



Gems of the Adirondacks and Lake Placid!

Plus the Finger Lakes and 1000 Islands of Upstate New York

September 28 - October 4, 2019

7 Days and 6 Nights

Join TRIPS as we discover hidden treasures of Upper New York - from the Finger Lakes region to Lake Placid. The area is teeming with natural beauty from pristine lakes to magnificent parks. You'll find 11 lakes spanning the center of New York State like a giant handprint - this is the Finger Lakes an area rich in history and unique culture. Cruise on the emerald green waters amongst the 1000 Islands as you enjoy lunch and a lively narration. Pass by 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.

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 the Upper Reaches of the Empire State!

Itinerary

September 28, 2019 - Your Journey Begins!

Depart for New York State this morning, where on arrival you'll be met and assisted with your hotel transfer. Set on picturesque Keuka Lake this is the perfect setting 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: Penn Yan, NY - Hampton Inn (D)

September 29, 2019 - Discover the Finger Lakes!

Depart your hotel this morning traveling to **Seneca Falls** which was settled in the 1790s. The charming town is set alongside the falls of the Seneca River, a mile-long series of rapids. You'll stop at the **Women's Rights Statue**. During the 1840's, the advent of manufacturing in the area opened new possibilities for women and for the first time they could work outside the home. As they started to earn money, they began to realize the discrimination they faced leading to the Women's Rights Convention in 1848. **This was the beginning of the women's rights movement in the United State.** Stop for an inspiring photo at "**The First Wave**", life-size bronze statues of women important to the movement. Lastly, Seneca Falls is thought to be the inspiration for the fictional town of Bedford Falls in the famous holiday classic film, "**It's a Wonderful Life.**" You'll even get a glimpse of the steel trestle bridge where **Jimmy Stewart** as George and the angel Clarence had their fateful encounter! You then depart for **Skaneatele Lake for a lunch cruise!** One of the Finger Lakes, Skaneatele is the cleanest with water so pure that

the city of Syracuse uses it unfiltered. Your next stop is at one of the areas wineries. The Finger Lakes is a **world-class wine producing region** that specializes in aromatic white varieties - **tour and tasting included!** Before returning to your hotel for the evening, stop in **Geneva** for dinner on your own. Located on the norther end of Seneca Lake, you'll find some the most exquisite dining experiences in the Finger Lake Region.

Overnight: Penn Yan, NY - Hampton Inn (B/L)

September 30, 2019 - Corning - Make Your Own Glass!

Today takes you to the **Corning Museum of Glass!** Dedicated to telling the story about a single material: glass, learn about how it's been used for everything from technology to art. From the glass portrait of an ancient Egyptian pharaoh to contemporary sculptures, its an eye-opening exhibit. To cap off your visit, enjoy a "**Make Your Own Glass**" project with experienced glassmakers guiding you through your masterpiece! Today lunch is on your own with time to browse shops, studios and galleries in **Corning's Gaffer District**. Visit the **Glenn Curtis Museum** this afternoon, and learn about the man remembered as the **Father of Naval Aviation** and 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! Dinner this evening is on your own in 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.

Overnight: Penn Yan, NY - Hampton Inn (B)

October 1, 2019 - Castles and Channels!

After a breakfast, depart for **Alexandria Bay** and a **leisurely cruise** through the enchanting **channels of the Thousand Islands**. Learn about the region's rich history and savor close-up the spectacular scenery and magnificent island homes. Your cruise includes a **delectable luncheon buffet** on board the triple deck vessel! You'll stop at **Boldt Castle** and hear the story of the 300 workers who fashioned the six story, 120 room castle. Construction began in 1900, then tragedy struck and work was halted, finally being 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 with the remainder of the late afternoon and evening at your leisure. Alex Bay, as it's referred to by the locals, is a charming village that has maintained its original quaint characteristics.

Overnight: Riveredge Resort (B/L)

October 2, 2019 - 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 **Adirondack Park**, the largest park in the continental US. Since it's 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 After your visit you continue on through the Adirondacks to Lake Placid. After checking in your hotel dinner will be served in a local restaurant.

Overnight: Lake Placid - Marriott Courtyard (B/D)

October 3, 2019 - Olympic History!

After breakfast, enjoy a tour of **Lake Placid**, home of the **1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics**. Drive past both Mirror Lake and Lake Placid during your guided tour. **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 your tour, you'll have free time in town for lunch on your own. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. You might choose to **'stroll the strip'** - Main Street. -With everything 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 **Lake Placid Olympic Museum**, the Speed Skating Oval or return to your hotel as you wish. For dinner, why not take advantage of local specials such as trout caught from one of the mountain streams as you enjoy dinner at a local restaurant with the spectacular backdrop of the Adirondack Mountains!

Overnight: Lake Placid - Marriott Courtyard (B)

October 4, 2019 - Homeward Bound!

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

Gems of the Adirondacks and Lake Placid

\$2,998.00

per person / double occupancy

Single supplement is an additional \$698.00

Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and strongly suggested.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Round trip airport transfers
- Round trip airfare (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 6 nights lodging
- Breakfast daily at hotel
- Lunch cruise on the St. Lawrence River and a visit to Boldt Castle
- Lunch cruise on Skaneatele Lake
- Welcome Dinner at Belhurst Castle and dinner in Lake Placid
- Tour of an award winning New York State Winery
- All admissions as described in the detailed itinerary including: Glenn Curtis Museum, Adirondack Museum, Great Camp Sagamore, Lake Placid tour, Olympic Jumping Complex and more!
- Services of a full time escort
- Deluxe motorcoach throughout
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- All government fees, taxes and fuel surcharges

Call today to reserve your space!!!

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An initial **\$500.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

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