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NORTHEAST WINE TRAILS

NEW YORK – NEW JERSEY – DELAWARE – PENNSYLVANIA

NORTHEAST WINE TRAILS

New York, New York
to Cape May, New Jersey

2 hours and 45 minutes/254 kilometres

Cape May, New Jersey
to Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

2 hours and 15 minutes/159 kilometres

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania
to Hershey, Pennsylvania

1 hour and 30 minutes/105 kilometres

Hershey, Pennsylvania
to Ithaca, New York

3 hours and 45 minutes/354 kilometres

Ithaca, New York
to New York, New York

4 hours/359 kilometres





BRANDYWINE VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Day 4

From your base in Kennett Square, explore the many vineyards and wineries in beautiful **Brandywine Valley**. No visit to the area would be complete without stopping at **Longwood Gardens** spread over nearly 445 hectares in Kennett Square. See 11,000 varieties of plants and trees in gardens, woodlands, meadows and glasshouses. Just five minutes from Longwood Gardens is **Galer Estate Vineyards and Winery**. Admire the winery's stained glass, repurposed barn wood and a marble bar top that came from the steps of **Independence Hall**. Summer tastings can be indoors or on the main outdoor deck overlooking the **Red Lion Chardonnay Vineyard**; music is offered some nights. In the winter months, events move to the cozy **Red Lion Tasting Room**. The next stop today is **Penns Woods Winery** in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

Tastings are conducted inside the tasting room and on the outdoor patio with views of Brandywine Valley. The vineyard also offers weekend events, such as live music and food and wine pairings. At **Va La Vineyards** in Avondale, the boutique winery offers its delicious field wine tastings in a 19th century barn. The wines are developed to shine with food, and tastings are accompanied by local cheeses to enrich the experience. Take a short drive from Kennett Square tonight and visit **West Chester, Pennsylvania**, to explore **Market Street** boutiques offering local arts and produce. Finish your night with a fabulous steak dinner at **Pietro's Prime**.

Accommodation: Kennett Square, Pennsylvania



Armstrong Valley Vineyard & Winery, Pennsylvania

HERSHEY AND HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA WINE REGION

Day 6

Later today, you will explore the Hershey and Harrisburg wine regions, but you must visit **The Hershey Story** museum on Chocolate Avenue to learn about Milton S. Hershey, his “Great American Chocolate Bar” and the town named after him. Next, head north along the Susquehanna River to Halifax, Pennsylvania, home to **Armstrong Valley Vineyard & Winery**. A waterfall greets guests entering the tasting room in a 200-year-old barn with rustic beams. Sip wine on the covered patio, with its stone fireplace, while taking in the beautiful landscape. Stroll to the horse stables, through the gardens and to the icehouse, where ice used to be stored for use in the warmer weather. Journey back toward Hershey and stop in Grantville, Pennsylvania,

at **J & P Winery**, where you will be able to sit in a rocking chair on the patio and enjoy a tasting with spectacular mountain views. Your final winery today is **Cassel Vineyards** in Hershey. Sample wines at a long bar in the high-ceilinged tasting room or on the patio that spills onto the lawn and stretches to the nearby vines. Summer visitors can also enjoy live music on weekends. For a great fine-dining experience tonight, take the short drive to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to eat at **Char’s Tracy Mansion**, built in 1913. Enjoy lovely views of the **Susquehanna River**.

Accommodation: *Hershey, Pennsylvania*

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FINGER LAKES WINE REGION, NEW YORK

Day 8

This morning, explore Ithaca Falls near downtown, then head to the **Seneca Lake Wine Trail**. Seneca Lake is the largest and deepest of the Finger Lakes and provides a beautiful backdrop to your wine-tasting experience today. Your first stop will be Lamoreaux **Landing Wine Cellars** in Lodi, New York. The wine tasting will be in a soaring Greek Revival building designed by Ithaca native Bruce Corson. Enjoy lake views through the floor-to-ceiling windows or from outside on the winery deck. Next, travel to **Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery**, one of the most prestigious wineries in the Finger Lakes. Frank, the winery's founder, began a winemaking renaissance in the region in 1962 and it is commonly acknowledged that without his contributions, the Finger Lakes Wine Region would not be as respected today. The winery, which is on the southwestern hills of **Keuka Lake**, is steeped with four generations of history. Several tastings are offered, but opt for a personalized experience in the **1962 Reserve Tasting Room** inside Frank's original home. Guests can

select from the entire wine list, but do not miss the Riesling and Pinot Noir. While you're in the area, stop at the **1880s Belhurst Castle** overlooking Seneca Lake. The stone castle was a speakeasy during Prohibition, casino and supper club and now is a perfect lunch stop with two restaurants. Choose between **Stonecutter's**, with an eclectic, tavern menu and relaxing atmosphere overlooking Seneca Lake, or **Edgar's Steakhouse**, a more formal dining experience overlooking the lake. Heading back to Ithaca, the final winery today will be the **Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard** in a shell of a 90-year-old barn on the western shores of Seneca Lake. The structure accommodates the wine production area for its hand-crafted estate wines, including the signature Rieslings. Return to Ithaca and enjoy an evening exploring **The Commons**, a downtown shopping and dining area.

Accommodation: Ithaca, New York

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Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard, New York



FINGER LAKES WINE REGION, NEW YORK

Day 9

Take the short drive around Cayuga Lake to the spectacular **Taughannock Falls**, which plunge 66 metres past rocky cliffs towering nearly 122 metres above the gorge. Hike the **Gorge Trail** to experience views from below the falls or drive to the **Gorge Trail Overlook** for breathtaking vistas from above. A short drive along Cayuga Lake will bring you to your first winery stop today, **Sheldrake Point Winery**, with amazing lake views from the tasting rooms. A variety of menus encompass their best-selling wines, reserve wines, dessert wines and estate-produced ice wines. Farther along the lakefront, you will find the **Thirsty Owl Wine Company** with over 600 metres of lake frontage and 61 hectares of vineyards. This is the perfect place to enjoy a wine-tasting experience with lake views and to eat lunch at the **Thirsty Owl Bistro**, which specializes in incorporating fresh, local ingredients into its delicious dishes and plates of wine-friendly cuisine. After lunch, cross the highway to get to **Hosmer Estate Winery**. With some of the largest

and oldest vines on Cayuga Lake, Hosmer is a leader in environmentally friendly wine production, focusing on preservation and sustainability. The cathedral ceilings and natural light of three tasting rooms contribute to a relaxed atmosphere to sample the wine collection. Must-tries are their Cabernet Franc, Riesling, Gruner Veltliner and Sauvignon Blanc. The final stop today will be **Buttonwood Grove Winery**, one of Cayuga Lake's most scenic wineries. Set high above the road, the wrap-around deck offers views of the vineyards, beautifully landscaped grounds and Cayuga Lake. Savor a tasting of the award-winning wines, including the Frances Amelia Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon. On weekends during summer months, enjoy deck parties with live music and barbecue. Eat Italian cuisine tonight at chef-owned **Mercato Bar & Kitchen** on Restaurant Row in Downtown Ithaca.

Accommodation: Ithaca, New York

