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New York, New York, it's a helluva town. No argument there. But the allure of the Empire State stretches far beyond Manhattan (and Westchester). From wine country to a Scandinavian-style hotel in the Catskills to fall's best film fests, we're putting all bets down on New York State this season.

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we love all of our landscapes...

By Samantha Garbarini, Amy R. Partridge, and Gina Valentino

mountains

...because nobody puts the Catskills in the corner.

Stay: Eastwind Hotel & Bar

Vibe: The Catskills have been undergoing a revival in recent years, eschewing retro-family-vacation vibes for stylish boutique hotels, a hot farm-to-table scene, and an influx of younger vacationers. Case in point: Eastwind, a former bunkhouse for hunters and fly fishermen that's now a Scandinavia-meets-Upstate-style resort, with cozy-luxe touches like wool blankets, hand-woven Turkish rugs, spa bathrooms, wood-burning stoves, and some funky wallpaper (yes, those are drunken woodland creatures). Three A-frame Lushna Cabins — a minimalist take on glamping, with Frette linens, private firepits, and wildlife journals — take full advantage of the view.

While You're Here: Hiking, biking, kayaking, or any other outdoorsy activity (like lounging in Eastwind's oversized hot tub) is the way to go, with the resorts Windham and Hunter nearby. For dinner, make the 15-minute drive to Scribner's (another of the area's cool, new lodges) for playful, locally inspired cuisine at Prospect.

Psst!... Have you ever climbed a fire tower? Built to detect wildfires nearly a century ago, five towers remain scattered throughout the Catskills, offering unparalleled panoramic views. For more info, visit www.catskillcenter.org/fire-tower-project.

Rates: From \$159/night; www.eastwindny.com



beaches

...because the East End only gets better after Labor Day.

Stay: Gurney's Montauk

Vibe: No traffic, less crowds, and easy-to-get reservations, Montauk returns (as much as possible) to its sleepy, fishing-village roots once summer ends. The same can be said of Gurney's Montauk, which sheds its trendy beach-club reputation in favor of wellness and relaxation. Built in the 1920s, the resort underwent a multiyear renovation in 2013, blending vintage character (retro-style furniture and fixtures) with modern amenities. The Seawater Spa boasts an ocean-fed, saltwater pool (the only of its kind in North America), plus a Russian steam room, Finnish rock sauna, and sea-inspired treatments, like an organic-seaweed facial.

While You're Here: Almost everything that's great about Montauk is still great in fall. Stroll the beach, soak in culture at the Parrish Art Museum, and shop for one-of-a-kind finds at Deep Blue Vintage and cozy flannel shirts at Pilgrim Surf + Supply in nearby Amagansett. For dinner, Gurney's Scarpetta Beach makes exceptional pasta, but we also like the lobster rolls at Duryea's and the local Pearl oysters at Inlet.

Psst!... Camp Hero State Park, with 415 acres of beaches, bluffs, and hiking trails, is also home to the historic military installation that inspired the hit Netflix series *Stranger Things*.

Rates: From \$870/night; www.gurneysresorts.com/montauk

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city

...because sometimes the most stunning views are man-made.

Stay: The Dominick

Vibe: Glimpse the unobstructed city views through your room's floor-to-ceiling windows, and you probably won't notice much else. But peel your eyes from the SoHo skyline, and design flourishes like sleek Fendi Casa furniture, granite-topped wet bars, and marble bathrooms give The Dominick its swanky, luxe vibe. (It's the only Five-Diamond property in SoHo.) The hotel's dramatic two-story lobby — punctuated by a wall of Mid-Century-style woodwork — adds to the refined air, which includes a retro-chic cocktail bar in which Don Draper would feel right at home. The newly revamped spa uses cult Babor products (find them in your room, as well) and offers one of NYC's only luxury *hammam* experiences.

While You're Here: It's Manhattan — your options are limitless. But we recommend taking advantage of the hotel's surrounding neighborhoods: Check out the Whitney Museum, walk The High Line, drop some cash shopping/eating/drinking, or just stroll SoHo's cobblestone streets. You really can't go wrong.

Psst!... If you can't part with pooch for even one night, The Dominick allows dogs up to 25 pounds (with a \$250 cleaning fee) and even offers pet amenities.

Rates: From \$495/night; www.thedominickhotel.com



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE DOMINICK; COURTESY OF THE POINT RESORT AT SARANAC LAKE



lakes

...because some places are timeless.

Stay: The Point at Saranac Lake

Vibe: Ever wonder what it was like to be a Gilded Age Rockefeller? You can find out at The Point Resort at Saranac Lake, the former Adirondack Great Camp of William Avery Rockefeller. Doting staff caters to your every whim (fresh-baked cookies and Champagne, anyone?), while wood-burning fireplaces and luxe log mansions (calling them cabins doesn't do them justice) offer a rustic feel. But don't forget your cufflinks and gowns: Old World tradition is preserved at black-tie dinners twice a week with a menu of seasonal fare. Perhaps the biggest draw, however, is the view. Set on 75 acres, with tranquil pine forests and the shimmering lake, *Condé Nast Traveler* named it one of the world's best places to see a sunset.

While You're Here: Take a self-guided tour of the Olympic Jumping Complex in Lake Placid (about 45 minutes away), where you'll find panoramic views of the Adirondack High Peaks — fall foliage at its finest.

Psst!... Prepare to unplug. This all-inclusive, adults-only resort offers an electronic "detox" with limited cell service.

Rates: From \$1,700/night; www.thepointsaranac.com



how we're leaf peeping in 2018

Adrenaline rushes, aerial tours, and retro river cruises are transforming the way we view the season's changing colors. **By Samantha Garbarini**

◀ Zip Down a Mountain

Reaching speeds of up to 50 mph, **Zipline New York's** tours — the longest, fastest, and highest in North America — transform Hunter Mountain's fall foliage into a kaleidoscope of reds, oranges, and yellows. The three-hour Sky rider Tour spans more than four miles and reaches heights of 600 feet. Looking for a little less adrenaline? Try the lower Mid Mountain tour that combines zip lines with suspension bridges and platforms.

◀ Float Above the Trees

Let's get one thing out of the way: You're getting up *really* early. **Above the Clouds'** hot air balloons launch seven days a week (weather permitting) from Middletown's Randall Airport at 6 a.m. That said, there's nothing quite like the feeling of floating above the trees with the Hudson Valley spread out in front of you. There's nothing quite like the Instagram photos you'll get from the ride, either.

▼ Elevate the Experience

When the The Wild Center in Tupper Lake opened **Wild Walk** in 2015, it was immediately dubbed the High Line of Upstate New York. The comparison makes sense:



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This 1,200-foot network of elevated walkways and bridges brings you up into the treetops, offering sweeping views in every direction. Down on Earth, don't miss iForest, a walk through the Wild Center's wooded paths that's also an art installation and immersive sound experience.

Laze on the River

Foliage, the Hudson River, and brunch (with a glass of Champagne, of course) — it's a winning combination. During peak season, **Classic Harbor Line's** sellout foliage brunch cruises sail from Chelsea Piers on weekends. The three-hour cruise aboard a 1920s-style yacht features a four-course brunch, drinks, and perfect Palisades views.

Leaf Peep in the Lap of Luxury

See New York's annual riot of fall colors in style with **Wings Air**. The private aviation company's helicopter tours give you a bird's-eye view of the Hudson Valley's best assets, both natural and man-made. Departing from Westchester County Airport, 30- and 45-minute tours pass landmarks like Tarrytown Lighthouse, Harriman State Park, Croton Falls, and the Tappan Zee Bridge. But don't expect it to come cheap: Shared tours start at \$275/person, while private charters are priced at \$660 and up.



forget the foliage: go gambling!

Newly opened Resorts World Catskills offers a respite from the typical fall vacation. **By Jane Anderson**

Occasionally, one needs a break from changing leaves and apple picking. For an exciting escape, simply drive north to Monticello and immerse yourself in the glitz of **Resorts World Catskills'** casino and all-suite hotel.

Relax at Butterfly Beach on the resort's third floor, with private canvas cabanas, a lounge-chair-lined deck, and circular adults-only pool. Also on the third floor: six private high-roller gaming salons with personalized butler service, accessible via private elevator. (Lucky high rollers earn complimentary stays in the Palace Suites'

two-tier villas with private plunge pool.) For the rest of us, there's the casino floor, where slot machines, 150 table games, and live music ensure entertainment well into the wee hours.

Want a break from gambling? Book a sumptuous spa treatment at the Crystal Life Spa, then choose among a slew of dining options, from the self-service food hall to celeb chef Scott Conant's refined Italian-inspired steakhouse, Cellaio. Don't forget the Epicenter, the performance venue that's hosted stars like Jerry Seinfeld. *From \$179/night; www.rwcatskills.com*

cider house rules

The market for artisan hard cider is exploding in our backyard. Hit an orchard and try some. **By Liz Susman Karp**

Much like what's happened with craft beer over the past few years, the Hudson Valley is fast becoming a world-class destination for hard cider. Sixteen of New York's 66 cideries are here, according to the New York State Liquor Authority, not counting wineries and breweries that also produce craft cider. That's plenty of opportunity for a road trip.

In a rustic tasting room in the middle of Stone Ridge Orchard, you'll find **Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider's** award-winning, dry, European-style cider. The key is "careful blending, appropriate varieties, and maturation," says founder Elizabeth Ryan, a cider-making pioneer who studied pomology at Cornell and cider making in England before launching the cidery in 1997. (She's also a founder of the Union Square Greenmarket.) Sample six of her ciders, like The Last Blacksmith or God Speed the Plough, and pick up a bottle aged in Hillrock Estate bourbon barrels to take home.

Wayside Cider in Andes grafts from for-

aged and abandoned apple trees to produce cider that "represents the western Catskills [and] what modern American cider can be, while respecting the past," explains co-owner Alex Wilson. Try Wild Select, produced in the méthode Champenoise, or an experimental cider flavored with wild sumac. Restored barns host the tap-room and a hyper-local culinary program. Also look out for events, including the Sunday hiking club, grafting workshops, and an amateur cider-making contest.

Twelve creative ciders are on tap at Warwick's **Pennings Farm Cidery**, including the hot-pink ginger-beet and Home Tree, which is "softer, smoother on the palate than [our] similar Bone Dry," says cider-maker SJ Pennings. In the colder months, don't miss Speculaas cider, a nod to the family's



Pennings Farm Cidery

heritage, flavored with Dutch-cookie spices. The cidery is 21-plus, so if you've got the kids, grab some at the onsite beer garden or a growler to go.

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fall(s) in love with upstate

◀ Niagara Falls

Sure, it's a bit far, but seriously: How do you write about New York State and gloss over majestic Niagara Falls? For centuries, these famed falls have been a prime destination for nature-lovers, honeymooners, and daredevils the world over. Actually three falls — Horseshoe Falls, American Falls, and Bridal Veil Falls — with a peak vertical drop of 188 feet, Niagara spills as much as six million cubic feet of water over its crest each minute. Brave the raw power and mighty roar of the falls from an iconic *Maid of the Mist* cruise, the Hurricane Deck, or Cave of the Winds, at the foot of Bridal Veil Falls, then assuage your *unbridled* exhilaration at any of the nearby wineries, historic forts, or the region's other plentiful attractions.

—Nick Brandi

glimpse falls closer to home

These local waterfalls might not have the brawn, but they're still big on charm — and within a two-hour drive.



◀ Kaaterskill Falls Hunter

Captured by painters and novelists for centuries, this ethereal scape features two cascades, rising to a height of 260 feet, making it one of the tallest waterfalls in the eastern US.



◀ Vernooey Kill Falls Kerhonkson

In Ulster County, Vernooey Kill Falls is an enchanting series of little waterfalls that drop 30 feet in four stages with a memory-making view from the footbridge crossing the base.



◀ Indian Brook Falls Garrison

Practically in our own backyard, this little trickling beauty features a picturesque waterfall and flat-water pool enconced in an increasingly not-so-secret gorge. (It's just as stunning when it freezes in wintertime.)



the grape outdoors

Skip the flight to Napa and get a taste of New York's surprisingly good wine regions. **By Samantha Garbarini**

the finger lakes

With more than 200 wineries nestled along the slopes of its glacier-carved lakes, you'd need weeks to visit them all. Cool climate grapes — some of America's best Rieslings are produced here — are the norm, but pioneering winemakers and next-gen producers are also experimenting with new varieties.

Hermann J. Wiemer Dundee

Ask locals where to go, and they'll point you to this premier Riesling producer. This is the place to sample your way through the varietal's many permutations, from aromatic and dry to sweet and syrupy.

Dr. Konstantin Frank Hammondsport

Dr. Frank revolutionized the Finger Lakes

wine scene in the '60s, when he decided to plant European varieties. Today, in its tasting room perched above Keuka Lake, the winery still pioneers new-to-the-region grapes, including trendy Georgian *Rkatsiteli*.

Bloomer Creek Hector

Even before the natural-wine boom, Kim Engle was making earthy, personality-filled, transparent wines, fermented with indigenous yeasts, that change from vintage to vintage.

Ravines Geneva

It's not just the highly touted wines that draw visitors to Ravines. The winery has an excellent culinary program, pairing pours with seasonal tasting menus and bites from local farms and producers.

Sheldrake Point Ovid

Proof that the Finger Lakes can produce more than just Riesling and Gewürz, Sheldrake Point does unusual grapes for the region, like Gamay, plus top-notch ice wines.



long island

The East End is home to more than tony summer homes. Turns out, the beach climate is just right for growing popular Bordeaux grapes, like Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Sauvignon Blanc. You might recognize the names Macari and Wölffer Estate, but don't overlook smaller vineyards where indie vintners employ buzzy winemaking techniques.

Lenz Peconic

At one of the North Fork's O.G. wineries, Eric Fry makes some of the region's best estate-produced wines. Shell out the extra bucks to do a premium-level tasting, featuring old-vine wines typically available only to subscribers.

Sparkling Pointe Southold

The only Long Island winery dedicated exclusively to bubbles (okay, there's brandy, too) made in the méthode Champenoise, Sparkling Pointe also boasts a chic, modern-art-adorned tasting room.

Channing Daughters Bridgehampton

This one's for the cool kids. The South Fork winery, known for its range of *pet-nats*, also produces varietals like Ribolla Gialla and Teroldego, plus skin-contact wines, including a rainbow of rosés.

Paumanok Aquebogue

Founded in 1983, Paumanok has racked up awards and titles. Today, it's a great place to lounge with a pour of its crisp Chenin Blanc and a plate of local cheese or oysters plucked from nearby waters.

Bridge Lane Mattituck

Love it or hate it, this offshoot of Lieb Cellars might be a snapshot of the future of wine. Their small-batch, sustainably farmed, dry "craft wines" are an experiment in packaging, available in bottles, cans, boxes, and 20-liter kegs.

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the magnificent seven

The seven best film festivals taking place around the Empire State this fall. **By Paul Adler**

As cooler weather rolls in, the changing leaves are not the only spectacle. Get your tickets for one of the forward-thinking, innovative film festivals taking place throughout the state. From LGBTQ-centric programming to flicks focused on food, here are our picks for New York's must-visit movie fests.

Coney Island Film Festival Sept 14-16

Why not enjoy a heaping helping of engrossing films alongside hot dogs, snow cones, and rides? Celebrating its 18th anniversary, this adult-oriented fest focuses exclusively on local productions and is known for its rowdy opening-night burlesque celebration.

New York Film Festival Sept 28-Oct 14

The season's biggest affair, the New York Film Festival, now in its 56th year, takes over Lincoln Center with an exhaustive program of shorts, retrospectives, features, and talks by some of the biggest names in show business.

Hamptons International Film Festival Oct 4-8

Stars with Hamptons homes swarm the step-and-repeat at this swanky fest. A nonprofit with 26 years under its belt, HIFF features 150 short, full-length, and documentary films — with a knack for finding future Oscar contenders while doling out more than \$180,000 in prizes.

Adirondack Film Festival Oct 18-21

The only festival in the US operated by a professional theater company, this Glens Falls fest includes panel discussions, special events, and a free family series, bridging the gap between theater and film.

NewFest Oct 24-30

With LGBTQ filmmakers garnering accolades, this boundary-breaking NYC film fest is a welcome addition to fall arts scene, with more than 70 films by LGBTQ individuals, plus panels, parties, and events.

The Food Film Festival Oct 25-28

In NYC, The Food Film Festival gives guests a simultaneous taste of the dishes they're watching onscreen. Along with food-paired shorts and features, the fest also hosts food-related events and parties.

Ithaca Fantastik Nov 2-11

If fantasy and sci-fi are more your bag, drop by this 10-day film, art, and music festival specializing in supernatural, mind-bending, and just-plain-weird features. There's also an underground concert series, live Q&As with filmmakers, and local art on display.

how to do brooklyn

Samantha Garbarini and Amy R. Partridge set the rules for exploring NYC's coolest borough like a local.

Hit a Hotel

Gone are the days when "hotel bar" conjured up a room of weary businessmen drinking away the hours until their flight home. Today, dazzling hotels offer chic bar scenes and restaurants, like the newly opened **1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge** in Brooklyn Heights, where the rooftop boasts you-can-almost-touch-it views of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Manhattan skyline, that nearly make up for the \$18 drinks. In Williamsburg, a night at **The William Vale's** rooftop bar, Westlight, means inspired cocktails, eye candy, and sweeping views. And, it's not a BK weekend without a swank hotel brunch; our pick goes to upscale American eatery Reynard at Williamsburg's **Wythe Hotel**.

You're Going to Lucali

Here's the truth: NYC's best pizza isn't in Manhattan. From pies at Roberta's to bare-bones slices from Di Fara (now also at Williamsburg's North 3rd Street Market) to the iconic squares at L&B Spumoni Gardens, Brooklyn is where it's at. Why **Lucali**? Because that crazy-long wait (show up by 5 p.m. and don't be shocked if it's a few hours), is the best possible excuse to sit on a Brownstone stoop, bar hop with friends, and maybe even get invited to a random house party across the street, while you wait to sit down to seriously good old-school pies and a side of crispy, oven-fired pepperoni.

Get Your Culture Fix for Free

Save your money for \$16 cocktails. Yes, we love all of Brooklyn's museums and indie galleries, but sometimes the best way to see some art is to pound the pavement. Ride the L Train to Jefferson Street to visit **The Bushwick Collective**, an outdoor street-art gallery, featuring murals and graffiti from artists around the world. (The best stretch is on Troutman Street between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas). **DUMBO Walls** showcases eight murals from internationally renowned artists below the BQE. Or take in just one piece, like Brazilian street artist **Eduardo Kobra's** mural of Basquiat and Warhol at the corner of Bedford Ave and 9th Street in Williamsburg.

Shop a Neighborhood

There's no better way to get to know a neighborhood than by wandering

amongst its unique storefronts, and Brooklyn's are some of the city's best — with charm and style in spades. In **Cobble Hill**, you'll find loads of can't-resist-going-in boutiques along Smith Street, including Bird Brooklyn for independent-label clothing, chic "general store" Regular Visitors, Stinky Bklyn cheese shop; and indie Books Are Magic. Hit **Williamsburg** for vintage finds, including weekend market Artists & Fleas, plus Awoke Vintage, 10ft Single by Stella Dallas, The Quality Mending Co., and Amarcord Vintage Fashion. **Boreum Hill's** stretch of Atlantic Avenue is another must-shop spot for antiques at City Foundry, Consignment Brooklyn's high-end labels, and the curated mix of artisan home good at The Primary Essentials.

Get Thee to Red Hook

Maybe you've heard about the free water-taxi to IKEA that people ride just for the great views? Or perhaps you saw all the Insta-foodies drooling over some of New York's best smoked meat at **Hometown Bar-B-Que**? Did a hipster friend drop a hint about knocking back a few at **Sunny's**, the neighborhood's ultimate old-school dive bar? Whatever piqued your interest, heading to Red Hook is simply a great idea. (Trust us.) The waterfront is the star with stellar Statue of Liberty views (and free kayaking!) at **Louis Valentino Jr. Park and Pier**; the area's seaport-hub history at the **Waterfront Museum**, housed in a wood-covered barge; and free tours/tastings at **Red Hook Winery**. Then, head inland a few blocks to explore the neighborhood's galleries, shops, and eat/drink options.

Drink Like a Hipster

Kick off your morning with Nordic-style coffee at minimalist, plant-strewn **Sey** in East Williamsburg. Then, line up for the latest can release from **Other Half Brewing**, or hit its taproom in a former Carroll Gardens warehouse. Get your natty wine on — sparkling orange, chilled reds, and obscure varietals — in a cozy booth at **June** in Cobble Hill. Or chill at Williamsburg's **The Commodore**, a gastro-dive bar with old-school arcade games, frozen piña coladas, and fried-chicken sandwiches.

Clockwise from top: The rooftop bar at 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge boasts the best views of Downtown Manhattan; Brazilian street artist Eduardo Kobra's mural of Warhol and Basquiat; one of Brooklyn's best pies at cult-favorite pizzeria Lucali in Carroll Gardens; Sunny's old-school bar in Red Hook; Artists & Fleas sets up in a Williamsburg warehouse on weekends.



10 more reasons to love ny

A few more reasons we're happy to call this state home. **By Samantha Garbarini**



Fort Ticonderoga

1. There's History Everywhere You Look

Sure, NYC prides itself on setting the latest trends, but the Empire State also goes way back. Grab a pint at **Fraunces Tavern** in FiDi, where George Washington partied before he was president. Stand in awe of masterpieces at some of the world's best **art museums** (The Met! MoMA! The Guggenheim!). Walk in the footsteps of suffragettes in **Seneca Falls**. Spend the day exploring **FDR's Hyde Park** home and library. Visit the birthplace of **Jell-O** (what would the '50s have been without it?). Or take a road trip to any of our more than 250 National Historic Landmarks — the most of any US state — whether that means kayaking the **Erie Canal**, making a stop on the **Underground Railroad**, or looking out from the ramparts of **Fort Ticonderoga**.

2. We Know How to Party

Summer may be festival season, but we keep on raging through the fall. Don your lederhosen or dirndl to celebrate **Oktoberfest** at Bear Mountain, Hunter Mountain, or locations throughout NYC. Hit the pavement with 50,000 others at Albany's **LarkFEST** (Sept 22), the state's largest street fair. Get up early to watch balloons rise into the air at the annual **Adirondack Balloon Festival** (Sept 20-23). Or eat your way through the imported foods and sausage-and-pepper subs at Arthur Avenue's famed **Ferragosto** (Sept 9).



Oktoberfest at Hunter Mountain

3. Apple Picking, Obvi



Ellis Island

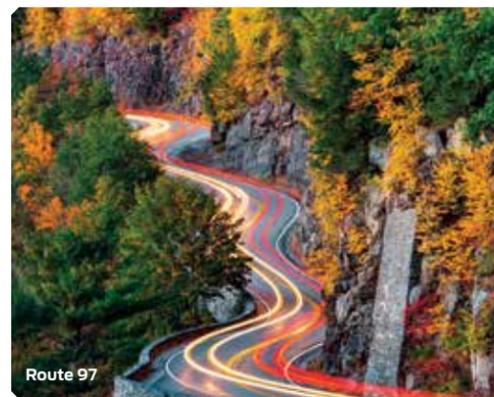
4. We Go Big on Diversity

From 1892 to 1954, more than 12 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island. Today, the state is still home to 4.4 million foreign-born individuals, representing more than 150 nations, speaking as many as 800 languages, and bringing with them unique culture, festivals, and excellent food.

5.

Despite Our Sometimes-Heinous Traffic, We Do Scenic Drives Like Nowhere Else.

Follow the spectrum of changing leaves through the mountains along the 88-mile **Shawangunk Scenic Byway**. Skirt the New York-Pennsylvania border, winding along the Delaware River, on **Route 97**. Choose a favorite waterfront spot from **Seven Lakes Drive** through Bear Mountain and Harriman State Parks. Or follow any of the Catskills' scenic byways, looking for the perfect covered bridges to grace your Instagram.



Route 97

6. Buffalo Is Actually Kind of Cool

It has suffered from a bad rap for a while, but a short flight (or a long drive) lands you in a city that is emerging as a destination. Check into the hip and historic **Hotel at the Lafayette**, then browse works



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by Gauguin, Van Gogh, Renoir, and more at the **Albright-Knox Gallery**, or tour a couple of the city's seven Frank Lloyd Wright structures (**Martin House** is our fave). After, take a guided tour of the Buffalo River and its towering silos, with **Elevator Alley Kayak**. For dinner, grab the requisite wings at their origin, **Anchor Bar**, but don't overlook some of the city's newer culinary highlights, like Prohibition-style cocktails at **Buffalo Proper** or the surprisingly refined Buffalo-chicken ramen at **SATO**.



8. You Can Score Fierce Fall Fashions for Less at the Outlets at Woodbury Common.



Sleepy Hollow Cemetery

9. Things Get Spooky

'Tis the season for things to get creepy. Boroughs of the Dead leads Island of Lost Souls tours through the eerie, abandoned 19th-century hospitals and asylums of **Roosevelt Island**. Search for ghosts during an October haunting tour of Albany's **State Capitol** building. Or get spooked closer to home on one of **Sleepy Hollow Cemetery's** Murder and Mayhem Evening Lantern Tours.



The Egg

7. So Is Albany

If your only experience with our state capital was a fifth-grade fieldtrip, it's time to give this Hudson Valley city another look. Yes, there's grand architecture and tons of history, but this college town also boasts youthful energy, diverse dining, and a vibrant arts scene, from shows at **The Egg** to big-name performers — Elton John, Fleetwood Mac, Justin Timberlake, and Metallica, among others — at the **Times Union Center**.



10. Because There's No Other City, in the US or the World, Like New York.

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