

# VISIT SYRACUSE ITINERARY: WINE & DINE

## DAY 1: SHOPPING & CIDER

### 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.



### 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 apple wines, ciders and spirits as well as tasty treats from their bakery and cafe.

### DINNER AT 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.

### DINOSAUR BAR-B-QUE (CONT.)

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 CHARM

### EXPLORE THE VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES

Experience the beauty, warmth, luxury and hospitality of Skaneateles. This village is nestled on the shores of Skaneateles Lake 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.



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### SKANEATELES LAKE SIGHTSEEING TOUR

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

### ANYELA'S VINEYARDS

Enjoy wine tasting at this unique winery. The story of Anyela's Vineyards began three generations ago in Eastern Europe and continues today, on the hillside high above Skaneateles Lake. The Nocek family combines its viticulture experience with the cooler climate patterns and fertile soil to grow their select grapes. Unlike other Finger Lakes vineyards, Anyela's protects its vines from the cold by removing them one by one and burying them to insulate the primary buds. Year-round tastings are available to the public as well as private groups.



### WHITE BIRCH VINEYARDS

If you want a taste of the Finger Lakes, check out White Birch Vineyards! The vineyard's tasting room offers wine tastings from local Finger Lakes Wineries, every day of the week. The history of the vineyard dates back to the 1700's in the mountainous Molise region of Italy where the owner's ancestors began planting and harvesting grapes on the rugged hillsides to produce wine for their families. In 1999, they continued the tradition when they planted the first vinifera grapes on the shores of Skaneateles Lake, with a singular goal – to grow the highest quality grapes offered in the Finger Lakes.

### 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.

### DINNER AT GREENWOOD WINERY & BISTRO

Experience their vineyard, apple orchard, berry patch, vegetable and herb gardens as well as their winery, tasting room and bistro. Enjoy locally grown vegetables and fruits, farm-raised meats and a wide array of artisan bread and desserts. From their fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables, to their carefully chosen meats, cheeses

### GREENWOOD WINERY & BISTRO (CONT.)

and desserts, patrons sample farm-to-table care in every sip and every bite. At Greenwood Winery, it's all about "home grown!" From the recently-installed kitchen garden, where they produce herbs, tomatoes, and other local produce to enhance their one-of-a-kind recipes, to their chickens, ducks, berry bushes and beef cattle, they provide one of the freshest farm-to-table experiences in the region.

## DAY 3: TASTE OF DOWNTOWN

### BREAKFAST AT FUNK N' WAFFLES

This locally owned business was created by students for students. Its collaboration of music and food brings about an alternative, welcoming environment for all ages. With a menu unlike any other, Funk n' Waffles focuses mainly on assortments of different kinds of waffles. They range from the traditional buttermilk waffle, with syrup, to un-traditional waffles, with pulled pork on top. They use as many local and organic products as possible. Funk n' Waffles offers quality food for realistic prices, all in an atmosphere with an essence of its own.

### EXPLORE ARMORY SQUARE

Historic Armory Square of Downtown Syracuse offers the finest shopping, dining and nightlife experience. With a wide variety of restaurants, and shops full of local flare, it's a trendy spot and the place to be. It's easily walkable and a leisurely browse is half the fun.

### LUNCH AT 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, Empire Brewpub offers lunch, dinner and Sunday Blues Brunch. Outdoor dining available in the warmer months.



### 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 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.

