



Northeast Wine Trails

From: London, Manchester, Liverpool

Travel details

Overnight stay in New York.

● DAY 2 · NEW YORK (NY)

You have all day ahead to give a good bite to the "Big Apple"... a snack accompanied, of course, with a good glass of wine.

The city of New York is divided into five boroughs: Manhattan is the most touristy, and then there's Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and Staten Island. Settlers bought Manhattan from native Indians for the equivalent of \$24. Since then, the city has been expanding, becoming a worldwide commercial reference and a global financial center. New York is one of the world's most fascinating cities. Immigration turned it into a true melting pot with hundreds of nationalities speaking more than eight hundred languages.

For tourists, New York City is as magnificent as its attractions are endless, but there are a few icons that are worth visiting.

The Empire State Building and its viewpoint that you can access to see a panoramic view of the entire city. Central Park is the lung of the city and the perfect haven for disconnecting from the hustle and bustle. Times Square is a retail and entertainment hotspot famous for its iconic neon billboards. Fifth Avenue is one of the world's most famous and expensive streets thanks to its opulence and high-end boutiques. Wall Street and its skyscrapers in the business district are well worth seeing. A walk along the Brooklyn Bridge and the High Line, and a visit to the Statue of Liberty are something you cannot miss.

In the afternoon we recommend that you approach another of the most symbolic neighborhoods of New York, the famous Soho, to start immersing yourself in the wine world of the Northwest Coast. There is the spectacular City Winery, an unforgettable experience that combines live music, gastronomy and, of course, the wine made on the outskirts of the city. Broths contained in 300 barrels of the famous French oak connected by 11 key ducts that keep the wine at an optimal temperature. A complete and modern system that you can see during the tour of the winery, and that keeps the wine always ready for consumption. The Barrel Room houses the wine tasting room and an intimate restaurant for 40 people where wine is served from a tap in the purest beer style. Book a tour of the winery (every day from 4:00 p.m.) and a dinner to enjoy local cuisine and wine, you will not regret.

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● DAY 3 · NEW YORK (NY) - CAPE MAY (NJ)

It is convenient to start the day early to head to the wine region of the state of New Jersey until you reach Cape May, located about 4 hours behind the wheel south of New York. Do not worry because on the way you will have multiple opportunities to make cultural and oenological scales and thus rest from the car. The first stop is Princeton, a town in New Jersey famous throughout the world for Princeton University, which has been teaching since 1756. Try not to eat much breakfast because at this point we recommend you go to the city center to taste A delicious snack in the popular "Jammin 'Crepes". This creperie is nourished by fresh fruits and vegetables that come from local farms from which an attractive daily menu is made. Art lovers cannot miss the impressive Princeton University Art Museum, which houses more than 92,000 works by artists such as Goya, Monet, Gauguin and Warhol, as well as an extensive and recognized collection of Asian art. Continue south to enter the wine region of New Jersey, which in the last 30 years has improved its production thanks to new wineries that have positioned the region as the seventh largest producer of wine in the United States. With the growing demand, Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc have been very planted in the area, while Chardonnay predominates in whites. Amalthea Cellars Farm Winery is your destination, a bucolic and beautiful place that seems torn from the same French countryside. The tour of the winery includes a pleasant ride in a horse-drawn centenary carriage and a romantic candlelight tasting in its cozy wine cellar full of fragrant barrels. A little further south is the next stop, one of those wineries of new wedge that have boosted the fame of the region. This is White Horse Winery, open only since 2016 but with a great future ahead. Taste their wines in their tasting room and take the opportunity to eat at one of their craft tables. Go back to the road and walk your way to the city and Margate, on the Atlantic coast, where Lucy the Elephant, an amazing six-story high elephant-shaped building. Built in 1881 based on wood and tinsplate, this example of the so-called "novelty architecture" constitutes an exceptional panoramic viewpoint and is included in the National Register of Historic Places. Not to be missed! Continue on your way south along the eastern coast of New Jersey, and on the outskirts of Cape May you will encounter another of the oenological and landscape attractions of the day, the Hawk Haven Vineyard and Winery. This beautiful vineyard located between the bay of Delaware and the Atlantic Ocean is an authentic garden, the ideal setting to taste the last wine tasting of this intense day surrounded by tranquility. Just one step away is the picturesque city of Cape May, which prides itself on being "The Nation's Oldest Seashore Resort". The entire town is listed as the National Historic District, especially thanks to the more than 600 elegant and well-preserved Victorian houses that adorn the streets. Another interesting visit is the Cape May Lighthouse, built in 1859. If you dare to face its 199 steps you will get an unforgettable reward: stunning views of the ocean and the bay. In front of Cape May Harbor, the colorful fishing port, you can taste the local seafood cuisine at "The Lobster House", a restaurant located in Fisherman's Wharf. There is lobster for dinner!

Overnight stay in Cape May.

● DAY 4 · CAPE MAY (NJ) - DELAWARE BAY (FERRY) - LEWES (DE) KENNETT SQUARE (PE)

We leave the state of New Jersey behind to depart by boat to the fabulous beaches of Delaware. The ferry that connects the port of Cape May with that of Lewes can anchor every hour and a half approximately from 7 in the morning, on a shore that lasts about 85 minutes. While on board, take advantage of historic lighthouses and picturesque harbors, spectacular ocean vessels, native and migratory seabirds, and whale and dolphin escorts that usually accompany the ferry. Once you've landed in Lewes, we recommend a late breakfast in the nearby and beautiful town of Rehoboth Beach. Come to one of the restaurants on the seafront, for example "The Royal Treat", the favorite option of tourists and locals. When you're ready, go back to the road and head towards Nassau Valley Vineyards, just 20 minutes behind the wheel on DE-1 N. Founded in 1993, it was the first winery installed in the state of Delaware. Enjoy a visit to your self-guided tour through its facilities and then taste several wines from its award-winning wine collection. Continue driving on the DE-1 N for about an hour until you reach the rural area of the state, where you will enjoy another of the oenological experiences of the day. This is Harvest Ridge Winery, located in Maryland, a vineyard that runs along the border between Delaware and neighboring Maryland just above the historic Mason-Dixon Line, a demarcation line dating back to the British colonial era. In fact, in the same hacienda you can see the original 47th milestone of the border that has since separated four states of the United States: Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. Do not miss the opportunity to taste the excellent red wines of this winery, especially Malbec. The temperatures and humidity of the Chesapeake region offer the ideal conditions for the red, as they provide the grapes with the warmth and development time necessary to shine. We say goodbye to the state of Delaware to enter Pennsylvania, almost at the end of the road, crossing during the trip the various inlets of Chesapeake Bay that dot the route to Kennett Square. This beautiful city is fairly known as "The Mushroom Capital of the World" due to the huge mushroom production of the region, which accounts for half of the annual mushroom harvest of the entire United States. It is normal for its tourist attractions to orbit its flagship product in the form of festivals and tours through specialized farms. It also dominates State Street stores, such as "The Mushroom Cap", which offers culinary products and gift items inspired by mushrooms. After taking a walk through the town, nothing better than a "Portobellos" dinner to close another fabulous day.

Overnight stay in Kennett Square.

● DAY 5 · KENNETT SQUARE (PE) - BRANDYWINE VALLEY - KENNETT SQUARE (PE)

One of the essential visits in Kennett Square is the wonderful Longwood Gardens, one of the most important botanical parks in the United States. Located on the outskirts of the city, it extends over an area of 4 square kilometers full of indoor and outdoor gardens, greenhouses, meadows, ponds and forests that house more than 11,000 different types of plants. Longwood Gardens is also your gateway to the beautiful Brandywine Valley, which played an important role in the development of the New World colonies. Just five minutes from Longwood Gardens is Galer Estate Vineyards and Winery, where you can admire the colorful glassware of the cellar, the reused wood of an old barn and the marble surface of the bar counter. Watch out, that this marble comes from nothing more and nothing less than the steps of the Independence Hall of Philadelphia, a treasure. At Galer Estate Vineyards and Winery, summer tastings are held inside the cellar or on the main terrace overlooking the Red Lion Chardonnay Vineyard. Even on certain nights it is accompanied by live music. In the winter months, they move to the cozy Red Lion tasting room. Once you are ready, return to the road to Penns Woods Winery, in Chadds Ford, which offers events such as live music and wine and food pairings on the weekend. The tastings are held both in the tasting room and in the outdoor patio, where you can enjoy fabulous views of the Brandywine Valley. Half an hour west, crossing again part of the state of Delaware, a new wine scene awaits you at the Va La Vineyards winery in Avondale. This elegant boutique winery offers its delicious wine tastings in a barn dating back to the 19th century, tastings always accompanied by a tasting of local cheeses to enhance the experience. Before returning to Kennett Square, head to the town of West Chester on PA-842 E to explore the shops and boutiques of Market Street, which offer a variety of local products and art. After shopping, the day ends in front of a tasty steak in the famous restaurant "Pietro's Prime". Enjoy your meal!

Return and overnight stay in Kennett Square.

● DAY 6 · KENNETT SQUARE - STRASBURG - LANCASTER - MANHEIM - HERSHEY (PE)

We leave for Lancaster, one of the oldest inland cities in the United States, but first we will make a stop on this journey about an hour behind the wheel in the town of Strasburg. On this occasion we propose a delicious "brunch" in the popular "Java Junction Coffee Bar", whose extensive menu includes all kinds of sandwiches and "bagels" (a kind of stuffed bread in the form of rosco), as well as creative recipes such as "Hangover Helper". This revitalizing dish is made with egg, sausage sauce, potato, onion, pickle and cheese, and is served accompanied by a deoxidizing juice. You will stay like new! Lancaster, the so-called "City of the Red Rose" in reference to the English Lancaster house, receive the visitor with the oldest Amish settlement in the country. Harrison Ford's famous film "Witness" showed the entire world the lifestyle of this enigmatic community, in addition to its refusal to adopt certain modern comforts and technologies, including electricity. Do not miss the opportunity to be yourself this time witness to their curious traditions! Lancaster is also an important artistic and cultural center of downtown Pennsylvania. Its architecture is an attractive amalgam of different styles that include "classical revival", Georgian, beaux-arts and art deco, among many others. You can check it by taking a quiet walk through the streets of this picturesque and pleasant American city that also has notable museums such as the Demuth Museum, the Lancaster Museum of Art and the Philips Museum of Art, the latter two located on the campus of the prestigious Franklin & Marshall College. We follow the Route northbound on the PA-283 W to reach in just half an hour the Waltz Vineyards Estate winery, the first wine stop of the day and, in this case, with interesting gastronomic touches. Located in the municipality of Manheim, in its beautiful European-inspired tasting room you can taste the excellent wines made in the farm, a tasting that is always accompanied by chocolates and artisan cheeses to improve the experience. Delicious! It only remains to arrive after another half hour behind the wheel to the city of Hershey, where chocolate and substitutes are the true kings.

Unsurprisingly, it is known as "Chocolatetown, USA". However, it's not all about sweet cocoa, as the town is also home to the elegant Cullari Vineyards and Winery, which specialises in both sweet and dry reds, as well as whites and rosé wines. Come along to the main tasting room, found on Chocolate Avenue in the centre of the town. What better name for the main thoroughfare of Hershey, "The Sweetest Place on Earth"?

Overnight stay in Hershey.

● DAY 7 · HERSHEY - HALIFAX - CASSEL VINEYARDS - HARRISBURG - HERSHEY (PE)

Before entering the wine regions of Hershey and Harrisburg, you should make a visit throughout the morning that is virtually mandatory if you are in Hershey. Of course we refer to The Hershey Story Museum, also located on Chocolate Avenue. There the life of the famous Milton S. Hershey, founder of the famous chocolate company, and the history of a town that until 1906 was called Derry Church, but that was renamed due to the growing popularity of Hershey chocolate, is reviewed. Especially from its flagship product, the Hershey Bar, "The Great American Chocolate Bar". Take some for the road! When you're ready, head north along the Susquehanna River to the city of Halifax, a journey that will take you about an hour behind the wheel. There are the unbeatable facilities of the Armstrong Valley Vineyard & Winery, where a waterfall welcomes visitors who access the tasting room, located in a barn over 200 years old. Enjoy a wine in the covered patio next to its stone fireplace, while contemplating the beautiful landscape. Do not miss the opportunity to tour the stables, the gardens and the ice house. The next winery of the day is J&P Winery, located about 45 minutes by car in the town of Grantville. You can sit in a rocking chair in the courtyard in the purest American style and make a tasting with spectacular mountain views. Return to Hershey to participate in today's latest winemaking experience at Cassel Vineyards. Taste your wines in a huge bar located in the tasting room or in the beautiful courtyard that extends to the nearby vineyards. During the summer weekends, the tastings are also accompanied by live music. For dinner, we recommend you go to neighboring Harrisburg to enjoy an excellent dining experience in the elegant and romantic restaurant "Char's Tracy Mansion", built in 1913 along the Susquehanna River.

Return and overnight stay in Hershey.

● DAY 8 · HERSHEY - (PE) CORNING - ITHACA (NY)

We head north to the Finger Lakes region, back in the state of New York. It's about 4 hours behind the wheel so we recommend that you make at least one stop along the way. The town of Corning, already in New York, is an excellent option because it is considered by some as "The Most Fun Small Town in America" thanks to its resplendent and beautiful architecture, but especially his fabulous Museum of Glass. Immerse yourself in the 3,500 years of glass history and admire its collection of more than 50,000 glass objects, some thousands of years old. The building, dating from 1951, is designed to represent the fluidity of glass, a feature that you can check with your own eyes in the fantastic demonstrations with hot glass offered by the museum. You will never see the glass the same way when you have a glass of wine! Continue to the very heart of the Finger Lakes wine region where it rises the city of Ithaca, an hour behind the wheel from Corning. On the shores of Lake Cayuga, Ithaca is an important university center thanks to the presence of two important institutions such as Cornell University, within the ranking of the 15 best universities in the world, and Ithaca College, deeply rooted in the idiosyncrasies of the city itself. Explore its magnificent lands and buildings and don't miss some of its treasures, such as the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art and its distinctive concrete facade, located northwest of the Arts Quad on the main campus of Cornell University. Designed by IM Pei, the museum houses more than 35,000 works by famous artists such as Dürer, Goya, Manet, Degas and Matisse, and examples of modern American art in figures such as Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Warhol. By the way, Ithaca has more restaurants per capita than New York City, so you will have no problem finding a place you like for dinner.

Overnight stay in Ithaca.

● DAY 9 · ITHACA (NY) - SENECA LAKE (NY) - ITHACA (NY)

Ithaca is one of the most liberal and open populations in the entire United States. Year after year appears at the top of all the quality of life rankings in the country. It is a cosmopolitan and multicultural city with a great artistic activity that you will fall in love with at first sight. Do not miss its beautiful waterfalls that run near the center, we assure you that you will want to have a photo to immortalize this picturesque and rugged urban landscape. It is time to head to the Seneca Lake Wine Trail, where you will have the largest and deepest of the Finger Lakes as a wonderful backdrop for your tastings of the day. Set course for the first oenological scale of the day with the Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars winery, in the town of Lodi. It is a journey that will take barely half an hour. Once in the cellar, let yourself be impressed by its neo-Gothic style building designed by architect Bruce Corson, a native of Ithaca (whose name comes from the Greek city of Ithaca). Thanks to panoramic windows located in the tasting room, or directly on the large terrace of the winery, you can admire the beautiful views of the lakes while you taste their excellent selection of wines. The next stop blends the "Bacchus nectar" with history, as it is one of the most prestigious wineries in the Finger Lakes. Dr Konstantin Frank Winery was founded in 1962, beginning the revival of viticulture in the region. Therefore, the figure of Konstantin Frank is much admired in these lands, where it is recognized that without their contributions the Finger Lakes wine area would not be as respected as it is today. The winery is located in the beautiful hills to the southwest of Lake Keuka and keeps the history of four generations of winemakers. Different types of tastings are offered at Dr Konstantin Frank Winery, but we recommend choosing a personalized experience in the tasting room of the 1962 reservation, which is located inside Frank's original house. A luxury. The wine list is very complete, but we advise you not to miss the riesling and pinot noir, two of its best wines. Continue along the eastern shore of the Seneca Lake north until you reach Belhurst Castle and Winery, about half an hour behind the wheel on NY96A N. Built in front of Seneca Lake in the 1880s, this stone castle has served different purposes in its long history. During the famous "Dry Law" in the United States, its walls hosted a clandestine bar, and later became a casino and a Dinner Club. Now it is home to two great restaurants, so you have to choose. The "Stonecutter's" and its eclectic canteen menu and its relaxed atmosphere, or "Edgar's Steakhouse", offers a more formal culinary experience. In both cases there is no lack of beautiful views of the Seneca Lake. On our way back to Ithaca, we will travel this time along the western shore of the lake, heading south on the NY-14 S until we reach, after 20 minutes by car, the last winery today. This is Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard, partially raised in the frame of a 90-year-old barn. There is its craft wine area where you can taste its classic riesling. In just 50 minutes you will be back to Ithaca. Enjoy the afternoon for example by exploring The Commons, a popular shopping and dining area located downtown.

Overnight stay in Ithaca.

● DAY 10 · ITHACA (NY) - CAYUGA LAKE (NY) - ITHACA (NY)

If yesterday we explored the surroundings of Seneca Lake, today we have to do it with Cayuga Lake. Direct your steps north along the western shore of the lake and in 15 minutes you will be in front of the spectacular Taughannock Falls, a waterfall with a waterfall of 66 meters that are framed in some fantastic cliffs that rise up to 122 meters above the canon. We recommend that you tour the Gorge Trail if you want to enjoy the views from below the falls or venture into the Gorge Overlook Trail to do it from the heights. Nearby, just a quarter of an hour behind the wheel northbound, is the first winery of the day, Sheldrake Point Winery, on the shores of Cayuga Lake. Their complete wine selection includes from reservations to dessert wines and to drink with ice. Beyond the shore you will find Thirsty Owl Wine Company, with more than 610 meters of lake shoreline and 61 hectares of vineyards. It is the perfect place to enjoy a wine tasting experience overlooking the lake and to eat at "Thirsty Owl Bistro", which specializes in incorporating fresh local ingredients to its delicious dishes. After lunch, cross the highway to get to Hosmer Estate Winery, which houses some of the largest and oldest vines of Cayuga Lake Hosmer and is currently a leader in the production of organic wine, as it is a winery very concerned with conservation and sustainability. Do not miss his cabernet franc, riesling, gruner veltliner and sauvignon blanc. The last wine stop of the day will be at Buttonwood Grove Winery, one of the most spectacular wineries in the region. Enjoy a tasting of the award-winning wines, including the "Frances Amelia and Cabernet Sauvignon" Riesling. In addition, summer barbecues are held outdoors with live music. After this complete experience, Ithaca returns to taste the excellent Italian cuisine in one of the restaurants in the city center. Overnight stay in Ithaca.

● DAY 11 · ITHACA (NY) - POCONO MOUNTAINS (NY) - NEW YORK (NY)

It is time to return to New York City, which is about 4 hours behind the wheel from Ithaca. The Route leaves the Finger Lakes region behind and re-enters Pennsylvania to make a gastronomic stop, and stretch your legs, in the beautiful Pocono Mountains. Continue towards the Atlantic coast through the canyon that crosses the Delaware River and soon you will see the "skyline" of New York appear before your eyes. Any plans to continue enjoying the "Big Apple"?

As for museums, the MOMA, the Guggenheim and the Metropolitan are fundamental. If you like basketball, try to get tickets to a New York Knicks game. If you prefer musicals, head straight over to Broadway. The offer in New York is endless. Choose what you want most according to your tastes. (Note. Remember that the suggested activities are not included. We recommend you check information and reserve the ticket if necessary before arriving at the "City that never sleeps").

Overnight stay in New York.

● DAY 12 · NEW YORK (NY) - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

● DAY 13 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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| ✓ Return flight. | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in New York City. | ✓ Selected meal plan in New York City. |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Cape May. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Cape May. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kennett Square. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Kennett Square. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Hershey - Pa. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Hershey - Pa. | |

- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Ithaca - Ny.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

- ✓ Selected meal plan in Ithaca - Ny.

- ✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Electronic Authorization (ESTA/ETA) to enter in US.
- ✗ Resort fee US.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

New York City



Cape May



Lewes - De



Kennett Square



Strasburg - Pa



Lancaster - Pa



Manheim - Pa



Hershey - Pa



Harrisburg - Pa



Corning - Ny



Ithaca - Ny



Important remarks

- Tips in US are a common practice.

- Generally in US the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.
- Driving in the USA: 1.Overtaking on the right is not only legal but everyone does it. And the sooner you get used to roads with more than five lanes, the better. 2.It is legal (and mandatory) to turn right on a red light when there is a signal to do so. 3. With regard to parking, make sure you check when you can park on the street and never park in front of a fire hydrant (even though there are no signs prohibiting it). If there are lines painted on the road to mark out parking spaces, leave the car right in the middle of them, however huge the gap may seem. Be especially careful in the centre of big cities and don't let the parking meter go over by even one minute (check before paying because there are days of the week or certain times when you don't have to pay). 4.Beware of tolls. They will be indicated with the words toll or turnpike and don't usually have a barrier, so you can drive through them without realising and then receive a fine a few weeks later. Don't drive in FasTrak Only lanes and make sure you have some cash on you, as some tolls are cash-only. 5.Unless you want a ticket and a stern chat from a Highway Patrol Officer, it's best not to drive more than five or ten miles above the maximum speed allowed for the road. If the police end up stopping you, keep your hands on the steering wheel and in sight at all times and don't even think about trying to be funny. 6.We recommend signing up to roadside assistance services and a GPS when you hire a car.
- Consult the entry restrictions and additional requirements for people who have previously traveled to destinations such as Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, etc.
- Hotels may charge a Resort Fee charge that must be paid directly at the destination. The amount can vary between approximately \$15 and \$65 per room per night. This charge is indicative and may be modified depending on the establishment's policy.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- We recommend you purchase the necessary ferry tickets in advance when purchasing your self-drive tour, since ferry tickets are not included in the trip, your journey will have dates and duration that will vary and will also depend on the time of year, your vehicle and your ship or ferry preferences. To ease the planning of your trip, please consult schedules and rates on the shipping companies' websites before choosing your trip start date. Visit the website of Cape May-Lewes Ferry (<https://www.cmlf.com/>) for Cape May (Nueva Jersey) to Lewes (Delaware).
- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.