Upstate New York Highlight tour

The Corning Museum of Glass will make your New York State itineraries shine!

Day 1. Travel into New York State to Corning and visit the Corning Museum of Glass. We offer unique opportunities to explore glass: live hot glassmaking demonstrations, Make Your Own Glass experiences, hands-on glass technology exhibits, and the world’s largest collection of glass. In addition to touring, shop, dine and unwind in our 8 shops and 2 eateries. Kids and Teens ages 19 and under always free! Ask about our combination ticket and for one low price your group can also visit The Rockwell Museum. CMoG offers dinners for groups that feature Finger Lakes wine and regional foods.

Day 2. A morning departure from Corning will have your group in Niagara Falls in approximately 3 hours. Once there, your first stop should be at the Visitor Center at the Niagara Falls State Park to look at the exhibits and view the floral gardens and river walkway, as well as taking time for the gift shop. The next stop is the Observation Tower that extends out over the Niagara Gorge and looks directly out into the cascading waters of the American Falls. At the base of the Observation Tower, we will take the elevator down to board the Maid of the Mist for an exciting boat ride to view the American Falls and Canadian Horseshoe Falls.

You will then travel a short distance to Lockport for a cruise on the Erie Canal, the waterway that helped to open up the west to commerce and transportation. The Lockport locks are known as the famous “Flight of Five” when there were originally 5 locks to navigate. Your group will experience a narrated cruise and view the amazing rock cuts, as well as seeing several historic sites.
In the afternoon you will travel to Rochester and visit the George Eastman House and International Museum of Photography. Eastman invented the Brownie camera and started the Eastman Kodak Company. The historic home and gardens are just the start. The attached International Museum of Photography has changing exhibits that always interest groups. Rochester is home to many festivals; check out the VisitRochester website to learn about festivals during your visit.

Day 3. The Finger Lakes region is increasingly becoming known for its wines and regional cuisine. A stop at the New York Wine and Culinary Center for either a tasting or a cooking demonstration will put everyone in the mood to find more locations to enjoy our food and wine. How about a stop at Red Jacket Orchards for a juice tasting, or some time to shop for local goodies? Many of our wineries can host groups for lunch. Seneca Lake Wine Trail has information about group friendly wineries. Thank you for visiting The Corning Museum of Glass and Upstate NY!

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