

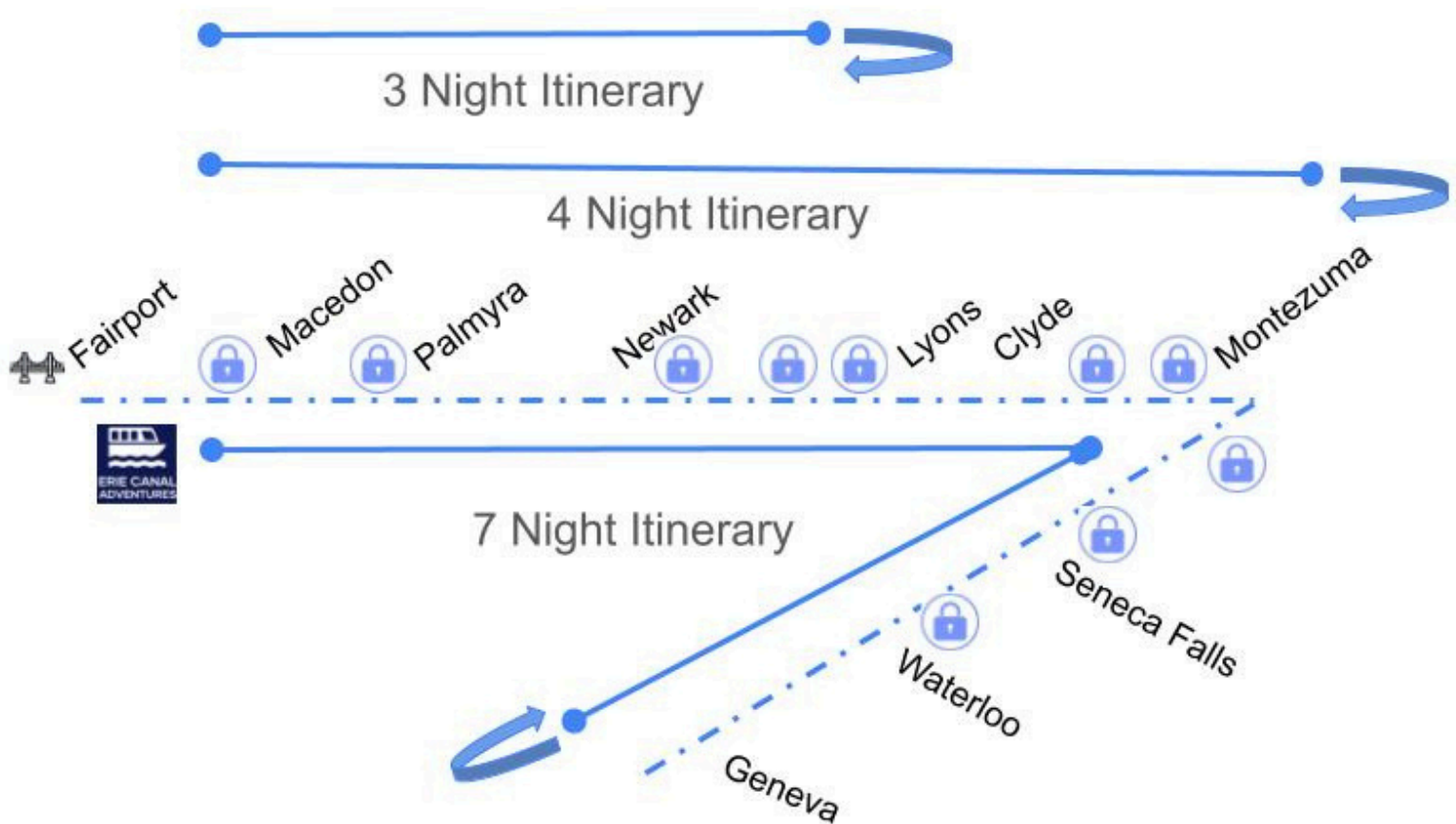
Eastbound Itinerary Planner



Embark on an unforgettable journey along the historic Erie Canal with our Itinerary Planner for Eastbound Adventures! All our trips are out-and-back, meaning you'll cruise eastward before returning to our dock, so planning your time wisely is key. Our suggested itineraries provide a helpful guide, but you have the freedom to chart your own course and explore at your own pace. Keep in mind that cruising speeds average 6 to 7 mph, and locks take additional time to navigate. Understanding distances and travel times will help you maximize your experience—whether you're seeking charming canal towns, scenic countryside, or peaceful waterfront stops.

Below is a high level schematic map so you can generally understand the towns described in the following guide.

ERIE CANAL (Macedon - Waterloo):



3 NIGHT TRIP

Day One: Arrival and Orientation - Newark

Arrive at Erie Macedon Landing at approximately 12p.m. Your orientation will begin at 12:30 p.m. The orientation takes a few hours and ends at Lock 30 in Macedon. After your orientation, head east to Newark. Newark is a quaint little town with the Old Erie Canal Lock 59 preserve and the Newark-Arcadia Museum. Enjoy a peaceful night in town dining at Parker's Grill & Tap House, Craft 120 or Newark Main Street Restaurant. Wake up in the morning & enjoy breakfast at the Erie Shore Landing. (Cruising time: 3 hours)

Day Two: Newark to Lyons to Palmyra

Enjoy your day becoming an official Lock Master!! You will be going through several locks as you approach Lyons. Lyons is a quiet town, with the beautiful Ohman Theatre as well as the Peppermint Museum. Remnants of the former Enlarged Lock 56 (also called the Poorhouse Lock) are located near the current Lock 28A. It's a double-chamber lock built in 1842, with a lift of 10 feet. Then Head West to Palmyra. Palmyra is a charming village with the famous "four corners, four steeples" at the intersection of Main St at Church St/Canandaigua St. There's one church on each corner of this intersection and the village claims that no place else in the country can boast the same! The Aqueduct Park is at Lock 29 and is a treasure trove for Canal buffs. Or, spend the day at the Historic Palmyra Museum Complex which has 4 separate museums, each presenting a different aspect of life in old Palmyra. Enjoy lunch at Muddy Waters Cafe on the canal, or dinner at one of the local restaurants. (Cruise Time: 5 hours 45 min.)

Day Three: Palmyra to Fairport

For your last full day of cruising, enjoy the 2 locks (29 and 30) as you head towards Fairport . You will pass by our Marina, wave to us along your way! Fairport is a bustling canalside community with lots to do and see. In Fairport, have a look at the slanted lift bridge and enjoy a night out at one of the local restaurants or breweries. Enjoy your final evening aboard the Lockmaster. Remember, it is over an hour back to Macedon and the boat needs to be returned by 9:00 a.m. the next morning. (Cruise time: 3 hours)



4 NIGHT TRIP

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Intinerary

Day One: Arrival and Orientation - Newark

Arrive at Erie Macedon Landing at approximately 12p.m. Your orientation will begin at 12:30 p.m. The orientation takes a few hours and ends at Lock 30 in Macedon. After your orientation, head east to Newark. Newark is a quaint little town with the Old Erie Canal Lock 59 preserve and the Newark-Arcadia Museum. Enjoy a peaceful night in town dining at Parker's Grill & Tap House, Craft 120, or Newark Main Street Restaurant. Wake up in the morning & enjoy breakfast at the Erie Shore Landing. (Cruising time: 3 hours)

Day Two: Newark to Montezuma National Wild Life Refuge

Continue east to Montezuma. For Birders, this is a true highlight destination. From Blue Herons to Bald Eagles, the Montezuma National Wild Life Refuge is a great overnight destination. The overnight port would be the Lock at May's Point, NY. Please note that this location does not offer power, water, or restaurants. This is truly a camping-style experience, and groceries should be planned accordingly. (Cruising time: 7 hours).

Day Three: Montezuma to Lyons

You will be a master of locking as you traverse back through Canal Locks 25 & 26. Lyons is a quiet town, with the beautiful Ohman Theatre as well as the Peppermint Museum. Remnants of the former Enlarged Lock 56 (also called the Poorhouse Lock) are located near the current Lock 28A. It's a double-chamber lock built in 1842 with a lift of 10 feet. Enjoy a restful evening along the canal town with some restaurant options close by. (Cruise Time: 4 hours 30 min.)

Day Four: Lyons to Palmyra

A bit easier day of cruising, with a lot to enjoy in Palmyra. Palmyra is a charming village with the famous "four corners, four steeples" at the intersection of Main St at Church St/Canandaigua St. There's one church on each corner of this intersection, and the village claims that no place else in the country can boast the same! The Aqueduct Park is at Lock 29 and is a treasure trove for Canal buffs. Or, spend the day at the Historic Palmyra Museum Complex, which has 4 separate museums, each presenting a different aspect of life in old Palmyra. Enjoy lunch at Muddy Waters Cafe on the canal or dinner at The Hog and Hen. Enjoy your final evening aboard the Lockmaster. Remember, the boat needs to be returned by 9:00 a.m. the next morning. Planning for distance and 2 Locks should be considered. (Cruising time: 3 hours 30 min.)

7 NIGHT TRIP

Day One: Arrival and Orientation - Newark

Arrive at Erie Macedon Landing at approximately 12p.m. Your orientation will begin at 12:30 p.m. The orientation takes a few hours and will teach you how to navigate, dock & lock your boat. After your orientation, head east to Newark. Newark is a quaint little town with the Old Erie Canal Lock 59 preserve and the Newark-Arcadia Museum. Enjoy a peaceful night in town dining at Parker's Grill & Tap House, Craft 120, or Newark Main Street Restaurant. Wake up in the morning & enjoy breakfast at the Erie Shore Landing. (Cruising time: 3 hours)

Day Two: Newark to Montezuma

Continue east to Montezuma. For Birders, this is a true highlight destination. From Blue Herons to Bald Eagles, the Montezuma National Wild Life Refuge is a great overnight destination. The overnight port would be the Lock at May's Point, NY. Please note that this location does not offer power, water, or restaurants. This is truly a camping-style experience, and groceries should be planned accordingly. (Cruising time: 7 hours).

Day Three: Montezuma to Seneca Falls

Explore the Seneca Falls area by way of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal. This canal connects with the Erie Canal east of May's Point, and you will pass through Locks CS-1 and CS-2/3. Seneca Falls boasts lots of activities, so plan to spend a full day enjoying the quaint town and its historic museums. This charming town put women's rights on the map, along with the famous 1946 James Stewart Christmas movie "It's a Wonderful Life" which was partially based on Seneca Falls. Explore the Seneca Museum of Waterways, Nat'l Women's Hall of Fame, It's a Wonderful Life Museum, and the Women's Rights National Historic Park. Seneca Falls has many restaurants and cafes to dine at, such as Parker's Tap House or Flint and Stave, and many more to choose from - check our App for other choices. (Cruise time: 3 hours)

Day Four: Seneca Falls / Bike the Park / Seneca Falls

Cruise down the C-S Canal towards Seneca Lake, passing through the village of Waterloo and Lock CS-4. At the end of the canal are docks close to the mouth of Seneca Lake State Park. Enjoy a bike ride in the park or to Geneva. The docks are on the north end of Seneca Lake. You are not permitted to enter Seneca Lake with the boat. However, it is a nice bike ride through Seneca Lake Park towards the town of Geneva. Please plan to visit Geneva during the day, and return to the canal (Waterloo or Seneca Falls for the overnight). The next day is a long cruise, so it's best to head back to Seneca Falls for your night. (Cruising time: 2 hours to the park and then 2 hours back to Seneca Falls)



7 NIGHT TRIP Continued

Day Five: Seneca Falls to Lyons

Today is a longer cruising day, but you will have the opportunity to revisit your favorite stops so far or get a chance to see the things you missed. You will be surprised how different things look when going in the opposite direction. Lyons is a quiet town, with the beautiful Ohman Theatre as well as the Peppermint Museum. Remnants of the former Enlarged Lock 56 (also called the Poorhouse Lock) are located near the current Lock 28A. It's a double-chamber lock built in 1842 with a lift of 10 feet.

Enjoy a restful evening along the canal town with a few restaurant options close by. (Cruising time: 6 hours, 45 minutes)



Day Six: Lyons to Palmyra

Palmyra is a charming village with the famous “four corners, four steeples” at the intersection of Main St at Church St/Canandaigua St. There's one church on each corner of this intersection, and the village claims that no place else in the country can boast the same! The Aqueduct Park is at Lock 29 and is a treasure trove for Canal buffs. Or, spend the day at the Historic Palmyra Museum Complex, which has 4 separate museums, each presenting a different aspect of life in old Palmyra. Enjoy lunch at Muddy Waters Cafe on the canal or dinner at The Hog & Hen. (Cruising time: 3 hours 30 min.)



Day Seven: Palmyra to Bushnell's Basin to Fairport

For your last full day of cruising, enjoy 2 locks (29 and 30) and a lift bridge in Fairport. You will pass by our Marina; wave to us along your way! Pass through Fairport and call to raise the lift bridge while you make your way to Bushnell's Basin for some ice cream, lunch, or a craft beer at Aurora Brewery. Turn around at Bushnell's Basin to head back east to Fairport for your overnight. Fairport is a bustling canalside community with lots to do and see. In Fairport, have a look at the slanted lift bridge and enjoy a night out at one of the local restaurants or breweries. Restaurant suggestions would include Mulconry's Irish Pub or LuLu Taqueria. Remember, it is 1.5 hours back to our Marina, and the boat needs to be returned by 9:00 a.m. the next morning. (Cruising time: 3 hours 30 min. to Bushnell's Basin and then 45 min back to Fairport)



Side Excursion Suggestion

Finger Lakes Wine Tours

The Finger Lakes region of New York is renowned for its picturesque wine trails, particularly those around Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. These trails offer visitors an opportunity to explore a variety of wineries, each with its unique offerings and experiences. When docked in Seneca Falls, you are very close to two major Wine Trails.

Cayuga Lake Wine Trail

Established over 40 years ago, the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail is recognized as America's first wine trail. It features a collection of wineries that have contributed to the preservation and growth of the region's winemaking traditions. Visitors can enjoy scenic vineyard views, diverse wine selections, and warm hospitality. Notable wineries along this trail include:

- Buttonwood Grove Winery
- Hosmer Winery
- Knapp Winery
- Long Point Winery
- Lucas Vineyards
- Swedish Hill Winery

Seneca Lake Wine Trail

The Seneca Lake Wine Trail is located in the heart of Finger Lakes Wine Country and is home to a diverse range of wineries producing exceptional cool-climate wines. The trail offers a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere, with events and excursions designed to enhance the visitor experience. For instance, the "Spring Wine and Cheese" event celebrates cheese-themed recipes paired with Seneca Lake wines. Details about such events and participating wineries can be found on the Seneca Lake Wine Trail's official website.

- Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard
- Anthony Road Wine Company
- Fox Run Vineyards
- Wagner Vineyards Estate Winery

To enjoy these wine trails, you can arrange a tour ideally when you are docked in Seneca Falls. There are many reputable companies to choose from. Here are a few:

- Crush Wine and Beer Tours: [\(855\) 862-7874](tel:8558627874)
- Finger Lakes Winery Tours: [\(315\) 828-6289](tel:3158286289)

Points Farther East/North

Heading East on the Erie Canal rather than turning south toward Seneca Falls, you could reach Baldwinsville, NY. This location would involve very long days at the helm and for this reason, less than 1% of our customers make this a destination. If Baldwinsville is in your plans, please call us to discuss your itinerary.



Baldwinsville, NY, is a charming village along the Seneca River, just northwest of Syracuse. Known for its historic downtown, scenic waterfront, and community events like the annual Baldwinsville Oktoberfest and Seneca River Days, it offers small-town charm with modern conveniences. The village is a hub for boating, fishing, and outdoor recreation, with Lock 24 on the Erie Canal serving as a popular stop for boaters. With local breweries, parks, and a strong sense of community, Baldwinsville is a vibrant place to visit or call home.

We have only seen Oswego as a destination for a few customers that have already traveled extensively on the canal and who are trying to “say they did it”. While the town is great the distance and helm time would take most of your vacation. Again, this destination is possible but not recommended for newer cruisers. Call us to discuss if Oswego is part of your itinerary.



Oswego, NY, is a historic port city on the shores of Lake Ontario, known as the "Port City of Central New York." It serves as the northern gateway to the Oswego Canal, which connects the Erie Canal to Lake Ontario, making it a key stop for boaters navigating between the Great Lakes and the Hudson River. Rich in maritime heritage, Oswego boasts attractions like Fort Ontario, the H. Lee White Maritime Museum, and a scenic waterfront district. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy fishing, boating, and breathtaking lakefront sunsets. The city also hosts Harborfest, a summer festival featuring fireworks, music, and family fun. With a blend of history, natural beauty, and a vital link in New York's canal system, Oswego is a vibrant destination for visitors and residents alike.: