

Grapevine to Glass: Corning-Lake Escape, Multi-Day Tour

A great getaway including the famous Corning Museum of Glass and more in quaint and lively Corning, NY plus time to enjoy wine and beer tastings overlooking Seneca Lake along with a lake cruise and race lap aboard your coach!

Learn all about the area's glass-blowing history and perhaps try your hand at the art at the Corning Museum of Glass which contains over 40,000 objects representing 3,500 of glass and glassmaking history from Egyptian times to the 20th century. Also browse in the many shops and glass galleries that line the street in Corning's historic Gaffer District plus visit the downtown Rockwell Museum of Western Art focusing on the people, land and ideas that shape America through the eyes of American artists.



About half an hour north of Corning you'll find Watkins Glen at the base of Seneca Lake, the Finger Lakes' deepest and largest lake. Discover the beauty and charm of the lake as it can only be seen from water during a narrated cruise. You will be captivated by Hector Falls at 165 feet, the majestic cliffs of the east shore with Native American paintings, and a view of the salt industry that now harvests the lake mineral. The largest of the Finger Lakes and the deepest lake in New York, it is known as the lake trout capitol of the world, and has been used by the Navy to test sonar equipment.

Hold on tight as your coach rounds the bends of the famous Watkins Glen International raceway. First established on the streets of the town in 1848 Watkins Glen International has grown to be one of North America's premier racing facilities. The Glen has a long and storied past from its Formula 1 roots to its position as New York's only home to the NASCAR Spring Cup Series. You'll follow the pace car in your coach down the FrontStretch into the Ninety, twist, climb and claw your way up through the Esses and onto the BackStretch, braking as you hit the Inner Loop and navigate the Carousel turn, then drop off the face of the earth into the depths of the turn-heavy Boot, climb your way out into Turn Ten, regain your senses and make a run for the finish line! (Note speeds do not exceed 55 miles per hour.) A photo opportunity will also be available at the finish line (weather permitting) plus time to visit the gift shop.



To put it all into perspective, we can include a historic driving tour on your coach tracing part of the original 6.6 mile race route though the village and surrounding country side and visit the Racing Research Library and Hall of Fame.

As the US's 2nd largest producing wine region, a visit wouldn't be complete to the Finger Lakes without a wine tasting or two which are included along with beer tastings.

Best April through mid-October.

Tour options include:

- Narrated Seneca Lake Cruise
- Wine & Beer Tastings
- Corning Museum of Glass with Hands-On Experience Option
- Corning's Historic Downtown Gaffer Shopping District
- Rockwell Museum of Art
- Watkins Glen International Racetrack Lap



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