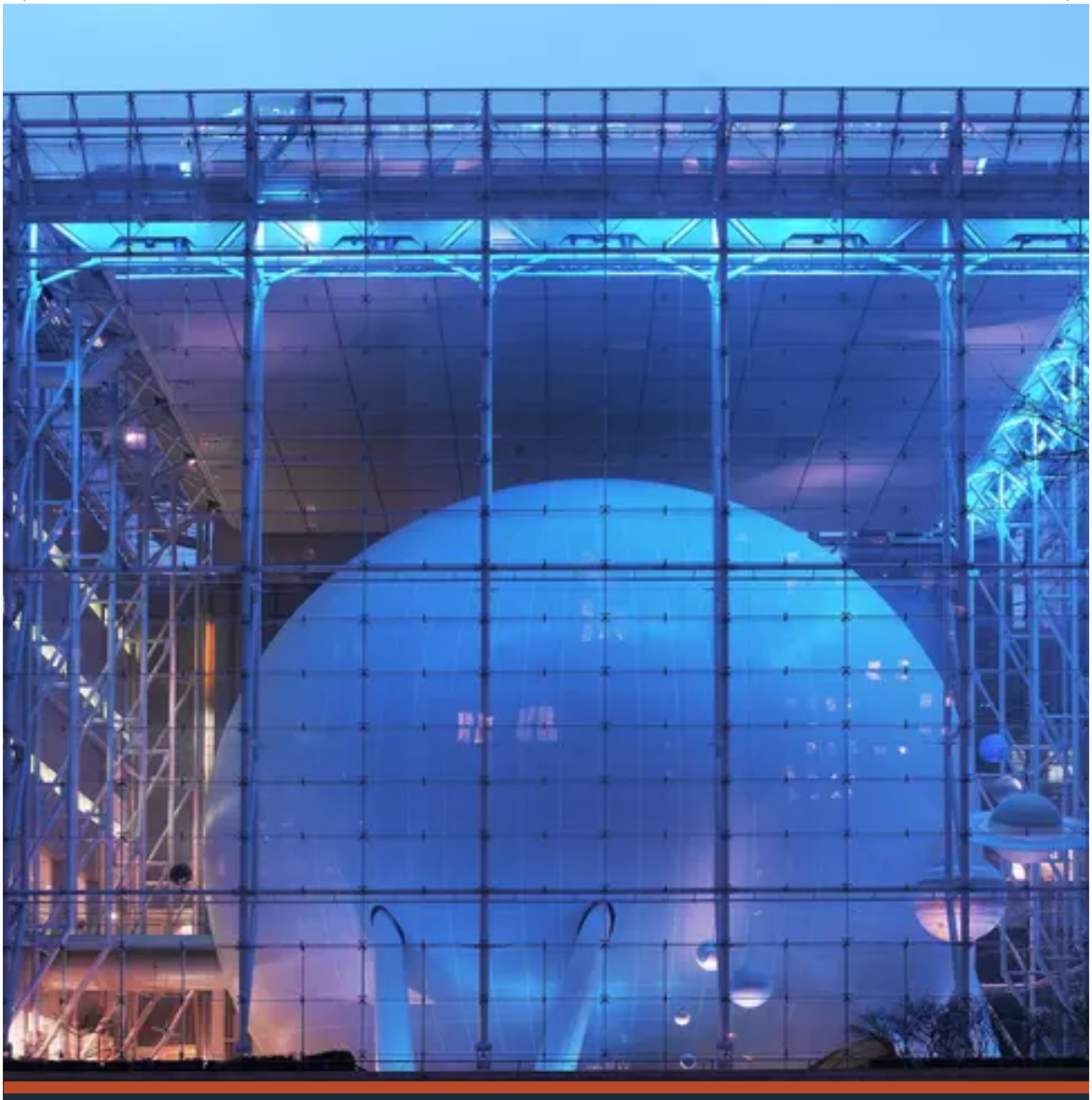


ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

# New York, the Finger Lakes and Niagara Falls

*12 days · New York*

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*The city, the Hudson Valley, wine country and the falls.*

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| Length | 12 days, 11 nights |
| Distance | 1,430 km, 7 driving days |
| Behind the wheel | 19 h 50 min |
| Travellers | 2, 1 room, 1 car |
| Hotels | Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars) |
| Flights | Amsterdam – New York JFK (JFK), New York JFK (JFK) – Amsterdam |

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# Day by day

| DAY | DATE | NIGHT | KM | DRIVE | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | New York | 30 | 40 min | |
| 2 | | New York | | | |
| 3 | | New York | | | |
| 4 | | Hudson | 200 | 2 h 40 min | |
| 5 | | Hudson | | | |
| 6 | | Ithaca | 270 | 4 h | |
| 7 | | Ithaca | | | |
| 8 | | Niagara Falls | 270 | 3 h 40 min | |
| 9 | | Niagara Falls | | | |
| 10 | | Corning | 240 | 3 h 10 min | |
| 11 | | New York | 400 | 5 h 10 min | |
| 12 | | Flight home from JFK | 30 | 40 min | |

**1,430 km · 19 h 50 min behind the wheel · on average 200 km a driving day**

*Kilometres and drive times by road (OSRM, OpenStreetMap), without stops: plan generously.*

# The route




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## ON THE ROAD

| | |
|---|---|
| **Day 1** | Land at New York JFK (JFK), drive to New York · About 30 km (20 mi), 40 min |
| **Day 4** | New York, drive to Hudson · About 200 km (130 mi), 2 h 40 min |
| **Day 6** | Hudson, drive to Ithaca · About 270 km (160 mi), 4 h |
| **Day 8** | Ithaca, drive to Niagara Falls · About 270 km (160 mi), 3 h 40 min |
| **Day 10** | Niagara Falls, drive to Corning · About 240 km (150 mi), 3 h 10 min |
| **Day 11** | Corning, drive to New York · About 400 km (250 mi), 5 h 10 min |
| **Day 12** | New York to New York JFK airport (JFK), fly home to Amsterdam · About 30 km (20 mi), 40 min |

# Well prepared

### ESTA

Dutch and Belgian travellers need no visa for a holiday of up to 90 days, but do need an approved ESTA before boarding. It costs about $40, is valid for two years (or until your passport expires) and is applied for online. Apply at least 72 hours before you fly, and only on the official site.

esta.cbp.dhs.gov

### Passport

An electronic passport (with the chip symbol), valid for the whole stay. Children need their own passport and ESTA.

nl.usembassy.gov

### Driving licence

Your Dutch driving licence is accepted for renting and driving a car as a visitor. An international driving permit next to it helps with police and some rental desks.

anwb.nl

### Renting a car

The renter is the main driver and pays with a credit card in their own name (no debit or prepaid card); the deposit is held on it. Usually from 21, and from 21 to 24 you pay a young-driver fee of about $25 a day. Book from home with insurance included (CDW/LDW and extra liability, SLI) and an extra driver if you want to take turns. Returning the car elsewhere (a one-way trip) costs extra. Fuel is sold by the gallon (3.8 litres); fill it up yourself before you bring it back.

### Driving in the USA

Keep right; speeds are in miles an hour (65 mph is 105 km/h). Turning right on red is allowed after stopping, unless a sign says no. At a 4-way stop, whoever stopped first goes first. For a stopped yellow school bus with flashing lights you stop in both directions. Toll roads are often electronic only: ask your rental company about its toll pass. On remote stretches (parks, desert) there's little signal and a long way to the next pump: fill up at half and download the map.

### Renting an RV

You can rent an RV from about 21 with an ordinary car licence. On top of the rent, count on mileage (often per mile), a kit with bedding and kitchen things, cleaning and the campsite: in the popular parks you book those months ahead on recreation.gov. Big RVs aren't allowed on every park road. Take photos of the RV when you pick it up: damage and missing items are the most heard complaint.

recreation.gov

### National parks

Most big parks charge per car. Visitors from abroad pay $100 a person extra at 11 popular parks; the annual pass for non-residents is $250. Some parks need a timed-entry reservation in high season.

nps.gov

### Money and tipping

Prices are without sales tax, which is added at the till. In restaurants a tip of 15 to 20% is usual. Cards are accepted almost everywhere; at the pump you may be asked for a ZIP code, so pay inside.

### Travel insurance and health

Care in the USA is very expensive: take travel insurance with worldwide medical cover, and check whether your health insurance covers the USA. Cancellation insurance covers the trip if you can't go; insure the rental car with the rental company (see Renting a car). Take medicines in their original packaging, with a prescription in English. Emergency number: 911.

### Power, phone and time

110 volt with flat two-pin plugs (type A/B): bring an adapter. A US eSIM is cheaper than roaming. The mainland has four time zones, Arizona mostly without daylight saving time.

### Customs

Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

# Packing list

- [ ] Passport (valid for the whole trip)
- [ ] ESTA, printed
- [ ] Driving licence (and an international one)
- [ ] Credit card in the driver's name
- [ ] Travel and cancellation insurance
- [ ] Confirmations: flights, car, hotels
- [ ] America the Beautiful pass for the parks
- [ ] Plug adapter for type A/B (110 volt)
- [ ] Car charger and phone holder
- [ ] eSIM or offline maps
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- [ ] Water bottles for the desert
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Layers: the coast and the nights get cold
- [ ] Medicines, in your hand luggage
- [ ] A pen, for this booklet

**DON'T FORGET**

# Notes



DAYS 1–3

# New York NY

*Central Park and Times Square*

Land at New York JFK (JFK), drive to New York: about 30 km (20 mi), 40 min

**3 nights**

NEW YORK · DAYS 1–3

## HOTEL

- ☐ Moxy NYC Lower East Side · 3★ — roughly €180
  145 BOWERY
- ☐ Moxy NYC East Village · 3★ — roughly €430
  112 EAST 11TH STREET
- ☐ Moxy NYC Chelsea · 3★ — roughly €410
  105 West 28th Street
- ☐ Hilton Garden Inn NYC Financial Center/Manhattan Downtown · 3★ — roughly €340
  6 Water St
- ☐ Hampton Inn Times Square Central · 3★ — roughly €410
  220 West 41st St.

## NOTES



DAYS 4–5

# Hudson NY

*The Hudson Valley*

New York, drive to Hudson: about 200 km (130 mi), 2 h 40 min

**2 nights**

## HUDSON · DAYS 4–5

### HOTEL

- [ ] Batterby House – Adults Only · 3★
  251 Allen St
- [ ] Wm. Farmer and Sons · 3★
  20 S. Front St.
- [ ] The Wick, Hudson, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel · 3★
  41 Cross Street
- [ ] Hudson Mariner · 3★ — roughly €220
  26 Warren Street
- [ ] Hudson City Bed & Breakfast · 3★
  326 Allen Street

### NOTES



DAYS 6–7

# Ithaca NY

*Gorges and waterfalls*

Hudson, drive to Ithaca: about 270 km (160 mi), 4 h

**2 nights**

## ITHACA · DAYS 6–7

### HOTEL

- [ ] Inn On Columbia · 3★
  228 Columbia Street
- [ ] La Tourelle Inn & Spa · 3★ — roughly €140
  1150 Danby Rd 96B
- [ ] Hampton Inn Ithaca · 3★ — roughly €100
  337 Elmira Rd
- [ ] Homewood Suites by Hilton Ithaca · 3★ — roughly €120
  36 Cinema Dr
- [ ] Hilton Garden Inn Ithaca · 3★ — roughly €130
  130 E. Seneca Street

### NOTES



DAYS 8–9

# Niagara Falls NY

*The Maid of the Mist*

Ithaca, drive to Niagara Falls: about 270 km (160 mi), 3 h 40 min

**2 nights**

## NIAGARA FALLS · DAYS 8–9

### HOTEL

- [ ] The Butler House B&B · 3★
  751 Park Place
- [ ] The Little Italy of Niagara Falls Bed & Breakfast · 3★
  2211 Forest Ave
- [ ] Stay Inn Niagara Falls Vacation Studios · 3★
  2754 Niagara Falls Blvd Rear
- [ ] Hampton Inn Niagara Falls · 3★ — roughly €100
  501 Rainbow Blvd
- [ ] Courtyard by Marriott Niagara Falls, USA · 3★ — roughly €80
  900 Buffalo Avenue

### NOTES




DAY 10

# Corning NY

*The Museum of Glass*

Niagara Falls, drive to Corning: about 240 km (150 mi), 3 h 10 min

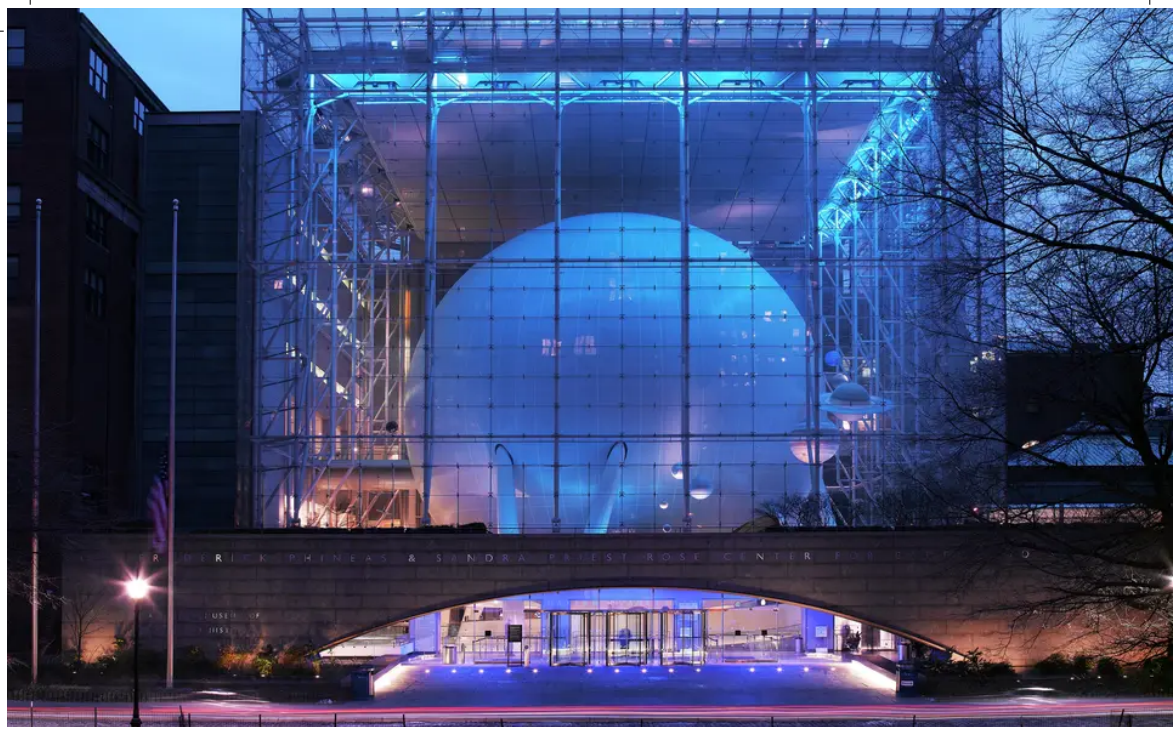
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## CORNING · DAY 10

### HOTEL

- [ ] Little peace of heaven · 3★ — roughly €90
  197 Decatur Street Apartment 101 1st floor
- [ ] Hilton Garden Inn Corning Downtown · 3★ — roughly €120
  23 Riverside Dr
- [ ] Staybridge Suites Corning by IHG · 3★ — roughly €100
  201 Townley Ave
- [ ] 1 Mi to Dtwn: Pet-friendly Corning Retreat · 3★
- [ ] 'little Piece of Heaven' Rental Near Dtwn Corning! · 3★
  197 Decatur St

### NOTES



DAY 11

# New York NY

*Before the flight home*

Corning, drive to New York: about 400 km (250 mi), 5 h 10 min

1 night

## HOTEL

- ☐ Moxy NYC Lower East Side · 3★ — roughly €180
  145 BOWERY
- ☐ Moxy NYC East Village · 3★ — roughly €430
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## NOTES

# What it costs

| DAY | PLACE | HOTEL | TOURS | CAR | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | New York | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 2 | New York | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 3 | New York | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 4 | Hudson | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 5 | Hudson | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 6 | Ithaca | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
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| 11 | New York | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 12 | Flight home from JFK | – | – | €60 | **€60** |

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|---|---|
| Flights | €1,700 |
| Hotels | €1,760 |
| Excursions | €0 |
| Car hire | €720 |
| **Total** | **€4,180** |
| | €2,090 a person |

*An estimate to plan with (prices of 2026-10): hotels, the ticked excursions, car hire and flights. No fuel or meals.*

# Notes

# About this booklet

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THE ROUTE

*New York (3) · Hudson (2) · Ithaca (2) · Niagara Falls (2) · Corning (1) · New York (1)*

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