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## DAY ONE:

- Arrive at the [Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center](#)<sup>1</sup> for an orientation to the history of New York's Capital City. Tour the exhibit gallery and the USS Albany display. View a 15 minute orientation film, "Albany: A Cultural Crossroads", or see a planetarium show; then take time to explore the shop for uniquely Albany items and locally handcrafted gifts.
- Tour Albany on land aboard your bus with a step-on-guide for a tour of historic downtown Albany.
- Have lunch at Quackenbush Square. See how the [Albany Pump Station](#)<sup>2</sup> makes their award-winning micro-brewed beer while enjoying a hearty lunch.
- Arrive at the [Capitol Building](#)<sup>3</sup> for a guided tour of this fascinating, hand-carved pinnacle of state government or a one-hour guided tour of the [Empire State Plaza](#)<sup>4</sup> that includes the Plaza Art Collection, [The Egg](#), and the Observation Deck on the 42nd Floor of the [Corning Tower](#).
- Hotel for check-in and relaxation.
- Enjoy a dinner cruise aboard the [Dutch Apple](#) or [Captain JP Cruise](#) (seasonal), or a unique Albany restaurant.
- Head to an evening show at [Times Union Center](#), [The Egg](#), [Capital Repertory Theatre](#), [Palace Performing Arts Center](#), [Troy Music Hall](#), [Cohoes Music Hall](#), [Comedy Works](#), or [Proctors Theatre](#), to name a few.
- Return to hotel for overnight.

# Three-Day Exploration of Albany

**ALBANY.**

## DAY TWO:

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Begin the day by touring historic [Cherry Hill](#), [Schuyler Mansion](#), or [Ten Broeck Mansion](#)<sup>5</sup>. Learn about the people and families that founded Albany as you tour these lovely historic homes and gardens.
- Step aboard the [Dutch Apple](#) for a narrated tour of the Hudson River, including breathtaking views of the Albany skyline (seasonal) or have lunch at one of our downtown eateries.
- Enjoy a guided tour of the [USS Slater DE 766](#)<sup>6</sup> for a tour of this WWII Destroyer Escort (DE), or the [Albany Institute of History & Art](#)<sup>7</sup> to view the collections that highlight more than four centuries of art and culture of the Upper Hudson Valley Region. Traveling exhibitions visit often.
- Return to hotel.
- Group dinner at hotel, or dine prior to your evening's entertainment.
- Enjoy nightlife in the Capital-Saratoga region! Take a 40 minute trip north to the [Saratoga Casino & Raceway](#), Saratoga Race Course<sup>8</sup>, or see a Broadway show at [Proctors Theatre](#) in Schenectady (20 minutes), or [Cohoes Music Hall](#) in Cohoes (just 15 minutes north of Albany).
- Return to hotel for overnight.

## DAY THREE:

- Check out of hotel and enjoy breakfast.
- Before departing from the Albany area, shop at one of our diverse malls, ([Colonie Center Mall](#), [Stuyvesant Plaza](#), [Crossgates Mall](#), etc.) or unique shops, plus stop at the only Christmas Tree Shops in the region!
- On the way home choose from a wide variety of regional attractions to explore.
- We have attractions for the Upper Hudson Valley Region, Cooperstown/ Schoharie County, Saratoga Springs, and Lake George.



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