browse the gift shop for some delectable treats.



EXPLORE THE VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES

Experience the beauty, warmth, luxury and hospitality of Skaneateles. This village is nestled on the shores of Skaneateles Lake (one of the cleanest lakes in the country) and considered the "Jewel of the Finger Lakes region". The pristine lake, luxurious sail boats, quaint but affluent shops, and occasional celebrity sightings make this place the perfect escape. The historic downtown shops and galleries are housed in restored buildings dating back to 1796. Browse for unique foods, distinctive fashions, original art, home accessories or a special antique. Relax at a restaurant or tavern; the atmosphere may be casual and lively or quietly gracious, but the menu is always tempting. Skaneateles is home to a thriving residential and business community, and host to thousands of visitors and each year.

LUNCH AT SHERWOOD INN

Built as a stagecoach stop in 1807, the Sherwood Inn has been a favorite resting place for travelers and locals for over two centuries. The Inn has been meticulously restored to the beauty of a bygone era with four fireplaces, pegged wood floors, antique furniture and fine wood detailing to create a relaxing harmony away from every day cares. The Sherwood Inn's restaurant is known to wow customer's taste buds while entranced by the quaint charm of this unique establishment.



SKANEATELES LAKE SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Explore the history of Skaneateles from beautiful Skaneateles Lake. This hour guided tour will be guided and narrated by your captain.

ENJOY A TASTING AT BEAK & SKIFF APPLE ORCHARD

Voted #1 Apple Orchard in the Country by USA today, this family owned business has been growing apples since the 1920's. It is one of the largest and highest profile apple operations in New York, with 700 acres of land, of which 400 are farmed. In 2013 almost 15,000 new trees were planted and they renovated their apple hill campus to provide visitors an even better apple picking experience. The Apple Hill Campus is home to their 1911 Tasting Room where guests enjoy tastings of their wines, ciders and sprits made from apples, as well as tasty treats from their bakery and cafe.



DINNER AT COLEMAN'S IRISH PUB/TIPP HILL

Take in the sites of Tipperary Hill's Celtic heritage. Drive by the Stonethrowers Monument and an upside-down traffic light - the only one of its kind with the green light above the red! The bronze Stonethrowers Monument in the Tipperary Hill Memorial Park overlooking the upside-down traffic light symbolizes "Family, Pride and Heritage." Enjoy dinner at Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub which was established as a working man's saloon in 1933. Since then, they've more than tripled their size, but maintained the small pub atmosphere. That feel of Ireland. Take your time and look around. You'll find tasteful reminders of Ireland everywhere.



DAY 3: LOCAL HISTORY

SKÄ·NOŪH GREAT LAW OF PEACE CENTER

The culture of the Haudenosaunee is fully on display through the interactive and visual experiences of the Skä·noŭh - Great Law of Peace Center. This cultural heritage museum teaches Iroquois traditions and beliefs on creation, the peacemaker, the longhouse, their creation of lacrosse, contributions to American democracy and the keepers of the central fire. Overlooking the sacred waters of Onondaga Lake, the museum provides a cultural perspective like no other.



ERIE CANAL MUSEUM

The museum is housed in the National Register 1850 Syracuse Weighlock Building – the only remaining canal boat weigh station in America! Explore the history of the Erie Canal – the “ditch” that forever changed the nation. Climb aboard a replica canal boat, stroll the Locktender's Garden, and discover Syracuse history and what makes the “Salt City” unique.



COLUMBUS BAKERY

For 116 years, Syracuse's Columbus Bakery has remained true to the traditions of making Italian bread. The bakery makes only bread. This legendary Northside Syracuse establishment, offers authenticity and international flair and prides itself on purposely keeping the same four basic ingredients -- water, flour, yeast and salt -- in use since bread was first baked there in 1897.



LUNCH AT BARBAGALLO'S

Barbagallo, their name, originated in Sicily. The Restaurant opened in 1972 in the middle of the Barbagallo farm. Thirty eight years later they've grown to be one of the largest privately owned Restaurants in New York State. Their sauce is original and enjoyed by all!!!

