



Ithaca/ Tompkins County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Waterfalls & Wine, a true Ithaca Experience!

Hidden waterfalls, unique views, unexpected beauty. Centrally located in the heart of the Finger Lakes region of New York State, these are the things you'll discover when visiting Ithaca. You pack comfy shoes and a keen sense of curiosity, and we'll show you the way.

DAY ONE

Begin your Ithaca adventure reveling in the sound of roaring waters of **Buttermilk Falls** as it descends in a series of plunging cascades and rapids that converge into a beautiful basin.

Next, tour the extensive gardens and arboretum of the **Cornell Botanic Gardens**. Experience living displays of botanical diversity on your own or with a guide. Be sure to save some time for the gift shop at the Nevins Center, full of nature inspired treasures.

Showcasing a panoramic view of Ithaca and Cayuga Lake, the **Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art** on the Cornell University campus offers a collection spanning six millennia and encompassing most world cultures.

Enjoy an afternoon on your own with a unique dining and shopping experience on the **Downtown Ithaca Commons**, one of the few surviving pedestrian malls left in the U.S. Experience the centerpiece of a Nationally Registered Historic District as you browse the area's most diverse shopping and eclectic dining, from upscale bistros to casual cafes.

Sample wine at Ithaca's own **Six Mile Creek Vineyard** in a hilltop tasting room overlooking a picturesque pond and vineyards. Be sure to sip some of their spirits made exclusively from wine grapes.

Enjoy the **Taste of Central NY** menu for dinner at **McCormick's at Moakley House**. McCormick's at Moakley House offers a casual environment, alongside the award-winning Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University. Named for Jack McCormick, a varsity golfer from the Cornell Class of 1957, McCormick's is open to the public, has plenty of parking, and welcomes everyone for a drink, snack, or a meal.

Rest your head in one of Ithaca's group friendly hotels! **Let Visit Ithaca help coordinate a block of rooms for your group's overnight stay in Ithaca!**



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DAY TWO

Take a photo at 150ft **Ithaca Falls**, right in the heart of the city. At 175ft wide, the falls are one of the region's mightiest.

Enhance your appreciation and knowledge of birds at the **Cornell Lab of Ornithology**. Birding is best enjoyed with a group!

Enjoy a scenic ride through the countryside with a stop at one of the most outstanding views in the region. At 215ft, the cascading **Taughannock Falls** is three stories taller than Niagara Falls. Take time for pictures at the **Taughannock Falls Overlook** and marvel at how the steep-walled gorge formation was carved by ice, thousands of years ago.

Take in extraordinary views while tasting your way through the **Cayuga Lake Wine Trail**, the nation's first organized wine trail. Sample award-winning wine, beer, hard cider and spirits along the way. Be sure to enjoy a wonderful group lunch featuring local ingredients from area farms at **Knapp Winery Restaurant**, overlooking the trellis of grapevines on the estate vineyard.

Meet the "kids" at a **Lively Run Dairy**, a working goat dairy farm, learn how high-quality goat cheese is made, and of course stay for the tasting!

Need a group dining suggestion? Groups can enjoy the scenic lakeside setting while dining at the casual **Boatyard Grill** or elegantly designed with a modern flair, **ZaZa's Cucina** offers groups contemporary Italian cuisine.

Don't forget to grab a scoop at local favorite, **Purity Ice Cream**. Ithaca is the birthplace of the ice cream sundae, after all!

Wind down at your hotel with a make and take project lead by **Wine & Blooms**. Gather as a group, sip some of the wine you purchased along the way and learn a new skill based around gardening! Whether you are making something for the garden or from the garden, create something that is uniquely you to remember your trip!

This sample itinerary is meant to give you an idea of the group experience Ithaca can offer. Contact Visit Ithaca and have a custom 1, 2, or 3 night itinerary created just for your group!