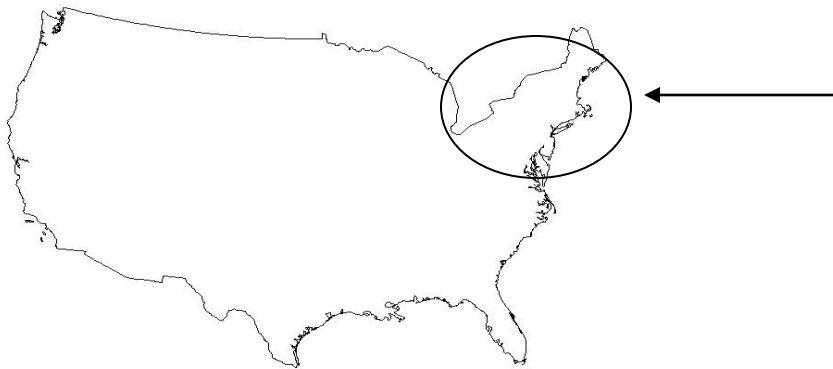


Exploring the Northeast United States

take advantage of Ithaca's great central location!



Some of the most exciting US travel destinations lie within a mere 4-8 hours of car travel and as little as one hour of air travel away!

Below are just a few suggestions. Ask other international students or your American friends about additional opportunities.

Destinations

Some of the most popular locations to visit include:

- New York City (approx. 5 hours by car)
- Philadelphia (approx. 6 hours by car)
- Niagara Falls (approx. 3-4 hours by car)
- Boston (approx. 7 hours by car)
- Washington, DC (approx. 8 hours by car)
- Baltimore (approx. 7-8 hours by car)

Outside the U.S., Toronto, Canada is only approx. 2-3 hours away. Make sure you inquire about Canadian visa requirements and verify your current U.S. visa status before making any travel arrangements.

Attractions

To find attractions of interest to you, check out:

- www.nycgo.com/ (New York City)
- www.iloveny.com/ (all of New York state)
- www.niagara-usa.com/ (Note: make sure you know about Canadian visa requirements if you are planning to visit the Canadian part of Niagara Falls)
- www.bostonusa.com/ or www.cityofboston.gov/visitors/ (Boston)
- www.philadelphiausa.travel/ or www.phillyvisitor.com/ (Philadelphia)
- www.visitpa.com/ (Pennsylvania, including Pittsburgh and Dutch Country)
- www.massvacation.com/ (Massachusetts)
- <http://baltimore.org/> (Baltimore, MD)
- <http://washington.org/> (Washington, DC)

Planning Your Trip

As most people look for travel deals online, there are currently a few travel agencies in Ithaca: AAA Travel Agency, 1284 Dryden Road, Ithaca - (607) 257-2515 <http://wcnv.aaa.com/?zip=14850>

Buying an International Student/Teacher ID card (between \$20-\$30) may help you save money on airfare, hotel and hostel packages. Visit the Student Travel Agency www.statravel.com/ to get more information, book online, or get in touch with a representative.

Choosing your transportation type

Flying:

- Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport (www.flyithaca.com/) is serviced by U.S. Airways, Delta, Continental Airlines, and United Airlines.
- Syracuse Hancock National Airport (www.syrairport.org/) is a much bigger hub airport; you can locate a list of airlines servicing Syracuse Airport on their website. If you don't have a car, call Ithaca Airline Limousine (607) 273-3030 or Superior Limousine (607) 758-3333 to schedule a ride at an additional cost.
- Greater Binghamton Airport in Binghamton, NY (<http://binghamtonairport.com/>) is serviced by several airlines (a list is available on their website). You can get to Binghamton by a bus (see below).

Bus Travel:

The Ithaca bus terminal is located in downtown Ithaca at the corner of W. State St. and N. Fulton St. (Route 13 South). It is serviced by:

- Greyhound Bus Lines, 1-800-231-2222, www.greyhound.com/home/
- Shortline Bus, 1-800-631-8405, www.coachusa.com/shortline/
- New York Trailways, 212-967-2900 www.trailwaysny.com/
- The Campus to Campus bus provides express transportation between the Ithaca and New York City campuses of Cornell University. For information see www.c2cbus.com or call 607-255-4628.
- Swarthout Coaches, 1-800-772-7267, www.goswarthout.com/, runs an economical but intermittent service to New York City, coordinated with school break schedules. Swarthout also offers one and multi-day tours.

Taking a Train:

The nearest train stop is Syracuse, NY, located approximately 80 minutes from Ithaca. It is connected to the Empire (NYC-Niagara Falls), Lake Shore Limited (Chicago-Boston), and Maple Leaf (NYC-Toronto) routes. Amtrak's Syracuse Station is located at 131 P&C Parkway, Syracuse, NY; 1-800-872-7245. You can find train schedules at www.amtrack.com. Door-to-door taxi service is available to and from the Syracuse Amtrak Station. Reserve connections ahead of time with the Ithaca Airline Limousine 607-273-3030.

Car Travel:

If you do not own a car, the most popular rental agencies include Hertz (www.hertz.com), Budget (www.budget.com), and Avis (www.avis.com). For details and contact numbers of smaller rental companies contact your local yellow pages. For maps go to Google Maps <http://maps.google.com/>, or MapQuest (www.mapquest.com/). If you or a family member has AAA (American Automobile Association) membership, you can request maps from them.

Budget Friendly Travel Tips

You can find some great deals on hotels, hostels, car rentals and flights from many of these websites:

www.expedia.com
www.cheaptickets.com
www.orbitz.com
www.priceline.com
www.hotels.com

www.hosteltraveler.com
www.hostelworld.com
www.hostels.com
www.hostelbookers.com
www.hostelsclub.com

