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DISCOVER ALBAN.Y., When it Comes to Touring, We have the Best of Everything!

Albany welcomes tours for seniors, students and adult groups by providing unique experiences that include [NATURE](#), [HISTORY](#), [CULTURE](#), [CULINARY DIVERSITY](#), and [FESTIVALS!](#)

A GREAT DESTINATION, we have enticed groups for more than 30 years with upscale urban culture and down home rural sites that include 35 historic sites, 15 museums, 8 performing arts centers and 5 cruise tour companies. Our community is proud to offer over 60 hotels, 30 group friendly restaurants, 2 micro breweries, 2 wineries and an awesome New York State wine store. [CLICK HERE](#) for our most recent ALBANY profile

restaurants and group friendly services including step-on- guides.
- Sample one day and multi-day itineraries available or customized itineraries developed to fit your group's needs.
-Photos to market your tours to Albany.
-Provide information about motorcoach parking and directions.



Cohoes Falls



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New York State Capitol



New York State Capitol
Million Dollar Staircase

sheet. To access our new Education Directory for student and youth tours [CLICK HERE](#).

"Albany is like a hidden jewel --- sparkling with nature; history; culture and wonderful dining --- it must be shared with the world!" Avi Kaptzan, Kay Tours, Israel

NATURE

Cohoes Falls in Albany County is the second largest falls in New York State!

Falls View Overlook Park and 192-foot-long pedestrian bridge Welcomes Groups from May - October

The Cohoes Falls has the distinction as being the second largest falls in New York next to Niagara Falls.

The falls are located in Cohoes, New York in Albany County. They are just minutes from Interstate 787 and Route 9. The Cohoes Falls are a spectacular attraction for group visitors to see! There are many great hotels, restaurants and lots of unique shopping nearby for your overnight or day tours.

Brookfield Renewable Power's Falls Over look Park is open from May through October. There is a drop-off area for busses and a 192-foot long pedestrian bridge for visitors to get a close-up view of the falls.

There is no entrance fee to visit the falls. For information contact: 518-251-7718; Cohoes Falls information line:518-743-2083

<http://www.friendsofcohoesfalls.org>

www.facebook.com/pages/The-Cohoes-Falls/105996219439793

HISTORY

New York State Capitol Tours

Stand on a Million Dollar Staircase, Marvel at Awesome Architecture, Learn Government History....

Has Washington, DC become too expensive or far away for your groups to visit? Then consider touring New York



New York State Museum



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Buca di Beppo



Albany's Annual Tulip Festival

State's Capital City and our Capitol building. Visiting us is a great way for all groups to learn about history and government.

Sitting majestically atop Albany's State Street hill, the New York State Capitol has served as the seat of government for New York since the 1880s. The building is a marvel of late 19th century architectural grandeur. Under the direction of five architects, the Capitol was built by hand of solid masonry over a period of 32 years.

All tours leave from the Visitors Assistance Office at the Empire State Plaza. Guided tours are available Monday – Friday and there is no fee for the tour. Group reservations need to be made in advance by calling (518) 474-2418. For tour information visit:

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/visiting/cultural/tourscapitol.html>

CULTURE

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza

The New York State Museum in Downtown Albany explores the cultural and natural history of New York State. No group tour to Albany is complete without visiting the New York State Museum. Main exhibits are listed below and there are temporary exhibitions developed that include the NYS Museum extensive collections or from renowned museums across the country.

Main Hall permanent exhibits:

- The Adirondack Wilderness
- The World Trade Center: Rescue Recovery Response and Fire Engine Hall
- Ancient Life of New York: A Billion Years of Earth History - The Cohoes Mastodon
- Native People's of New York– Full sized Iroquois longhouse
- Metropolis Hall: New York City, Ellis Island and Harlem
- Birds and Minerals of New York
- Beneath the City: Albany Archeology
- Historic Working Carousel

There is no admission cost to the museum however



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donations are accepted. Special student programs are offered and fill up quickly therefore make reservations early. The museum is open Monday – Saturday, 9:30am – 5pm. For more information visit <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/> or call (518) 474-5877.

CULINARY DIVERSITY

Buca di Beppo Welcomes Groups To a Little Slice of Italy!

Welcome to Buca di Beppo where we make your dining arrangements as simple for you as possible! You'll feel very welcomed upon entering our restaurant, our staff is very attentive and your group will feel like they stepped into Little Italy!

Our Tour and Travel menus provide the convenience of a pre-set menu, for the group to share and a pre-set all inclusive price! Plus, the uniformed bus driver and Tour Escort dine for free! All of our delicious dishes are served family style and our banquet rooms can accommodate groups from 20- 60 people. We are conveniently located right on popular Wolf Road. We're easily accessible to all major highways, many hotels and shopping.

To reserve your group tour luncheon or dinner please contact our Sales Manager, Carol Gagliardi at 518-459-2822 or by email at cgagliardi@bucainc.com. You won't be disappointed! Visit us at www.bucadibeppo.com. We look forward to your arrival!

FESTIVALS

Albany Has An Array of Annual Events and Festivals for Your Groups to Attend!

Tulip Festival

200,000 Tulips, Entertainment on Three Stages, Delicious Food, Craft Vendors

63rd Tulip Festival May 7 – 8, 2011

64th Tulip Festival May 12 – 13, 2012

Was Voted Top 100 ABA Event for Groups in 2008!

A highly anticipated spring tradition continues when over 200,000 tulip bulbs blossom into a sea of colors just in time for this Mother's Day celebration in Washington Park. Historic events take place annually, including the street scrubbing on State Street and the tradition of the Tulip Queen Coronation. Saturday and Sunday will host an array of juried craft vendors, delicious food and multiple stages with nationally acclaimed musical performances. For more information about Albany's Annual Tulip Festival, sample itineraries and destination information including accommodations, dining, motorcoach parking and step-on-guide services contact Jeanne Toth at 800-258-3584 or jtoth@albany.org. We can assist you in customizing your tour or refer you to one of our member receptive tour companies. For more information about the festival visit: www.albanyevents.org **CLICK HERE** for a seasonal schedule of our annual festivals and events that your groups will love!



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