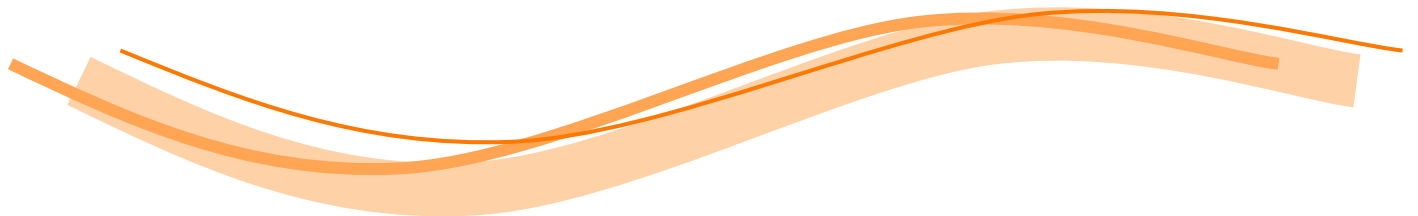




**ROCHESTER,  
NEW YORK STATE &  
CORNING MUSEUM OF  
GLASS**





## ROCHESTER

**New York State** is family friendly, great value and full of surprises all year round! It's only a few hours' drive from home, offering the visitor everything from the ultimate bustling city break to a relaxing rural escape.

**Rochester** is the North Western gateway to New York's Finger Lakes - a splendid region ranked by Money Magazine as one of the 10 "best places to vacation," and called a "serendipitous and surprising getaway" by USA Today.

Rochester is New York State's third largest city – with museums, spas, charming neighborhoods, shopping, antiques, cultural adventures and sporting activities. Plus there are over 100 festivals a year, from the Rochester International Jazz Festival to the Lilac Festival in Highland Park, celebrating the world's largest Lilac collection.

A mid-size city that maintains a small-town feeling, Rochester is easy to get around by car or public transportation (all city buses have bike racks) and it offers big city amenities without the big city hassles. And you can cruise, bike or hike on the historic Erie Canal path, while visiting great restaurants, shops and quaint villages along the way.

Music lovers will appreciate concerts by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and at the Eastman School of Music. The Memorial Museum of Art has a permanent collection that is renowned for its breadth and quality, and it is also known for the beautiful Centennial Sculpture Gardens.

Venture just outside of Rochester to the New York Wine and Culinary Centre in Canandaigua, where there is ample opportunity to sample the delicious cuisine and wines of the Region with a Bistro, Tasting Room and a packed program of culinary events.

And discover the fascinating **Corning Museum of Glass**, a short drive from Rochester in the heart of the Finger Lakes Wine Country. See thirty five centuries of beautiful glass artistry – from a glass portrait of an Egyptian pharaoh to Renaissance Venetian Glass and contemporary art. Watch glass making demonstrations throughout the day.

Here you can experience the unique opportunity to make your own glass art - no experience is necessary! From hot glassworking, to flameworking, to fusing, to sandblasting—you can do just about anything with glass, with the help of experienced glassworkers. These

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	short classes are 20 to 40 minutes in length, and you must book ahead as they fill up quickly. There is also a daily schedule of fascinating demonstrations of various techniques of glass making.
<b>Location</b>	Rochester is a city in Monroe County, New York State, south of Lake Ontario in the United States. The city is east of Buffalo, west of Syracuse and sits on the southern shore of Lake Ontario. The Genesee River bisects the city.
<b>Geography</b>	Rochester's geography comes from the ice sheets during the Pleistocene epoch. The retreating ice sheets reached a standstill at what is now the southern border of the city, melting at the same rate as they were advancing, depositing sediment along the southern edge of the ice mass. This created a line of hills, including (from west to east) Mt. Hope, the hills of Highland Park, Pinnacle Hill, and Cobb's Hill. Because the sediment of these hills was deposited into a proglacial lake they are stratified and classified as a "kame delta." A brief retreat and re-advance of the ice sheet onto the delta piled moraine material there, creating a rare hybrid structure called a "kame moraine." The ice sheets also left behind Lake Ontario (one of the five fresh-water Great Lakes), the Genesee River with its waterfalls and gorges, Irondequoit Bay, Sodus Bay, Braddock Bay, Mendon Ponds, numerous local streams and ponds, the Ridge, and the nearby Finger Lakes
<b>Name</b>	Originally named the Village of Rochesterville in 1817 after one of the three original land owners, Colonel Nathaniel Rochester, the 'ville' was dropped a few years later to create Rochester.
<b>Population</b>	Rochester's population is approximately 210,000, making it New York's third most populous city. It is at the center of a larger Metropolitan Area which encompasses and extends beyond Monroe County and includes Genesee County, Livingston County, Ontario County, Orleans County and Wayne County. This area, which is part of the Western New York region, has a population of 1,055,000 people.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Currency</b>	US Dollar – the Canadian Dollar is almost at par currently (June 2012), so there is great value to be found right now!
<b>Tipping</b>	Similar to Canada – 10 – 15% on most services, restaurants etc. At the hotel - \$3 per day for maid, \$1-2 per bag for bell hop etc at hotel, \$5 for concierge, Maitre D
<b>Government</b>	The current Mayor is Thomas Richards
<b>Documentation</b>	Passports are required for all Canadian visitors
<b>Time zone</b>	Eastern Time Zone, as Toronto and Montreal
<b>Health</b>	Excellent services available but ensure that you have travelers health insurance as health costs in the US can be very high
<b>Safety tips</b>	Rochester has a reputation as one of the safer of the major US cities; however sensible travelers precautions should be adopted

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<b>CLIMATE</b>	
<b>General climate</b>	Rochester lies in the Humid continental climate zone, and has four distinct seasons, with often cold and snowy winters. Autumn features brilliant foliage colors, and summer sees comfortable temperatures that usually stay in the upper 20s Celsius and it can be quite humid.
<b>Today's weather</b>	Rochester is 23 Centigrade and sunny (16 June 2012)
<b>Best time to visit</b>	Four seasons: spring is full of flowers, summer is glorious, fall colours are magnificent and Rochester makes for a busy winter break too.

<b>GETTING AROUND</b>	
<b>Getting There</b>	Drive time from Toronto – 3.5 hours; from Montreal – 8 hours
<b>Cities</b>	The 79th largest city in the United States and the third largest city in New York State, the greater Rochester region is inhabited by a little more than one million people. Rochester is in Monroe County, but five additional counties are included in the Greater Rochester Region: Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans and Wayne.
<b>Distances</b>	Toronto is 370 kms, Montreal is 600 kms from Rochester
<b>Ferries</b>	There used to be a ferry from Toronto, but it is no longer operating
<b>Trains</b>	Amtrak has stations in Rochester and Syracuse. Visit <a href="http://www.amtrak.com">www.amtrak.com</a> for more information
<b>Car Rental</b>	All major car rental companies are represented in the city.
<b>Buses</b>	Bus service to the Finger Lakes region is available on Greyhound Bus Lines (tel. 800/231-2222; <a href="http://www.greyhound.com">www.greyhound.com</a> ), with stations in Ithaca, Syracuse, Geneva, and Rochester, and Trailways (tel. 800/343-9999; <a href="http://www.trailways.com">www.trailways.com</a> ), which travels to Elmira, Geneva, Rochester, and Syracuse.  Local bus service in Rochester and its county suburbs is provided by the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA) via its Regional Transit Service (RTS) subsidiary. RTS also provides suburban service outside the immediate Rochester area and runs smaller transportation systems in outlying counties, such as WATS (Wayne Area Transportation System).

<b>ACCOMMODATION TYPES</b>	Rochester has two very nice B&Bs in residential neighborhoods as well as a handful of large chain hotels downtown, including the Hyatt Regency Rochester, 125 E. Main St. (tel. 585/546-1234; fax 585/546-6777; <a href="http://www.rochester.hyatt.com">www.rochester.hyatt.com</a> ; \$150-\$200 double), probably the best; the Crowne Plaza, 70 State St. (tel. 585/546-3450; <a href="http://www.crowneplaza.com">www.crowneplaza.com</a> ; \$119-\$179 double); and the Clarion, 120 Main St. E. (tel. 585/546-6400; <a href="http://www2.choicehotels.com">www2.choicehotels.com</a> ; \$139-\$169 double). The large but independent Strathallan Hotel, 550 East Ave. (tel. 800/678-7284; <a href="http://www.strathallan.com">www.strathallan.com</a> ; \$159-\$199 double), in a former apartment building, is very well located, it has a swanky restaurant with
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	an excellent wine list, and most rooms, recently updated, have kitchenettes.
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<b>LIFESTYLES</b>	
<b>Kids</b>	<p>Child Magazine has also listed Rochester one of "America's 10 Best Cities for Families;"</p> <p><b>Strong National Museum of Play:</b> This imaginative place - a "national museum of play" - is a splendid interactive museum for children and almost certain to entertain adults, too. It is simply one of the finest children's museums in the country. There's a re-creation of Sesame Street, a miniature grocery store where kids can shop and even scan their own groceries, and a fantastic dance lab and radio station where kids make their own sound effects -- a real wonderland. The museum even operates its own minibranch of the local library system, and there are books at every turn. The museum began as an outgrowth of a local woman's 20,000-strong collection of dolls, dollhouses, and toys (one of the largest collections in the world, it is impressive but comparatively static given all the activity going on elsewhere in the building). Adults will surely feel a tinge of nostalgia viewing the National Toy Hall of Fame. Plan on a visit of several hours if you're in the presence of curious children. Also on-site are a great gift shop and an actual 1950s Skyliner Diner, a great place to take a break and refuel for more playing.</p> <p><a href="http://www.strongmuseum.org">www.strongmuseum.org</a></p>
<b>Teens</b>	<p>Lake Ontario's beaches and the nearby Seabreeze Amusement Park, 4600 Culver Rd. ( <a href="http://www.seabreeze.com">www.seabreeze.com</a> ), open mid-June to Labor Day, are great spots in the heat of summer.</p> <p>The farm team of baseball's Minnesota Twins, the Rochester Red Wings ( <a href="http://www.redwingsbaseball.com">www.redwingsbaseball.com</a> ), play at Frontier Field, downtown, across from High Falls. Tickets are \$6 to \$10</p>
<b>Romance</b>	Fine accommodations and restaurants, gorgeous Lakeland scenery closeby and wonderful wineries to explore...romance indeed!
<b>Honeymoons &amp; Weddings</b>	Plenty of opportunities for honeymoons and weddings – perhaps start by looking at our prize partner Belhurst at <a href="http://www.belhurst.com">www.belhurst.com</a> with further details below.
<b>Seniors</b>	Erie Canal and Genesee River cruises are offered aboard the Sam Patch, a 19th-century replica packet boat, daily from May to October. Call tel. 585/262-5661 for schedules.

<b>UNIQUES</b>	<p><b>Erie Canal:</b> Perhaps the most important engineering feat of its day, the Erie Canal, completed in 1825, created an international highway from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. Shipping costs of flour and other raw materials and manufactured goods were reduced by as much as 90%. The canal stretched 360 miles from the Niagara River and Lake</p>
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	<p>Erie in the west to the Hudson River in the east. It turned Rochester into a boomtown and was instrumental in transforming New York City into a major port, in the process opening up parts of the West for commercial expansion.</p> <p>The canal diminished in importance as railroads quickly began to crisscross the country, but it is being rediscovered as a tourism waterway. In addition to boating and cruises on the canal, the New York State Erie Canal Heritage trail follows the original towpath along the canal and is ideal for walking, biking, and skiing in winter. Anyone interested in following the canal, by either boat or car, and seeing sights along it should request a copy of Canal Connections from any of the country tourism offices. See also <a href="http://www.canals.state.ny.us">www.canals.state.ny.us</a></p>
<b>Surprising</b>	<p>Marshmallows were first commercially produced in Rochester, and it was here in 1904 that the first prepared mustard was manufactured by the R.T. French Company. The city inspired a young George Eastman to invent the flexible-film camera, making photography available to the masses</p>
<b>History</b>	<p>In 1789 Ebenezer “Indian” Allen built the area’s first gristmill and the “Flour City” was born. With the advent of the Erie Canal to transport milled grain and lumber, Rochester became America’s first “Boom Town.”</p> <p>Women’s’ Rights: If it were not for one of Rochester’s best-remembered citizens, women would not have the freedoms taken for granted today. Susan B. Anthony was arrested in 1872 for voting in a presidential election. She spent the rest of her life fighting for the basic rights of women to vote, own property, obtain advanced education and be paid an equal wage. Visitors still tour her Madison Street home, and often travel to nearby Seneca Falls to visit the National Women’s Hall of Fame and Women’s Rights National Historical Park.</p> <p>Civil Rights: Abolitionist Frederick Douglass spent 25 of his most productive years in Rochester. Douglass, an escaped slave, published the abolitionist newspaper The North Star and assisted Harriet Tubman in the dangerous work of helping slaves escape via the Underground Railroad. Douglass was involved at one of the most crucial points of the flight, assisting with escape by boat along the Genesee River to Lake Ontario and Canada. His burial site is located in Rochester's Mt. Hope Cemetery.</p>
<b>Books</b>	Frommer’s New York
<b>1000 Places to See Before You Die</b>	<b>Finger Lakes</b> – a beautiful region to the south and east of Rochester – see my separate Travel Notes for this destination.
<b>Must Sees</b>	<b>High Falls</b> , a 96 foot high urban waterfall in the heart of Rochester <b>Attractions:</b> High Falls Historic District; George Eastman House;

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	Memorial Art Gallery; Strong Museum; Genesee Country Village and Museum; Erie Canal
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<b>SPORTS ACTIVITIES</b>	Rochester sports teams provide great entertainment all year round – choose between the Rhinos Soccer, Red Wings Baseball, Amerks Hockey, Knighthawks Lacrosse and Razorsharks Basketball.
<b>Golf</b>	<p>Rochester and the sport of golf have a long and exciting relationship: a love affair that started in 1895, when the city's first private golf course appeared as the Country Club of Rochester. It was quickly followed in 1899 by one of the first public courses in America at Genesee Valley Park. With accolades from both golfing pros and weekend putters, today's Rochester is a prime destination for those who enjoy playing or just watching, and its courses are ranked in the top 10 of "America's 100 Greatest Courses" by Golf Magazine.</p> <p><b>There are 82 golf courses in and around Rochester</b> (within a 45-minute drive), including 20 private country clubs, 35 semi-private clubs and 27 public/resort courses - many of them designed by the world's most famous golf architects. Ranging from exclusive private clubs and popular executive-length courses to well-designed semiprivate clubs and heavily-played municipal holes, golfers in Rochester have enough options to play twice a week from spring through fall... and never walk the same course twice!</p> <p>One of the newest courses is <b>Ravenwood Golf Club</b>: an upscale, semiprivate facility featuring a large driving range and seven target greens in addition to its challenging 18-hole course, made playable for golfers at all levels with five sets of tees.</p> <p>One of the oldest Rochester courses is at <b>Durand-Eastman Park</b>, which opened its first nine holes in 1917 and added another nine in 1934. Churchville Park offers one 18-hole course and one 9-hole course, while Genesee Valley Park boasts two 18-hole courses. All three parks provide a club house, pro shop and food concession area; and all are blessed with naturally beautiful settings.</p>
<b>Fishing</b>	There's good fishing in the Genesee River and of course from the south shore of Lake Ontario.
<b>Horse riding</b>	<p><b>Heberle Stables:</b> The Heberle Family has been serving the equestrian needs of Rochester and the surrounding area since 1926. Located just off the Route 590N expressway, and adjacent to scenic Ellison Park, Heberle Stables is a full-service lesson and boarding facility.</p> <p><a href="http://www.heberlestables.com">http://www.heberlestables.com</a></p>
<b>Hiking</b>	Long and short, challenging or oh-so-easy...the Rochester area has an abundance of great trails. Choose from trails for leisurely strolls and those calling for good hiking boots. Some are shared by cyclists, and nature trails within area parks are often well-suited to cross-country

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	<p>skiing or a snowshoe trek as well.</p> <p>Within the city, <b>Highland Park</b> offers paved walkways meandering among hundreds of lilac bushes and other flowers plus a natural path through the park's arboretum. A two-mile trail in Seneca Park offers dramatic views of the Genesee River along with wilderness areas to experience. And three overlook areas for the Genesee River's gorge and waterfalls can be found along the Genesee Riverway Trail that is easily accessed from Maplewood Park Rose Garden.</p> <p>In nearby <b>Perinton</b>, an impressive 64 km system of hiking and nature trails has led to its being named a "Top 10 Trail Town" by the American Hiking Society. The Thomas Creek Wetland Walk, just outside the village of Fairport, is a treat for nature lovers with its elevated boardwalk, observation platform, and trails that are even accessible to people with disabilities.</p> <p>Of course, all of the largest, public parks in the Rochester area provide hiking trails as a recreational option. Unique land formations left by retreating glaciers, such as "kettles, kames and eskers," have given Mendon Ponds Park (2,514 acres) recognition on the National Registry of Natural Landmarks and help make it a fascinating place to hike. Black Creek Park (1,500 acres) offers trails for hiking, horse-back riding and cross-country skiing, while Northampton Park (973 acres) adds the attraction of Springdale Farm-with its animals, gardens, and unique robotic milking parlor-to the fun of exploration. At Durand-Eastman Park (965 acres), trails through a hilly terrain sometimes give hikers a view of the park's 5,000 feet of Lake Ontario waterfront, too-an extra bonus!</p> <p>More popular places with great hiking potential are Powder Mills Park (380 acres), with its fish hatchery and a meadow that blooms in May with thousands of daffodils; and Ellison Park (447 acres) with its network of "hidden" trails providing walks of an hour or more through pristine forests that are seemingly far removed from any trace of civilization.</p> <p>Perhaps tracing a route once trod by Native Americans, the <b>Genesee Riverway Trail</b> is a 5.4km hard-surface trail linking downtown Rochester and Genesee Valley Park. Along its path, hikers are treated to splendid skyline vistas, heavily wooded areas, picnic spots, fishing docks, and more. Clearly marked with green signs, access points to this trail include downtown Rochester, South Avenue near Court Street, and within Genesee Valley Park.</p>
<p><b>Cycling</b></p>	<p>Cyclists from every U.S. state, every Canadian province and countries around the world have come to the Rochester area to indulge their</p>

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	<p>two-wheeling passion! With its outstanding array of recreational and off-road trails plus well-maintained highways, visitors are soon singing the praises of this bike-friendly community. Urban bike trails and most major streets have lanes that are wide enough to accommodate a bicyclist's needs, while state and county roads have paved shoulders that are separated from lanes of motorized traffic by a white stripe. Rochester's municipal buses (<a href="http://www.rgtra.com">http://www.rgtra.com</a>) all have bike racks, too, for those who want to travel to their biking destination using public transportation. Most local trails also provide smooth riding on surfaces ranging from stone dust (sedimentary rock) to asphalt. Another option is to travel rural roads with little traffic and picturesque villages providing good rest stops.</p> <p>Opportunities for beautifully scenic rides in the Rochester area are remarkable with recreational trails ranging from 1.6 km to more than 80 km. Cyclists are regularly seen enjoying the views and cooling breezes of a ride along the shoreline of vast Lake Ontario-one of America's five Great Lakes. Ambitious cyclists may also want to follow the Genesee River south into Letchworth State Park, the "Grand Canyon of the East," with a 64km ride from Rochester using the scenic Riverview Trail and Genesee Valley Greenway. A good resource to finding trails in the Rochester area for both cyclists and hikers is the "Genesee-Finger Lakes Regions Trails Guide" compiled by the Genesee Region Trails Coalition (<a href="http://www.grtcinc.org">http://www.grtcinc.org</a>) and listing 30 multi-use trails along with parks and other recreation areas.</p> <p>In addition to Rochester's impressive park system, the world-renowned <b>Erie Canalway Trail</b> offers 720kms of wonderful views along old towpaths of the legendary waterway created to link Albany and Buffalo. With no motorized vehicles allowed, walkers, joggers, hikers and cyclists enjoy safe, easy traveling. The Erie Canal Heritage Trail, part of the longer Canalway Trail, covers 112kms between Fairport and Lockport. A promenade-style section of this trail through the Corn Hill neighborhood of Rochester also features interpretive signage of canal history along with benches for resting and docking for boats</p>
<p><b>Canoeing and Kayaking</b></p>	<p>For those who love spending their recreational time surrounded by water, Rochester is ready with a wonderful variety of easily accessible waterways ranging from scenic and peaceful to exciting and surprising. So while sailboats and motorboats primarily claim the waves of Lake Ontario and Irondequoit Bay, the allure of Rochester's rivers, inlets, coves, and canal belongs to those seeking premier paddling territory. Gliding along the Genesee River toward Rochester in a canoe or kayak brings a thrilling sight when the city's skyline suddenly springs into view and the pulse of an urban area mingles with the quiet lapping of oars dipping into the river.</p> <p>Don't miss docking for awhile at Corn Hill Landing to enjoy a meal,</p>

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	<p>indulge a taste for great ice cream, or explore a few of Rochester's nearby historic sites. Or paddle in the other direction to find where the Erie Canal flows into the Genesee River. Turning into this historic waterway soon brings views of charming homes and gardens along the water as well as still undeveloped vistas...and even the fun of going through a lock. If time allows, indulge in several days of paddling the Erie Canal with stops in picturesque canal-side villages like Pittsford, Fairport, Spencerport and Brockport. Each of these canal ports exudes its own special charm while providing helpful services and amenities for visitors traveling a water-filled "road."</p> <p>Yet another delightful destination is Ellison Park, where canoe and kayak outfitters, such as the BayCreek Paddling Center, offer rentals and even shuttle rides into the heart of the park so that paddlers can enjoy a carefree mosey down Irondequoit Creek.</p>
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<p><b>CULTURE</b></p>	<p>Rochester is made culturally rich by the renowned George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and Eastman School of Music, Strong National Museum of Play (and home to the National Toy Hall of Fame), the Rochester Museum &amp; Science Center, Genesee Country Village &amp; Museum, and The Memorial Art Gallery. Its beautiful and varied architecture includes the Art Deco splendor of the "Wing of Progress" atop the times Square Building, a multitude of interesting architecturally impressive buildings, and the spectacular mansions of East Avenue.</p> <p>Dramatic Happenings: Rochester's Geva Theatre Center features live performances of classic plays and debuts of original works, year - round. The Downstairs Cabaret offers a slate of rotating performances. And a host of regional theater companies offer much variety to Rochester's very active theater scene.</p> <p>Dancing Divinely: Rochester is home to Tony Award - winning choreographer Garth Fagan and the internationally lauded Garth Fagan Dance. Rochester City Ballet's young dancers have gone on to perform with large dance companies nationally and internationally.</p>
<p><b>Arts</b></p>	<p><b>Artist's Way:</b> Nationally recognized American artists Wendell Castle and Albert Paley live and work in Rochester. Castle's carved wooden sculpture, including a grandfather clock from his popular clock series, may be seen at the Memorial Art Gallery. Paley's metal sculptures grace the entrance to Bausch &amp; Lomb World Headquarters, the railing of the Main Street Bridge, as well as the Memorial Art Gallery's collection. The late painter Ramon Santiago, left a legacy to Rochester in his images, which can be seen in quantity at Charlie's Frog Pond.</p>

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<p><b>Music</b></p>	<p>Music Central: With the internationally recognized Eastman School of Music and Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, it's no wonder Rochester has ties to Grammy Award - winning musicians like Chuck Mangione, Renee Fleming, Jeff Tyzik and Mitch Miller. Late musical greats include William Warfield best known for his rendition of "Old Man River" in the musical Porgy &amp; Bess, and Cab Calloway of "Minnie the Moocher" fame.</p>
<p><b>Films</b></p>	<p>Visit the Rochester High Falls International Film festival in May – check <a href="http://www.rochestermoviefest.com">www.rochestermoviefest.com</a> for updates</p>
<p><b>Museums</b></p>	<p>Visit some of Rochester's excellent Museums – like the Rochester Museum and Science Center and the Strasenburgh Planetarium. The International Museum of Photography and Film provides a fascinating insight into the story of photography and motion pictures and to the history of George Eastman and the Kodak Company in Rochester. Don't miss The Strong Museum of Play - a unique museum, dedicated to the study and Interpretation of play. The National Toy Hall of Fame includes Alphabet blocks to Yo-Yos - and many old favourites like Barbie and Mr Potato Head!</p>
<p><b>Festivals</b></p>	<p>Rochester has many festivals in late spring and summer, including the <b>Rochester International Jazz Festival</b> established in 2002, the Corn Hill Festival (arts, crafts, and food in this Third Ward neighborhood), the Rochester-High Falls International Film Festival held at the George Eastman House's Dryden Theatre and the Little Theatre downtown), ImageOut, The Rochester Lesbian &amp; Gay Film &amp; Video Festival held at the Little Theatre, Clothesline Art Festival (artists from the region display their works on the grounds of the Memorial Art Gallery), Park Avenue Merchants Festival, Lilac Festival at Highland Park, St. Patrick's Day parade (March), Rose Festival at Maplewood Park, Irish festival (September), two Greek festivals - one on East Avenue (in June) and one on South Avenue (in September), Gay Pride Festival (July), Puerto Rican Festival(August), Rochester Music Festival, and the Cold Rush Winter Celebration (celebrating winter sports in the Rochester area). In the summer, especially on the Fourth of July, downtown after dark is lit with fireworks and a laser show at the High Falls venue. The most popular of these is undoubtedly the Lilac festival, which attracts many from areas outside of Rochester and draws on average 500,000 people every year.</p> <p><b>Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival</b> June 22-30, 2012  Celebrating its 11th edition, 1200 musicians gather from around the world to perform in more than 300 concerts in Downtown Rochester  <a href="http://www.rochesterjazz.com">www.rochesterjazz.com</a></p> <p><b>Park Avenue Summer Arts Festival</b> August 4-5, 2012</p>

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	Music, arts and craft exhibits, outdoor dining and unique shopping. <a href="http://www.rochesterevents.com">www.rochesterevents.com</a>
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<b>ATTRACTIONS</b>	
<b>Beaches</b>	Beaches on the Lake Ontario shoreline, north of the city, are very popular with locals. Ontario Beach Park, often called "the Port of Rochester," at the mouth of the Genesee River, has piers, a boardwalk, and an antique carousel in addition to a pleasant lake beach.
<b>Waterfalls</b>	<b>High Falls</b> , at 96 feet tall, is most famous as the largest urban waterfall in America, is located on the edge of downtown just a few blocks from Main Street. The historic mill area adjacent to the falls is home to a museum, gift shop, restaurants, and night life. The Pont de Rennes bridge offers prime viewing of the falls.
<b>Grand Canyon of the East</b>	Just west of the Finger Lakes is <b>Letchworth State Park</b> , known as the "Grand Canyon of the East." Here the Genesee River Gorge is 600 feet deep; the area boasts three waterfalls, scenic roads and trails, numerous overlooks, and some of the most magnificent scenery in the United States. The park itself sprawls over 14,340 acres, and is perhaps the most popular western New York destination for fall foliage fanciers. Visitors can enjoy hiking, swimming, whitewater rafting, horseback riding, birdwatching, canoeing, kayaking, picnicking, and even hot air ballooning.
<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>Montezuma Wildlife Refuge</b> Wetlands, a legacy of the glaciers, abound in the Greater Rochester Metropolitan Area. Attractive to wildlife and humans alike, many have been designated wildlife refuges with nature trails. The largest, the Montezuma Wildlife Refuge, is located about an hours drive east of the city. With its nature trails, observation towers, self - guided auto tours, and enormous numbers of waterbirds and other wildlife, the refuge's 7,000 acres provide plenty of surprises for even the most seasoned nature observer. <b>Seneca Park Zoo</b> is a great place to see wildlife of all kinds, from leopards to polar bears. Open year round. Rates: \$9 adults, \$6 kids <a href="http://www.senecaparkzoo.org">http://www.senecaparkzoo.org</a>
<b>Parks</b>	<b>1812 Bicentennial Peace Garden Trail</b> This historic garden trail was established to commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Trail identifies historic sites, primarily battle sites, along the shores of Lake Ontario. Visit <a href="http://www.1812.ipgf.org">www.1812.ipgf.org</a> for updates on special events, historic significance and directions to garden sites. <b>Highland Park</b> is a beautiful park that is host to many fun activities, events and interesting attractions. Highland Park offers the Lilac Festival in May, where there are games, crafts, food and fun. The Lamberton Conservatory, which is a beautiful collection of plants from

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	many different places, is open all year around. Many memorials and gardens are located in the park, from The Vietnam Veterans Memorial to the Aids Remembrance Garden. The lily pond provides a natural skating rink in the winter.
<b>Gardens</b>	Rochester's moniker changed to the "Flower City" when horticulturists George Ellwanger and Patrick Barry gained international attention for their nursery business. Their legacy can be seen each May when over 500 varieties of lilacs bloom in Highland Park.
<b>Historical Sites</b>	Beautiful and varied architecture includes the Art Deco splendour of the winged <b>Times Square Building</b> and the spectacular mansions of East Avenue; Visit the Susan B. Anthony House, a National Historic Landmark, and tour the rooms where leaders of the women's suffrage movement met and where Anthony was arrested for the "crime" of voting.

<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Shopping</b>	Spend a little time shopping in Rochester's quaint boutiques or the nearby <b>Waterloo Premium Outlet Mall</b> . The main shopping areas are: Eastview Mall (Victor, New York), The Mall at Greece Ridge (Greece, New York), The Marketplace Mall (Henrietta, New York), Pittsford Plaza (Pittsford, New York), Rochester Public Market, South Town Plaza and Village Gate Square. The biggest mall in the area is <b>EastView Mall</b> , 7979 Pittsford-Victor Rd., Victor (tel. 585/223-3693), about 20 minutes south of Rochester. Craft Antique Co-op, 3200 W. Ridge Rd. (tel. 888/711-3463), is one of the state's largest craft-and-antiques co-ops, with 210 shops. Antiques hounds will want to visit the Bloomfield Antique Country Mile corridor along routes 5 and 20 in Bloomfield, on the way to Canandaigua, where a few dozen antiques shops are located.
<b>Markets</b>	<b>Rochester's Public Market</b> is over 100 years old and provides bargains every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Vendors offer their fresh foods, ethnic delicacies and specialty items. Sunday special events throughout the year include "Greatest Garage Sales Ever," "Holidays at the Market" and "Homegrown at the Market."
<b>Nightlife</b>	<b>Rochester's East End</b> , within downtown, is well known throughout the area for being a center of late-night activity. It gets its name for being the stopping point for East Avenue, and both East and the surrounding streets are crowded with bars, nightclubs, coffee shops and high-end restaurants.

<b>CUISINE</b>	
<b>Food</b>	Transplanted Rochestarians travel thousands of miles for a spoonful of Abbott's Custard, a local frozen treat available at Ontario Beach Park and other Abbott's locations throughout the Rochester region. White hots, a local tradition invented more than 100 years ago in Rochester,

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	are now shipped nationwide for those who can not bear to have a barbecue without them. And if someone offers you a Garbage Plate while you are in Rochester, don't turn them down. It's a tasty combination of deep fried hotdogs, hamburgers, potatoes and macaroni salad spiked with hot sauce, made popular by the Rochester restaurant Nick Tahou's. To wash all of these good things down the Rochester region supplies super-caffienated Jolt Cola; Genny Beer, now made by High Falls Brewing Company; and a host of wines from the Finger Lakes wine trails.
<b>Wine</b>	<b>Genesee Brewing Company</b> , maker of the Genesee beers and JW Dundee's brand (Honey Brown) also calls Rochester home. Arbor Mist wines are produced in nearby Canandaigua, NY by owner Constellation Brands. And of course all the <b>100+ wineries</b> of the Finger Lakes region are on your doorstep. <b>The Canandaigua Wine Trail</b> is a unique collection of wineries producing a variety of fine wines, with spectacular scenery, and many shops and attractions to enjoy along the way
<b>Restaurants</b>	Rochester has a surprisingly lively dining scene. Much of it is clustered around two areas, East Avenue, or the so-called "East End Entertainment District," and Park Avenue and Alexander Street. Two restaurants worth visiting, especially when you're out sightseeing, are actually located in museums: <b>Cutler's</b> (tel. 585/473-6380) is an upscale option just off the modern sculpture gallery at the Memorial Art Gallery, serving lunch Tuesday through Sunday, 11:30am to 2pm; and Bill Gray's <b>Skyliner Diner</b> (tel. 585/232-5284) is the Strong Museum's authentic 1950s diner, with food that kids will love. Take a relaxing lunch or dinner cruise on the historic Erie Canal.
<b>MORE INFO</b>	The Downtown Visitor Information Center is located at 45 East Ave. (tel. 800/677-7282 or 585/546-3070; <a href="http://www.visitrochester.com">www.visitrochester.com</a> ). The Events line (tel. 585/546-6810) is a 24-hour recorded message highlighting current events and activities in the Rochester area. You will also find a tourism information centre at the rest stop of the New York State Thruway (westbound lane) near exit 45.
<b>Brochures</b>	Request a Travel Guide: 1 800 677-7282 <a href="mailto:info@visitrochester.com">info@visitrochester.com</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.visitrochester.com">www.visitrochester.com</a>
<b>CURRENT DEALS</b>	For a wide variety of special, money-saving deals, go to this special website section: <a href="http://www.visitrochester.com/deals/index.cfm">http://www.visitrochester.com/deals/index.cfm</a>
<b>PERSONAL EXPERIENCES</b>	Rochester: Falls, George Eastman House Wineries; Seneca and Cayuga Lakes; Captain Bill's Seneca Lake Cruise; Watkins Glen; Geneva, Penn Yan, Ithaca, Syracuse

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<p><b>SPECIAL FEATURE: CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS</b></p>	<p>Discover the fascinating <b>Corning Glass Museum</b>, a short drive from Rochester in the heart of the Finger Lakes Wine Country. See thirty five centuries of beautiful glass artistry – from a glass portrait of an Egyptian pharaoh to Renaissance Venetian Glass and contemporary art. Watch glass making demonstrations throughout the day.</p> <p>Here you can experience the unique opportunity to make your own glass art - no experience is necessary! From hot glassworking, to flameworking, to fusing, to sandblasting—you can do just about anything with glass, with the help of experienced glassworkers. These short classes are 20 to 40 minutes in length, and you must book ahead as they fill up quickly. There is also a daily schedule of fascinating demonstrations of various techniques of glass making.</p> <p>And, the best news of all? Free admission for kids and teens, 19 and under!</p>
<p><b>In a Nutshell</b></p>	<p>The Corning Museum of Glass (<a href="http://www.cmog.org">www.cmog.org</a>) is home to the world’s most comprehensive collection of glass. Spanning the globe and encompassing more than 3,500 years of human ingenuity, the collection includes masterpieces from ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome; the great civilizations of Islam, Asia, Europe and the Americas; and the range of artistic movements beginning in the late 19th century and extending to the present day.</p>
<p><b>Activities</b></p>	<p>Have you ever worked with glass as hot as molten lava? Bent glass—without breaking it? Or seen an 11-foot tree of swirling green glass?</p> <p>You can experience this and more at The Corning Museum of Glass, where visitors of all ages can explore the art, history, technology and craft of glass in truly unique ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the world’s largest collection of glass. More than 45,000 objects showcase 3,500 years of glassmaking history. See a tiny portrait of an ancient Egyptian Pharaoh, beautiful Asian mosaics, large Tiffany stained glass windows, fanciful modern-day sculptures—and nearly everything in between.</li> <li>• Watch live, narrated glass demonstrations. See master glassmakers take gobs of molten glass and turn them into beautiful bowls, vases and more in a narrated Hot Glass Show of twirling, heat, sparks, and glassblowing. More than 40 live demonstrations are offered each day (all included in the price of admission), including glassblowing, flameworking and even glass breaking!</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try glassmaking in a hands-on workshop. At daily Make Your Own Glass workshops, try the ancient art of glassworking. Projects exist for all ages. Little ones can decorate a sandblasted drinking glass, blow a holiday ornament or fuse a picture frame. Older children and adults will enjoy forming a flower out of molten glass, or flameworking a glass bead.</li> <li>• Explore the science and technology of glass. Glass changes the world—discover how in the Museum’s award-winning, state-of-the-art, interactive Innovations Center. “Do It!” stations let everyone get hands-on with the science and technology of glass.</li> <li>• Shop for glass treasures from around the world. Featuring eight unique boutiques that enhance and reflect every part of the Museum, the GlassMarket at The Corning Museum of Glass offers everything from jewelry, inexpensive holiday ornaments and gifts, handmade glass art, books and videos related to glass.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Visiting with a Family</b></p>	<p>Think kids and glass don't mix? Think again... At The Corning Museum of Glass, there are plenty of ways for all ages to explore glass — and at a very affordable price.</p> <p>Kids of all ages are mesmerized by hot glassmaking and have plenty of hands-on opportunities to explore the Museum every day. Also, check out the family-friendly, affordable programs that take place all year long.</p> <p><b>Live Glass Demonstrations</b> Glassblowing, flameworking, even glass breaking: choose from live narrated demonstrations each day. The best news? All demonstrations are included in Museum admission.</p> <p><b>Hands-on Innovation Centre</b> Bend light, bend glass, and bend your imagination. Stations throughout the Innovation Centre let you try things with glass you never thought possible.</p> <p><b>Be a Glass Detective</b> Families can visit each of the galleries and search for clues to find shapes, animals or pieces that might be inspired by a raindrop.</p> <p><b>35 Centuries of Glass Art &amp; History</b> You'll be amazed at what can be made out of glass—from a tiny portrait of an Egyptian pharaoh to a bowl of fruit fit for a giant.</p> <p><b>Kid-Friendly Mobile Gallery Tours</b> Kids and teens can explore the collection with the Museum Mobile App</p>

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	<p>by renting an iPod Touch at the Admissions Desk or downloading the app from iTunes or the Android Market. The family-friendly version of the mobile app talks about objects in a fun, easy-to-understand way.</p> <p><b>Make Your Own Glass</b> Fire up your creative side! Fuse a frame, sandblast a cup, flamework a bead, or blow an ornament at the furnace. (Additional fees apply; projects exist for all ages. Space is limited so reserve your tickets online today)</p> <p><b>Special Meals for Kids</b> Just the right food in just the right size. Kid's Meals are available at a kid-friendly cost.</p>
<p><b>Make Your Own Glass</b></p>	<p>Opportunities to make your own glass exist for all ages. No experience is necessary. From hot glassworking, to flameworking, to fusing, to sandblasting—you and your family can do just about anything with glass, with the help of experienced glassworkers. These short classes are 20 to 40 minutes in length, depending on the Make Your Own Glass experience. Spots fill quickly, booking your experience online before your visit is recommended. All time slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Buy your tickets online today. You can also call 800.732.6845 (press 2) or 607.438.5000 (direct line). You may also purchase same-day tickets available on a first come, first served basis, immediately upon arrival at the Admissions counter along with your Museum admission or call 800.732.6845 on the day of your visit.</p> <p>Here are the projects you can make:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bead</li> <li>Flameworking</li> <li>Clock</li> <li>Fusing</li> <li>Frame or Mirror</li> <li>Glass Flower</li> <li>Glassforming</li> <li>Nightlight</li> <li>Ornament</li> <li>Glassblowing</li> <li>Pendant</li> <li>Sandblasting</li> <li>Sculpture</li> <li>Suncatcher</li> <li>Windchime</li> </ul> <p>Plan to arrive at the workshop 10 minutes before your appointment. Before your experience starts, you can browse the Frederick Carder</p>

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	<p>Gallery, watch others try their hand at glassmaking, or check out the classes happening at The Studio.</p> <p>All objects made in the workshop (except for sandblasted objects) must go through an overnight annealing (slow cooling) process and will not be available for same-day pick-up. Most objects can be picked up the next day after 12:00 p.m. (please allow two days for beads/pendants made in the last two sessions of the day). If this is not possible, Canadian shipping is available. There is no charge for shipping flameworked beads and pendants.</p>
<b>Dining</b>	<p>The GlassMarket Café and Coffee Bar offer several dining options for visitors. Take a break at one of these restaurants during your visit, whether you just need a quick coffee or a larger meal. You may also choose to ride the free shuttlebus to Corning's historic downtown Gaffer District (also a 10-minute walk) where you'll find additional dining options.</p> <p><b>Coffee Bar</b> Stocked with pastries and snacks, and an array of freshly brewed coffees and coffee drinks, this spacious coffee bar is the perfect place to perk up your day. Open 9:00 am – 8:00 pm daily</p> <p><b>The GlassMarket Cafe</b> Eat in the soaring, light-filled spaces of the GlassMarket Café. Choose from hot entrees, pizza, soup, salad, beer and wine. Children's meals available at a family-friendly price. Open 11:00 am – 5:00 pm daily</p>
<b>Location</b>	<p>The Corning Museum of Glass is located in the Finger Lakes Wine Country region of New York State, just off exit 46 on I-86. The address is 1 Museum Way, Corning NY 14830. Corning is located halfway between New York City (4 1/2 hours drive) and Toronto (4 1/2 hours drive).</p>
<b>Directions</b>	<p><b>Toronto</b>, Rochester, and points Northwest: I-90E to Exit 46 (at Rochester) to I-390S to I-86E (NY-17E) to Exit 46. Turn right at end of ramp. Follow signs to The Corning Museum of Glass parking lot.</p> <p><b>Montreal</b> and other points Northeast (scenic route): Take I-90W to Exit 42. Take NY-14S to Watkins Glen. Take NY-414S to Corning. Follow signs to The Corning Museum of Glass parking lot.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Park your car for free in the Museum's convenient main lot, located right off Exit 46 on I-86.</p> <p>Take a short walk from the parking lot to the Museum, or ride the free, air-conditioned shuttle bus directly from the Welcome Centre to the Museum's front door. After your visit, ride the same shuttle to explore the Rockwell Museum of Western Art and Corning's Historic Gaffer District.</p>
<b>Admission</b>	<p>Adult \$15.00; College Student \$12.75; Age 19 and Under Free</p>

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	<p>55 Plus \$12.75          Open every day: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm September 4 through May 24          9:00 am - 8:00 pm May 25 through September 3          Closed 4 days per year: January 1, Thanksgiving, December 24 and 25.</p>
<p><b>Exhibitions</b></p>	<p>The Museum offers changing special exhibitions, which are always free with Museum admission. In 2012, the Museum will present the following exhibitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founders of American Studio Glass: Littleton (November 17, 2011 January 6, 2013)</li> <li>• Founders of American Studio Glass: Labino (November 17, 2011 January 6, 2013)</li> <li>• Masters of Studio Glass: Marquis (February 11, 2012 – February 2013)</li> <li>• New Glass Design (May 19, 2012 through January 6, 2013)</li> </ul> <p>In the fall, glass pumpkins take center stage: visitors can make their own glass pumpkin and a harvest of pumpkins and other fall-inspired items are available for sale in the GlassMarket. In November and December, holidays take on a special sparkle. The Museum features giant glass ornament trees constructed of hundreds of hand-blown ornaments, created by Museum gaffers. Visitors of all ages can also blow their own glass ornaments in the Make Your Own Glass workshop.</p>
<p><b>Collection</b></p>	<p>The Corning Museum is home to more than 45,000 works in glass. Spanning the globe and encompassing more than 3,500 years of human ingenuity, the collection includes masterpieces from ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome; the great civilizations of Islam, Asia, Europe and the Americas; and the range of artistic movements beginning in the late 19th century and extending to the present day. Collecting departments include Ancient and Islamic, European, American and Modern glass. The Museum continues to develop its collection with gifts, acquisitions and commissions of contemporary works in glass.</p> <p>The Museum is renowned for its live glassmaking programs. These narrated experiences are designed to bring the artistry of glassmaking alive and to educate visitors about the properties of glass as a material. The Museum offers live, narrated glassblowing demonstrations at the Hot Glass Show all day, every day, as well as Flameworking, Glassbreaking and Optical Fiber Demos.</p> <p>In an effort to reach the global community, the Museum developed mobile hot glass studios that travel to international art fairs, other museums, and civic events. The innovative mobile technology recreates state-of-the-art studio environments on the road, allowing the Museum's expert staff to demonstrate and execute complex hot glassmaking</p>

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	<p>techniques at diverse venues.</p> <p>These travelling programs include the Hot Glass Roadshow (narrated glassblowing demonstrations) and GlassLab (pairing master glassmakers with top designers at public venues). GlassLab was created in collaboration with the Vitra Design Museum, and debuted at Design Miami/Art Basel Miami in December 2007. Through GlassLab, renowned designers are invited to work with the Museum's glassmakers to rapidly prototype their ideas in glass, often in front of a live audience. Participating designers have included Yves Behar, the Campana Brothers, Boym Partners, Sigga Heimis, Francisco Costa, Harry Allen and Massimo Vignelli.</p>
<p><b>The Studio</b></p>	<p>The Museum offers a state-of-the-art glassmaking school, where all visitors (for a fee) have the opportunity to create their own glass objects alongside professional glassmakers. The Studio also presents an extensive selection of workshops and intensive courses, taught by leading international glass artists, to students of all experience-levels. The Studio is also a creative center for glass artists offering residency programs, affordable hotshop rentals, artist lectures and live-streamed demos, an onsite photography studio and other resources.</p>
<p><b>Library</b></p>	<p>The Rakow Research Library is home to the most comprehensive collection Library focused on glass and glassmaking. More than 40 languages are represented in the collection, which includes 50,000 monographs, 850 periodicals, 20,000 trade catalogs, and more than 230,000 multimedia slides, video and DVD productions. The Library's holdings range in date from a 12th-century manuscript to the latest biographies of contemporary glass artists. The Library is open to the public and offers inter-library loan and a number of online services.</p>
<p><b>Demonstrations</b></p>	<p>A variety of live glass demonstrations and experiences from The Corning Museum of Glass bring the material to life for audiences of all ages, across the world. The Museum present live glassmaking demonstrations daily.</p> <p>Every day, all day, the Museum offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy live, narrated glass demonstrations, all included in the cost of admission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot Glass Show</li> </ul> <p>Glassmakers blow and manipulate a simple gob of molten glass into vessels, sculpture and decorative and functional objects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flameworking Demonstration</li> </ul> <p>Glassmakers work at a small torch to turn simple glass rods into delicate glass ornaments, fanciful figures and more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glassbreaking Demonstrations</li> </ul> <p>This interactive demonstration explains the properties of glass and the unique ways different types of glass shatter.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Optical Fiber Demonstration</b> Visitors learn about the properties and possibilities of optical fiber, and how it transmits information and helps us to communicate at the speed of light. Visitors to the Museum also can (for an additional fee) make their own glass souvenirs in the Museum's Studio in 40-minute Make Your Own Glass workshops. Several techniques are offered (fusing, flameworking, sandblasting and glassblowing) and projects exist for all ages. The Museum also offers a simplified design program in conjunction with its Hot Glass Shows (both in Corning and on the road). You Design It; We Make It! is a program developed by the Museum that encourages visitors (especially children) to draw pictures of objects they'd like to see made in glass. At select shows, glassmakers choose a drawing and bring that picture to life in front of a Hot Glass Show audience.</li></ul>
<b>More Information</b>	Website: <a href="http://www.cmog.org">www.cmog.org</a> not only has tons of information on the museum, but it also hosts a range of web videos that show what the Museum is all about. Address: The Corning Museum of Glass - One Museum Way - Corning, NY 14830 Telephone: 800.732.6845

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