

# *Things To Do In And Around Buffalo NY*

## *Albright Knox Art Gallery*

[www.Albrightknox.org](http://www.Albrightknox.org)

Founded as The Buffalo Fine Arts Academy in 1862, the Albright-Knox is the sixth-oldest public art museum in the United States and one of the oldest museums anywhere dedicated to the art of our time. Acquiring the finest examples of contemporary creative expression has been the museum's focus for more than a century and a half. The Albright-Knox is committed to maximizing the economic and social impact of the museum as a vibrant hub where people of all walks of life can connect with art, ideas, and one another.

1285 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222

Admission: \$12 Adults, \$8 Veterans and Seniors, \$6 Children

5.4 miles from hotel

## *Buffalo Museum of Science*

[www.sciencebuff.org](http://www.sciencebuff.org)

In 1836, the Young Men's Association (YMA) was founded in the City of Buffalo. As the center for organized cultural activities in the city, the YMA's committees dealt with the public library, science, literature, and art. In most small towns, the public library is the recipient of all manner of curiosities and interesting objects; consequently, the YMA became the proud owner of numerous specimens, minerals, fossils, shells, insects, pressed plants, sea weeds and various paintings and articles of historic value. The acquisition of these specimens called for a cabinet for their display – thus began the collection that would lead to the Buffalo Museum of Science we have today.

Since 2010, the museum has been on an aggressive path to renovate all of the permanent exhibits, including the National Geographic 3D Cinema, culminating this transformation was the restoration and reopening of the rooftop Kellogg observatory in July 2018.

1020 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14211

Admission: \$13 Adults, \$10 Veterans, Seniors, and Children

3.3 miles from hotel

# *Buffalo History Museum*

[www.buffalohistory.org](http://www.buffalohistory.org)

An inspired group of history makers founded The Buffalo History Museum (TBHM), then called the Buffalo Historical Society, in 1862. They assembled a unique collection of regional paintings, photographs, artifacts, and manuscripts to share with researchers and the public. To accommodate the organization's rapid growth, more space was needed.

An ideal opportunity for a new, larger space presented itself during planning for the great exposition at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Buffalo architect George Cary designed the New York State Building for the 1901 Pan-American Exposition. It was designed to be reused as a permanent home for the museum.

From handwritten business ledgers to innovations marking industries, from folders of neighborhood photos to complete soldier's footlockers, today more than 100,000 physical objects and over 200,000 photographs and 20,000 books mark time and in combination shape our understanding of Western New York's story. Westward expansion, industrialization, immigration, transportation, Presidential, military and social history – these themes tie us to our nation's story.

The museum houses major collections pertaining to the Holland Land Company, U.S. President Millard Fillmore, Seneca Indians, Buffalo Bills, the Pan-American Exposition, the Larkin Company, and much more.

1 Museum Court, Buffalo, NY 14216

Admission: \$10 Adults, Free for Veterans, \$5 Seniors, \$2.50 Children

5.5 miles from hotel

# *Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum*

[www.pierce-arrow.com](http://www.pierce-arrow.com)

The Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum was established in 1997. The Museum building, at the corner of Seneca Street and Michigan Avenue, in downtown Buffalo (once a Mack Truck dealership and showroom), opened in 2001.

Jim Sandoro and his wife, Mary Ann, have spent more than 45 years collecting memorabilia, antique vehicles and historic artifacts to visually display the rich transportation history of Western New York. They welcome you to the Museum to see the impressive collection of automobiles, bicycles, motorcycles, Pierce-Arrow artifacts,

Jello Wagon, Corvette collection, the 1927 Buffalo Filling Station by Frank Lloyd Wright, and much more.

263 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14203

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children

1.1 miles from the hotel

## *Forest Lawn Cemetery*

[www.forest-lawn.com](http://www.forest-lawn.com)

Each of us has a story – a story about who we are and where we came from, about the people we love, the friendships we’ve made, what we’ve done during our life, and the qualities that define us.

At Forest Lawn, more than 161,000 souls now rest under their perpetual care. That’s more than 161,000 stories – some of which are familiar to all; most only to those who played a part to them.

Forest Lawn boasts an archive of more than 1.2 million historical documents, including the most comprehensive family archives in Western New York, with 350,000 individual family records, and growing by 3,500 per year. The list of some of the most famous “permanent residents” include:

13<sup>th</sup> U.S. President Millard Fillmore

Dr. Frederick Cook, discoverer of the North Pole

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm

Dorothy Goetz Berlin, wife of composer Irving Berlin

Willis Haviland Carrier, father of modern air conditioning

August Esenwein, accomplished architect

Rick James, Music Legend

Red Jacket, Great Chieftain of the Seneca Indians

Brigadier General Albert Myer, founder of the National Weather Service

George N. Pierce, founder of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Company

1411 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

Admission is Free

3.2 miles from hotel

## *Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House Complex*

[www.martinhouse.org](http://www.martinhouse.org)

Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) designed a unique residential complex for wealthy Buffalo businessman Darwin D. Martin and his family between 1903-1905. The most substantial and highly developed of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie houses in the Eastern United States, The Darwin D. Martin House received National Historic Landmark status in 1986. The house is considered by leading Frank Lloyd Wright scholars as one of Wright's finest achievements of the Prairie period and, indeed, of his entire career. The complex consists of six interconnected buildings designed as a unified composition, including; the main Martin House and a pergola that connects it to a conservatory and carriage house with chauffeur's quarters and stables, the Barton House, a smaller residence for Martin's sister and brother-in-law, and a gardener's cottage added in 1909. The landscape design for the grounds of the complex is highly integrated with the overall composition of buildings.

The Martin House is a prime example of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie House ideal, with strong horizontal lines and planes, deeply overhanging eaves, a central hearth, prominent foundation, and a sheltering, cantilevered roof. The complex contains 394 examples of Frank Lloyd Wright-designed art glass, including the famed "Tree of Life" window.

125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214

Admission: 2 hour tour- \$45 Adults, \$40 Seniors

1 hour tour- \$22 Adults, \$18 Seniors

5.7 miles from the hotel

## *Buffalo Naval and Military Park*

[www.buffalonaivalpark.org](http://www.buffalonaivalpark.org)

The Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park is a museum on the shore of Lake Erie in Buffalo, New York. It is home to several decommissioned US Naval vessels, including the Cleveland-class cruiser USS Little Rock, the Fletcher-class destroyer USS The Sullivans, and the submarine USS Croaker. Along with the ships, there are a variety of smaller vehicles, vessels, and aircraft on display at the park.

One Naval Park Cove, Buffalo, NY, 14202

Admission: \$15 Adults, \$11 Veterans, \$12 Seniors, \$9 Children

0.5 miles from the hotel

## *Old Fort Niagara*

[www.oldfortniagara.org](http://www.oldfortniagara.org)

The history of Old Fort Niagara spans more than 300 years. During the colonial wars in North America, a fort at the mouth of the Niagara River was vital, for it controlled access to the Great Lakes and the westward route to the heartland of the continent. With the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825, however, the strategic value of Fort Niagara diminished. It nonetheless remained an active military post well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The three flags flown daily above the parade grounds symbolize the nations which have held Fort Niagara. Each competed for support of a fourth nation: the powerful Iroquois Confederacy. The French established the first post here, Fort Conti, in 1679. It's successor, Fort Denonville (1687-88) was equally short lived. In 1726 France finally erected a permanent fortification with the construction of the impressive "French Castle." Britain gained control of Fort Niagara in 1759, during the French & Indian War, after a nineteen-day siege. The British held the post throughout the American Revolution but were forced, by treaty, to yield it to the United States in 1796. Fort Niagara was recaptured by the British in 1813. It was ceded to the United States a second time in 1815 at the end of the War of 1812.

This was Fort Niagara's last armed conflict, and it thereafter served as a peaceful border post. The garrison expanded beyond the walls following the Civil War. Fort Niagara was a barracks and training station for American soldiers throughout both World Wars. The last army units were withdrawn in 1963. Today, the U.S. Coast Guard represents the only military presence on the site.

102 Morrow Plaza, Youngstown, NY, 14174

Admission: \$13 Adults, \$12 Veterans and Seniors, \$9 Children

31.2 miles from the hotel

## *Niagara Falls State Park*

[www.niagarafallsstatepark.com](http://www.niagarafallsstatepark.com)

Jaw-dropping scenic beauty. Thundering roars. Mind-blowing cataracts. Shimmering Rainbows. And the raw power of 4-6 million cubic feet of water rushing over the edges every minute of the day. Comprised of the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, and Horseshoe Falls, Niagara Falls is a true natural wonder that plays Cupid to lovers, a muse to artists, and pied piper to millions of visitors each year.

See, hear, and feel the falls from below on board the legendary Maid of the Mist. Get up close and personal (and wet) as you stand less than 20 feet away from the Bridal Veil Falls on the Cave of the Winds tour. And stride to the edge of an observation tower extending out into the Niagara Gorge to view all three spectacular falls from a single site.

Designed by iconic landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead, Niagara Falls State Park is the nation's oldest state park, with lush scenery, fabulous hikes and views that capture the original splendor that awaited the first visitors to the region.

332 Prospect Street, Niagara Falls, NY, 14303

Admission Prices vary by activity

20.4 miles from the hotel

## *Niagara Power Vista*

[www.nypa.gov](http://www.nypa.gov)

The geology of Niagara. The argument between two electricity titans. The chance to design your own dam, to operate a power grid during a storm, and to walk through a turbine. A high-tech virtual ride that takes you plummeting from the sky and into the Niagara River; shooting through the penstocks and swirling around a spinning turbine; then zipping at high speeds along high-tension power lines across the landscapes of New York State. The experience at the Niagara Power Vista Center is on the don't-miss list for the Niagara area and is free to all.

5777 Lewiston Road, Lewiston, NY, 14092

Admission: Free

23.7 miles from the hotel

## *Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino*

[www.senecabuffalocreekcasino.com](http://www.senecabuffalocreekcasino.com)

Energy abounds in downtown Buffalo, and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino is at the epicenter of the excitement. Amid the thrill of professional sports, year-round activity, and the energetic nightlife of the city's Inner Harbor area and Cobblestone District, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino offers non-stop thrills. Across our 67,000-square-foot casino, guests will find more than 800 slot machines and 22 table games to keep their pulse racing

1 Fulton Street, Buffalo, NY, 14204

Admission: Free, but the wagers are up to you...

2.1 miles from the hotel

## *Seneca Niagara Casino*

[www.senecaniagaracasino.com](http://www.senecaniagaracasino.com)

Thunderous energy awaits guests at the Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, minutes from the world-famous Niagara Falls. Inside, feel the rush of excitement across the resort's 147,000-square-foot gaming floor, where you can enjoy the hottest new slots and all of your favorite table games. With more than 3,600 slot machines and 90 table games to choose from, there's a game for everyone. Stir, Seneca Niagara's high-energy feature bar creates a focal point of activity and excitement with live performances, a massive 43-foot high-definition video wall, and a large, inviting dance floor.

310 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, NY, 14303

Admission: Free, Wagers are up to you...

20.3 miles from the hotel

## *Troop I American Legion Post #665*

### */ Hamlin House Restaurant*

[www.hamlinhouse.com](http://www.hamlinhouse.com)

Located in the heart of the historic Allentown District in the city of Buffalo, NY. We are just blocks from downtown and the Buffalo Medical Campus. This restored turn of the century mansion is the place for you to come and experience great food, friendly service and splendid old-world architecture. The Hamlin family built this Italianate style mansion in 1865 at the height of Buffalo's renaissance period. It now houses a great place to relive a part of Buffalo's great past and experience its growing future. No cookie cutter suburban cinder block building here. Rich heritage and fine food compliments your visit to the Hamlin House Restaurant.

432 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY, 14202

Open for lunch and dinner on Friday, and breakfast on Sunday.