



# Castles and Canals of the 1000 Islands

Visit two of the islands plus  
ride on the Erie Canal!

July 12-17, 2026

## Sunday, July 12, 2026: We're on our way!

Meet Dea at the St. Louis Airport as we fly Southwest to Rochester, NY. Sadly, their days of free bags are gone unless you have their credit card or are A-List preferred, but they still have the best schedule. We then head out to our hotel, the Best Western Plus in Penn Yan, NY. This evening, we enjoy a great meal and a private cooking demo at a wonderful local favorite. **(D)**

## Monday, July 13, 2026: A Wonderful Tour of Seneca Falls!



Today we head out via our luxury motorcoach and enjoy a driving tour of Geneva and Seneca Falls, NY, where we learn about the **Women's Rights Movement** championed by such amazing leaders as **Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton**. See the statues dedicated to them at the Wesleyan Chapel, the site of the first Women's Rights Convention. Seneca Falls is also the inspiration for the movie ***It's a Wonderful Life***, so have your camera's ready! We round out the morning with a stop at **Muranda's Cheese Creamery**, where we learn about the process of making the various types of cheese and, of course, enjoying a taste! After lunch on own, we have an amazing photo stop, the NY Welcome Center on Seneca Lake. Take a short walk down to the Infinity Steps to the lakeshore or pick up some souvenirs at the **NY Only** store. We then head to the **Smith Opera House**, a 129-year-old theatre that is one of the oldest continually operating theatres in the US, surviving numerous name changes and even possible demolition twice! This evening, we enjoy dinner at a local favorite. **(B, D)**

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## Tuesday, July 14, 2026: Corning Glass and Glasses of Wine

After breakfast we head to the **Corning Museum of Glass**. Corning is famous not only for producing the Corningware items you may have in your kitchen, but also the screens for the cell phone or tablet you carry in your purse or pocket! After our self-guided tour, we enjoy a special lunch at the **Belhurst Castle** in Geneva, a beautiful resort hotel that has an amazing history of eccentric owners, bootleggers, embezzlers and more! We then have free time to explore **Hammondsport**, the "Coolest Small Town in America" before going to the **Bully Hill Winery** for a tour, tasting and dinner. Enjoy 5 different types of wine and take home the glass when you are done! **(B, L, D)**



## Wednesday, July 15, 2026: Setting Sail on the Erie Canal!

Today we start with a tour of Syracuse and its connection to the **Erie Canal**. Learn about the challenges and the triumphs connecting the Great Lakes and creating major shipping lanes. Then it's lunch on your own at **Salt City Market**, inspired by La Cocina in San Francisco, you are certain to find something good to eat at this amazing food hall! Learn more here: <https://saltcitymarket.com/about/>



This afternoon, we will split into two groups, and as one half **explores the Erie Canal Museum**, the other half will ride on a canal boat over **the 1842 Nine Mile Aqueduct**. Then we will switch so everyone gets a chance to experience the historic ride themselves! Then it's time to head out to our hotel for the evening, the **Capt. Thomson's Resort** before enjoying dinner at **Blue Anchor**. **(B, D)**

## Thursday, July 16, 2026: Castles of the St. Lawrence!

We enjoy a full day of modern Castles, starting with a boat ride on **Uncle Sam's Boat** as we head to **Singer Castle** on Dark Island. You are free to spend as much time as you wish at either island, just show your ticket to the crew. Just remember there's no food stands on Dark Island, only on the next island on the itinerary, Heart Island. Heart Island is home to the famous **Boldt Castle**, built by German American businessman George Boldt, construction on this massive home began in 1900 but stopped suddenly in 1904 after the unexpected death of his wife. Boldt never returned to Heart Island, and for 73 years the house was abandoned, and the harsh weather and vandalism took their toll. Fortunately, the building was acquired by the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority and all proceeds for the operation would go towards the restoration – the goal being to restore it to the state when work was halted in 1904. As of 2020, over \$50 million has gone towards this goal. Enjoy lunch on your own, either on board the ship or on Heart Island before taking the ferry back to the mainland. Then you have free time to explore **Alexandria Bay** and have dinner on your own at one of the fabulous places in town. **(B)**



## Friday, July 17, 2026: Returning home

After breakfast, we depart for the airport for our flight back to St. Louis. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

This Are We There Yet? Tour includes:

- ✓ Roundtrip Airfare on Southwest
- ✓ Motorcoach transportation throughout the tour
- ✓ Boat rides to the two islands with castles on them plus sail the Erie Canal!
- ✓ Taste some of the great products of Upstate NY, including wines and cheeses
- ✓ 10 included meals – 5 breakfasts; 1 lunch; 4 dinners
- ✓ See where the Women’s Rights Movement had their pivotal moment
- ✓ All taxes and gratuities to crew, servers and guides
- ✓ Professional Tour Directors with you, starting in STL
- ✓ All included activities as listed
- ✓ All gratuities to step-on guides, at included meals, driver and director – YES ALL TIPS!!!!

\$3,259 per person double occupancy      \$3,853 single occupancy

\$3,093 per person triple occupancy      \$3,051 per person, quad occupancy

**Save 4% on this tour! See the Castles of Upstate NY and ride the Erie Canal for just \$3,129 per person double occ\* when you pay with check, cash or money order!**

\$3,129 per person, double occupancy      \$3,699 per person, single occupancy

\$2,969 per person, triple occupancy      \$2,929 per person, quad occupancy

Airfare is based on current tax rate/fuel surcharges. A supplement may be assessed if they increase before final payment or if you book after the deadline. Call us if you want to fly from another location! - You may ALWAYS book your air, just arrive before the group. Ask for adjustment in pricing.

**A deposit of \$1,000** per person is due when signing up for this tour. Final Payment is due May 1, 2026.

We encourage trip interruption and cancellation insurance. You will want to send that with your deposit to cover pre-existing conditions. We are also offering coverage through TripMate in conjunction with Group Collect and can begin offering it on tours not previously booked. The pricing on group insurance is NOT based on age, just the price of the tour. Ask us for details.

The individual trip insurance policy is based on both age and price of tour. We can check for best fit. We also offer Cancel Any Time policies, but they are often much more expensive, and you receive either 75% or 80% of the full tour price you paid, based on which insurance company, of what you paid for the tour if reason is not a covered reason. You MUST purchase 14 days after deposit. If it is covered, you will receive the full amount once the claim information has been filed and approved by the insurance company.

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