



Albany Aqua Ducks
 Narrated tours on these amphibious vehicles include a fun splash into the Hudson River for a mariner's view of Albany. Passengers get a close-up look at the USS Slater, the only WWII Destroyer Escort still afloat. Tours leave daily from the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center. albanyaquadducks.com

STATION SERVICES:



TRAVEL TIMES:	HOURS
NYC > Albany	2.5
Albany > Niagara	5.75
Albany > Montreal	7.5

MULTIPLE DAILY

DEPARTURES: Adirondack, Empire Service, Ethan Allen Express, Lake Shore Limited, Maple Leaf.

CONNECTIONS:

BUS SERVICE directly to Empire State Plaza and downtown Albany (Rt. 14 & 15). CDTA route guides at ticket counter. **TAXI SERVICE** on standby.

CAR RENTAL:

Enterprise offers station pickup: 518-472-1111
 Hertz: 518-434-6911

VISITOR RESOURCES

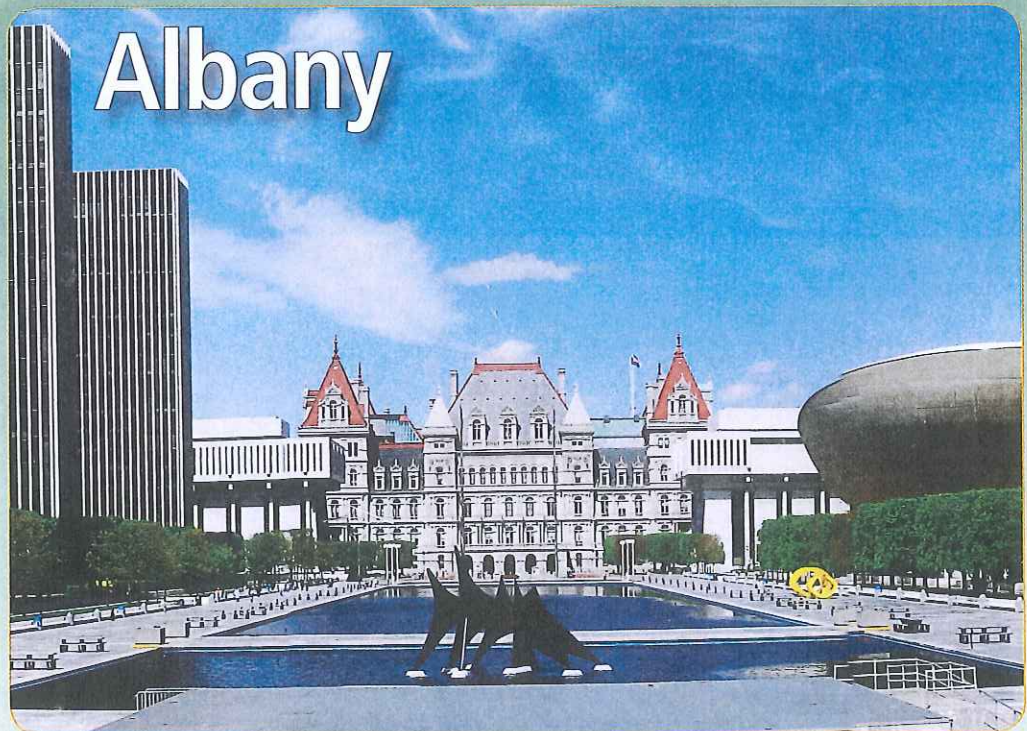
www.albany.org
 Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau
 800-258-3582

downtownalbany.org

Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center
 25 Quackenbush Square
 518-434-0405

An information assistant is available to provide directions, itinerary, attraction, accommodation, and restaurant suggestions, as well as event information.

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Empire State Plaza is Albany's most recognizable landscape and also among its most popular destinations. Besides the magnificent architecture, there's a world-class art collection, a fascinating museum, and a quirky performing arts center (The Egg) that's fun just to look at, much less watch a show in. Find out about free tours of the Plaza at ogs.state.ny.us.

Albany, as visitors quickly discover, is more than just New York's historic Capital City. The county stretches north, west and south, encompassing quaint towns, river cities, rolling hills and a dramatic escarpment.

Considering how much there is to discover, a tour of Albany is best begun at the City's Heritage Area Visitors Center in Quackenbush Square. The center offers exhibits detailing the city's history, a spectacular orientation show and suggested walking or driving tours, with maps.

Entertainment is a top draw in downtown Albany, which features the Capital Region's most popular performance venues. Times Union Center anchors the south end of the Pearl Street entertainment corridor and is the area's premier entertainment facility, presenting large-scale concerts, conventions, trade shows and sports. The Albany River Rats hockey team — AHL affiliate of the Carolina Hurricane — and arena2football's Albany Conquest call Times Union Center home, as does Siena College basketball. In the spring, Times Union Center regularly hosts collegiate MAAC, ECAC and NCAA tournaments. Anchoring the north end of the entertain-

ment corridor is the Palace Theatre, which has undergone a multi-million-dollar renovation to restore the historic structure to its former glory, including a high-tech replica of the original 1931 marquee. Concerts, comedy, family shows and movies are regular features at the Palace, which is also home to the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

Capital Repertory Theatre, the region's preeminent professional theatre, produces award-winning plays created by the world's best directors and designers. Productions feature world-renowned actors seen on Broadway, Off-Broadway, on television and in the movies, and you can expect the season to run the gamut from light-hearted to dramatic.

The Egg in Empire State Plaza, an architecturally unique structure that looks like, well, a tilted egg, presents music, dance and theatre on two stages. The Comedy Works brings in the best national and local comedians to tickle the Capital Region's funny bone.

Downtown Albany's architecture is an attraction in itself. From the Gothic towers of the State University of New York administration building (the former D&H Railroad



LarkFest
Saturday, September 17
10:00 am to 5:30 pm

It's one of the Capital Region's best and biggest street festivals, in one of Albany's most unique and diverse neighborhoods, a sort of SOHO north. Eight blocks of the historic Lark Street Neighborhood will be closed to traffic, leaving room for hundreds of vendors and thousands of visitors to roam between two music stages, a family-fun activity area and food vendors, offering dishes from the many local-landmark restaurants. Lark Street is two blocks west of the Empire State Plaza and one block east of Washington Park. Larkstreet.org



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The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) recently celebrated 40 years of connecting New York's Capital Region. CDTA

delivers transit services that take people where they want to go safely, reliably, and at a reasonable cost. CDTA's 3-day pass, for example, is convenient for visitors to the Capital Region because it offers unlimited rides for three consecutive days.

The Authority offers regular route bus service, Northway Commuter services, and paratransit services for the disabled, and operates the Rensselaer Rail Station, 9th busiest rail station in the country. The Authority also owns and operates the Saratoga Springs Train Station and is leading the proposed upgrade to the Schenectady Station.

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building) to the green dome of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the sleek, modern lines of the Empire State Plaza, a variety of styles are represented. Albany's free events draw crowds to downtown each year, offering fun for all ages through all seasons. Across the Hudson River Way pedestrian bridge — which connects downtown Albany to the historic Hudson River and boasts trompe l'oeil paintings of Albany history — lies the outdoor amphitheater at Albany Riverfront Park.

Thousands of music lovers flock here for summer's Thursday night Alive at Five concerts, June's Father's Day Pops

Concert with the Albany Symphony Orchestra, September's Jazz Festival and many other free events. St. Patrick's Day and Columbus Day parades enliven the streets of the central business district, and concerts and festivals abound at Empire State Plaza and Washington Park. The winter holiday season invokes a flurry of festive fun, including Capital Holiday Lights, which turns Washington Park into a wonderland for the month of December.

The Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau is at your service and at the ready to help make your stay in Albany a pleasant and memorable one: Visit them at Albany.org.

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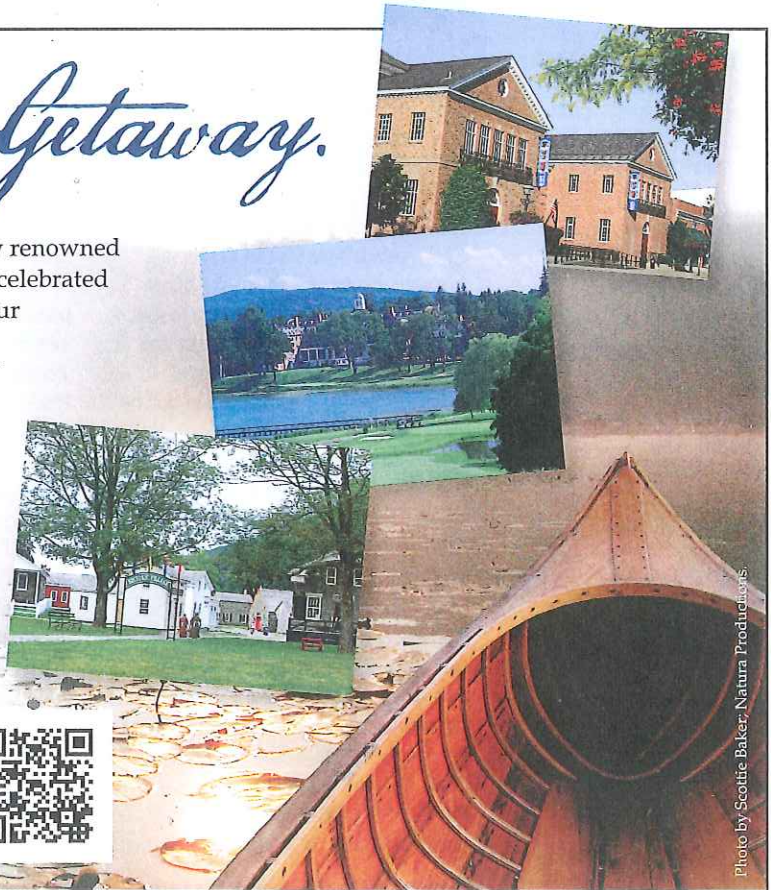


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