

The Finger Lakes Wine Region in up-state New York is a ‘knock-out’- a really gorgeous place to visit. Lush, green-rolling hills separated by beautiful, long, narrow lakes (resembling the fingers on a giant hand), are what make grape growing possible. High-quality wine grapes shouldn’t grow in the heart of New York states snow belt, where the continental climate provides frigid, snow-laden winters and short, warm summers. *BUT PREMIUM GRAPES DO GROW IN THE FINGER LAKES REGION.* And you can **discover and taste** this awesome, aesthetic truth for yourself!

Donal Smith, wine consultant and educator will be your personal guide as you **wine and dine** your way through the Finger Lakes Wine Region – the largest American Viticultural Area in New York state and the second-largest wine-producing area in the United States after California. Fascinating, informative winery tours, N.Y. wine & food pairings & demonstrations, ‘eating & drinking’ at amazing, award winning restaurants as well as a ‘daily-dose’ of spectacular scenery are all a part of this intimate, ‘Autumn In New York’ state journey. **The New York Wine & Culinary Center in Canandaigua** is worth the trip to the Finger Lakes alone. It is a mini version of the Napa Valley Coppola Wine & Food Center. If you’re a “foodie and wine aficionado,” you won’t want to miss this attraction.

You’ll ‘fall in love’ with **Niagara Falls** – one of the world’s most beautiful and impressive sights with a close-up look at these mighty falls on the boat “Maid of The Mist” Your N.Y. ‘up-state’ vacation includes dining on a lake-cruise, visiting the beautiful, historical falls & state park near **Watkins Glen**, as well as touring the quaint town of Seneca Falls – which was the inspiration for “**Bedford Falls**” – in the Frank Capra 1948 film starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed – “**It’s a Wonderful Life.**”

It will be a wonderful life for you, too, if you are able to join us for this extraordinary adventure to The (up-state) Empire State. With special intimate wine and food events as a daily offering, I can guarantee that this will be a relaxing, memorable fall vacation. Yes, they do make delicious RED wines there, too!

Feel free to email Donal if you have any questions re: our exciting Finger Lakes, New York itinerary. Better yet, contact Marta Day at the Travel Store for details and reservations.

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