

Around the World Tour, Multi-Day Tour

You can travel anywhere in the world from Seneca Lakes thanks to its access to the Erie Canal but you won't need a passport for this tour with an international feel. Enjoy European-style wineries, brewery, food and gardens.

The inspiration for much of the beautiful Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua came from extensive European and Asian travels by philanthropist Mary Clark Thompson, who involved hundreds of workers between 1902 and 1919 in the design of the current gardens. The site features nine formal gardens including a Japanese Garden with a tea house and five bridges plus a 12th-century Bronze statue near by, and the Italian Garden featuring some 15,000 red and gold annuals in each of four sunken beds in an elaborate "carpet bedding" style. From the vantage point of the mansion library or the balcony directly above, visitors can look down on the garden to the 16th-century Italian well-head and the Fountain of Hercules. We'll visit the wonderful 40-room Queen Anne-style mansion perched on the sun-bathed hill of the estate inspiring its name of Sonnenberg which is Germany for sunny hill, and enjoy a guided garden tour. Generally the gardens are toured on foot but tours can be modified to focus on the gardens immediately surrounding the gardens if preferred to minimize walking. Trams are also available to transport group members from the motorcoach parking area to the estate for those with mobility issues.



Another tour highlight is a visit to Lively Run Goat Dairy in Interlaken, where you'll learn all about goat cheese, taste a variety of goat cheeses made on site, visit the goat barn and meet the cheese maker who will demonstrate how their products are made at this pioneer in the regional artisan cheese making industry. As a special treat enjoy a personal cheese cake with beverage while there. A delicious stop!

Views in the Finger Lakes as well as the heritage of those who settled in the region have influenced the great variety of beverages that you'll enjoy tasting on your trip. We'll visit Castel Grisch and Chateau LaFayette Reneau wineries outside Watkins Glen, plus Swedish Hill and Wagner's which offers wine as well as German-style beer and Ventosa Vineyards with the taste and feel of an grand Italian winery.



Additional tour options include narrated Seneca Lake cruise (with dining option), New York Wine & Culinary Center for gourmet dining with chef demos, the landmark Edgar's Restaurant at Belhurst Castle and the new Antique Wireless Museum.

Year round options.

Tour may include:

- Sonnenberg Gardens
- Lively Run Goat Dairy
- New York Wine & Culinary Center
- Belhurst Castle
- Narrated Seneca Lake Cruise
- Castel Grisch Winery
- Swedish Hill Winery
- Wagner's Vineyard & German-Style Brewery
- Chateau LaFayette Reneau Winery
- Ventosa Vineyards

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