

American Bank & American State Bank

NIAGARA FALLS & FINGER LAKES

September 7-14, 2025

A trip to Niagara Falls and Finger Lakes offers a captivating blend of natural beauty and recreational activities. Marvel at the majestic waterfalls and be mesmerized by the tranquil, picturesque scenery. Discover the architectural brilliance of Frank Lloyd Wright's creations and be captivated by the enchanting illumination of the falls, transforming this natural wonder into a breathtaking display of colorful lights against the night sky.

Hold your spot now with registration and a **refundable** deposit!



DAY 1 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

BUFFALO, NY

(Dinner)

Today we will transfer to the airport for our flight to **Buffalo**, **NY**, where we will settle into our rooms at the **Hampton Inn & Suites** and freshen up for a wonderful welcome dinner.

Note: The airport location and airline will be confirmed nine months before departure.

DAY 2 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ONTARIO, CANADA

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Today is all about Niagara Falls! We will **board the Maid of the Mist** and journey into the heart of one of North America's most powerful waterfalls to hear the crashing of the waves, see the breathtaking views, and feel the mighty rush of the mist on our faces. Have some free time to explore the park on your own before we get an unforgettable experience of the raw power of the Falls at Cave of the Winds. Prepare for an exhilarating adventure as we take an elevator down 175-feet where we'll have the thrilling opportunity to walk right up to the cascading waters of Bridal Veil Falls. Then we'll head to the **Canadian side of the falls** (*make sure to have your passport or passport card!*) where our overnight accommodations await at the **Radisson Hotel & Suites**. After dinner we'll return to the **falls for their evening illumination**. Hundreds of LED lights create a breathtaking display of color and movement!

DAY 3 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

ONTARIO, CANADA

(Breakfast, Dinner)

(Breakfast)

Our first stop of the day is the **Floral Clock**, a functioning clock made from as many as 16,000 carpet plants and colorful annuals. Stroll through the quaint streets of **Niagara on the Lake**, a picturesque town exuding old-world charm, where boutique shops and cozy cafes offer an inviting backdrop for a leisurely afternoon. Later, we'll delve into the engineering marvel of the **Niagara Falls Power Station** during an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour, including an exhilarating descent down 180-feet in a glass-paneled elevator to explore the 2,200-foot-long tunnel leading to an observation deck at the river's edge. This evening, indulge in a delightful dinner at a local restaurant in Niagara Falls, where delectable cuisine, breathtaking views, and the vibrant illumination of the falls combine for a perfect night.

ITHACA, NY

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

This morning we'll head back to the US and make our way to Canandaigua, NY, to begin today's touring at **Willard Chapel** to admire its interior, designed and handcrafted entirely by the Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company of New York City. It is the only complete, unaltered, and totally Tiffany-designed religious interior known to exist in the world! Then it is time for some sugary goodness as we venture along the **Sweet Treat Trail** featuring a variety of unique, locally produced sweets and treats. We'll make several stops at farmers' markets, bakeries, farm stands, stores, ice cream stands, and cafés along the way to discover all the yummy goodness Cayuga County has to offer. Whether it is honey, jam, or homemade cookies, there will be something to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth! We will end the day in **Ithaca, NY**, at the southern tip of Lake Cayuga. After we have checked into our hotel, you will have the remainder of the evening to spend at **Downtown Ithaca Commons**, a four-block pedestrian-only section of downtown that has many unique stores, restaurants, and musical street performances.

DAY 5 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

ITHACA, NY

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast before our journey begins at the "It's a Wonderful Life" Bridge in Seneca Falls, a charming local landmark believed to have inspired the iconic film, serving as a poignant reminder to treasure life's moments and our impact on others, all against the backdrop of a historically rich town. Following lunch, we'll venture along the **Cayuga Wine Trail**, nestled on the west side of Lake Cayuga, renowned for its ideal grape-growing conditions where we'll indulge in a tour and tasting at one of the region's esteemed wineries. On our way back to Ithaca, we'll make a stop at the **Taughannock Falls Overlook** to marvel at the majestic falls, towering at 215-feet, surpassing the height of Niagara Falls. To cap off our day of exploration, we'll gather for a delightful group dinner.



DAY 6 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

ITHACA, NY

(Breakfast, Dinner)

We'll begin the day with breakfast followed by a visit to the **Corning Museum of Glass**, where 40,000 unique pieces spanning 3,500 years of glassworks history await. Explore the museum's extensive galleries, where we'll encounter exquisite glass sculptures, delicate stained glass windows, and ornate glassware from around the globe. Glass plays an important role in art, history, culture, technology, science, and design, and the museum explores it all! Our visit also includes an exciting live demonstration where skilled artisans showcase the mesmerizing art of glassblowing, offering insights into the intricate techniques and craftsmanship involved. For those feeling inspired, there's even an opportunity to try our hand at glassmaking and create our own unique piece to take home! Next we'll embark on a narrated **cruise along the tranquil waters of Seneca Lake**, where panoramic views of pastoral landscapes, picturesque wineries, and charming villages unfold before our eyes. Once we arrive back on land, we'll unwind and indulge in a delightful dinner as a group.

DAY 7 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

BUFFALO, NY

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Embarking on today's adventure, we return to the vibrant city of Buffalo, NY, where our first stop awaits at the iconic **Darwin Martin House**. Stepping into this architectural marvel, designed by the legendary Frank Lloyd Wright, we're treated to a guided tour showcasing the intricate details and innovative design elements that define the Prairie School architectural style. After a delightful group lunch, our exploration continues at the Graycliff Estate, another distinguished residence designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Perched atop a scenic cliff overlooking the shimmering waters of Lake Erie, this elegant summer home offers a fascinating glimpse into the opulent lifestyle of the early 1900s industrial elite. As we wander through the expansive cliffside mansion and its surrounding gardens, we'll uncover the unique intricacies within each room, such as the awe-inspiring three-story window in the Great Room that offers sweeping panoramic views of Lake Erie, creating an unforgettable experience. Tonight, we will come together one last time for a shared meal on Buffalo's waterfront to enjoy all the beauty and energy while dining on a delicious meal. Our overnight accommodations await as we check back in to **Hampton Inn & Suites**.

DAY 8 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 HOME Following breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our flight home.

Destinations Niagara USA - Stephen Matera



(Breakfast)



INCLUSIONS

- Round-Trip Airport Transfers
- Round-Trip Air to Buffalo (air allowance of \$550)
- Private Motorcoach Transportation
- 7 Nights' Accommodations
- 14 Meals (7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners)
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels Where Available
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Audio Listeners
- Professional Tour Manager

Not included in the price of this tour: meals other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, travel protection plan, passport fees, visa fees (if applicable), fees related to any COVID-19 requirements for this destination, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, you must:

- Be able to walk/stand 2-3 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to maneuver some stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

TOUR PRICING

\$3,995 per person, Double Occupancy \$4,795 per person, Single Occupancy

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

American Bank and American State Bank RECOMMEND that all travelers purchase a Travel Protection Plan. For your convenience, we offer a Travel Protection Plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services.

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A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot:

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE: MAY 30, 2025

For further information or questions, please contact: Loreen Marra, American Spirit Club Coordinator American State Bank 525 N Main Ave, Sioux Center, IA 51250 (712) 722-4846 or (866) 938-4846

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