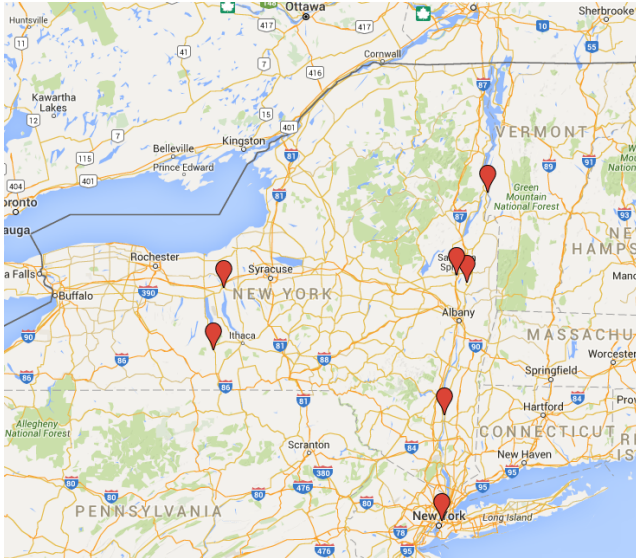




## New York ... the Big Apple and Beyond

*"I'm in a New York state of mind" – Billy Joel*



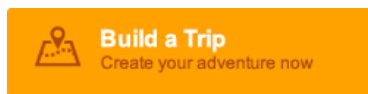
### HIGHLIGHTS

New York has way more to offer than the bright lights of the big city. Explore several tourism regions to discover the diversity of the New York landscape.

### KEY POINTS OF INTEREST

- Roosevelt – Vanderbilt National Historic Sites
- Saratoga Spa State Park
- Historic sites and outdoor recreation in Adirondack Park
- Bird watching at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge and the Finger Lakes.

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### The Plaza Hotel and New York City

Nearly a century-old, [The Plaza Hotel](#) is an historic oasis of luxury on the edge of [Central Park](#) in New York City. "Timeless. Captivating. Unforgettable", this hotel is recognized as a Historic Hotel of America and a National Historic Landmark. Then get out and explore. New York is home of several icons of the cultural world, such as the [Ellis Island](#) and the [Statue of Liberty](#), [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), the [American Museum of Natural History](#) and the [Tenement Museum](#). [Learn more about the New York City Region](#).



The Plaza Hotel  
New York, NY

### Roosevelt – Vanderbilt National Historic Sites and the Hudson Valley National Heritage Area

From the home of Presidents [Franklin Roosevelt](#) and [Martin Van Buren](#) to the home of Hudson River School of Art painter [Thomas Cole](#), the Hudson Valley has produced some of the country's most influential people. [Learn more about the Hudson Valley National Heritage Area](#).

View near Village of Catskill, Thomas Cole



## Saratoga – Health, History and Horses

Natural mineral springs were the driving force for the growth for this promising small city. "Taking the waters," long a European tradition attracted celebrities of the 19th century. With the arrival of the social elite and the wealthy, horseracing was a natural development; it flourished until the name Saratoga became synonymous with racing. Today, Saratoga encompasses [bubbling springs](#), the [Saratoga Spa State Park](#), eight historic districts, and is sought after year-round for its Victorian architecture, vibrant downtown, flourishing cultural life, as well as racing season in the summer. [Learn more about other destinations along the Lakes to Locks Passage scenic byway.](#)



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## Adirondack Region

Known for the wild and scenic landscape of Adirondack Park forests, this region is also home to some of the most important scenes in American history. From the [Fort Ticonderoga](#) to [Lake Placid](#), where two Winter Olympics games were held, the Adirondacks has something for everyone. [Learn more about other destinations along the Lakes to Locks Passage scenic byway.](#)

Aerial View of Fort Ticonderoga

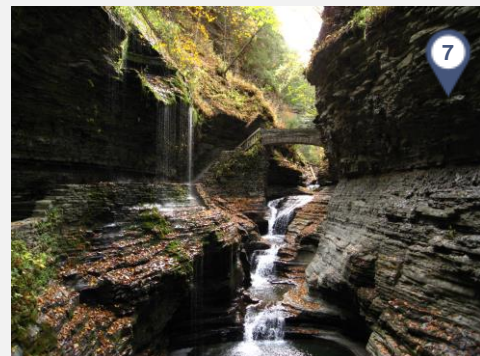


## Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge and the Finger Lakes

[Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge](#) is situated in the middle of one of the most active flight lanes in the Atlantic Flyway. It provides resting, feeding, and nesting habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Located in the [Finger Lakes](#) Region of New York, Montezuma NWR is home to 242 species of birds, active [bald eagle nests](#). The Finger Lakes boast 11 glacial lakes, one Great Lake, countless waterfalls, and year-round outdoor recreation and festivals. [Learn more about other destinations along the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway.](#)



Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge  
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Watkins Glen State Park