



GROUP TOUR PLANNER



Greater Binghamton Convention & Visitors Bureau
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www.VisitBinghamton.org

WELCOME

The Greater Binghamton Convention & Visitors Bureau stands ready to welcome your groups and tours to our community! We trust that you will find this Group Tour Planner to be informative and helpful when planning your next excursion to Greater Binghamton!

From gently rolling hills to lush green valleys, Greater Binghamton offers big city feel with upstate appeal. There are endless opportunities for dining, entertainment, shopping, sightseeing, and more. With over 2500 first class rooms you'll be sure to find the perfect accommodations. Take a spin on one of our six antique wooden carousels (the largest collection in the world!) or a guided tour of several gold-domed or wooden churches. Experience a taste of SoHo at one of our numerous art galleries or studios along "Artists Row" or experience them all at one of our monthly "First Friday Art Walks." Enjoy the decadent taste of our Spiedies, a chicken sandwich marinated in our locally crafted sauce.

History comes alive at our museums; The Roberson Museum & Science Center traces the origin of the Link Flight Simulation Blue Box that is still used today for pilot and flight training and features the Visitor's Center which shows how our community grew and evolved through manufacturing. The Bundy Museum of History & Art features Bundy Time Clocks (the company that became IBM) as well as period artifacts and an African art collection. The Phelps Mansion Museum, a Civil War era mansion, will take you through Binghamton's growth as a city. If you want to be a little more active there are numerous walking and biking trails, cross country skiing, hunting and fishing sites and more. Hit the links at one of our 15 public golf courses. Get back to nature on our Agri-Tourism tour options. The Windy Hill Candle Factory will show how candles are made and features over 300 scents of candles and an old-fashioned candy shop.

Love sports? Watch the pros play: AHL Binghamton Senators, AA Binghamton Mets baseball, Chris Thater Memorial Races, Dick's Sporting Goods Open (PGA Champions Tour event) or the Levene Gouldin & Thompson Tennis Challenger. Spice up your tour with a unique festival or event, annual happenings include: Annual Crappie (ice fishing) Derby, Apple Fest, Arts & Crafts shows, Boo at the Zoo, Cider Mill, Deposit Days & Lumberjack Festival, Ethnic Festivals, Holiday Festivities, & the Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally (an ABA Top 100 Event in 2006). You won't want to miss the incredible fall foliage that New York State is famous for, you can even tour a working Cider Mill for an authentic fall favorite – cider & doughnuts!

Did we mention our hospitality? If you want your groups to be treated right, let them experience our hometown warmth. Visit our website for specific help on finding the right accommodations for your stay.

Located at the intersection of Interstates 81 & 88 and New York Route 17/I-86, Greater Binghamton has many options from meal stops to day tours to multi-day & hub 'n spoke tours.

So don't delay - book your group to Greater Binghamton today!

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MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

ANDERSON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

4400 Vestal Parkway E, Binghamton, NY 13902
(607) 777-ARTS Fax: (607) 777-6771
Contact: June Christensen, Box Office Manager
www.binghamton.edu/anderson-center
jchrist@binghamton.edu

The Anderson Center provides a venue for cultural events that enriches both University and community with over 125 performances annually, ranging from student recitals to world-class performances.

Hours of Operation: The Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.

Length of Tour: Varies depending upon performance

Maximum number in group: Not restricted

Price: Varies according to performance; group rates are available - please call the Box Office at (607)777-ARTS

Coach Parking on-site: Yes, call Casey Korchynsky, House Operations Director at (607) 777-2908 for details or to arrange parking.

ANIMAL ADVENTURE

85 Martin Hill Road, Harpursville, NY 13787
(607) 760-4429
www.theanimaladventurepark.com
MyAnimalAdventure@yahoo.com

Animal Adventure is a unique interactive educational animal park; designed to allow one of a kind encounters! Exhibits allow our guests to get hands on, rub noses, and hand feed many domestic and exotic animal ambassadors or get within feet of our cute, but less cuddly, carnivores. Alligators, **B**ison, **C**amels ... **W**olves, **Y**aks, **Z**ebra and almost every letter in between! Guests of all ages leave entertained and educated by our menagerie; situated on a 20 acre refurbished farm, nestled in the beautiful hills of Harpursville, NY. Just 15 minutes from Binghamton!

Hours of Operation: (Varies by season) Friday-Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, last admission sold at 4:00 pm

Length of Tour: 1.5-2 hours

Maximum number in group: Unlimited

Price: \$7.00

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

Additional information: During your group's visit we arrange 1 or 2 keeper talks (depending on group size, length of stay) allowing guests to get hands on with our animals and benefiting from the educational lectures

ANTIQUÉ ROW

Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY 13905
<http://www.clintonstreetbinghamton.com/>

Visit a few shops of distinction.

Hours of Operation: Year Round; Monday through Saturday

Length of Tour: 1 hour

Maximum number in group: Unlimited

Price: Free

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

Additional Information: Each store will offer different items and have individual store policies.

ART GALLERIES – FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Downtown Binghamton, NY 13901

(607) 221-5157

Contact: Jesse Wheeler, Chair

jwheeler@davidsonfox.com

www.gorgeouswashington.com

The First Friday Art Walk is “The Place to Be Gorgeous” in Binghamton, New York. Presented by Gorgeous Washington Street Association, the First Friday Art Walk is a monthly event highlighting the area’s growing arts community. First Friday patrons enjoy gallery hopping, art openings, music and theater shows, fine dining, cafes, entertainment and merchant’s special events. Held on the first Friday of each month from 6-9 PM, the First Friday Art Walk features rotating venues ranging from 30-40 locations downtown and throughout the city’s neighborhoods. During the spring and summer, there’s a free trolley along the First Friday route that you can hop on or off as you wish, as well as historic city tour while on the trolley. Look for First Friday brochures at participating member businesses with a description of venue locations, entertainment and street map.

Hours of Operation: Year Round

Length of Tour: Varies

Maximum number in group: Unlimited

Price: Free

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

BINGHAMTON METS BASEBALL

211 Henry Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

(607) 723-6387 Fax: (607) 723-7779

www.bmets.com

bmets@bmets.com

AA affiliate of the New York Mets.

Hours of Operation: Season runs April – September

Maximum number in group: Not restricted

Price: Special rates available to groups of 10 or more

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

Additional Information: Must call ahead to book group.

BINGHAMTON SENATORS HOCKEY

1 Stuart Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

(607) 722-7367 Fax: (607) 722-7424

Contact: Nate Newborn

www.binghamtonsenators.com

nnewborn@binghamtonsenators.com

AHL affiliate and top development team of the NHL Ottawa Senators.

Hours of Operation: Season runs October – April

Maximum number in group: Not restricted

Price: Special rates available to groups of 10 or more

Coach Parking on-site: No, but can be arranged in advance.

Additional Information: Must call ahead to book group.

BINGHAMTON VISITOR CENTER

30 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

(607) 772-0660 Fax: (607) 771-8905

Contact: Jason Fiume, Marketing and Public Relations Manager

jfiume@roberson.org

www.roberson.org

The Binghamton Visitor Center is the perfect place to begin exploring the culture, local heritage, and exciting activities that the community has to offer. Visitors explore the significant contributions this area has made to the industrial development of a nation through exhibits.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday (see Friday hours next); 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Friday,

12:00 noon – 5:00 pm Saturday – Sunday

Length of Tour: At leisure

Maximum number in group: Not restricted

Price: Free

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

BINGHAMTON ZOO AT ROSS PARK

60 Morgan Road, Binghamton, NY 13903

(607) 724-5461 Fax: (607) 724-545433

office@rossparkzoo.com

www.rossparkzoo.com

The Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park is located on Binghamton's South Mountain. The zoo officially opened in 1975, and it is the fifth oldest zoological institution in the country. Animals on exhibit include: Amur Leopard, snow leopard, red pandas, lemurs, African penguins, red wolves, North American river otters and much more! Other attractions include keeper talks, a spacious pavilion area, Zoovenirs Gift Shop and the Leopard's Spot Snack Shack.

Hours of Operation: May – September, Daily 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (zoo closes at 5:00 pm, extended dates available on

www.rossparkzoo.com)

Length of Tour: 2 hours

Maximum number in group: N/A

Price: \$4.50 per person for groups of 10 or more ~ reservation required

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

Additional Information: Trails to exhibits wind through the hillside.

BROOME CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THE FORUM THEATRE

236 Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

(607) 778-6626 – Box Office

(607) 778-1528 – General Information

www.broomearenaforum.com

The Forum is home to the Binghamton Philharmonic, Broadway Theatre League, Tri-Cities Opera, and assorted dance groups. A restored vaudeville house, the forum enables our community performing arts groups to present various programs in an elegant theatrical setting. There is also a permanent display celebrating the works of Rod Serling, creator of "The Twilight Zone."

Hours of Operation: Varies

Length of Tour: Varies

Maximum number in group: Not restricted

Price: Depends on show selected

Coach Parking on-site: Nearby

Additional Information: The Rod Serling exhibit is a permanent exhibit that can be accessed with advanced notice. Show times and schedules vary.

THE BUNDY MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART

127-129 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

(607) 772-9179

Contact: Janna Rudler, Director of Development

www.bundymuseum.org

bundymuseum@yahoo.com

Featuring the exquisite, fully restored, Queen Anne-style Victorian home of Harlow E. Bundy, founder of the Bundy Mfg. Co., an early precursor to IBM, the Bundy provides the visitor an authentic taste of the "Gilded Age." The museum hosts a different contemporary artist each month in its Open Art Gallery, and is a proud participant of Binghamton's First Friday Art Walk. An African art gallery, vintage barbershop exhibit, early broadcast media displays, and a new permanent exhibit of Bundy Time Recording Clocks complete your visit to this delightful, eclectic museum.

Hours of Operation: Tues.-Sat.11:00- 5:00, Groups welcome by appointment.

Guided museum tours: \$7, children under 10- free. Open Art Gallery admission is always free

Free parking.

Coach parking on-site: Yes

CAROUSELS

Located in 6 parks throughout the county.

As "Carousel Capital of the World" Greater Binghamton is home to six restored, antique carousels. They were given as a gift to the community from the Johnson family with the understanding there will never be a charge for a magical ride!

Hours of Operation: Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day

Length of Tour: 1 day to "ride the circuit" of all 6 carousels / 45minutes – 1 hour for one carousel

Maximum number in group: 36-72 per ride, depending on the carousel

Price: Free

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

Additional Information: Carousels cannot operate in inclement weather. Hours of operation vary by park location.

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| C. Fred Johnson Park | 98 C.F.J. Boulevard, Johnson City 13790 | (607) 797-3031 |
| George W. Johnson Park | 201 Oak Hill Avenue, Endicott 13760 | (607) 757-5383 |
| West Endicott Park | 501 Maple Street, Endicott 13760 | (607) 786-2970 |
| Highland Park | 801 Hooper Road, Endwell 13760 | (607) 786-2970 |
| Recreation Park | 58-78 Beethoven Street, Binghamton 13905 | (607) 772-7017 |
| Ross Park Zoo | 60 Morgan Road, Binghamton 13903 | (607) 772-7017 |

CIDER MILL, LLC

2 Nanticoke Ave., Endicott, NY 13760

(607) 205-1575(607) 725-9132

Contact: David Orr, Manager

www.cidermillendicott.com or www.facebook.com/cidermillendicott

cidermillendicottoffice@gmail.com

Visit an authentic, working cider mill and enjoy:

The Cider Mill Press Room - where they make their famous Cider Mill cider!

The Cider Mill Kitchen - renown for fresh-baked doughnuts and candy apples!

The Farmstand - featuring a variety of fresh apples, pumpkins and mums!

Hours of Operation: August 16th until December 1st; 7:00 am – 6:00 pm every day

Length of Tour: The tour is self-guided with signs on the walls, and an intuitive way around the building. About 45 minutes to an hour

Maximum Group Size: One motor coach

Price: Call for reservation & prices (**Tour reservations must be made in advance**)

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

CIDER MILL PLAYHOUSE

2 Nanticoke Ave., Endicott, NY 13760
(607) 748-7362 x 303 Fax: (607) 786-1807
Contact: Jessica Pullis
www.cidermillplayhouse.org
Jepullis@yahoo.com

Professional theater performing six stage shows per season (September – June), plus “A Christmas Carol” is performed annually in December.

Hours of Operation: Wednesday-Friday Noon – 6:00 pm; Saturday Noon – 4:00 pm; Noon – curtain on day of show
Length of Tour: Based on show
Maximum number in group: N/A
Price: Group discounts available on all performances - Call for reservation & details
Coach Parking on-site: Yes

CUTLER BOTANICAL GARDEN

840 Upper Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905
(607) 584-9966 Fax: (607) 723-5951
Contact: Brian Aukema, Extension Educator
<http://www.ccebroomecounty.com/home-gardening/cutler-botanic-gardens/bja14@cornell.edu>

5 acre botanic garden featuring herb, perennial, annual, ornamental grass, vegetable, and rock gardens; heath and heather displays. Vast tree and shrub collection, plus over 100 antique rose varieties.

Hours of Operation: Dawn to dusk; 7 days a week
Length of Tour: 1 hour
Maximum number in group: 60 people
Price: \$2.00 per person
Coach Parking on-site: Yes

THE DISCOVERY CENTER OF THE SOUTHERN TIER

60 Morgan Road, Binghamton, NY 13903
(607) 773-8661 Fax: (607) 773-8019
www.thediscoverycenter.org
help@thediscoverycenter.org

A “hands on” museum for children and their families where routine departs and imagination has free rein. Offering a safe, engaging and happy atmosphere, The Discovery Center fosters play, sparks creative thinking and builds self-esteem. Dig, drive, fly, shop, hop, perform and paint your way through over 22,500 square feet of family fun. Visit our award winning Story Garden. Located next to the Binghamton Zoo in Binghamton’s historic Ross Park

Hours of Operation: July & August Monday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-5pm. Closed Sundays; September - June Monday 10am-3pm for Toddlers only, open to all on School Holiday Mondays 10-4. Tuesday - Friday 10am-4pm Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday noon-5pm.
Length of Tour: 1 hour minimum
Maximum number in group: Not restricted
Price: Group rate \$5.00 (10 or more with reservations) Regular rate \$7.00- per person / 1 & under free
Coach Parking on-site: Yes
Additional Information: Group rates are discounted

ENDICOTT HISTORY AND HERITAGE CENTER

40 Washington Avenue; Endicott, NY 13760 (Between Monroe & North Streets)
Phone: (607) 727-2503
Contact: Ted Warner
Website: www.facebook.com/EndicottHistoryandHeritageCenter
Email: twendicott@aol.com

Endicott, NY is the birthplace of IBM, an international Top-10 company that changed the entire world. Also the home of Endicott Johnson Shoe Corp., the world's largest shoe manufacturer by 1950, the center features items from IBM's official corporate museum, plus extensive added museum displays. They also document the history of both companies and how such a small village attracted, not one but, two international giants of industry. Endicott has an amazing one-of-a-kind history like no other.

Hours of operation: Saturdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Closed January & February.

Length of Tour: 40 minutes

Maximum number in group: Call or email for groups 30+

Price: Requested donation \$5.00 per person

Coach Parking on-site: Abundant street parking at site.

THE ENDICOTT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

102 Washington Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760

(607) 785-8903 Fax: (607) 484-0098

Contact: Lou Ligouri

www.endicottarts.com

epac@endicottarts.com

EPAC presents quality performing arts events to the community in the historic 300 seat EPAC Theater, built in 1916.

Hours of Operation: Weekends

Length of Tour: Shows are approximately 2 ½ hours long

Maximum Number Allowed in Group: 300

Price: Group rates are available for tickets to performances

Coach Parking on-site: No, but free municipal lots are nearby

ENDICOTT VISITOR CENTER

300 Lincoln Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760

(607) 757-5355

Contact: Colleen Becker

Cmbecker1011@gmail.com

www.endicottny.com/VCmuseum.html

The Endicott Visitor Center is located in “Old Colonial Hall,” a mansion built in 1904 which later became the first home of Harpur College (today’s Binghamton University). The Visitor Center features exhibits that explore the contributions of two world famous industrialists, George F. Johnson and Thomas J. Watson and their impact on the development, culture, and diversity of the Southern Tier.

Hours of Operation: Thursday-Saturday Noon – 4:00 pm

Length of Tour: 45 minutes

Maximum number in group: 50 people

Price: Free

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

Additional Information: Call in advance to arrange for a tour.

FINCH HOLLOW NATURE CENTER

1394 Oakdale Road, Johnson City, NY 13790

(607) 729-4231

Contact: Cooperative Extension of Broome County

(607) 772-8953

www.gobroomecounty.com/parks/finchhollow

Finch Hollow Nature Center is a natural history museum with approximately 1 mile of scenic, easy-to-walk self-guided nature trails winding through field, pond and wooded habitats. The museum features approximately 25 display cases, showcasing numerous mounted specimens of local wildlife. A variety of hands-on displays offer visitors the opportunity for fun, participatory learning. Guided tours, slide presentations and other programs are available by appointment.

Hours of Operation: Hours vary - Trails open daily during daylight hours, building by appointment.

Length of Tour: Varies

Maximum number in group: Minimum 10 people, maximum 50 people. Large groups advised to call ahead of their visit.

Price: Self-guided tours are free, Guided tours are \$1.00 per person. Appointment required.

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

FLOYD L. MAINES VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA

1 Stuart Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

(607) 778-6626 – Box Office

(607) 778-1528 – General Information

www.broomearenaforum.com

The Arena is home to the AHL Binghamton Senators Hockey Team and also hosts a wide variety of sports, concerts, expos and family events each year. Some of the top stars in the world have played the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena at one time or another.

Hours of Operation: Varies

Length of Tour: Varies

Maximum number in group: Not restricted

Price: Depends on show selected

Coach Parking on-site: Nearby

KOPERNIK OBSERVATORY AND SCIENCE CENTER

698 Underwood Road, Vestal, NY 13850

(607) 748-3685 Fax: (607) 748-3222

www.kopernik.org

info@kopernik.org

The Kopernik Observatory & Science Center, perched atop a 1745 foot hill in Vestal, has been the best-sited and best equipped public Observatory in the Northeast United States for over 40 years. It is New York State's first science laboratory facility designed for K-12 teachers, students and families. It has 4 permanent telescopes.

Hours of Operation: Every Friday night March – mid Dec. Special tours/activities available upon request.

Length of Tour: 1– 3 hours

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Maximum number in group: 100

Price: Call for group rates

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

Additional Information: Call (607) 748-3685 or email info@kopernik.org

LONE MAPLE FARM

2001 Hawleyton Road, Binghamton, NY 13903

(607) 724-6877

Contact: Mike Harris

www.lonemaplefarm.com

info@lonemaplefarm.com

Farm, winery, U-Pick (strawberries, blueberries, apples, pumpkins) farm market, wine tasting.

Hours of Operation: 10:00am – 6:00pm, (Season: May 1st – October 31st)

Length of Tour: Varies

Maximum Number Allowed in Group: 75

Price: \$1.00 per person plus any purchases, call for more details

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

PHELPS MANSION MUSEUM

191 Court Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

(607) 722-4873

www.phelpsmansion.org

info@phelpsmansion.org

Once part of a neighborhood filled with beautiful homes, the home of Sherman D. Phelps is the last of its neighbors. Construction began in 1870 and the Phelps family moved into 191 Court Street in 1872. The house is full with marble floors, exquisite carved woodwork, period lighting fixtures, and period furniture. It also houses a collection of artwork ranging from paintings to frozen statues.

Sherman D. Phelps was a successful banker, businessman, and mayor of the newly incorporated City of Binghamton. His house is a legacy that tells of a time when Binghamton was growing in wealth, culture, and population.

The Phelps Mansion Museum is also an excellent example of the talent of one of New York State's most famous 19th century architects, Isaac G. Perry. Perry was also known for his work on the New York State Capitol, as well as many buildings in the Binghamton area.

Court Street in Binghamton was once referred to as "Mansion Row." Now the last of its neighbors, this home has been preserved and is open to the public for tours, exhibitions, educational programs, and events.

Hours of Operation: Friday-Sunday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Guided tours every 30 min. Private tours (10+) made for any of the week, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (must arrange two weeks in advance)

Additional dates/times for Museum Tours by appointment only – to schedule a tour please call in advance

Length of Tour: 45 min - 1 hour

Maximum number in group: Minimum of 6 people

Price: \$5.00 per adult / \$4.00 per student or Senior 65+/ Children 12 & younger are free of charge

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

Additional Information: Museum fully accessible for those needing assistance

ROBERSON MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER & LINK PLANETARIUM

30 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

(607) 772-0660 Fax: (607) 771-8905

Contact: Jason Fiume, Marketing & Public Relations Manager

jfiume@roberson.org

www.roberson.org

Advanced reservations are required. Roberson Museum and Science Center is Greater Binghamton's largest year-round tourist attraction and features exhibitions and programs in art, history and science education. It is home to the region's largest public model train display, a Digital Planetarium, the Roberson Mansion and the Binghamton Visitor Center. Roberson hosts an annual "Home for the Holidays" display during the holiday season. The Museum has a small café and a Gift Shop that carries many unique items.

Hours of Operation: Wednesday-Sunday 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm; Fridays, 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Length of Tour: Plan for a 2 hour visit

Group size: All group sizes welcome. 10 or more eligible from discounted rate.

Price: When scheduled in advance, self-guided rate for groups of 10 or more is \$5 for Students & Seniors (62 and over) and \$7 for Adults. Children 4 and under are Free. Guided group educational tours - tuition for all programs is \$200 for up to 25 students or 25 adults and run approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes. Most programs can be done with up to 4 groups of 25 unless otherwise stated. Guided tours can begin as early as 8:45 am.

Coach parking on site: Yes

WINDY HILL CANDLE FACTORY & CANDYLAND

5201 Route 79, Port Crane, NY 13833

(607) 693-2429 Fax: (607) 693-2200

Contact: Larry Marano

www.candleme.com

www.4GreatCandy.com

larry@4greatcandy.com

Come watch us make candles! Huge CANDY shop. Buy all your candles and candy at wholesale prices!

Hours of Operation: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm every day

Length of Tour: 20 minutes

Minimum number in group: 10 people per tour of the candle making area

Larger groups will be split into separate tours

Price: Free, (\$50 for the group private tour and demos)

Coach Parking on-site: Yes

Additional Information: Small children must be accompanied by an adult. Free votive candle per person on a group tour. Allow 1.5-2 hours minimum at factory for group. Book the private tour in advance.



SHOPPING

To round out the visitor experience, Greater Binghamton offers a variety of shopping options. Most of the national chains are represented as well as charming one-of-a-kind stores. There is always something for everyone!

Downtown City Centers – In Binghamton, Endicott, and Johnson City offer specialty shops. In downtown Binghamton you will also find Boscov's Department Store (www.boscovs.com), locally owned specialty stores, eateries and art galleries.

Oakdale Mall – 74 Oakdale Road, Johnson City, NY 13790-1229 Tel: (607) 798-9388 www.oakdalemall.com
The Oakdale Mall at Harry L Drive and Reynolds Road in Johnson City is anchored by Macy's, JCPenney, Burlington Coat Factory, The Bon-Ton and Sears. It also hosts a number of national chains including Eddie Bauer, Victoria's Secret, Express, Forever 21, Hollister, Bath & Body Works, The Children's Place, American Eagle Outfitters and Hallmark Cards. Near the Mall there is a Christmas Tree Shops, Toys R Us, Five Below and additional eateries.

Town Square Mall – Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 Tel: (607) 729-0284 www.brixmor.com
Town Square Mall at Vestal Parkway and Sycamore Road features a Wal-Mart Supercenter, Dick's Sporting Goods, Barnes & Noble, Sam's Club, Harbor Freight Tools, DSW, Banana Republic Factory Store, Gap Outlet, T.J. Maxx, Ulta Beauty, A.C. Moore, Van Cott Jewelers, and Payless Shoes. Across the Parkway you'll find: Pier 1 Imports, Gamestop and Starbuck's; there is also a Lowe's Home Improvement Center nearby.

Parkway Plaza - Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 Tel: (607) 729-0284 www.brixmor.com
Parkway Plaza at Rano Boulevard includes major chains Bed, Bath & Beyond, Lane Bryant, PetSmart, Kohl's, Target, Men's Warehouse as well as Outback Steakhouse. There is also a Best Buy located across the street adjacent to the plaza.

The Shoppes at Pierce Hill – 1308 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 Tel: (607) 754-0750
www.theshoppesatpiercehill.com

The Shoppes at Pierce Hill is home to Ann Taylor Loft, Chico's, Coldwater Creek, Jos A Bank, Verizon, and an Aveda Day Spa.

The Shoppes at Vestal - Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 Tel: (607) 729-0284 www.brixmor.com
The Shoppes at Vestal is just west of the Town Square Mall. It features Old Navy, HomeGoods, Michael's, Dress Barn, Catherine's, Famous Footwear and Bath & Body Works.



RESTAURANT GUIDE FOR GREATER BINGHAMTON

(Listings include only restaurants that can accommodate groups)

“SIT DOWN” FARE:

Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar
842 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 (607) 724-0458
2701 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal NY 13850 (607) 729-4311
Cuisine: American fare
www.applebees.com

Brothers 2
2901 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, NY 13760 (607) 785-5550
Cuisine: Italian, Seafood, Sandwiches
www.brothers2.com

Buffet Star
4089 Old Vestal Road , Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 798-8060
Cuisine: Chinese
www.buffetstarny.com

Cortese Restaurant
117 Robinson Street, Binghamton, NY 13904 (607) 723-6440
Cuisine: Italian-American
www.corteserestaurant.com

Cracker Barrel
876 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 (607) 722-5006
Cuisine: American
www.crackerbarrell.com

Denny’s Restaurant
4024 Vestal Parkway, Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 798-9660
East 1250 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 (607) 722-4971
Cuisine: American
www.dennys.com

Friday’s (TGI Friday’s)
2445 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 798-0200
Cuisine: American
www.tgifridays.com

IHOP (International House of Pancakes)
3720 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 644-9051
Cuisine: American
www.ihop.com

Little Venice Restaurant
111 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 (607) 724-2513
Cuisine: Italian
www.littlevenicerestaurant.com

Lupo’s S & S Char Pit
6 West State Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 (607) 723-6106
Cuisine: Famous Binghamton Spiedies, sandwiches and salads
www.spiedie.com

Kampai Japanese Steak House
108 Jensen Road, Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 798-7521
Cuisine: Japanese
www.kampaijapanesesteakhouse.com

Nadius
3000 E. Main Street, Endwell, NY 13760 (607) 748-3076
Cuisine: American & Greek
www.nadiusdining.com

Nirchi's on the Avenue
215 Washington Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760 (607) 484-1604
Cuisine: American & Italian
www.nirchisrestaurant.com

Number 5 Restaurant
33 South Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13903 (607) 723-0555
Cuisine: Fine Dining – Steaks, Seafood, Veal, Poultry
www.number5restaurant.com

Olive Garden
1112 Vestal Parkway E., Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 748-5840
Cuisine: Italian American
www.olivegarden.com

Outback Steakhouse
3140 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 766-9915
Cuisine: American
www.outback.com

Panera Bread
3700 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 (607)797-2163
Cuisine: Salads, Soups & Specialty Sandwiches ~ also Muffins, Bagels & breakfast sandwiches
www.panerabread.com

Red Lobster Restaurants
1200 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 754-3787
Cuisine: Seafood
www.redlobster.com

South City Publick House
1200 Vestal Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13903 (607) 723-1403
Cuisine: Greek & American

Spot Restaurant
1062 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 (607) 723-8149
Cuisine: Greek & American
www.thespotrestaurant.com

Tokyo Sushi Buffet
1247 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 (607) 773-8888
Cuisine: Asian

Uncle Tony's Tavern
79 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 (607) 723-4488
Cuisine: Pub Menu
www.uncletonysbar.com

Uno Chicago Grill (Pizzeria Uno)
Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 770-7000
Cuisine: Italian & American
www.unos.com

HOTELS WITH RESTAURANTS:

DoubleTree by Hilton - Binghamton – The River Bistro (607) 722-7575 (downtown Binghamton)
Holiday Inn Binghamton – Café Select (607) 722-1212 (downtown Binghamton)

GRAB & GO

Taste NY Marketplace at the Broome Gateway (Gateway Information Center)
Two Route 81 North, Kirkwood, NY 13795 (607) 775-0156
Cuisine: All Local: Artisan Sandwiches, Baked Goods, Snacks & More (limited seating and seasonal picnic tables)
www.Taste.ny.gov , [facebook.com/TasteNYBroome](https://www.facebook.com/TasteNYBroome)

FAST FOOD

Arby's Restaurants:

440 Court Street, Binghamton, NY 13904 – (607) 722-1114
161 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 – (607) 723-4963
2802 East Main Street, Endicott, NY 13760 – (607) 757-9600
Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY 13790 – (607) 729-9810
1329 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 – (607) 724-2729
3131 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 – (607) 798-6896

McDonald's Restaurants:

704 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 – (607) 722-7412
167 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 – (607) 723-1633/723-2208
603 East Main Street, Endicott, NY 13760 – (607) 748-3625
560 Harry L. Drive, Johnson City, NY 13790 – (607) 770-1966/797-7633
3333 East Main Street, Endicott, NY 13760 – (607) 741-7529
339 Main Street, Johnson City, NY 13790 – (607) 798-7631/723-0222
Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY 13790 – (607) 729-4033
3136 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 – (607) 798-7712
30 North Road, Windsor, NY 13865 – (607) 775-4241
2972 NY Route 11, Whitney Point, NY 13862 – (607) 692-7210

Wendy's Restaurants:

1251 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 – (607) 723-0233
170 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 – (607) 723-5711
3737 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850 – (607) 798-7474
217 Washington Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760 – (607) 754-6124

Note: There are over 250 restaurants in Greater Binghamton. Those listed above are best suited/experienced to handle motor coach group business.



WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE?

Greater Binghamton offers an abundance of touring options for your group!

ACTIVE: Walking trails traverse the landscape, from the Vestal Rail Trail to downtown's river-walk. Wander through the **Cutler Botanic Garden** or **Binghamton University's Nature Preserve**. Visit the **Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park**, the 5th oldest zoo in the nation! The hilly terrain offers great views while seeing the animals that reside there. Bring those sneakers!

DINING: Have you tried a Spiedie? Greater Binghamton is famous for the discovery of this delicious grilled treat. Stop by **Lupo's S & S Char Pit** to taste the real deal, and while you are there you can buy some sauce to take home with you. Looking more upscale? The **Number 5 Restaurant** or **Cortese Italian-American Restaurant** will please you. Or perhaps you'd like a delightful treat of home-made **Pat Mitchell's Ice Cream**.

HISTORY: Take a step back in time at the elegantly appointed **Phelps Mansion Museum** to tour one of our most historic homes. The **Roberson Museum & Science Center** also began as a family home and now also houses the **Binghamton Welcome Center** which tells our town's story of growth from Manufacturing to Computers to Aerospace technology. The **Endicott Visitors Center** will enthrall you with the humble beginning of IBM (yes in Endicott, NY) and the Endicott Johnson legacy. The **Endicott History & Heritage Center** features IBM artifacts.

STARRY EYED: The **Kopernik Observatory** is the largest public access observatory in the Northeast. Another great celestial option is the planetarium tour at The **Roberson Museum & Science Center**, where you can see the region's largest public model train display.

PURE AND NATURAL: Do your groups prefer farm-fresh tours? The **Cider Mill** is an authentic working mill that is open from August through November. Nothing tastes better than fresh pressed apple cider and hot doughnuts. The Greater Binghamton landscape is also dotted with family owned, tourist friendly farms. Be sure to visit **Apple Hills, Lone Maple Farm, or Jackson's Farm** which are just a few of our great options. The **Windy Hill Candle Factory & Candyland** features 50,000 locally made candles and a huge old-fashioned candy shop.

ARTSY & ENTERTAINING: Greater Binghamton's arts scene is growing. Downtown features a monthly "**First Friday Art Walk**" to highlight our emerging art gallery & studio locations. Live music is a part of the celebration – it's a delightful event any time of the year. **Antique Row** is a few blocks from the city center and features various types of storefronts with treasures from yesteryear. **Opera, Symphony, Theater**...we have that covered too! Our numerous performance facilities are alive with entertainment options whenever you are here.

IMAGINATION: "Imagine if you will" that famous phrase began every episode of the "**Twilight Zone**" television series. The creative mind behind the series, Rod Serling, proudly referred to Binghamton as his hometown. We proudly pay homage to Serling at several sites throughout the area & **The Bundy Museum of History & Art** hosts a monthly symposium to educate the general public of Rod Serling and his importance to pop-culture and how his work awakens the audience's sense of humanity.



SAMPLE ITINERARIES

EXPERIENCE GREATER BINGHAMTON ~ LOCAL TOURS

Greater Binghamton offers a great location and many touring options for your groups that can be seen in a day trip, making us an ideal choice for hub & spoke tours! Whether you are interested in history, art, or terrific fall foliage, we are your destination! Our affordability, warmth, and hospitality choices will serve you well for both an overnight and for dining. So come and stay for a while, there are so many choices...

SPRING / SUMMER

IT SHOULD ALWAYS BE SUMMERTIME

HALF-DAY

8:00 am - Breakfast at hotel

9:15 am - **ENDICOTT HISTORY & HERITAGE CENTER**- Endicott, NY is the birthplace of IBM, an international Top-10 Company that changed the entire world. Also the home of Endicott Johnson Shoe Corp., the world's largest shoe manufacturer by 1950, the center features items from IBM's official corporate museum, plus extensive added museum displays. They also document the history of both companies and how such a small village attracted, not one but, two international giants of industry.

10:45 am - **THE BUNDY MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART**- The mansion is a Queen Anne style built in 1892 for Harlow E. Bundy who founded the company that was the forerunner of the present day IBM. In addition to time clock displays there are several galleries featuring antiques and memorabilia, including the Rod Serling exhibit!

11:45 am - **CAROUSEL AT RECREATION PARK** - Enjoy a free ride on this beautiful Herschell Carousel – one of six in the county.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Lunch (A picnic in the park, dining in a historic hotel, there are options galore)

FULL-DAY (In Addition to Above)

1:15-3:00 pm - Visit the **ROBERSON MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER** - Include a guided tour of the Mansion, a planetarium show, as well as free time to explore numerous displays and exhibits. A great educational & entertaining experience!

3:15–5:00 pm - Tour the **BINGHAMTON ZOO at ROSS PARK** – Visit some of our furry and scaly animals at our zoo!

EVENING WITH OVERNIGHT (All of the above, plus evening entertainment!)

6-7:30 pm - After a time to relax and prepare for an exciting evening, you'll enjoy a dinner at one of Greater Binghamton's unique restaurants!

8:00 pm - Evening entertainment – Tri-Cities Opera, Binghamton Philharmonic, a special event at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, or an Art Gallery tour... possibilities abound!

***Add a festival stop to your itinerary - the Annual Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally, Dick's Sporting Goods Open, Chris Thater Memorial Races, Lumberjack Festival, or the Levene Gouldin & Thompson Tennis Challenger are just a few!



FALL

FALL IN LOVE WITH OUR FOLIAGE

HALF-DAY

8:00 am - Breakfast

9:00 am - Meet CVB Representative and Step-On Guide at Hotel

9:20 am - Tour of SACRED HEART UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - This beautiful wooden church is based on the folk architecture of the churches in the Ukraine's Carpathian Mountains.

9:45 am - DRIVING TOUR of the Area's many Gold-Domed Ethnic Churches. Learn about the history and architecture of Downtown Binghamton and Riverside Drive's beautiful mansions.

10:20 am - THE CIDER MILL - Watch as cider is pressed at this working Cider Mill and then enjoy the fruits of their labor with a mid-morning snack of cider and doughnuts.

11:00 am - SHOPPING TOUR at one of our many malls.

12-1:00 pm - Lunch (A picnic overlooking the valley, dining in a historic restaurant, or a Spiedie are some choices)

FULL-DAY (In Addition to Above)

1:30-3:00 pm -Tour the WINDY HILL CANDLE FACTORY & CANDYLAND - See the process of candle making with 300 different candle scents. Also features a HUGE old-fashioned candy shop.

3:30-5:00 pm - Visit the ROBERSON MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER - Include a guided tour of the Mansion, a planetarium show, as well as free time to explore the numerous displays and exhibits.

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*** Suggested activities to fit into your fall itinerary: Apple Festival, RoberCon, an opera, or symphony concert!! Give us a call and come join the fun!

WINTER

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE (OUR) HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Discover a holiday getaway your groups will love. The holidays are a time for nostalgia, for discovering new traditions, shopping for the perfect gift, and creating new memories.

- The Roberson Museum and Science Center presents their annual "Home for the Holidays" exhibit. The exhibit features an enchanting "International Christmas Tree Forest" which explores holiday traditions throughout the world, a Winter Sky show in the Planetarium, American Flyer trains, and 1900's traditions in the opulently decorated mansion. (Thanksgiving through New Years)
- The Hanukkah House Museum features Jewish traditions, history, decorations, and more. The museum is located at Temple Concord.
- The WINDY HILL CANDLE FACTORY & CANDYLAND enhances their experience by adding special scents for the holidays. In the gift shop, you are sure to find unique items to complete your shopping list, or to indulge yourself!

Evening Entertainment Options:

- Check out some sporting action and catch a Binghamton Senators hockey game at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena!
- Join in the excitement at a First Friday Art Walk and see art of all shapes and sizes, see the lights on the carousels, or grab dinner at a fabulous restaurant!

HUB & SPOKE

Day 1 – Arrive in Greater Binghamton and visit the Roberson Museum and Science Center. Tour this nationally renowned museum and planetarium, or visit the Windy Hill Candle Factory, our spectacular Gold Domed & Wooden Churches, or shop ‘til you drop in one of our fabulous malls or specialty stores. Following the tour, the group will check into their “home away from home.” After check-in relax and enjoy a delicious dinner.

Day 2 – The National Baseball Hall of Fame, Fenimore House, and Farmer’s Museum await. Cooperstown is a short drive to the northeast.

Day 3 – Spend a day at the Corning Museum of Glass or the Rockwell Museum. Or perhaps the group would prefer to visit the National Soaring Museum in Elmira. Take Route 17 West to discover these treasures.

Day 4 – Take a scenic drive through the Finger Lakes and you’ll discover wineries, glens, and falls.

Day 5 – Visit the New York State Fair in Syracuse (end of August through Labor Day).

Day 6 – Do you feel lucky?! Try the Turning Stone Casino in Oneida County.

Day 7 – Take a spin on one of our six, wooden carousels (the largest collection in the world) before heading home!

Other Touring Options: Albany – Spend a day touring the State capitol. Watkins Glen – The speed and excitement of Watkins Glen Raceway. Owego – Check out the Tioga Downs Racino or the historic downtown shopping district. Virgil – Take on the slopes of Greek Peak Ski Resort. Howe Caves – Tour the underground wonder of Howe Caverns.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!



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