

MAKIN' MEMORIES: FAMILY FUN TOUR

For kids and the kids at heart, fun awaits in Buffalo Niagara. From the fireworks blasting high above the baseball diamond, the roar of lions and

tigers, or a live reimagining of fairy tale favorites, we've got a treasure chest full of enjoyment for every member of the family.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ▶ On the two hour narrated **Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruise**, learn about the historic waterway and sail through the only set of double locks through the canal system. Meal packages are also available.
- ▶ Learn how to use a musket and be recruited to King George III's army at **Old Fort Niagara**.
- ▶ Get a birds-eye-view of the Niagara River Gorge from the **Niagara Power Project's Power Vista** observation deck and learn about hydroelectricity with a variety of interactive exhibits.
- ▶ The **Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park** features three WWII ships and a variety of military equipment and exhibits.
- ▶ **Canalside**, America's Gateway to the West for much of the 19th century, is a newly restored heritage site that features an expansive boardwalk along the water's edge.
- ▶ Watch a child's eyes light up discovering the world of science at the **Buffalo Museum of Science**.
- ▶ Spend a few hours with the wild animals at the **Buffalo Zoo**.



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BUFFALO BISONS

- ▶ Go back in time at the **Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village** with indoor and outdoor tours of local historic buildings and hands-on exhibits about life in previous centuries.
- ▶ Cheer on the home team at a **Buffalo Bisons** game.
- ▶ Pick your own berries or just enjoy the taste of fresh hand-picked fruit at **Becker Farms/Brown's Berry Patch**.
- ▶ Indulge your youngster's curiosity with the hands-on exhibits at **Explore & More Children's Museum**.
- ▶ In the 1900s, the **Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum** was a working factory of children's rides. Now, visitors can learn about the history of carrouseis, see the way they are made, and ride an original antique Herschell carrousel!
- ▶ See a play that's fun for all ages at **Theater of Youth**.
- ▶ For amusement park fun visit either **Martin's Fantasy Island** or **Darien Lake Amusement Park**.
- ▶ Try a pirate cruise on the **Spirit of Buffalo**.

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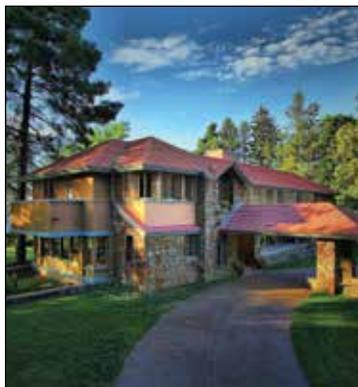
TOP 15 ART, ARCHITECTURE & CULTURE

Whether you're seeking inspiration or jaw-dropping sights, Buffalo Niagara is home to an impressive array of cultural and architectural

wonders. Be prepared to be amazed by the world-class level of craftsmanship and artful masterworks that reside in our region.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ▶ Tour three of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpieces—the **Darwin Martin House Complex**, **Graycliff Estate** and **Fontana Boathouse**.
- ▶ Enjoy a picturesque meal at the **Roycroft Inn** in East Aurora and enjoy a tour of the historic campus.
- ▶ After you dine, spend some time shopping along Main Street in the village of East Aurora and stop at **Vidler's 5 & 10**, a shopping staple of the early 1900s.
- ▶ Learn all about the rich history of the "Queen City" at the **Buffalo History Museum**.
- ▶ Spend an evening with the **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra** at Kleinmans Music Hall or see a world-class performance at **Shea's Performing Arts Center**.
- ▶ A stroll down "**Millionaires' Row**," on Delaware Avenue, offers a splendid look at the intricate architectural detail of homes built during Buffalo's Gilded Age.
- ▶ See if you can spot all of the more than 2,000 angels at the European style Italian Renaissance cathedral of **Our Lady of Victory Basilica & National Shrine**.
- ▶ Enjoy a relaxing day of shopping in the **Elmwood Village**, located in the heart of the city. If you get hungry, it's a great "lunch on your own" stop.



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- ▶ Take a Buffalo City Tour which can include a visit to the **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site** and an array of architecture by **Frank Lloyd Wright**, **Louis Sullivan**, **E.B. Green**, and **H.H. Richardson**.
- ▶ For the true lover of Frank Lloyd Wright's work, the **Blue Sky Mausoleum** at Forest Lawn Cemetery is an impressive example of funerary art.
- ▶ The **Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum**, featuring Buffalo-made automobiles, bicycles, and other memorabilia in the new **Frank Lloyd Wright Filling Station**.
- ▶ View the impressive 20th century and modern-day painting and sculpture collection at the **Albright-Knox Art Gallery**.
- ▶ Tour the **Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens**, the most intact Frederick Law Olmsted Landscape and arboretum in the country.
- ▶ See the work of Western New York's own art and artists at the **Burchfield Penney Art Center**, located in the heart of the Museum District.
- ▶ Check out **Buffalo River History Tours** and **Inside Silo City** for a look inside our standing grain elevators.

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"TOSS THE TEXTBOOKS" INTERACTIVE STUDENT TOUR

Close up the books and get hands-on with interactive education experiences. Home to pioneers of science and trailblazers of innovation, and rich with American history, Buffalo Niagara makes learning an

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ▶ Visit **SkyZone Trampoline Park** or **Get Air** for some fun and lessons on marketing and branding
- ▶ See science come alive at the **Buffalo Museum of Science** with a variety of interactive exhibits and workshops.
- ▶ Tour **Old Fort Niagara**, where students can experience military living, exciting battle re-enactments and take part in musket demonstrations.
- ▶ Travel back in time with interactive exhibits at the **Erie Canal Discovery Center** and experience a two hour ride along the historic canal in the **Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruise**.
- ▶ No visit to the Buffalo Niagara region is complete without a trip to our very own wonder of the world! Immerse yourself in the experience with the **Maid of the Mist** boat tour.
- ▶ Take part in more than 50 interactive hydroelectricity exhibits and view the Niagara River Gorge from an observation deck 350 feet in the air at **Niagara Power Project's Power Vista**.
- ▶ Witness naval ships and military equipment from WWII up close at the **Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park**.
- ▶ Take a ride on the **Spirit of Buffalo** schooner.
- ▶ Take a break at **Walden Galleria**. Over 200 retail stores and home to **Pole Position Raceway and Fun Center**.
- ▶ Be a part of the crowd at **Sahlen Field**, one of the largest parks in all of Minor League Baseball, as you cheer on the **Buffalo Bisons**.
- ▶ After you tour the **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site** take part in the "History Mystery" program, where objects used in the past are the clues.
- ▶ Set aside time to enjoy the classic amusement park atmosphere at **Darien Lake Theme Park & Resort** or **Martin's Fantasy Island**.

active experience for young minds. Because the best way to learn is to have some fun!

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- ▶ Instead of just learning about art in a textbook, tour the **Albright-Knox Art Gallery** where students will gain a new dimension of art appreciation.
- ▶ Experience life as it was in centuries past as you try out the tools in the "Pioneer Kitchen" exhibit at the **Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village**.
- ▶ Witness a majestic performance by the **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra** and integrate the music into any curriculum with lesson plans available through the BPO.
- ▶ Get up close and personal with the wild animals at the **Buffalo Zoo** with interactive classroom activities and guided tours.
- ▶ Dine, and dash . . . to the arcade games at **Dave & Busters Grand Sports Café**.
- ▶ See a student matinee show at the **Lancaster Opera House**.
- ▶ Learn about lasers, infrared and radio communications, and computers at **LaserIron Interactive Entertainment Center**. After the educational program, see your newfound knowledge come to life with a game of laser tag.
- ▶ Take an **Underground Railroad tour** and see history come alive with costumed reenactors.
- ▶ View the breathtaking 40 minute IMAX experience about the history of Niagara Falls in the **Niagara Adventure Theater**.
- ▶ **Theater of Youth** combines convenience, culture, and curriculum enhancement. On-school time shows are offered and corresponding lesson plans are available.
- ▶ Be a part of a force of nature on the **Whirlpool Jet Boat** or **Niagara Jet Adventures**, riding the rapids of the Niagara Gorge. Then, choose from two interactive, in-depth educational programs: "Business Education" or "Niagara's Raging Rapids."

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NATURE'S SPLENDOR TOUR

From professional greenthumbs to leisurely ornithologists, Buffalo Niagara is a natural dream come true. The area is home to a legendary Frederick Law Olmsted park system in both downtown Buffalo and Niagara Falls

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ▶ Start off your day with a stop at the **Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens**, featuring a tri-domed “Crystal Palace” conservatory set in a Frederick Law Olmsted-designed park.
- ▶ Visit the **Buffalo Zoo** to see the **M&T Bank Rainforest Falls** exhibit. The exhibit replicates the habitat of Venezuela’s Canaima National Park and includes a wide variety of free flight birds as well as other rainforest animals.
- ▶ The Bard comes to Buffalo! Visit during the summer to enjoy a performance of **Shakespeare in Delaware Park**.
- ▶ Visit during July and participate in **Garden Walk Buffalo**, featuring garden walks, open gardens, lectures and workshops.
- ▶ Hike, swim, attend a nature program, or just pause to take in the scenery as you make your way through **Letchworth State Park**.
- ▶ Ride the Virtual Gorge Elevator at the **Niagara Gorge Discovery Center** to see the rock layers formed millions of years ago and learn how Niagara Falls was formed.
- ▶ Explore **Niagara Falls State Park**, experience the Falls from an arm’s length away at the **Cave of the Winds**, and take a scenic ride on the **Maid of the Mist** Boat Tours.
- ▶ Then get ready for the thrilling ride down the rapids of the gorge on **Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours** or **Niagara Jet Adventures**.
- ▶ Feed a seal and tour the **Aquarium of Niagara**.
- ▶ Take in a breathtaking aerial view of **Niagara Falls**, one of the seven natural wonders of the world, while you dine at the **Top of the Falls Restaurant**.
- ▶ Learn about wildlife and geology as you investigate the ecosystems of Lake Erie and the Niagara River on an Ecological Discovery Tour from **Grand Lady Cruises**.



State Park. Rolling hills, cavernous gorges, splendid waterfront vistas, and a rich natural ecology combine to create the beautiful landscape of the Buffalo Niagara region.

- ▶ See nature in a whole different light on a “night walk” at **Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve**.
- ▶ Visit the **Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center** and choose from a variety of fossil collecting, geology, birding, and astronomy programs.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- ▶ Dine in style at **Templeton Landing** as you overlook the picturesque Buffalo Waterfront.
- ▶ In the mood for more waterfront scenery? Choose from one of four cruises at Canalside: **Buffalo Harbor Sightseeing Cruises**, **Spirit of Buffalo**, **Buffalo River History Tours** and **Moondance Catamaran**.
- ▶ Tour the **Burchfield Penney Art Center**, one of only four LEED certified buildings in Buffalo.
- ▶ Pause to admire the peaceful atmosphere complete with the stone bridges, a creek, and gentle hills at **Forest Lawn Cemetery** in downtown Buffalo. Include time for a tour when costumed characters from the past come to life.
- ▶ Take a break from walking to enjoy a 1900s style train ride through countryside and farmlands aboard the **Arcade & Attica Railroad**.
- ▶ Visit **Spring Lake Winery**, **Freedom Run Winery**, or another of Niagara County’s wineries for a tour and tasting.
- ▶ See the **Holland Land Office Museum**, where 3.3 million acres of Western New York were surveyed and sold.

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HISTORICAL TREASURES TOUR

Buffalo Niagara is the backdrop and birthplace to several significant historical events and figures. Relive the fabled tale of Buffalo Niagara's origins and place in American history by discovering any of our amazing historical insti-

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ▶ The **Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village** features indoor and outdoor tours of local historic buildings and hands-on exhibits about life in previous centuries.
- ▶ For an institution devoted to preserving the history of the Queen City, visit the **Buffalo History Museum**. Even the building is an artifact—it's the only remaining permanent structure from the Pan American Exposition in 1901. Permanent exhibit of Tim Russert's office on display.
- ▶ Any WWII buffs on board? Don't miss the **Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park**, the largest inland park of its kind in the nation.
- ▶ Few inventions have impacted our lives as much as the automobile. The **Buffalo Transportation/Pierce Arrow Museum** features a number of automobiles manufactured right here in Buffalo. Visit the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed **Filling Station** while there.
- ▶ The automobile wasn't the only form of transportation that changed lives. Take a two hour boat ride along the Erie Canal with **Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruises**. Then visit the interactive exhibits at the **Erie Canal Discovery Center**.
- ▶ History comes alive at **Old Fort Niagara**, featuring a real 18th century fortress with original stone buildings and fortifications. While you're there, participate in a musket demonstration, or be recruited to King George III's royal army.
- ▶ More than one hundred years ago, history was made on Delaware Avenue. The **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site** is a must-see site in Buffalo.
- ▶ Plan to stop at the **Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum** to see a number of historic documents from the world's largest private collection.



tutions, ranging from the Revolutionary War era to our involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. History buffs will be elated to travel through time and examine how the Buffalo region has become what it is today.

- ▶ Tour the home of a former president when you visit the **Millard Fillmore Museum**. Then travel to another domestic site, the **Elbert Hubbard-Roycroft Museum**, a Craftsman-style home built in 1910.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- ▶ Celebrate the rich history of African Americans at the **African American Cultural Center**. Stop by in the evening to see a production at the **Paul Robeson** or **Ujima** theatres.
- ▶ Learn about Buffalo's past as the western terminus of the Erie Canal at **Canalside** and take the **Buffalo River History Tour** for more in-depth information.
- ▶ The Buffalo Niagara region played a vital role in the escape of former slaves. Learn all about it with the **Freedom Crossing: The Underground Railroad** in Greater Niagara exhibit at the Castellani Art Museum.
- ▶ The **Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum** was once a working factory and leading producer of carrouseles and children's rides. Now, it is a tribute to the industry, with an original, antique Herschell Carrousel visitors can ride on-site.
- ▶ The Rev. J. Edward Nash helped to organize the Niagara Movement, a forerunner to the NAACP. See his home and a collection of artifacts and papers at the **Nash House Museum**.
- ▶ Tour the one hundred year old **Original American Kazoo Company** and make your very own kazoo!
- ▶ The recently renovated **Riviera Theater and Performing Arts Center** is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Don't miss the 1926 Mighty Wurlitzer organ.

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SPIRIT OF THE CITY TOUR

Whether traversing on foot, by bike, or by sea, the soul of Buffalo is a living breathing thing. By getting a feel for all of what the city has to offer, you can truly feel connected. Do your best to see it all and seek

out the best of what each neighborhood has to offer – from the heart of downtown to the shores of Lake Erie.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ▶ Start off the day with a trip to the **Erie Basin Marina** and **Canalside**. Pay close attention—the marina was built in the shape of a Buffalo! Check out the view of Buffalo's oldest architectural landmark - the **1833 lighthouse**.
- ▶ Next, take some time to check out the WWII military relics at the **Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park**.
- ▶ Take a stroll down the architectural majesty of “**Millionaires’ Row**” on Delaware Avenue.
- ▶ Tour the recently renovated **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site**.
- ▶ Add some culture to your day when you visit the **Albright-Knox Art Gallery** and view their broad collection of modern and contemporary art.
- ▶ In the evening, catch a show at the **Irish Classical Theatre Company**. Because the seating is in the round, your group will never be more than 20 feet from the stage!
- ▶ If you're looking for an elegant night out, **Shea's Performing Arts Center** features Broadway shows in a venue that has been called “the most beautiful theater in North America.”
- ▶ Enjoy **Larkin Square** for entertainment and special events. Food Truck Tuesdays shouldn't be missed!



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- ▶ Visit **Buffalo City Hall** and go to the observation deck for a beautiful view of both Lake Erie and Buffalo.
- ▶ If you're in the mood for some shopping, browse the shops in downtown Buffalo's fun and trendy **Elmwood Village, Hertel Avenue** and **Allentown**.
- ▶ Spend the afternoon on a relaxing sightseeing tour aboard the **Buffalo Harbor Cruises** or try the **Spirit of Buffalo** schooner.
- ▶ For a look at Buffalo's creative side, visit the **Burchfield Penney Art Center**. Located in the heart of the museum district, the center features the art and artists of Western New York.
- ▶ Attend a dinner theater production at **O'Connell & Co. Productions**.
- ▶ Later, try your luck at the **Seneca Niagara Casino, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino** or **Fairgrounds Gaming and Raceway**.

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SPIRIT OF THE SEASON TOUR

Behold winter's majesty in true Buffalo Niagara fashion by experiencing the sights, sounds and flavors of the holiday season. Take a stroll on the Main Streets of surrounding villages to find gifts for your loved ones. Take

in the decorations presented by several of our cultural institutions. And ring in holiday cheer with the soundtrack of the holidays presented by our talented musicians.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ▶ Looking for the perfect gift? Stroll down **Main Street in Williamsville** to shop and enjoy quaint storefronts decorated for the holidays.
- ▶ Marvel at the ornate Christmas decorations with a five-star dinner at **Salvatore's Italian Gardens**.
- ▶ Need a gift for the fashionista on your list? Find designer brands for less at the **Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls**.
- ▶ Don't forget a trip to the **Walden Galleria!** With over 200 stores, you're sure to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list.
- ▶ Take a moment to remember the reason for the season at the European style Italian Renaissance cathedral, **Our Lady of Victory Basilica & National Shrine**.
- ▶ There's something magical about holiday lights. Spend an evening taking in the splendor of the **Festival of Lights at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine** or the **Fairgrounds Festival of Lights**.
- ▶ Christmas is always in season at the **Woyshner's Christmas Shoppe**, a 15,000 square foot store filled with santas, snowmen, and stockings.
- ▶ See the biggest exhibition of poinsettias in Western New York and enjoy the beauty of nature at the **Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens** holiday display.



- ▶ Poke around the independently-owned shops on **Elmwood Village, Hertel Avenue** and **Allentown** in the city of Buffalo to find one-of-a-kind gifts for family and friends.
- ▶ Sing along to your favorite carols at the **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert**.
- ▶ **Main Street in East Aurora** is another great place to find unique gifts. Be sure to stop at **Vidler's 5 & 10**, a shopping experience reminiscent of the early 1900s. Shop at the **Made in America Store** where all items are 100% American made.
- ▶ Have lunch at the lovely **Roycroft Inn** before touring the **Roycroft Campus** to learn about Elbert Hubbard and the Arts and Crafts Movement. Then stop by the **Roycroft Copper Shop Gallery**, which features handcrafted artisan items or take in a class at the new **Power House**.
- ▶ If you're in town in early November, head over to the **Christmas in the Country Craft Show**. It's consistently judged one of the top craft shows in the nation!
- ▶ Plan a stop at **Designing Dish** where you can paint your own pottery to create a one-of-a-kind present, made with care. They'll even ship your project home for you after you leave.
- ▶ Attend a holiday-themed play at the **Lancaster Opera House** and see the village of Lancaster transformed into "Christmasville."

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GARDENING TOUR

Did you know Buffalo hosts the largest garden events of its kind in the country? Did you know that our Botanical Gardens reside in a Frederick Law Olmsted designed park – just one of several parks designed by him

in the area? Prepare to be taken aback by the amazing flora and fauna that the Buffalo Niagara region has to offer!

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ▶ Visit during **Gardens Buffalo Niagara**, a 6-week botanical festival from mid-June to July. The culmination in America's largest garden tour, Garden Walk Buffalo, which features over 400 private and public gardens full of beautiful, brightly-colored flora.
- ▶ Tour local yards during **Open Gardens** on Thursdays and Fridays in July to see some of the best kept secrets! From asters to zinnias and everything in between. There is a flower and shrub to please all!
- ▶ Visit the **Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens** to see a world famous architectural design in the conservatory itself and the lovely flowers and plants too. The Gardens feature a great collection of exotic plants from around the world.
- ▶ See the **Erie Basin Marina Gardens**, located at the foot of Erie Street on downtown Buffalo's waterfront. The Gardens are home to a Garden of Specialty Annuals, as well as the **Victor and Joan Fuzak Memorial Test Rose Gardens**. This site is one of 25 All-American Rose Selection test gardens in the United States.
- ▶ Visit a fresh farmers market, learn about locally grown produce and tour an urban garden featuring an urban working farm, green roof garden, a straw house, and even a fish farm with **Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo**.
- ▶ Visit **Forest Lawn** to see one of the finest arboretums in the United States and view **Frank Lloyd Wright's Blue Sky Mausoleum**.



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- ▶ Tour the **Albright-Knox Art Gallery**, an outstanding center of modern and contemporary art. The gallery's collection belongs among the world's top international surveys of 20th century painting and sculpture. Add time for a visit at the **Delaware Park Rose Garden** following a stop at the **Albright-Knox Art Gallery**.
- ▶ Visit the **Elmwood Village** within Buffalo for some urban chic shopping and a meal on your own.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- ▶ Take a **Spirit of Buffalo** or **Miss Buffalo** sightseeing cruise on Lake Erie. Dinner cruises are also available aboard the **Grand Lady**.
- ▶ Tour the Frank Lloyd Wright designed **Darwin Martin House Complex**.
- ▶ Visit the **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site** to see where TR was sworn in as 26th President of the United States.
- ▶ Visit one of many **U-pick farms** located along the Lake Ontario and Lake Erie shores.
- ▶ Learn more about Buffalo's history by taking a tour at the **The Buffalo History Museum**. Save some time to view the **Japanese Garden** located behind the museum.

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EARN YOUR BADGES: SCOUT TOUR

The Buffalo Niagara region is a badge-seekers paradise – scouts honor! Your group can explore the wonders of nature in our zoos and aquariums or seek out their own adventure at our local parks and

- ▶ Frolic in the flowers at the **Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens**, where Brownies can earn their Plant Try-its Badge and Juniors can earn an Outdoor Creativity Badge or the “Your Outdoor Surroundings” Badge.
- ▶ Spark your scouts’ creativity, curiosity, and imagination at the **Explore & More Children’s Museum**. Customized programs for badges and try-its are available.
- ▶ Take a walk on the wild side at the **Buffalo Zoo!** Scouts can see their favorite wild animals up close and even earn badges through specialized programs.

ALL AGES BOY SCOUT ITINERARY

- ▶ Get back to nature at **Tift Nature Preserve**, where Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Webelos can earn badges through the **Buffalo Museum of Science**. A different scout program is held most Saturdays, generally from about 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ Walk in presidential footsteps at the **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site**. Special educational programs and tours are available for different age groups.
- ▶ Experience 18th century life at historic **Old Fort Niagara**. Scout groups can schedule a guided tour and participate in fun, educational programs such as “Join the King’s Army” and “Work and Play in 1779.”
- ▶ Bring out your inner soldier at the **Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park**. Boy Scouts will love scampering across the decks of a guided missile cruiser and discovering the secrets of a WWII submarine.

preserves. Discover the history of the Buffalo Niagara region by partaking in a tour of one of our several historical educational centers. By the time your scouts leave, their sashes will be full of badges!



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- ▶ Explore a tropical rainforest, watch the playing polar bears at the new Arctic Edge exhibit, learn the workings of an 1850s heritage farm and dig for fossils at the **Buffalo Zoo!** Scouts can get in touch with nature while earning badges through specialized programs.

GREAT OUTDOORS: NATURE AND SCIENCE

- ▶ Get some fresh air at the **Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center** in Hamburg! Scouts can learn about geology, astronomy, ornithology, and paleontology while fulfilling requirements for various badges.
- ▶ Learn the mysteries of extinction, our place in space, vertebrate evolution, and the ecology of the Niagara Frontier at the **Buffalo Museum of Science**. Badge programs for scouts are available both at the museum and at **Tift Nature Preserve**.

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BUFFALO TECHNICAL TOUR

As a home of inventors and innovation, Buffalo Niagara is happy to spread that knowledge to visitors of all ages. Pioneers of all things from auto parts to beer, medicine to kazoos, we're here to showcase

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ▶ Tour a local factory where **bubble gum and gum balls** are made
- ▶ Learn about olive oil and experience first-hand the satisfaction of sampling many styles of **olive oils and vinegars**. The tools of our trade are our human senses and our experience. Learn about the history of olive oil and recipes handed down through generations that call for only the finest ingredients. Hear how olive oil can positively affect a healthy diet.
- ▶ See one of the world's largest manufacturing **auto engine plants** and an assembly line in action.
- ▶ Tour the region's **main postal office** and see the machines and how mail is cased, sorted and processed for delivery.
- ▶ Visit a **brewery**, learn about the brewing process, the difference between craft brews and commercially produced ales. And at the end, try a sample or two.



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our skills to every interest. Get your gears moving and generate some brain power by seeing how things are made right here in Buffalo Niagara!

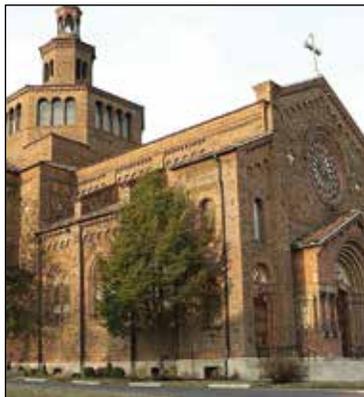
- ▶ Visit and tour **Buffalo Niagara's Medical Campus**. Learn about the upcoming multi-million dollar additions to the campus, including the UB Medical School, and John R. Oishei Children's Hospital. This includes interior visits at the Hauptman-Woodward Institute, UB's Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and other buildings along Buffalo's "medical corridor."
- ▶ The **Original American Kazoo Factory** is the only place in the US that still makes metal kazoos. See the museum, learn the history, watch them being made and even make one yourself!
- ▶ The **Buffalo History Museum** features a Buffalo Made exhibit. Here you can see many items that were invented in Buffalo and some that are still manufactured here.
- ▶ Visit the **Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus** and have a STEM experience developed for your group.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR

Western New York is rich in art, but not all of it is found in museums or galleries. For generations, believers and non-believers alike have been inspired by the art enshrined in Buffalo's houses of worship. Radiant stained-glass, paintings that have no equal, magnificent sculpture and

ornamentation, handmade bricks, terra cotta and tile work – and it's all there for you to enjoy. Four Buffalo churches invite you to be amazed by the faith of our immigrant ancestors and awestruck by the art they created.



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▶ On the National Register of Historic Places, **Blessed Trinity R. C. Church** is recognized as the purest replication of Lombard Romanesque architecture in the United States. The church's exterior features irregular "Harvard" brick walls laid using a medieval technique and terra-cotta ornamentation. The interior is noted for its extensive use of ceramics, including artisan floor tiles, pillars, altar baldachino and more than 2,000 decorative symbols.

▶ The **Buffalo Religious Art Center**, a unique example of adaptive reuse. A superb Romanesque Basilica Style church becomes a museum dedicated to the display of religious art.



CORPUS CHRISTI

▶ **Corpus Christi** is a landmark, Romanesque-styled church saved from closing in 2004 and currently undergoing a multi-million dollar historic restoration. The church is especially noted for its exquisite stained-glass windows and iconic mural above the church altar, considered to be one of the most significant examples of ecclesiastical artwork in the United States.

▶ **First Presbyterian Church** is the oldest faith community in Buffalo, established in 1812. The church's architecturally significant building on Symphony Circle features Tiffany-designed stained glass windows, two impressive pipe organs, and a 168-foot tall tower visible throughout the west side of the city.

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STUDENT MUSIC PERFORMANCE VENUES

| VENUE | CONTACT NAME | CONTACT INFO | ADDRESS | DAYS & TIMES | CAPACITY |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Academy of Performing Arts | Chris George | 716-816-4220 | 450 Masten Ave, Buffalo, NY | Various | 600 |
| Buffalo Suzuki Strings | | 716-743-8728 | 4 Webster St, North Tonawanda, NY | Varies | 300 |
| Canalside | Maria Rainsdon Miranda Morales | maria@canalsidebuffalo.com miranda@canalsidebuffalo.com | 44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY 14202 | Seasonal | Varies - unlimited Marching concert, chorus |
| Chautauqua Institution | Laurie Stanton | 716-357-6262 | 1 Ames Ave, Chautauqua, NY | May 1 - June 20; Sept 1 - Oct 31 | Varies |
| Darien Lake Theme Park & Resort | Group sales | 585-599-4641 | 9993 Allegany Rd, Darien Center, NY | Seasonal, May - Oct Music festivals May and June | |
| Eastern Hills Mall | Russ Fulton | 716-633-1600 | 4545 Transit Rd, Williamsville, NY | Varies with mall hours; call for information | Varies; unlimited capacity. Additional security required |
| Elmwood Village Association <i>multiple outdoor venues</i> | Carly Battin | 716-881-0707 | 1068 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY | Varies - call | Varies, depending on location - 10 to 10,000 |
| Erie County Fair | Lou Ann Delaney | 716-649-3900 x260 | The Fairgrounds in Hamburg Hamburg, NY | Mid-August annually | Unlimited. Marching bands, concert bands |
| Fashion Outlets of Niagara | Meghan Ayers | 716-297-0933 x206 | 1900 Military Rd, Niagara Falls, NY | Year-round (<i>blackout dates may apply</i>) | Varies |
| Great Pumpkin Farm at Kelly Schultz Antique World | Katy Toth | 716-759-8483 | 11199 Main St, Clarence, NY | October weekends | Unlimited capacity for marching bands |
| Hard Rock Cafe | Claire Seveno | 716-282-0007 | 333 Prospect St, Niagara Falls, NY | Year-round - varies | 40+ |
| Kleinhans Music Hall <i>Home of the Buffalo Philharmonic</i> | Mike Giambra groupsales@bpo.org | 716-885-0331 | 499 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY x415 and x417 | Call for information | 3,000 |
| Larkin Square | Seamus Gallivan | 716-362-2665 | 745 Seneca St, Buffalo, NY | Year round, outdoor (varies) | Varies but flexible |
| Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises | Mike Murphy | 716-433-6155 | 210 Market St, Lockport, NY | Seasonal; call for information | 75-100 |
| Martin's Fantasy Island | Len Synor | 716-773-7591 | 2400 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, NY | Seasonal; Orchestra, Band & Choral Festival, May weekends | Any size |
| Music is Art Buffalo Jazz Festival | Phil Aguglia | 716-200-6518 | Various locations, Buffalo, NY | October annually | Jazz bands |
| Niagara Falls State Park | Mary Kay Dugan | 716-278-1763 | Niagara Falls, NY | Seasonal; call for information | Varies |
| Niagara Falls Music & Art Festival | | 716-534-9960 | Old Falls St, Niagara Falls, NY | June annually | Smaller bands/ensembles |
| Old Fort Niagara | Bob Emerson | 716-745-7611 | Robert Moses Pkwy, Youngstown, NY | Year-round; call for details | Outdoor - unlimited Indoor - 60 |
| Roswell Park | Debbie Miga | 716-845-5708 | Elm & Carlton Streets, Buffalo, NY | Mon - Fri 10am-2pm | 75 standing |
| Walden Galleria | Marissa Romano | 716-681-7600 | Cheektowaga, NY | Mon - Sat 10am-9:30pm Sun 10am-7pm | Chorus: 40 Band: 10-15 |