“Wine, Water, Wonders” of New York State Program

September 24th – October 6th, 2023

This unique program allows you to experience New York State. Start in New York City, the city that never sleeps! Enjoy great food, unique sights and dive into the hustle and bustle of this amazing city. Explore Long Island, famous for its beautiful beaches, mansions, award-winning vineyards and charming small towns with boutique stores, art galleries and much more. In the Hudson Valley, visit West Point, the FDR Library and the Walkway over the Hudson. Explore the Corning Museum of Glass, see 3500 years of glass and wind your way through the beautiful Finger Lakes, home to many award-winning wineries. Visit Ithaca, known for its many waterfalls, gorges and fantastic views overlooking Cayuga Lake and Rochester, home to Kodak, The Strong National Museum of Play and many festivals and events. In Niagara Falls USA, experience the thrill of the majestic Falls aboard the Maid of the Mist and the Cave of the Winds! Enjoy our unique “Wine, Water, Wonders” of New York State Program.

Sunday September 24th New York City

➢ Welcome to New York City! Known for first-class museums, shopping, fantastic Broadway shows, excellent restaurants and a unique atmosphere, there is always something new and exciting to discover.
➢ You will arrive at one of the 3 major airports and have the option to pre-book an airport transfer to your Midtown Manhattan Hotel. Please contact us and we are happy to assist making those arrangements.
➢ Upon arrival at your hotel, the New York Marriott Marquis, you will meet and greet your guide and check-in to freshen up before meeting at 5:45pm in the Lobby for your first evening in New York City.
➢ Enjoy a delicious dinner at a New York City restaurant.
➢ After dinner you will visit SUMMIT One Vanderbilt. Transcend 93 floors above the city and step into an immersive, multi-sensory art experience with amazing views of New York City.
➢ After the Summit experience you will drive back to the hotel for your overnight stay.

Hotel
New York Marriott Marquis
Address: 1535 Broadway, New York, NY 10036

Monday September 25th New York City

➢ Today you will explore the highlights of New York City on a 6-hour guided sightseeing tour. See the Grand Central Terminal which is Manhattan’s most famous rail terminal as well as a shopping, dining, and cultural destination. Pass by Bryant Park and the New York Public Library, which was founded in 1895 and offers the nation’s largest public library system. Explore 5th Avenue, famous for all its exclusive shopping opportunities and home to Patrick’s Cathedral, which is the largest Gothic Catholic cathedral in the US. Pass by the Empire State Building, Central Park and Times Square, known for its flashing neon lights and giant digital billboards. Explore the area of lower Manhattan, where you will see the 9/11 memorial, the Oculus, the Wall Street and the Charging Bull.
➢ A lunch stop, to purchase lunch on own will be available.
➢ After the tour you will have time to freshen up at the hotel before heading to an early dinner at a local New York City restaurant.
➢ In the evening you will enjoy a Broadway Show in the world-famous Theatre District. After the show you will head back to the hotel before continuing to Long Island the next day.

Hotel
New York Marriott Marquis
Address: 1535 Broadway, New York, NY 10036
Tuesday September 26th New York City to Long Island

➢ Today you will leave New York City and continue to Long Island. Long Island offers beautiful beaches, fantastic vineyards, a great dining scene and stunning mansions.
➢ At 11 am you will have a tour of the famous Oheka Castle, a beautiful mansion, where you will see the main floor of the estate and learn the history of the builder of the castle - Otto Kahn.
➢ After the tour, you will continue to a Long Island Vineyard where you will enjoy a great wine tasting.
➢ Then you will check-in to your hotel for the next 2 nights.
➢ In the afternoon you will visit the Aquarium in Riverhead, which is adjacent to your hotel and enjoy a boat tour down the Peconic River and into Flanders Bay. Conducted by Aquarium Educators, the adventure offers plenty of opportunity for hands-on exploration while promoting environmental awareness and education about the Peconic Estuary.
➢ In the evening you will enjoy a dinner at the Aquarium.

Hotel
Hyatt Place Long Island/East End
Address: 451 E Main St, Riverhead, NY 11901

Wednesday September 27th Long Island
Today you will explore the Hamptons and Montauk. Long Island’s playground of the rich and famous – the Hamptons - weaves together the fascinating history of the area with the ever-evolving Hamptons current scene. Pass by the beautiful, historic homes and mansions, the elegant shops and the delightful restaurants. You will see one of the best beaches - Cooper’s Beach - and stroll and enjoy the beauty of this famous beach. Then you will pass magnificent homes on Billionaire’s Row en route to the heart of Southampton Village’s shopping district.

After being shown the major sights of the Southampton’s downtown, you will have free time to explore the area. Stroll along Main Street, taking in its many boutiques and cafes and grab a bite to eat on own.

You will then venture East to the end of Long Island, to Montauk - traveling through the magnificent hidden enclaves of Bridgehampton, Sagaponack and East Hampton. Pass by thousands of acres of preserved parkland as the history of Montauk is described. Approaching Montauk State Park, you will have your first views of the Montauk Point Lighthouse, commissioned by President George Washington in 1796. You will depart Montauk Lighthouse and drive to Sag Harbor. Founded in 1707, Sag Harbor’s port was the center of foreign and coastal trade and designated by President George Washington in 1789 as an official port of entry in the United States. Sag Harbor’s illustrious history will be described as you view its immaculately restored neighborhoods and local treasures.

For dinner you will enjoy a scenic water view at Jerry and the Mermaid, a Seaside Clam Bar and Grill, where the food is delicious and memorable, serving fresh, locally caught fish and locally grown produce.

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Hyatt Place Long Island/East End
Address: 451 E Main St, Riverhead, NY 11901

Thursday September 28 Long Island to Poughkeepsie

Today you will leave Long Island and travel to the beautiful Hudson Valley. You will stop at Woodbury Commons premium outlets, which features over 250 stores. Here you
will have some time for shopping and also have the opportunity to purchase your lunch on own.

➢ Afterwards the you will visit Brotherhood Winery. Visit, tour and taste a nice selection of wines in America’s Oldest Winery, which was established in 1839.

➢ After the winery, the tour continues on to West Point, the United States Military Academy founded in 1802. Enjoy a 90-minute combined bus and walking tour of the story of West Point with breathtaking views overlooking the Hudson River and learn of its role in the Revolution, its famous history, along with stories of graduates who helped shape the nation.

➢ From here your tour continues to Poughkeepsie where you will have dinner at the Shadows on the Hudson, one of the premier waterfront restaurants in Poughkeepsie, with a spectacular view of the Hudson River.

Hotel
Holiday Inn Express Poughkeepsie
Address: 2750 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Friday September 29th Poughkeepsie

➢ Begin your day high above the Hudson River with sweeping views as your elevator climbs to 212 feet and you walk out onto the Walkway Over the Hudson. The walkway used to be a 19th century railroad bridge and was transformed into the longest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world at 1.28 miles long.

➢ At 11:30 am you will visit the Library of Franklin D. Roosevelt National on the Springwood estate in Hyde Park. Enjoy a self-guided tour through the library and learn about the documents and artifacts of the former President.

➢ Then you will have lunch at Coppola Italian Restaurant in Hyde Park, a family run restaurant offering delicious home-style Italian food.

➢ After lunch you will visit and tour the Culinary Institute of America where you will learn about the school and tomorrow’s greatest chefs.

➢ Afterwards, you will head to your hotel where you will check-in and have some time to freshen up.
➢ In the late afternoon, you will visit the Hudson House & Distillery, which is the first of its kind waterfront destination distillery. The Hudson House is a former monastery and situated on an iconic 27-acre waterfront property, having both land and water access. You will tour the Hudson House and the distillery and learn about the sustainable methods behind their small-batch spirits. Enjoy a cocktail upon arrival and a spirit tasting at the end of the tour, followed by a dinner in the restaurant, either on the patio or inside the Hudson House with stunning views and delicious food before heading back to your hotel.

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Holiday Inn Express Poughkeepsie
Address: 2750 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Saturday September 30th Poughkeepsie to the Corning Museum of Glass and Ithaca

➢ Today you will leave the Hudson Valley and make your way to the Corning Museum of Glass, located in the Finger Lakes region. The Corning Museum of Glass is world largest glass museum, where you can browse 3500 years of glassmaking history in the collection galleries and see the display of thousands of objects of glass. You will decorate a pre-made wine glass with stickers, tape and more and then use the sandblasting equipment to blast fine granules of sand against the glass. When the stickers and tape are removed, it creates a very beautiful frosted appearance on the glass and you will have your own wine glass.
➢ From Corning you will continue to Ithaca, located at Cayuga Lake and home to beautiful waterfalls, nature, farm to table restaurants and Cornell University.
➢ Check-in to your hotel and freshen up before heading for dinner at local vineyard or restaurant.

Hotel
Hotel Ithaca
Address: 222 S Cayuga St, Ithaca, NY 14850
Sunday October 1st Ithaca

➢ Today you will enjoy a 2-hour driving tour with 4 waterfall stops in Ithaca and around Cornell University. You will learn about the natural history of the Finger Lakes, history of the city of Ithaca, and stories and history about Cornell University given by Cornellians.

➢ This weekend is also the Apple Harvest Festival on the Ithaca Commons which is one of the most popular festival of the year. You will have time to have lunch on own, to explore, eat, drink and see Ithaca’s downtown area.

➢ In the evening you will enjoy a guided dining experience at the Farm-to-Bistro restaurant Coltivare in downtown Ithaca. Sommelier Laura Winter Falk will guide guests through two courses paired with carefully curated Finger Lakes wines to enhance their meal selections. Guests will learn about the wineries, the grape varietals, and why each specific wine was chosen to go with their specific foods.

Hotel
Hotel Ithaca
Address: 222 S Cayuga St, Ithaca, NY 14850

Monday October 2nd Ithaca-Watkins Glen-Rochester

➢ Today you will leave Ithaca and drive to Rochester. In the morning, you will explore Watkins Glen State Park, then drive through the town of Watkins Glen, located on the
southern point of Seneca Lake. Then you will drive along the beautiful Seneca Lake and pass through the small town of Geneva before continuing for lunch on own at Wegmans, a food market which was founded in Rochester in 1916.

➢ Afterwards you will visit Casa Larga Vineyards, which has been family run since 1974 and offers award-winning wines set in beautiful surroundings. The Vineyards occupy 35 acres of land and are located on top of one of the highest points in the Finger Lakes region. Here you will enjoy a wine tasting.
➢ From Casa Larga you will then drive to the hotel to check in for the next 2 nights.
➢ In the evening you will have dinner at Dinosaur BBQ, a local favorite for hearty homestyle southern cooking.

Hotel
Woodcliff Hotel & Spa
Address: 199 Woodcliff Dr, Fairport, NY 14450

Tuesday October 3rd Rochester

➢ Today you will visit the George Eastman House (founder of KODAK), which holds unparalleled collections, encompassing several million objects-in the fields of photography, cinema, and photographic and cinematographic technology. Founded in 1947 it is the world’s oldest photography museum and one of the oldest film archives.
➢ After the museum, you will have lunch on own at Mercantile on Main, a food court with a variety of kitchen vendors.
➢ Then you will explore the Strong National Museum of Play, which is a highly interactive, collections-based museum devoted to the history and exploration of play and offers the world’s largest collection of toys and games.
➢ In the afternoon you will have free time to explore Downtown Rochester before returning to the hotel for relaxation.
➢ In the evening you will enjoy a fabulous dinner at the hotel.

Hotel
Woodcliff Hotel & Spa
Address: 199 Woodcliff Dr, Fairport, NY 14450
Today you will make your way to the Lockport Lock & Erie Canal for an early lunch at 11:15 am.

At 12:20 pm you will board your boat for your 2-hour cruise on the historic Erie Canal. The canal is a 363-mile waterway between the Hudson River with Niagara River and the Great Lakes and an important part of American history. Your fun and informative cruise will take you past five of the original 1800's locks, under multiple bridges, and you will learn about the history of the historic Canal.

After your cruise you will continue to the Freedom Run Winery for a wine tasting experience, before driving to your hotel in Niagara Falls USA and check-in.

Relax at the hotel and in the evening, you enjoy a dinner from the Anchor Bar, home to the original Buffalo Wings.

Hotel
Holiday Inn Niagara Falls
Address: 114 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 1430
Thursday October 5th Niagara Falls USA

➢ Today you will visit Niagara Falls State park and take in the sights and sounds of the majestic Niagara Falls USA. Experience the Cave of the Winds and let the rushing waters loom above you.
➢ Enjoy a ride on the Maid of the Mist, which features two environmental friendly, zero-emission vessels, that will take you as close as possible to the amazing Niagara Falls.
➢ In the afternoon you can have lunch on own and you will have time to explore downtown Niagara Falls.
➢ In the evening you will have dinner at the Culinary Institute with wine pairing (or similar) in Niagara Falls USA.

Hotel
Holiday Inn Niagara Falls
Address: 114 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Friday October 6th Niagara Falls Departure Day

➢ Today you will check out of your hotel in Niagara Falls USA. Bus transportation will be available to go back to NYC today. We can assist with other transfer and flight arrangements to fly out of Buffalo Niagara International Airport.
Price:

- $5,380 net pp double based on 20 pax paid
- Sing supplement + $1,175

What’s included:

- 12 nights hotel accommodation including taxes and fees
- Breakfast at the hotel each morning
- 12 dinners
- 2 lunches
- Transportation for the entire tour except arrival/departure airport transfers
- Admission to the Summit 1 Vanderbilt
- Broadway Show in NYC
- 6-hour NYC Highlights Tour
- Tour of the Oheka Castle
- Wine Tasting at a Long Island Vineyard
- Admission to the Riverhead Aquarium and Boat Tour
- Tour of the Hamptons and Montauk
- Brotherhood Winery tour and wine tasting
- West Point Tour
- Walk way over the Hudson
- Franklin D Roosevelt Library self-guided tour
- Tour and Tasting at Hudson House
- Admission to the Corning Museum of Glass and wine glass sandblasting activity
- 2-hour guided tour of Ithaca
- Wine tasting at Casa Larga Vineyards
- Admission to the George Eastman House
- Admission to the Strong Museum of Play
- Lockport & Eerie Canal Cruise
- Freedom Run Winery wine tasting
- Maid of the Mist boat ride
- Admission to Cave of the Winds
*As of day of advertising all components are confirmed. In the event that we need to alter we will replace one inclusion for an equally better inclusion. We will take the liberty to do that for your benefit.

*As schedules are still being provided there may be alterations.

*This program can also be customized for FIT’s for other dates. Please contact us for more information.