

Hidden Treasures of New York State

*Finger Lakes * 1000 Islands * Lake Placid*

August 27 - September 2, 2016 7 Days and 6 Nights

If you loved our Hudson River Valley Tour, don't miss this opportunity to see more of New York State!

Join TRIPS as we uncover hidden treasures of New York State - from the Finger Lakes region to Lake Placid. This area is teeming with natural beauty and amazing attractions, pristine lakes and magnificent parks to charming villages and one-of-a-kind museums. You'll find 11 lakes spanning the center of New York State like a giant handprint with stunning scenery and world class wineries. Located on the peaceful border between Northern New York State and Southeastern Ontario, you'll find endless shorelines, rich history and unique culture. Cruise on the emerald green waters of the mighty St. Lawrence River as you enjoy lunch and a lively narration. Pass by the magnificent summer homes of the rich and famous, tour historic Boldt Castle and enjoy a welcome dinner at Belhurst Castle! Visit Adirondack Park and see the "Camp" built by A.G. Vanderbilt, the richest man in the country. This is a region well known for wine, and you visit two wineries that have garnered national awards. No visit to the area is complete without a visit to Lake Placid where the "Miracle on Ice" took place! Relive that moment when Al Michaels uttered those famous words, "Do you believe in miracles?? YES".

Travel to New York State with TRIPS as we discover Hidden Treasures of the Empire State!

Itinerary

August 27 - Your Journey Begins!

Depart for New York State this morning, where on arrival you'll be met and assisted with your transfer your hotel in **Geneva**. Surrounded by shimmering waters and panoramic views you'll find the setting a perfect start for your **Finger Lakes Getaway!** After freshening up, depart for **Belhurst Castle** set on the site of a Seneca Indian Village. 50 men worked for four years to construct the magnificent Castle where you'll enjoy a delicious welcome dinner!

Overnight: Geneva Ramada Inn

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August 28 - Discover the Finger Lakes!

After breakfast in your hotel, set out with your local guide for a full day of exploration. Visit the **Glenn Curtis Museum**, where you'll learn about the man who is remembered as the Father of Naval Aviation and the founder of the American Aircraft Industry. An avid inventor with 87 patents, Curtis possessed insatiable curiosity, mechanical ability and ambition. Glenn Curtis craved speed and turned his considerable genius into producing powerful engines for motorcycles as well and held the world speed record from 1907 until 1930! Next, visit the quaint village of **Hammondsport**, officially named "**America's Coolest Small Town!**" With it's breathtaking view of Keuka Lake, its beauty and excellence is unmatched. You'll have plenty of free time to browse in the boutiques and enjoy a delightful meal in a local bistro on your own. After, head to **Keuka Spring Vineyards**, evolving from a family dream to one of the most highly regarded wineries of the region. Sit on the terrace with panoramic views of the Keuka Lake as you enjoy a tasting of these premium wines! Later this afternoon return to your lakeside hotel with time to relax at the pool or stroll along the lake. Dinner tonight is at the **New York State Culinary and Wine Center**, designed to engage, excite and inspire you in the celebration of New York wine and food! In addition to enjoying

dinner featuring many locally-sourced products, you'll have a tasting of five wines. All this with a view of Canadigua Lake!

Overnight: Hudson River Valley

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August 29 - Cruising the 1000 Islands!

After breakfast, check out and travel to the heart of the **1000 Islands** where you'll enjoy a **leisurely cruise** through the enchanting channels of the **St. Lawrence River**. Learn about the region's rich history while enjoying a **sumptuous buffet!** After, savor the spectacular scenery and magnificent island homes. At the end of the cruise, visit historic **Boldt Castle**. Hear the story of the 300 workers who fashioned the six story, 120 room castle beginning in 1900 when tragedy struck and work was halted, then finally completed nearly 80 years later. After returning to the mainland, you'll continue on your way to the Riveredge Resort, located in the heart of **Alexandria Bay**. Unpack and settle in for the next two nights before dinner in the main dining room.

Overnight: Riveredge Resort

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August 30 - Wild Goose and Coyote Moon!

Enjoy a hearty breakfast this morning before visiting the **Antique Boat Museum**, the premier freshwater nautical museum in North America. Located on the **St. Lawrence River**, the galleries overflow with over 300 unique and beautifully preserved boats. From the 1915 40' "Wild Goose" to the "Oar Else!" exhibit featuring early **Dr. Seuss illustrations**, learn about the importance of boats in this land of 1000 Islands. Next up is **Clayton**, a quintessential river village where you'll find quaint shops and galleries or watch boats ply the St. Lawrence from the deck of a river front eatery. Be sure to stop in at the River Rat Cheese Store for some delicious aged cheddar or horseradish cheese curds! Your final stop today is at **Coyote Moon Vineyards** whose award winning wines are recognized nationally and internationally. Return to the Riveredge hotel with a few hours at leisure. You might choose to

stroll to downtown **Alexandria Bay** with an eclectic variety of shops. You're in for a special treat tonight as dinner will be at the beautiful **Thousand Islands Club** on **Millionaire's Row**. Since 1923 the TI Club has been a beloved historic destination of Island lovers. Built in the early 1900's by the proprietor of the Waldorf/Astoria hotel, George C. Boldt, the club continues its tradition of serving guests with courteous hospitality.

Overnight: Riveredge Resort

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August 31 - Discover The Adirondacks!

After breakfast this morning, check out and depart for the **Adirondack Museum** in **Blue Mountain Lake**. The vast campus features displays in 22 modern galleries and historic buildings telling the unique story of the Adirondacks and its people. From the one-room schoolhouse built in 1907 to the Whiteface Fire Tower, you'll learn about the **Adirondack Park**, the largest park in the continental US. Since its creation in 1892, this has been a 'peopled' wilderness with 130,000 residents living in 102 towns and villages within its boundaries. The museum tells the story of its struggles from the Revolutionary War to the current debate over the vast natural resources within the park boundaries. Then, in **Raquette Lake**, visit **Great Camp Sagamore**, the wilderness estate of the Vanderbilt family from 1901-1954. With 27 authentic National Historic Landmark designated buildings, this is a unique opportunity to learn not only about the **Vanderbilt family**, but of the workers who built, maintained and expanded the camp. See the famous **Main Lodge** which has served as a model for National Park Service lodge buildings and the beautiful dining hall overlooking Sagamore Lake. This evening, enjoy an upscale **dinner cruise on Raquette Lake**. Your plated and served, four course meal is prepared by a **Culinary Institute of America graduate** and you'll have historic narration by the ship's captain. Late this evening, you'll check in at the Crowne Plaza in the heart of Lake Placid.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel: Lake Placid

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September 1 - Olympic History!

After a late arrival last night, you'll be able to sleep in with a more leisurely start to your day. After breakfast at your resort, enjoy a guided tour of **Lake Placid**, home of the **1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics**. Ride the chair lift and elevator to the sky deck atop the 26 story ski-jump tower with spectacular views of the surrounding peaks. Visit the 1932 Olympic Area as well as the 1980 Arena, site of the US Ice Hockey Team's historic victory of the Soviet Union. After, you'll have free time to shop on Main Street and have lunch on your own. From antique stores to bakeries, wine shops to art galleries, there is something for everyone! Everything is just a short stroll away, so you can visit the **Olympic Museum**, the Speed Skating Oval or return to your hotel as you wish. Mid-afternoon takes you to **Wilmington**, home of **Whiteface Mountain** (weather permitting). As you drive Veteran's Memorial highway to the peak, you'll find the beauty and vastness of **Adirondack Park** to be truly spectacular. At the summit, there is a castle built from native stone, an elevator carved deep inside the mountain top and amazing 360-degree panoramic views. The road to the summit was dedicated by Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1929 and opened in 1936 by the same Roosevelt, this time bearing the title of President! You'll return to your hotel for some free time, followed by a special **farewell dinner**.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel: Lake Placid

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September 2 - Homeward Bound!

After breakfast this morning, you'll be assisted with your transfer to the airport and your flight home. **These past days uncovering Hidden Treasures of New York State will be with you for years to come!** (B)

Hidden Treasures of New York State

\$2,998.00

Single Supplement is an additional \$898.00

Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is available and is strongly recommended.

(For medical reasons only)

\$193.00 p/p double occupancy. \$257.00 single occupancy.

Inclusions

- Round trip airport transfers
- Round trip transfers from airport to hotel
- 6 nights lodging
- Breakfast daily at hotel
- Lunch cruise on the St. Lawrence River
- 6 dinners including Welcome Dinner at Belhurst Castle, a dinner at the New York State Culinary and Wine Center including a tasting of five wines and a dinner cruise on Raquette Lake
- Tour of two award winning New York State Wineries
- All admissions as described in the detailed itinerary including: Glenn Curtis Museum, the Antique Boat Museum, Adirondack Museum, Great Camp Sagamore, Lake Placid tour, Olympic Jumping Complex and more!
- Services of a full time escort
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- All government fees, taxes and fuel surcharges

Call today to reserve your space!!!

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