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CAYUGA
in the FINGER LAKES

Group Tour Guide



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Welcome to Cayuga County in the Finger Lakes Region

Cayuga County, located in the heart of New York's Finger Lakes, is a place where sparkling lakes, award-winning wineries and breweries, vibrant arts, and significant, world-changing history come together. Here, groups can enjoy the fresh air at our three state parks, farm-to-table dining, and inspiring experiences rooted in history and connection.

Use this guide as your starting point in planning a group trip to Cayuga County. It highlights welcoming and group-friendly ideas for any guided trip.

Cayuga County offers your group unique opportunities, like exploring Harriet Tubman's hometown, discovering luxury in Aurora, or enjoying signature local flavors on the Sweet Treat Trail. Choose from ready-to-go itineraries for history-lovers, discerning foodies, and theater enthusiasts, to wine and craft beverage fans, or let Hilary, our groups specialist, help you craft an itinerary tailored specifically to your group.

Buckle up, because Cayuga County is a must-visit destination!



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Specialist**

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Stay & Dine



Discover the comfort, flavor,
and charm of Cayuga County
with lodging, dining, and craft
beverage options perfect for
every group.

Springside Inn

ACCOMMODATIONS

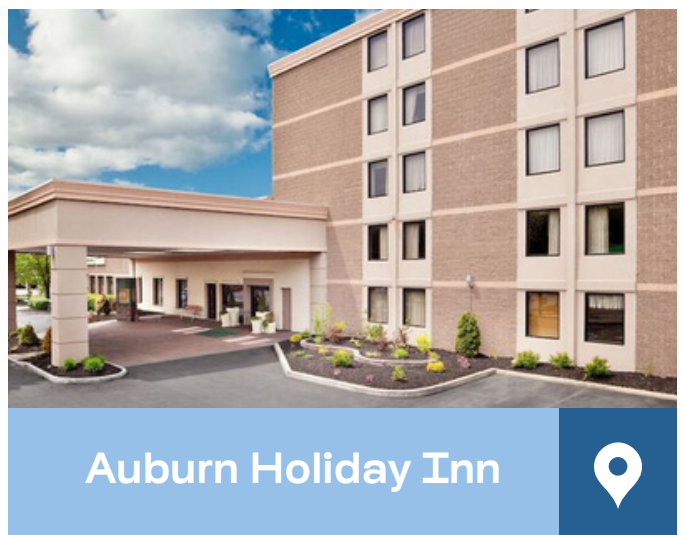
Relax at one of our well-located hotels



When planning your Finger Lakes getaway, Cayuga County offers some of the region's most welcoming and memorable places to stay. The City of Auburn serves as a central hub of Cayuga County, home to full-service hotels that are ready to open their doors to your group.

Many properties offer group-friendly amenities, accessible features, and convenient proximity to our wineries, state parks, museums, and vibrant downtowns, making it easy to plan a stay that supports everyone's needs.

Whether your group's perfect stay includes settling in under a soft down comforter listening to the sounds of nature or waking up with history on your doorstep, Cayuga County offers accommodations that help people connect, unwind, and feel at home.



Explore accommodation options!

CRAFT BEVERAGES

Enjoy locally made award-winning wines, beers, & ciders



Prison City Brewing



Grisamore Cider Works



The Finger Lakes region was named Wine Enthusiast's 2025 American Wine Region of the Year

Sip your way through Cayuga County's craft beverage scene and discover the flavors that make the Finger Lakes unforgettable. With more than 11 wineries to explore, you can meet the makers, tour scenic vineyards, join special events, and sample award-winning wines all in a warm, welcoming atmosphere that celebrates our region's agricultural roots. Let our Groups Specialist help you coordinate with vineyards that will best accommodate your tour.

Beyond wine, our microbreweries and cideries offer another way to experience Cayuga County's character and creativity. Enjoy a refreshing craft beer brewed with high-quality local ingredients or sip an artisan hard cider made from apples grown right here in our community. Many visitors take home a growler, bottle, or jug as a delicious reminder of their Finger Lakes adventure.

Whether you're raising a glass lakeside, relaxing in a historic tasting room, or sharing a flight with friends, Cayuga County's craft beverage offerings bring people together in meaningful and memorable ways.



Colloca Estate Winery



Aurora Brewing



Treleven Winery



Plan your craft beverage adventure!

Attractions

**There is something for every group
in Cayuga County**

- Historic Sites
- Museums
- Broadway in the Finger Lakes
- Shopping
- Sweet Treat Trail
- Outdoor Experiences

Equal Rights Heritage Center

ARTS & CULTURE

Discover Cayuga County's rich and vibrant arts scene



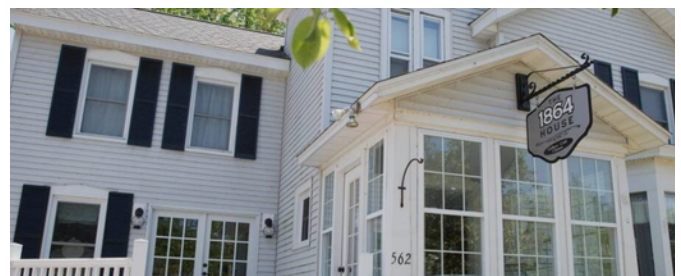
History and architecture lovers won't want to miss the Willard Memorial Chapel, the only remaining complete Tiffany-designed chapel in the world. Continue your journey at the Cayuga Museum of History & Art and Case Research Lab, where you can discover the groundbreaking work of Ted Case, the inventor of sound-on-film technology.



Enjoy plays, comedy, dance, and music at Auburn Public Theater in downtown Auburn, or catch a Broadway-style musical at The REV Theatre Company in Emerson Park along Owasco Lake. Immerse yourself in the visual arts at the Schweinfurth Art Center, known internationally for its fiber arts programming



Explore the region's agricultural heritage at the Ward O'Hara Agricultural & Country Living Museum. Enjoy hands-on exhibits and an impressive collection that brings Cayuga County's rural history to life.



Plan your Arts, Culture & History visit!

HISTORY

Cayuga County, home to some of the nation's most influential people



**Harriet Tubman National
Historical Park**



Seward House Museum



Famous underground railroad conductor Harriet Tubman chose to live the last 50 years of her life in Cayuga County. Walk in her footsteps as your group visits her home and the place where she worshipped.

Visit the home of William H. Seward, Secretary of State under President Abraham Lincoln. The Seward House Museum preserves the legacy of his bold political leadership—most notably his efforts to end enslavement.

Cayuga County also holds a special place in the women's rights and equality movement. The Equal Rights Heritage Center in downtown Auburn showcases New York State's pivotal role in advancing human rights, with interactive exhibits highlighting leaders who championed equality for all.

This rich history comes together at Fort Hill Cemetery, the serene resting place of Tubman, Seward, and many other influential figures.

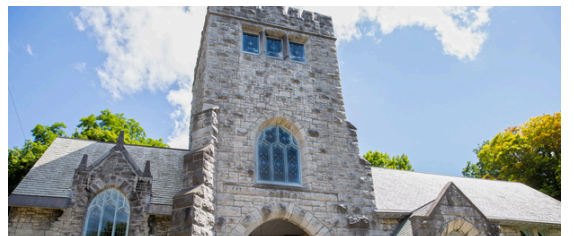
Cayuga County is a destination where the past is not only preserved but deeply felt, inviting visitors to connect with the people and stories that helped shape the future of the nation.



**Harriet Tubman
Home**



**Equal Rights
Heritage Center**



Fort Hill Cemetery



SHOPPING

Bring a piece of your Finger Lakes vacation home



MacKenzie-Childs



Discover whimsical hand-decorated tableware and home furnishings at MacKenzie-Childs, a bus friendly destination.

In addition to shopping at MacKenzie-Childs, you can also explore the iconic Farmhouse, decorated in everything MacKenzie, or join the Production Tour for behind-the-scenes demonstrations that showcase the creativity and craftsmanship behind each piece.

A visit to New Hope Mills is the perfect opportunity to shop their famous pancake mixes, beloved for generations and made with time-honored milling traditions.

Stop by South Shore Artisans in Fair Haven, a welcoming co-op of talented local artists offering handcrafted fine art and unique gifts.

Many wineries also offer gift shops with wine-related items, and purchasing a bottle of Finger Lakes wine is the perfect way to remember your trip.

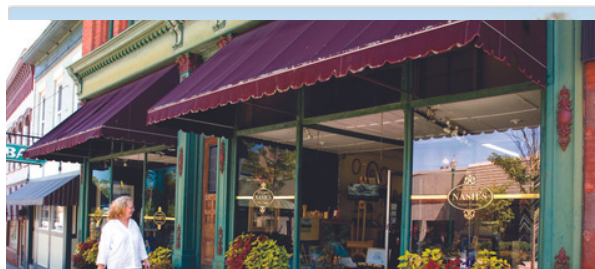
Shopping in Cayuga County is more than souvenirs—it's a chance to support local artisans and bring home a piece of Cayuga County's creativity and charm.



New Hope Mills



South Shore Artisans



Downtown Auburn



Scan to plan your shopping trip!

SWEET TREAT TRAIL

Savor unique sweets and treats



Reese's Dairy Bar



Celebrate the flavors of Cayuga County from May through October on our award-winning Sweet Treat Trail. It is a delicious journey through local cafés, shops, u-picks and seasonal stops specializing in all things homemade and homegrown.

This self-guided trail highlights the people and places that make our community sweeter, offering everything from scratch-made cookies and pies to farm-fresh ice cream, maple products, honey, jams, and more.

Perfect for groups, the Sweet Treat Trail invites you to meet local makers, explore small-town main streets, and enjoy the simple joy of treats crafted with care.

Whether you're building a themed itinerary or adding a fun stop along the way, the trail offers a welcoming taste of Cayuga County's agricultural heritage and creative culinary spirit.



Taste NY



Potter's Farm to Fork



Simple Roast



Explore the Sweet Treat Trail!

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Find an abundance of outdoor recreational activities

Soak in the natural beauty of the trails, parks, and waterways that shape Cayuga County.

Step back in time along the historic Erie Canal. Visit the Port Byron Erie Canal Heritage Park for a unique opportunity to walk through Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 52 as well as a chance to visit the Erie House Saloon, Blacksmith Shop, and Mule Barn.

Explore the Dorothy McIlroy Bird Sanctuary, a haven for birding and wildlife viewing—perfect for groups seeking peaceful, scenic, and meaningful outdoor experiences.



Sterling Nature Center



3 WAYS TO GET OUTSIDE & explore our natural beauty



**Dorothy McIlroy
Bird Sanctuary**



**Fillmore Glen
State Park**



**Sterling Nature
Center**



Erie Canal Heritage Park



**Dorothy McIlroy
Bird Sanctuary**



Plan your outdoor adventure!

ON YOUR OWN

Experience Cayuga County at your own pace

Downtown Auburn offers opportunities for groups to explore at their own pace while discovering what speaks to their interests.

- South Street Walking Tour
- Fort Hill Cemetery Walking Tour
- Auburn Public Art Trail
- Harriet Tubman Lantern Trail

Travelers can browse, dine, and discover on their own. Tour operators will feel comfortable turning their group loose along Genesee Street in Auburn, where they can enjoy unique shops, locally inspired dining, and warm community hospitality.



Sky Women
Auburn Public Art Trail



Auburn is known as “History’s Hometown” for its amazing historic treasures.



Harriet Tubman
Lantern Trail



Seward House Museum



Services



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Itinerary Planning &
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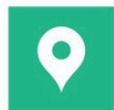
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Accommodation Searches



Site Visits



Familiarization Trips



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Syracuse, NY 40 mins

Rochester, NY 1 hour

Niagara Falls, NY 2.5 hours

Albany & Buffalo, NY 3 hours

Ottawa 4 hours

Toronto 4 hours

Philadelphia, PA 4.5 hours

NYC 5 hours

Pittsburgh, PA 5.5 hours

Cleveland, OH 5.5 hours

Boston, MA 6 hours



Start Planning Today!



Where you go matters

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Natural Beauty in Cayuga County

ENJOY FRESH AIR

Cayuga County offers countless ways for groups to get outside, explore together, and enjoy the natural beauty of the Finger Lakes.

- Fillmore Glen State Park
- Longpoint State Park
- Fair Haven State Park
- Erie Canal
- Birding
- and more



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