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SCENIC DRIVES AND DESTINATIONS IN THE CAPITAL-SARATOGA REGION

BASEBALL FOR ALL



DAY 1

- Drop your bags at one of Albany's many fine hotels that are conveniently located to major highways, the Albany International Airport, and the bus and train stations. Most hotels offer complimentary breakfast so you can warm up properly for your stay.
- Start your trip in Albany with a visit to the Albany Institute of History and Art. Take in brilliant exhibits, including the Albany Mummies and Triple Play, a conglomeration of three exhibitions highlighting the history of baseball in the Capital Region and the Nation (open until July 26).
- Hop across the river via I-787 to catch a Tri-City ValleyCats game! This minor league baseball team makes Joseph L. Bruno Stadium their home and each game is made complete with fan favorite food and activities.

DAY 2

- Take the day to visit I-90 to I-88 west to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown to view artifacts, archives, photographs and more that document the history and celebrate the greats of the game.
- While in Cooperstown, consider taking a side trip to Brewery Ommegang or Glimmerglass Opera.

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IN ALBANY COUNTY



- Start the day in the scenic Helderberg Hilltowns with a trip to Thacher State Park. Explore the famous Indian Ladder Trail or any one of their other 25 miles of trails for hiking!
- After you've had your fill of the scenic views, head into Albany for a tour of the Hudson River with Dutch Apple Cruises. Let them be your guide to the history of the river and perhaps catch a glimpse at an eagle or two!



- After your tour, take the trip into Cohoes to view the magnificent Cohoes Falls that spans the Mohawk River between Cohoes and Waterford, New York.
- Head west a bit to visit the Albany Pine Bush, one of only twenty inland pine barrens left in the entire world. The 3,200-acre Preserve is predominantly defined by gently rolling sand dunes that support an extraordinary fire-dependent habitat. This globally-rare ecosystem also offers visitors 18 miles of trails great for hiking!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY DAY TRIP IN SCHENECTADY COUNTY

- Start your day at miSci Museum off of Nott Terrace and discover the wonders of the night sky in the museum's famous planetarium.

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- Head to downtown Schenectady for a brief walking tour of State Street. Across from historic Proctors, you'll find the Jay Street Marketplace, which has unique shopping options such as the Open Door Bookstore and Crossroads Gifts & Wellness. Stop for lunch at the funky Ambition Bistro before your next destination!
- Take NY-50 N to Glenville's Empire State Aerosciences Museum for one-of-a-kind exhibits and a spectacular collection of restored aircraft.
- Head back to Freemans Bridge Road to Jumpin Jack's Drive-In for the ultimate summer experience in Schenectady County. Enjoy their classic burgers and soft serve ice cream while walking along the beautiful Mohawk River. If you come at the right time there might even be a waterski show!
- Walk across the street to Freedom Park for fun outdoor activities. Plan ahead and experience the Freedom Park Summer Concert Series, which highlights performers from all over the region and beyond for free!

HISTORY LOVERS TOUR OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY



- Begin your tour at the Mabee Farm Historic Site in Rotterdam Junction. The Mabee House is the oldest house still standing in the Mohawk Valley. The site borders the south side of the Mohawk River, and in 2004 acquired two replica bateaux built by students of the Alplaus Maritime Academy for use and demonstration.
- Take I-890 W to NY-5S W to the Stockade Historic District near downtown Schenectady. Take a walking tour of the unique collection of 17th, 18th, 19th and early 20th century homes, businesses and churches. Cell phone tours of the Stockade Historic District are available on historicstockade.com.
- Visit Schenectady History Museum and Grems-Doolittle Library, which is nestled in the heart of Schenectady's Stockade Historic District. Learn how Schenectady County has changed over the years through exhibits such as Hops & Hogsheads: Beer from Colonial to Craft Brew.
- Walk to The Van Dyck Restaurant & Lounge for exquisite dinner, and try their on-site craft brews from Mad Jack Brewing Co., which is a recreation of the historic brewery that was once the center of Schenectady.

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GRAZING TOUR OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Washington County has some of the most bucolic checkerboard hillsides with diverse agrarian lifestyles – from traditional cow to sheep and goat dairies, artisanal cheese makers, an abundance of fruits and vegetables, to sustainably raised and produced poultry and meats. Spend your afternoon at a couple of the most beautiful farms in Eastern New York.

- Argyle Cheese Farm: spanning the Hoosic River, Buskirks Bridge was built in 1857 using a William Howe Truss with a 160 foot span and replaced the original Northern Turnpike Burr-Truss Bridge built in 1804. The bridge, restored in 2007 and open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, is located on River Road off County Route 67. The bridge connects Eagle Bridge of Washington County to Rensselaer County.
- Sheldon Farm is a beautiful roadside stand, with a kitchen that creates delectable Mexican inspired fare. Having been a grower for over 160 years the Sheldon Family is famous for their early sweet corn and potatoes that have been featured on menus at the CIA and White House.
- Battenkill Valley Creamery is the only fluid milk producer in Washington County –which means the milk in the bottle and on the cone comes from their cows. A tasty treat on a hot day or cold day.
- Gardenworks Farm, a former dairy and poultry farm transitioned to specialty crops including blueberries, raspberries, pumpkins, flowers and Christmas trees. With a retail space filled with great local foods, local handcrafts and artwork in the barn gallery, Gardenworks is a destination that combines agriculture with the arts.
- Battenkill Kitchen: visit local growers and producers who put their products to work in a hands-on class at the Battenkill Kitchen.

SUMMER DRIVES IN FULTON & RENSSELAER COUNTIES



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POPULAR SCENIC DRIVING ROUTES THROUGH FULTON COUNTY:

- Rt. 29A West/Rt. 10 North through the Caroga Lake, Pine Lake area, and 29A west through the Town of Stratford.
- Rt. 30 North through Northville around the Great Sacandaga Lake and then south down Lakeview Road through the Town of Broadalbin.
- Starting on Rt. 334 and running South through the community of Sammonsville.

SCENIC DRIVE IN RENNELAER COUNTY:

- Take Rt. 2 east out of Troy.
- As you leave Troy, notice on the right the impoundment of the Poestenkill made by Benjamin Marshall's 1840 dam. Just beyond stand stately homes in one of Troy's early suburbs.
- The Eagle Flouring Mill gave its name to the next community. Eagle Mills, formerly called Millville, once provided farm families with a blacksmith, miller, general store, post office, school, and church. Other industries, powered by the Poestenkill, exported their products.
- Notice the elegant 1798 Dater House, on the left soon after you leave Eagle Mills, and the converted 1881 school house at Moonlawn Rd. which houses a museum and library.
- Then look sharp on the right for White Church Road, an attractive shortcut to the beautiful 1820 Presbyterian Church that is straight ahead as you reach Rt. 351. Visualize an 1870s community clustered about the church, the school bell ringing and hammers clanging in the wagon shop.
- Turn right on Rt. 351 and prepare to view two or three memorable miles of unobstructed scenery: Brunswick Hills, Helderbergs, Catskills, and then the Village of Poestenkill.
- Side Trips: Bear right at Eagle Mills and drive along the Poestenkill on the Creek Road; stop at Brunswick Historical Society's Museum at Moonlawn Rd. Turn north on Moonlawn Rd. to the Brick Church Rd.

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK TOUR

Take in the scenic views of the Southern Adirondack foothills. Enjoy a wonderful drive through the Adirondacks and along the portion of the Great Sacandaga Lake that lies within Saratoga County. Take pictures of the scenery, shop the local stores, visit with a local artist or eat at one of many restaurants along the way.

- To begin your journey, take Route 9N into the heart of The Town of Corinth, which was originally known as Jessup's Landing. Jessup Landing Pathway, with views along the Hudson River, starts at the Town Beach on 9N and leads you up to Pagenstetcher Park. The town features several shops, a town museum open on Saturdays and eateries.
- Heading north on Route 9N, take a left onto Antone Mountain Road, bearing left at the fork onto County Route 7(also known as South Shore Road). The Great Sacandaga will be on your right hand side.

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- Continuing on Route 7/South Shore Road brings you to the Town of Day, first settled in 1797. The area features scenic drives down just about any road, flush with the splendor of the Adirondacks. At this paradise for outdoor recreation, enthusiasts can cross country ski, canoe, boat, hike, snowmobile, or head out for a day of ice fishing. The town also features several eateries and stores, Saratoga County Park, a boat launch site, and a local museum at the Town Hall, open on Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. seasonally.
- Heading along the banks of the Sacandaga on Route 7/South Shore Road takes you into the Town of Edinburg. First settled in 1787, the Town boasts the only covered bridge remaining in Saratoga County and one of the few remaining in the State of New York.
- Take a RIGHT across the Batchellerville Bridge, which is 3,100 feet long toward the northern side of the lake and of the town. Once across, you'll take a right onto County Route 4/North Shore Road.
- On the north shore, in the Town of Edinburg, you'll find the Copeland Covered Bridge, located off Route 4 about 5 miles, on State Route 30. It has been recently restored and is open to pedestrian traffic only. Visitors can also take in the peaceful waterfall nearby. Edinburg is also home to several dining spots, shops and two museums; the Nellie Tyrrell Museum, formerly the Beecher Hollow School House and the Rural Museum which features early logging equipment.
- Continuing on Route 4/North Shore Road will bring back on the North side of the Town of Day and into the North side of the Town of Hadley. Along the way, you'll pass a sign for the Conklingville Dam. As you travel down Route 4/North Shore Road, you'll begin to see the rapids of the Sacandaga. The town features great opportunities for whitewater rafting and kayaking, including the development of a "Rodeo Hole." There are several shops and eateries to suit your tastes.

CAPITAL-SARATOGA REGION HOT SPOTS



SHAKER EXHIBITS AT THE NYS MUSEUM

WWW.ALBANY.ORG/EVENTS/SHAKERS/

NOW THROUGH MARCH 6, 2016

New York State played an essential role in the establishments of the most culturally significant communal religious society in America, the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, commonly known as the Shakers. The New York State

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Museum, in collaboration with the Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon, Hancock Shaker Village, and the Shaker Heritage Society (Albany), as well as the State Library and State Archives, presents a major exhibition, *The Shakers: America's Quiet Revolutionaries*, detailing one of the most significant communal religious groups in American History and exploring how it influenced and was influenced by the development of our new republic.



BASEBALL EXHIBIT AT THE AIHA **WWW.ALBANY.ORG/EVENTS/TRIPLE-PLAY/** **NOW THROUGH JULY 26, 2015**

The Albany Institute of History & Art is excited to present three exhibitions celebrating our passion for baseball! The centerpiece is *BASEBALL: AMERICA'S GAME*, organized by the Bank of America's Art in our Communities program. It is complemented by two community-supported exhibitions, *PLAY BALL! BASEBALL IN THE CAPITAL REGION* and *THE CLUBHOUSE: BASEBALL MEMORABILIA*. Many items were borrowed from regional fans, community collectors, and museums.

SCENIC OVERLOOK: PERSPECTIVES ON RENNELAER COUNTY'S CHANGING LANDSCAPE **AT RENNELAER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

WWW.RCHSONLINE.ORG
57 SECOND STREET, TROY, NY 12180

With paint, ink and photography, artists have portrayed views of Rensselaer County's landscape for over two hundred years. This new exhibit highlights their art as documents of the ever-changing landscape and our evolving perspectives on our surroundings. The exhibit features over 50 works from RCHS's permanent collection, including historic paintings by Joseph Hidley and William R. Tyler, historic photographs by James Irving and James F. Cowee, and contemporary photographs by Tom Killips and Brenda Ann Kenneally, as well as a number of works loaned especially for this exhibit.

OPENS FEBRUARY 27, 2015 DURING TROY NIGHT OUT, 5-8PM THROUGH 12/19

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM **WWW.SARATOGAAUTOMUSEUM.ORG** **110 AVENUE OF THE PINES, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866**

The Saratoga Automobile Museum was organized in 1999, and opened to the public in 2002. The Museum's mission is to preserve, interpret and exhibit automobiles and automotive artifacts. We celebrate the automobile and educate the general public, students and enthusiasts regarding the role of the automobile in New York State and in the wider world. In addition to technical and design aspects, our educational focus is on the past, present and future social and economic impact of the automobile.