

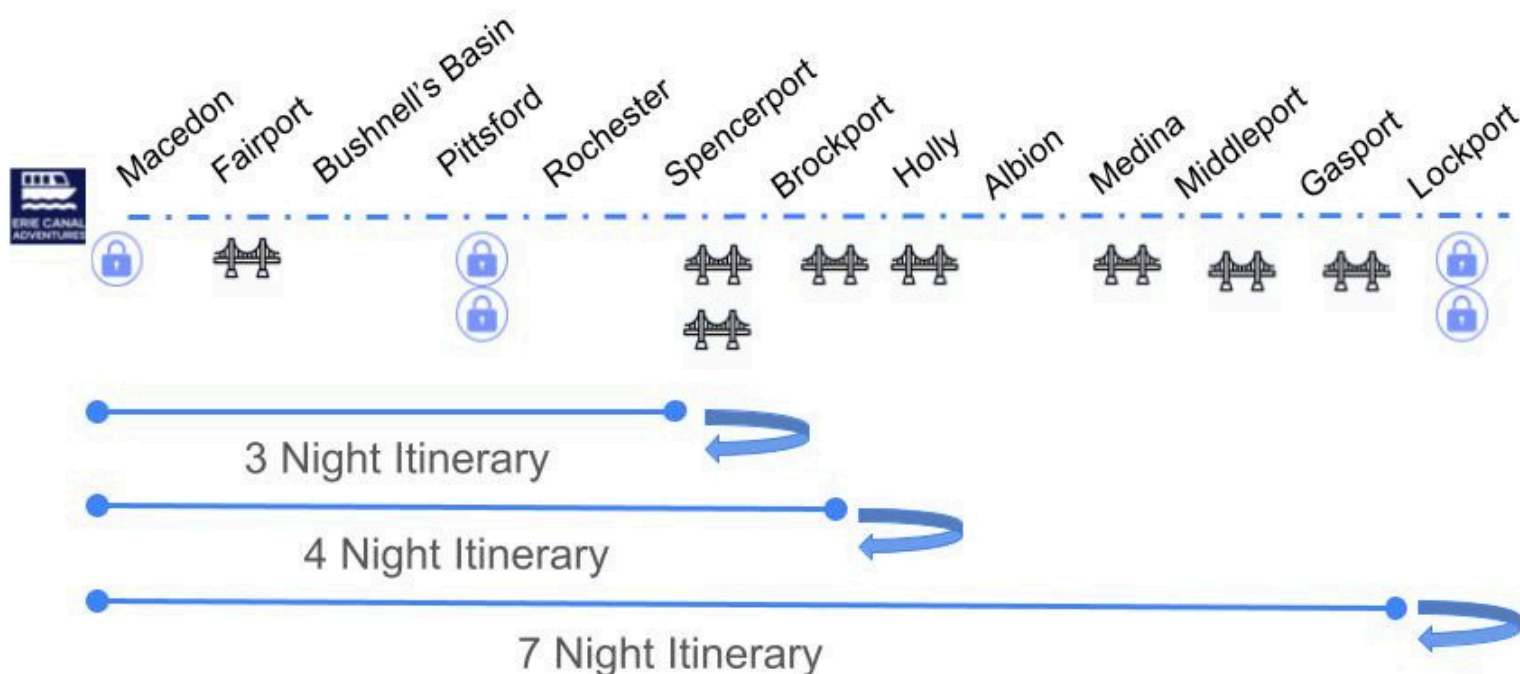
Westbound Itinerary Planner

80% of our
customers travel
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Embark on an unforgettable journey along the historic Erie Canal with our Itinerary Planner for Westbound Adventures! All our trips are out-and-back, meaning you'll cruise westward 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. Note, if you are interested in visiting downtown Rochester on your trip please see the last page in this document for details.

ERIE CANAL (Macedon - Lockport):



3 NIGHT TRIP

Day One: Arrival and Orientation - Pittsford

Arrive at Erie Macedon Landing at approximately 12 p.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 west to Pittsford. Pittsford is the picture of Americana. Enjoy the shops and many restaurants in the busy little canal town. Label, JoJo's, and Aladdin's are a few of our favorites. Canalside, one shop sells food to feed the ducks from your boat, there is a brewery next door, and just a short walk away, Pittsford Dairy serves arguably the best ice-cream and breakfast coffees on the canal. (Cruising time: 2 hours, 30 minutes)

Alternative port option: About ½ hour less of cruising and you will find Bushnell's Basin, this is a great option for customers with mobility issues as the docks are much lower to disembark our boats than Pittsford!

Day Two: Pittsford to Spencerport

West of Rochester, it is on to an area of lift bridges. Radio the bridge tender to have the bridge raised to pass. Spencerport is a charming village with a canalside Train Depot Museum that doubles as the Visitor's Center on the south side of the canal and the north side, Towpath Park, often host to car drive-ins, band concerts, and other community events. There is a supermarket and laundromat in Spencerport very close to the boat docks if you require those services. For dinner, you might try McColley's Pub, Clutch (patio on the canal), or Mangia Mangia. (Cruise Time: 4 hours)

Day Three: Spencerport to Fairport

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. For your last full day of cruising, enjoy the 2 locks (33 and 32) as you head towards Fairport. Make a stop at Bushnell's Basin for some ice cream or a craft beer at Aurora Brewery. 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. For dinner, you will find great canal views at LuLu's, Mulconry's, or for a fine dining experience, try Porterhouse. Remember, it is over an hour back to our Marina, and the boat needs to be returned by 9:00 a.m. the next morning. (Cruise time: 5 hours, 15 min.)

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Day Two: Pittsford to Brockport

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Day Three: Brockport to Spencerport with a stop in Holly for the Falls

Head west to Holly (the next town) to bike/hike to the waterfalls. Enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of Holly and then turn around and head east to Spencerport for the day. Spencerport is a charming village with a canalside Train Depot Museum that doubles as the Visitor's Center on the south side of the canal and on the north side, Towpath Park, often host to car drive-ins, band concerts, and other community events. For dinner, you might try Clutch (great patio canal side) Mangia Mangia, or Mc Colley's Pub. (Cruise Time: 3 hours)

Day Four: Spencerport to Fairport

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Day Three: Brockport to Medina

Continue west through canalside villages of Holley and Albion. Don't miss the chance to stop in Holley and explore Waterfall Park, a beautiful waterfall created by water spilling out of the Erie Canal. Albion is noted for its diverse architecture. Plan a couple of hours to stroll through town and take a look. The area around Medina has some interesting canal features. About 3.5 miles outside of town, you will cross Culvert Road, the only place on the canal where a culvert takes the local road under the Erie Canal. Pause and watch as traffic flows right under your boat (it is fairly rural, so be patient; it might take a while to see a car). As you enter the village of Medina, make a stop to look down over Oak Orchard Creek as the canal crosses an aqueduct. For a better look, take an evening walk along the Canalway Trail. Medina has some sneaky great restaurants - try Zambistro or, for a special occasion Harvest. Harvest is expensive but memorable. (Cruise time: 4 hours, 15 min.)

Day Four: Medina to Lockport

Cruise west to the main event, the Historic Flight of Five. The Lockport Locks District showcases the remarkable restoration of Locks 69 and 70, originally completed in 1849. Visitors can see the locks' massive wooden gates, operated by hand, next to Locks 34 and 35, which enable today's canal traffic to climb the Niagara Escarpment. Take time to enjoy the locks, & the Lockport Cave, or the Erie Canal Discovery Center. Lockport is a great jumping-off point to visit Niagara Falls - information is at the back of this packet. (Cruising time: 3 hours 30 min.)

7 NIGHT TRIP

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Day Five: Lockport to Albion

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. Albion is a quiet town with a beautiful cobblestone church. Enjoy a restful evening along the canal. There are some simpler restaurant options and takeout options like pizza, as well as Bullard Park close by. Many of our customers plan this night to cook on board or a special BBQ in the park. (Cruising time: 5 hours, 15 minutes)

Day Six: Albion to Spencerport

Spencerport is a charming village with a canalside Train Depot Museum that doubles as the Visitor's Center on the south side of the canal and on the north side, Towpath Park, often host to car drive-ins, band concerts, and other community events. Spencerport boasts lots of cute shops and restaurants to enjoy by the canal. For dinner you might like Clutch (canalside patio seating) Mc Colley's Pub or Mangia Mangia. Spencerport has a large grocery store steps from your dock if you provisions need replenishing. (Cruising time: 3 hour 30 min.)

Day Seven: Spencerport to Fairport

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Side Excursion Suggestion

Niagara Falls

A day trip to Niagara Falls is an unforgettable experience, offering breathtaking views, exciting attractions, and opportunities for adventure. When docking in Lockport, Medina, or other more western towns, you will be within a short ride to Niagara Falls. This can make a for great side excursion.

Start at Niagara Falls State Park (USA) or Queen Victoria Park (Canada)

Walk along scenic paths for your first close-up views of the falls.

Capture stunning photos of the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, and Horseshoe Falls.

Take a Boat Ride:

Expect to get wet (ponchos provided)!

- Maid of the Mist (USA)
- Hornblower Niagara Cruises (Canada)

Explore More Attractions:

- Cave of the Winds (USA)
- Walk on wooden platforms to feel the power of Bridal Veil Falls up close.
- Journey Behind the Falls (Canada)
- Explore tunnels leading behind Horseshoe Falls for a unique perspective.
- Niagara Falls Observation Tower (USA)

Transportation Options:

- Lockport Shuttle: Lockport runs free shuttles to Niagara Falls (Memorial Day through Labor Day)
- Uber From Lockport to the Niagara Falls Visitors Center
- Arrange a Private Car

Recommendation:

The Canadian side of Niagara Falls is widely considered more picturesque than the US side of the Falls. You can actually walk into Canada via a bridge. However, you will need a Passport to enter Canada and to return to the US. If you plan to visit Niagara Falls, we strongly suggest bringing your Passport to be afforded the best views of this natural wonder!

Side Excursion Suggestion

Rochester, NY

Note: We no longer recommend overnighting in Rochester. This can be a great side trip on your way to or from Spencerport. It takes 30 minutes to/from the canal to Cornhill Landing + your visit time, so plan your timing accordingly (1 hour round trip).

Rochester, NY, is a vibrant city along the Erie Canal and Genesee River, offering a mix of history, culture, and scenic beauty. If you're arriving by boat, Corn Hill Landing is the perfect spot to dock and explore the city. You may also consider taking an Uber from Spencerport or Pittsford as these towns are closest to downtown.

Arriving at Corn Hill Landing

Corn Hill Landing offers transient docking and a picturesque setting along the Genesee River. Once you tie up, you'll be steps away from restaurants, parks, and walking paths leading into downtown Rochester.

Things to Do on a Short Visit

1. Stroll Along the Genesee Riverway Trail

From Corn Hill Landing, take a scenic walk along the Genesee Riverway Trail, which runs along the river through downtown Rochester. Enjoy views of the historic bridges, waterfalls, and Rochester's skyline.

2. Explore the Strong National Museum of Play

If you have kids (or just love nostalgia), the Strong National Museum of Play is a must-visit. Just a short drive or bike ride from Corn Hill, this interactive museum features exhibits on toys, video games, and pop culture.

3. Visit High Falls & the Pont de Rennes Bridge

A quick trip upriver leads to High Falls, a 96-foot waterfall right in the heart of downtown. The Pont de Rennes pedestrian bridge offers fantastic views and a great spot for photos.

4. Visit The George Eastman House

The George Eastman Museum, housed in the former estate of Kodak founder George Eastman, is the world's oldest museum dedicated to photography and film, offering fascinating exhibits and a glimpse into the history of visual media.

Lunch Suggestions include:

- Dinosaurs BBQ - Famous, Locally Owned, Quirky, Delicious
- Genesee Brew House – If you are up for a short bike or Uber ride, this brewery offers craft beers and rooftop views of High Falls. Try the Grapefruit Summer Kolsch!